NY Green Party – 2010 Platform and Candidates

Peace, Justice, and a Green New Deal

A GREEN NEW DEAL: Jobs for All at Living Wages, Health Care for All through a Single-Payer Health Service, A State Bank to Invest in Cooperatives and a Sustainable Green Economy

CLEAN ENERGY: Ban Hydrofracking, No Nukes, Renewable Energy, Public Power

REFORM ALBANY: Ethics Reform, Proportional Representation, Democratize Legislative Rules, Strengthen Disclosure Laws, Public Campaign Financing

PROGRESSIVE TAX REFORM: Make the Rich Pay their Fair Share of Taxes. Fund Jobs, Schools, Health Care, Homes, the Environment, and Revenue Sharing with Local Governments.

PEACE: End the Wars, Troops Home Now, Invest the Savings in a Clean Energy Transition

HOWIE HAWKINS for GOVERNOR: Howie has organized in movements for peace, justice, labor, the environment, and independent politics since 1967. A former Marine, Howie opposed the Vietnam War, led divestment campaigns against apartheid South Africa, and co-founded the anti-nuclear Clamshell Alliance in 1976 and the Green Party in the US in 1984. After attending Dartmouth College, he worked in construction and organized cooperatives. For the last decade, he has unloaded trucks at UPS in Syracuse, where he is a member of Teamsters Local 317 and active in Teamsters for a Democratic Union, US Labor Against the War, and the Labor Campaign for Single Payer Healthcare. His articles on politics, economics, and the environment have appeared in many publications, from Against the Current to Z Magazine. He edited the 2006 book, Independent Politics.

GLORIA MATTERA for LT. GOVERNOR: Gloria is a public health worker in the New York City hospital system. As a Green candidate, Gloria was second of three candidates with over 17% for District 39 City Councilor in 2003 and third out of four candidates with 7% for Brooklyn Borough President in 2005. She is a leader in the movement for single payer health care and has been active in labor, environmental, and community issues in her native Brooklyn for decades.

COLIA CLARK for US SENATOR: Colia is challenging incumbent Charles Schumer for a full six-year term. Colia is a social justice activist in Harlem who started in 1959 with the NAACP as an assistant to Medgar Evers in Mississippi, soon joined the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), and has never stopped fighting for freedom and justice in the US and internationally.

CECILE LAWRENCE for US SENATOR: Cecile is challenging incumbent Kirsten Gillibrand in a special election for the remaining two years of the term. A Jamaica-born activist in the Binghamton area with a Ph.D. and law degree, Cecile is active in the movements for health care reform, organic agriculture, renewable energy, and a ban on hydrofracking.

JULIA WILLEBRAND for COMPTROLLER: Julia received nearly 120,000 votes for Comptroller in 2006. A lifetime activist in education, peace, labor, environmental, and social justice struggles, she has a doctorate from Teachers College, Columbia University, was a UFT delegate while teaching at PS 84, and is a leader in the national Green Party's Women's Caucus and International Committee.

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