

UGPGA Questions and Answers

The following questions were asked and answered by the organizing committee of the Unified Green Party of Georgia.

1. Your state's formerly accredited state party was disaffiliated with the National Party due to violations of GPUS rules. Primarily this was through a transphobic platform plank, statements, and exclusionary tactics. How does our party intent to prevent the former leadership of the Green Party of Georgia from unduly influencing or infiltrating it?

JAKE: *We are aware of the identities of those disbarred green party members and agree with the importance of maintaining a Georgia Green party which is in line with the national party's platform. We have not discussed specific procedural methods to prevent the eventuality you describe, and we may need to consult with legal experts to ensure any additions to our bylaws to address this matter do not conflict with Georgia law. That said, we are in agreement with the spirit of the question and are open to suggestions that may help prevent this.*

2. GPUS rules state that parties are to make good faith efforts to achieve gender balance in leadership and representation. Could the UGPGA provide the gender breakdown of its Coordinating Council?

JAKE: *We are three men.*

3. Has the new party been in contact with perhaps the National Women's Caucus to see if they have any members in Georgia who may be interested in joining the new party to help it achieve better gender balance?

JAKE: *We have not, but we would love to be connected with them!*

4. What outreach efforts are underway or planned to increase gender diversity with UGPGA?

JAKE: *Serendipitously, a woman actually just emailed us asking to get involved. There have been a couple other women who have expressed interest in volunteering for the Stein campaign in Georgia who may be interested in joining our GA green party organizing committee. Hopefully we will be able to introduce some new organizers soon.*

5. What GPUS committees and caucuses has the party been in touch with to aid in its party building efforts?

JAKE: *I believe that Travis has been in touch with a member of the National Black Caucus, though he would need to verify that. I'm not sure about Josh. I personally have not been in touch with members of any caucuses to my knowledge.*

6. Tell us about your commitment to inclusion of gender and sexual minorities in your party and you history in LGBTQIA+ inclusion:

TRAVIS: *I sit on the board of First City Pride center in Savannah which is the LGBTQIA+ community. Not only that but am also one of the founder of the Pride of GulfStream community. As the chair I can guarantee all inclusion of everyone.*