

GPMI Candidate Recognition Process contact: [Elections Co-ordinator <elections@miGreenParty.org>](mailto:elections@miGreenParty.org)

The Green Party of Michigan (GPMI) will list you as a candidate **recognized** to be seeking the GPMI nomination for a partisan elected position if you can show that you meet the following criteria:

1. You are a **member of GPMI** (and not a member of either the Democratic or Republican Party).
2. You have announced your **intention to actively run** (not just stand) for a specific partisan office as a Green committed to our platform and the Ten Key Values.
3. You have provided answers to the **GPMI Vetting Questionnaire**.
4. You have formed a **candidate committee** – registered with the appropriate office (Federal Election Commission, Secretary of State, or County Clerk) for the office you are seeking.
5. You have a **bank account for that committee** to receive donations to the campaign.
6. You have prepared a **basic written campaign statement**, outlining what you see as the main issues relevant to the office you're running for – and how you propose to deal with those issues.
7. You have the **personal endorsement** of three other GPMI members.
8. You commit to **sharing information about surveys, debates/forums, etc.** with other GPMI nominees (and endorsees), the Elections Co-ordinator (EC), and the Election Support Committee (ESC). This includes the possibility of identifying hostile or otherwise inappropriate groups sponsoring surveys, debates/forums, etc.
9. You commit to participating as far as practical in **appropriate surveys, interviews, or other media opportunities**.
10. You are working and will **work with GPMI locals and members** in the jurisdiction of the office for which you are running.
11. You have an **online campaign presence**, and are co-ordinating it with GPMI and other nominees (and endorsees).
12. You have gotten, are getting, or will get **Green Party-provided, -sponsored, or -supported campaign training** as available (and/or have campaign personnel participate in such training).

If you want to be recognized, you must give the Elections Co-ordinator (EC) at elections@miGreenParty.org your information aimed at showing you meet the criteria. You and your campaign are responsible for any updates to this information. The EC shall work with the Election Support Committee (ESC) to keep the list current and accurate – with help from the Web Stewards and the Media Committee in posting and publicizing the updated information, and from the candidates and their campaigns in keeping information updated.

GPMI and its officers, groups, and members will take the following steps to make the Recognized Candidates list work. Other actions may be added with the approval of the EC, the ESC, the State Central Committee (SCC), or a Statewide Membership Meeting (SMM).

* We will **publicize** the list – to media, and directly to interest groups whose endorsement GPMI candidates might seek (unions, good-government and environmental groups, etc.). We will also publicize additions to the list – periodically or as they happen. Any removals from the list will also be made public, to minimize any public misperception that GPMI still recognizes a removed candidate.

* We will **evaluate** all candidates asking to be included on the list. (Suggested: Within a week or two of receiving an application. Led by: Elections Co-ordinator, with help from a committee in verifying candidate responses to the vetting questionnaire, etc.)

* We will **post and update** the list promptly, as soon as possible after updated information becomes available. (Suggested: Within a day or two. Led by: Elections Co-ordinator, Communications Manager, and those maintaining online locations.)

* We will **watch how the list works, and consider suggestions** for improving it – for example, better publicity, better questions for vetting questionnaire, faster implementation, etc. (Suggested: Ongoing. Led by: Elections Co-ordinator, all interested Greens.)

NOTE: If a person whose record or performance as a candidate indicates they do not support the GPMI platform or the 10 Key Values manages to manipulate the rules and qualifies for this list, they may be removed by a decision of the SCC or an SMM by consensus or a 2/3 supermajority vote. (An SMM is the supreme decisionmaking body of GPMI; the SCC can make decisions between SMMs.)

What Benefits You Get as a GPMI-Recognized Candidate

GPMI is committed to considering candidates for nomination, and helping them promote themselves to the voters in a fair and impartial manner. The **Candidate Recognition Process** is aimed at making GPMI resources available to all serious candidates fairly.

Once you become a GPMI-recognized candidate, you will get the following benefits:

1. Your name, the office you're running for, and all contact information for your campaign that you want people to know will be posted on the official GPMI website, on all GPMI social media, and mentioned to possibly gain any help from officers or local representatives. Any nominated candidate would be on any party slate cards. This would include pictures, brief bio, and a link to the candidate website if available.
2. Your name, the office you're running for, and your campaign contact information would be listed in or provided with any GPMI press releases related to the elected office you seek – and would be added to any associated updates to the website.
3. You will have the opportunity to comment in GPMI news releases related to your campaign area and issues. GPMI will give your campaign advance notice of each such party press release, so you can comment on the statement and your campaign's position on the issues involved.
4. You will have moderated observer status on the State Central Committee (SCC) listserv – so you can post only to express your positions on issues related to your campaign, or to announce campaign events and activities.
5. Candidates will be given the option of allowing the GPMI to forward statements to members in the candidates' jurisdiction and to their constituencies. This would be a way for the candidates to participate in the GPMI media.
6. Information provided in the packet for the GPMI state nominating convention:
 - a. All candidates who have passed the recognition process will be identified as recognized candidates.
 - b. Recognized candidates will be listed ahead of, or separately from, other candidates for the same office.
7. At the GPMI state nominating convention:
 - a. You will be identified as a recognized candidate.
 - b. Recognized candidates will be assured that their final nomination will require approval by no more than consensus or a 2/3 supermajority vote of the delegates. Unrecognized candidates (including last-minute candidates) may need a greater level of support, or have to meet other requirements, in order to be finally nominated – depending on what rules are adopted by the delegates at the convention.
8. GPMI also has the opportunity/ability, through the SCC or at an SMM, to endorse candidates for non-partisan seats. This could also include the opportunity to support write-in candidates. These candidates should be listed separately from the partisan candidates seeking nomination by GPMI for partisan offices, under a "non-partisan offices" heading. If a non-partisan candidate meets the same requirements as partisan candidates must meet to qualify for recognition, they will have the same benefits.

NOTE: If a person who qualifies for this list shows – by their record or performance as a candidate – that they do not support the GPMI platform or the 10 Key Values, they may be removed from the list by a decision of the SCC or an SMM by consensus or a 2/3 supermajority vote. (An SMM is the supreme decision-making body of GPMI; the SCC can make decisions between SMMs.)

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