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Four Greens to Appear in Three Races on November Ballot

MINNEAPOLIS, MN – This November, every Minnesota voter will have the opportunity to cast their vote for three candidates endorsed by the Green Party of Minnesota (GPMN), and in Senate District 39, they will have four.

In June, the Secretary of State's Office verified the petitions of Steven Young and Jane Kirby for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Seth Kuhl-Stennes for Secretary of State, and Ngone Niang for State Senate District 39, which includes St. Anthony, Spring Lake Park, Fridley, Hilltop, Columbia Heights, and parts of New Brighton.

State law requires independent candidates and those filing with minor parties to collect at least 2,000 valid signatures for statewide office and 500 for the state legislature. As Green Party candidates, they will not be on the primary election ballot this summer.

“Reaching this milestone would not have been possible without the hundreds of community members, volunteers, friends, family members, and neighbors who signed petitions, knocked doors, spread the word, and believed in this campaign,” said Ngone Niang, GPMN candidate for State Senate District 39. “This campaign was built by everyday people who want a government that listens, includes, and delivers for working families.”

“During the 15-day petitioning period, I had the honor of talking directly with hundreds of Minnesotans about the role of the Secretary of State's Office and my experiences, values, and priorities to lead the Office toward a stronger MN democracy and economy. My candidacy will remain centered on the Green Party's 4 pillars of Social & Economic Justice, Grassroots Democracy, Nonviolence, and Ecological Wisdom, and connecting those values to the work of the Office,” said Seth Kuhl-Stennes, GPMN candidate for Secretary of State.

“As a Green Party of Minnesota Co-Chair,” said Rachel Braaten, “I am proud that the Green Party can offer incorruptible candidates this year. Because the Green Party and its candidates don't take corrupting sources of money, we ensure that we are working for the people of Minnesota. With policies that people actually want, such as ranked-choice voting and universal healthcare, we speak loudly and clearly about what we are for. We may be outspent, but we are not outnumbered.”

The Green Party of Minnesota has been active in the state since 1996, but has not run a candidate for Governor since 2010.

“I'm running to give people an honest and decent candidate who cannot be bought and will consider the welfare of all Minnesotans,” said Jane Kirby, GPMN candidate for Lt. Governor. “Sustainability and kindness will guide decision-making, with future focus requiring access and accountability for all. Our water, the hallmark of Minnesota, is not for sale.”

The candidates are dedicated to supporting and enacting policies that promote the Green Party's 10 Key Values: social and economic justice, grassroots democracy, nonviolence, ecological wisdom, decentralization, community-based economics, feminism, personal and global responsibility, respect for diversity, and future focus.

In the coming days and months, the candidates will be reaching out to meet and listen to people in Minnesota to understand their concerns and hopes, and share their ideas about how we can make our state a more just, peaceful, and sustainable place for today and generations to come.

For more information, see our [Candidates & Electeds page](#), email GPMN at info@mngreenparty.org, or call GPMN Co-Chair Cam Gordon at 612-296-0579 or GPMN Coordinated Campaign Manager Adam Schneider at 952-500-2141.
