

## Upcoming Events

The Green Party of San Diego meets monthly on fourth Saturdays at the Joyce Beers Community Center. Occasionally, forums or other events take the place of regular meetings. Please see [www.sdgreenparty.org](http://www.sdgreenparty.org) for an up-to-date schedule of green events.

**Saturday, July 18, 2009**

*Join our group to march in the*  
**SAN DIEGO PRIDE PARADE**  
**Meet up time and location TBA**

**Saturday, July 25, 2009**

**11:30 - 1:30 PM**

**THE LONG ROAD TO EQUALITY**  
**At the Joyce Beers Community Center**

On Vermont St. just North of University in Hillcrest (near Trader Joe's in the Uptown Shopping Center)

A Green Party forum featuring speakers discussing the state of the struggle for marriage equality and strategies for building the movement. With speakers Ann Menasche (Member, County Council, Green Party of San Diego County and long-time lesbian activist) and Zakiya Khabir (San Diego Alliance for Marriage Equality, S.A.M.E.)

**September 20-26, 2009**

**TAKE THE VEG PLEDGE!**

*Various locations and times*

The Greens partner with the Animal Protection and Rescue League to encourage San Diegans to reduce or eliminate animal products from their diet for one week (and beyond!) to improve health, protect the environment and prevent animal cruelty. Activities include cooking class, a nutrition lecture, a movie, and more.

## Join the Greens Today!

Tired of voting for the lesser of two evils?  
Want to be a part of the fastest growing third party in America?

The Green Party fights for equality, liberty and fairness. We are no longer the alternative but the imperative!

### 1. Register as a Green

When you register as a Green, you can vote in Green primaries and county meetings to help determine your party's future and give the Greens a stronger presence in San Diego County. To obtain a registration form, visit the Registrar of Voters at:

[www.sdcounty.ca.gov/voters/Eng/Ereg.shtml](http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/voters/Eng/Ereg.shtml)

### 2. Get Involved

As a growing party run entirely by volunteers, the Green Party is constantly in need of people-power to help organize, recruit and build the party. Help with outreach, fundraising, mailings, forums and more! Please visit us online or call us to sign up for news and announcements or to get involved:

[www.sdgreenparty.org](http://www.sdgreenparty.org)

### 3. Make a Donation

Help us to grow the Green Party in San Diego County! The Greens do not accept donations from corporations, just individuals like you.

Contribute online at:

[www.sdgreenparty.org/contribute](http://www.sdgreenparty.org/contribute)

Or send a check made payable to Green Party of San Diego to: Green Party of San Diego County, PO Box 33142, San Diego, CA 92163.

# Green Party

## of San Diego County



**ecology** **democracy** **peace**

**economic and social justice**

**Join the Party of the Future!**

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# About the Green Party

The **Green Party** is a political party and a global movement. Our goal is to elect people to office and to implement electoral and social reform to reverse the immense role big corporations and money play in world politics, in particular in the US. Our members are advocates for social justice, environmentalists, small business owners, grassroots activists, students and regular citizens. The Green Party provides a political alternative for those committed to building a sustainable and just society.

## The Green Party's 10 Key Values:

### Grassroots Democracy

Expand public participation in the decision making process.

### Social Justice and Civil Rights

Fair treatment and justice under the law.

### Ecological Wisdom

Grow our society without damaging natural systems.

### Non-violence

Support diplomatic and non-violent solutions.

### Decentralization

Restructuring institutions to be more democratic, less bureaucratic.

### Community-Based Economics

Create sustainable, locally based economies and ensure corporate accountability.

### Feminism / Gender Equality

Equal opportunity between the sexes.

### Respect for Diversity

E Pluribus Unum. Out of many, one.

### Personal and Global Responsibility

Act locally, think globally.

### Future Focus and Sustainability

With everything we do, consider the world we are leaving our children.

# Issues/Positions

## Marriage Equality

**Greens support full marriage equality** and have done so since their founding (1992 in California). The Green Party is the only political party that supports full legal and political equality for all persons, regardless of sex, gender, or sexual orientation. The Green Party is working actively with the San Diego Alliance for Marriage Equality (SAME) and in alliance with organizations state-wide to pursue strategies for reversing Prop 8 and returning legal gay marriage to California.



*San Diego Greens at the Day of Decision protest, May 2009*

## WORKING FOR PEACE

**Greens oppose the US wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the War on Terror.** We work with other anti-war organizations to pressure the US government to end these wars. The Green Party categorically rejects torture under any circumstances. The Bush administration torture policies violated US and international law, placing US troops at risk and damaging the US's standing in the world. The Green Party calls for a full investigation of Bush-era officials who provided justification for torture and for the release of all torture memos.

## UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE

**Greens are dedicated to achieving a national comprehensive health care program covering all Americans** and replacing private insurance/HMO coverage with a single payer system. About 6.6 million people are uninsured in California (about 20%, including ~700,000 children). Greens work with Health Care for All California to support legislative and activist efforts to pass single payer universal healthcare in California and the US.

## DIET AS A FORCE FOR CHANGE

**Greens encourage movement towards a vegetarian or low-meat diet for ethical, environmental and health reasons.**

Consumption of animal products is the largest contributor to global warming, requires over ten times as much water as a vegetarian diet, condemns billions of factory-farmed animals to horrible cruelty, and contributes to heart disease, diabetes, and cancer. Greens work with other organizations to educate San Diegans and encourage them to reduce or eliminate animal products from their diet.

## CALIFORNIA BUDGET PRIORITIES

**Greens oppose balancing California's budget on the backs of the working class.** We support a system of progressive taxation that fully funds education, medical care, social services and provides a decent safety net for those unable to work due to age or disability.



*Greens march in an anti-war protest*