## Jill Stein

## **Basic Information**

Willing to sign a pledge to not accept corporate (business) or PAC donations - Yes

Green Party Membership - Yes

### **Campaign Website**

## Appearances (click titles for link)

Jill's Interview Playlist

Jill Stein Interview: Ending the War Machine, Why Her 2024 Run Is Different

Jill Stein On Rising: Green Party Candidate RESPONDS To 'Spoiler' Candidate NONSENSE

JILL STEIN Announces Presidential Green Party Candidacy, DECRIES Failed 'Wall Street' Parties

# Questionnaire Answers – combined GPUS and GPUT

# 1. Core Message: Why did you choose to run for the Green Party Presidential nomination?

Today, the need for a political movement for people, planet and peace is off the charts – and the potential to galvanize that movement with a

strong progressive presidential campaign is unprecedented. The 2024 election is a symptom of the failing political establishment, with both major parties serving as shameless tools of empire and oligarchy at best, and vehicles of war and fascism at worst.

The American people are done with being thrown under the bus by elites and their bought politicians. Voters are clamoring for choices outside the parties of war and Wall Street. Among the breakaway choices in the race, the Greens are the only people- powered force that has broad access to the ballot and can actually challenge empire. Unlike our independent allies, we are not a one-shot run, but rather a national scale force that has endured against all odds for decades, while all other national-scale corporate-free parties have been erased or knocked back to single states or cities.

We needed a candidate with standing and a national presence. Jill Stein has decided to seek the Green Party of United States' 2024 nomination for President in these days of unprecedented peril and possibility, in order to put the pro-worker, anti- war, climate emergency agenda front and center in this election.

# 2. Party Building: What role do you see the Presidential Campaign playing in the larger picture of the Green Party of the U.S.?

The candidacy will work to help other nationwide candidates and increase GP membership.

One of the core goals of our campaign will be achieving ballot access in as many states as possible. The campaign's national Ballot Access plan is led by our ballot access expert and Field Director. Our staff is in the process of training and organizing over 300 volunteers who have already signed up with our campaign to specifically work with us towards gaining ballot access across the country. Where plausible, the campaign is pursuing ballot lines for the Green Party, in others a line for the candidate. We are confident that we will expand the Green Party's ballot access over 2020. Through engaging with volunteers with our campaign, the National Green Party can embark on a new wave of grassroots activists to continue our efforts in resisting major parties from marginalizing Green voices.

# 3. Describe your Key positions and Campaign Themes.

Peace. Planet. People.

An Economic Bill of Rights for a Just Economy

A Real Green New Deal

Freedom, Equality, and Justice for All

Peace and Global Human Rights

Empower the People for Real Democracy

Our Power to the People Plan is a comprehensive platform to build a human-centered society that puts people, planet and peace over profit. It offers direct answers to the crises of crushing inequality, endless war and climate collapse brought on by both corporate political parties, and it empowers we the people to fix our broken political system and make real the promise of democracy. We have the power to create an America and a world that works for all of us.

# 4. Please describe your history of activism with the Green Party, allied organizations, or a constituency that is supported by the <u>Ten Key Values</u>.

Jill has a long history of activism.

As a practicing physician, Jill became aware of the links between toxic exposures and illness emerging in the 1990s. She began to fight for a healthy environment, assisting non-profits and marginalized communities in combating environmental injustice and racism. She helped lead the fight to clean up the "Filthy Five" coal plants in Massachusetts, raising the bar nationally for a cleaner standard for coal plants. She helped close a toxic medical waste incinerator in Lawrence, MA, one of the poorest communities in New England. She played a key role in rewriting the MA fish advisories to better protect women and children, Native Americans and immigrants from mercury contamination.

In 2003, Jill co-founded the Massachusetts Coalition for Healthy Communities, a non-profit organization that fought for the health and well-being of Massachusetts communities, including health care, local green economies, environmental protection, labor rights, and grassroots democracy.

Over the years Jill has served as speakers at numerous anti-war rallies and has participated in direct actions with labor organizers. She also stood in solidarity with protesters at Standing Rock where she was arrested for spray painting a bulldozer. Jill will be visiting the East Palestine Community in Ohio, site of the train derailment in 2023 that

resulted in the burning of hazardous materials burning which spread toxic smoke over the community, which continues to suffer from the fallout.

## 5.Describe how your campaign platform aligns with the GPUS Platform. If there are any areas where your platform does not align, please elaborate.

100% alignment

## Principles:

A Just Economy

A Green New Deal

Freedom, Equaity & Justice for All

Peace & Global Human Rights

Real Democracy to Empower the People

The full Platform will be released soon [GPUT note: will be posted here].

# 6.Describe the Campaign plans and goals and how they will be achieved.

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We seek to win the White House, and increase our presence everywhere.

The principal objectives of my presidential campaign are as follows:

- Establish the Green Party as the political voice of the social movements for peace and justice, including economic, racial and ecological justice.
- Increase the diversity of the Green Party by engaging and activating Green supporters from diverse backgrounds including people of color, immigrants, and the disabled.
- Reinforce the campaigns of congressional, state, and local Green Candidates.
- End 2024 with significantly stronger state and local Green Party organizations.
- Establish the Green Party as the preeminent progressive opposition party to the bipartisan establishment in Washington.
- Make the Green Party the party of choice for young people in America.
- Multiply the Green Party vote totals several-fold over 2020.

I am committed to doing the serious organizing needed to achieve the goals of my campaign, including intensive fundraising, qualifying for federal matching funds, organizing youth on college campuses, organizing with our frontline communities, obtaining entry into the presidential debates, and running an intense media effort built on my decades of extensive contact with the media representing Green Party's values and policies.

# 7.Strategy or plan to achieve ballot access in every state

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We have a 50 state ballot access plan and are petitioning in every state where it is needed.

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#### 8. UNIFYING THE PARTY.

The GPUS is a diverse party with chapters in urban, suburban and rural communities. It includes native Americans, immigrants, black Americans, and white Americans of many different economic levels. It includes LGBTQIA+ people, straight people, unemployed people, retired people, professionals, union members, business owners and people from many walks of life. What is the vision by which you could be the nominee who receives support from all the diverse members of the Green Party?

Using my experience and contacts from previous campaigns and harnessing the new hunger for a choice outside of the duopoly, I intend to create a powerful professional campaign that will directly engage and unify the many grassroots groups and campaigns both inside the Green Party and outside on the streets. Our powerful

campaign of unity will energize and grow the Green Party membership and inspire Greens and potential Greens to commit their faith and effort to building a future together.

### 9. Other information

(e.g., resume/summary of education, employment, other experiences, offices sought or held, publicly elected offices, public boards or commissions at the local, state, or national level; or specific offices or positions within the Green Party at either the state or local level, if any, or any instances in which you worked in collaboration with Green Party chapters, groups or candidates.)

As a physician, Jill became increasingly concerned about the connection between people's health and the quality of their local environment, and turned to activism in 1998, when she began protesting the "Filthy Five" coal plants in Massachusetts. This started her on her road to electoral solutions.

Jill co-authored two reports by the Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility, 'In Harm's Way: Toxic Threats to Child Development' (2000), and 'Environmental Threats to Healthy Aging' (2009). Her report, 'In Harm's Way' was republished in the peer-reviewed Journal of Developmental and Behavioral Pediatrics in 2002. In 2003, she co-founded the Massachusetts Coalition for Healthy Communities, a nonprofit dedicated to the health and well-being of Massachusetts communities. I served on the board of the Greater Boston chapter of Physicians for Social Responsibility. In 2008, I helped lead the "Secure Green Future" ballot initiative to move

subsidies from fossil fuels to renewable energy and to create green jobs. The measure won over 81 percent of the vote in the 11 districts in which it was on the ballot.

Jill has been successfully nominated as the Green-Rainbow Party's candidate for governor of Massachusetts in 2002 and 2010, Green Party's Presidential candidate in 2012 and 2016, engaging with thousands of Greens, attending state and local meetings, actions, and campaigns, and promoting Green candidates running at every level of public office. She was also nominated for Secretary of the Commonwealth in 2006, ran for the local legislative body in Lexington and was elected to one of seven seats in Precinct 2 in 2005, ran for state representative for the 9th Middlesex District in Massachusetts in 2004.

See the GPUS Elections Database Results for Jill's campaigns.