

# Email to GPUS Secretary Requesting Accreditation of UGPGA

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Subject: Application for Affiliation - Georgia

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing on behalf of the GA organizing committee (who are also cc'd on this email) to apply for affiliation as the Green Party's Georgia chapter. We have registered as a "political organization" with the Georgia Secretary of State under the name "Unified Green Party of Georgia" -- proof of registration is attached to this email.

I have also attached our Bylaws & Platform. We intend these to conform with the [10 Criteria for State Party Membership](#), as detailed below. (Fulfills accreditation criteria #7).

Regarding criteria #1, our platform is made entirely of the Green Party's 4 pillars & 10 key values, copied directly from the website. Re #2, our bylaws were built to reflect those ethos, while being lightweight & easy to understand. Re #3, our membership standard is open to "All electors who are in accord with the principles of the Unified Green Party of Georgia and are in agreement with its aims and purposes" (see Bylaws 1.2).

Regarding criteria #4 & #5, we have been coordinating with Rick Lass to help get Jill Stein on the ballot in Georgia. Thankfully, the GA legislature just amended our ballot access laws to allow any candidate for president who is already on the ballot in 20 other states to appear on the ballot in GA! Thus, we can pivot our activities to party building and campaigning.

Regarding criteria #6, we would love to run State and Local candidates as soon as possible. As of now, our focus is on party building/recruitment & supporting

the Party's presidential nominee, however we would love to target the 2026 cycle for local/state races.

Regarding criteria #8, each of us has our own unique history and network. Josh Pritchett joined the Green Party in Florida in 2003, where he was active with his local chapter (Hernando County) and the Green Party of Florida, served as a delegate to the GPUS many times, and was a member of a few national committees and a caucus. He has worked on several Florida political campaigns, including with Hands Across the Sand, a series of annual demonstrations in response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill disaster. Travis Wathen works with the Citizens Climate Lobby, the Ecoaction Committee of the Green Party, and the NAACP civil justice movement. Jake Schenberg became politically active through the DSA in college and volunteered for Bernie Sanders in 2016 & 2020.

Regarding criteria #9 & #10, this is a key focus of our current party building. We recognize the need to diversify our leadership team and to build a diverse party base. Our short-term strategy is to organize outreach efforts around campaigning for the Green Party presidential nominee, with the hope of recruiting supporters into our affiliate party.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if additional information is needed.

Kind Regards,  
Joshua Pritchett, Jake Schenberg, and Travis Wathen