



Nomination Procedures

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Objective

1. Objective

The Green Party of Canada is committed to supporting our Electoral District Associations in the important responsibility of candidate selection. Local EDA members work in partnership with the Leader to ensure a democratic selection process, excellent representation, and a rewarding campaign. This guide is intended to help meet these goals.

1.1 The following procedures for candidate nominations were adopted by the Federal Council in February of 2009, for use by the Electoral District Associations of the Party, and supercede all other rules affecting the selection of a candidate for the Green Party of Canada.

1.2. Any action or decision that may be taken by the Leader or the Campaign Committee under these procedures may be taken by any of their designees.

Definitions and Abbreviations

2. Definitions and Abbreviations

In these pages:

- a. "Act" means the Canada Elections Act.
- b. "Campaign Committee" (CC) means the Campaign Committee established by Federal Council as the strategic arm of the Green Party of Canada.
- c. "Candidate" means any person who is selected to represent the Green Party of Canada to seek election as a member of the House of Commons for an Electoral District in an election.

- d. "Chief Executive Officer" (CEO) means any person appointed or elected to by the members of an Electoral District Association to that position.
- e. "Election" means any federal general election or by-election to elect a member or members to the House of Commons.
- f. "Electoral District" (ED) means a place or territorial area that is entitled to elect a member to serve in the House of Commons.
- g. "Electoral District Association" (EDA) means an association registered by Elections Canada in a federal electoral district.
- h. "EDA Executive" means the persons appointed or elected by members to positions in the governing body of an EDA.
- i. "Eligible voting member" means any person who meets the requirements fixed by the Green Party of Canada Constitution entitling the person to vote at a meeting.
- j. "Federal Council" means the Council as described in Article 9 of the Green Party of Canada Constitution.
- k. "Give notice" means to inform by postal mail, telephone, electronic mail, or fax.
- l. "GPC Constitution" means the constitution adopted by the Green Party of Canada.
- m. "GPC" means the Green Party of Canada.
- n. "Lapsed member" means any person who has not been a member in good standing for less than one year. When a lapsed member rejoins within one year of lapsing, voting rights are restored immediately.
- o. "Leader" means the Leader of the GPC.
- p. "Meeting" means a meeting of members of an Electoral District Association called for the purpose of selecting, with or without competition, a GPC Candidate for that ED for any election.

q. “National Office of the GPC” means Green Party of Canada, 204-396 Cooper St., Ottawa, ON, K2P 2H7.

r. “Nomination Contest” means a competition for the selection of a person to be proposed to the GPC for endorsement as its Candidate in an ED.

s. “Nomination Contestant” has the meaning set out in the Act, and includes any person who has been approved by the GPC to be a contestant in a Nomination Contest.

t. “Nomination Contestant Applicant” means any person who has submitted completed Form A: Nomination Contestant Application, and completed Form B: Candidate Acceptance, a 300-word biography in electronic format, and any other documentation the GPC may require, by the deadlines established in these procedures.

u. “Ombuds and Appeal Committee” (OAC) means the committee created by Federal Council for the hearing of appeals.

v. “The Party” means the Green Party of Canada.

w. “Preferential Ballot” means a ballot in which voters rank a list of candidates in order of preference.

x. “Procedures” means these Nomination Procedures for the selection of Candidates for the GPC, including the forms attached hereto, which have been adopted by Federal Council.

y. “Regional Organizer” means any person employed by the GPC to organize a province or region and whose contact information is listed on the GPC website.

Nomination Meetings

3. Nomination Meetings

3.1. Federal Council will open the nomination period (March 1, 2009) and set a date by which nominations shall be completed (June 15, 2009).

3.2. The Campaign Committee will give notice to the Chief Executive Officer of EDAs that the Party has opened nominations.

3.3. The EDA may initiate the nomination process on any date after the start of the nomination period, provided that the nomination process, including any Nomination Contest, is completed by the closing date set by Federal Council.

3.4. For the 41st General Election, EDAs shall open nominations by March 1st and conclude the nomination process by June 15th, 2009. The timeline is as follows:

3.4.1. Between 75-105 days (between March 1 and April 1) before the nomination meeting, EDAs shall notify their members that a nomination contest in the riding is open.

3.4.2. At least 60 days before the nomination meeting (by April 15), prospective contestants shall submit applications to the CC through the national office. This gives EDAs between 30-45 days to conduct candidate searches.

3.4.3. At least 54 days before the nomination meeting (by April 21), the CC will notify all applicants and CEOs of approved nomination contestants. This gives the CC 6 days to conduct contestant screening.

3.4.4. At least 30 days before the nomination meeting (by May 15), new membership applications must be received by the national office in order to have voting privileges at the nomination meeting. (This 30-day period is mandated by the GPC Constitution.) Contestants therefore have at least 24 days to sign up new voting members.

3.4.5. At least 21 days before the nomination meeting (by May 25), EDAs shall notify their members and the regional organizer of the date, time and location of the nomination meeting, ensuring every effort is made to contact all members. Also, this notice will explain the

identification required to vote.

3.4.6. If only one approved nomination contestant is put forward for the nomination contest, the contestant can be acclaimed by a unanimous vote of the executive of the EDA, in which case the EDA does not have to hold a nomination contest. EDAs should consider all of the potential benefits to the EDA and the Electoral District of holding a nomination contest before proceeding to an acclamation vote.

3.4.7. By June 15, EDAs will conclude the nomination process.

3.5. In the event a writ is dropped before candidate selection has been completed, the EDA or the Party may call a nomination meeting with 48 hours notice.

3.6. Candidate Search

3.6.1. EDAs shall conduct an acceptable search for nomination contestants, including women and/or minorities reflective of the demographic makeup of the local electorate.

3.6.2. Given the GPC's long-standing goal of achieving gender parity in its field of candidates, each EDA shall provide information to the Campaign Committee regarding its search for women candidates, including:

a. the name and contact information of at least one woman approached to run by the EDA;

b. the reasons given by women who declined to run for candidacy; and

c. what women who were approached but declined say they would need in order to consider running in the future.

Nomination Contestant Application

4. Nomination Contestant Application

The Nomination Contestant Application form allows fast and efficient screening of all nominees before the Nomination Contest Meeting. Nomination Contest applicants shall submit completed versions of Form A: Nomination Contestant Application and Form B: Candidate Acceptance, and a 300-word biography (in electronic form), as early in the process as possible.

4.1. To be a Nomination Contestant, a person shall:

4.1.1. be a member in good standing with the GPC;

4.1.2. have fully and truthfully completed Form A: Nomination Contestant Application, and Form B: Candidate Acceptance;

4.1.3. have submitted a biography of no more than 300 words, suitable for publication on the Party website, sent by email to candidate.bio@greenparty.ca.

4.1.4. be eligible for election to the House of Commons pursuant to all applicable provisions of the Canada Elections Act; and

4.1.5. have discharged all debts owed to the GPC.

4.2. Based on the submission of the items listed above, the Campaign Committee will determine the suitability of the prospective Nomination Contestant. Approval may be revoked at the Campaign Committee's discretion and in the interests of the Party, based on information received subsequent to the initial approval.

4.2.1. If applicable, a nomination contestant is entitled to a prompt explanation of why their application was not approved, but may not contest the decision. The EDA will also be notified, provided the contestant has given consent (on Form A).

Support for the Candidate

5. Support for the Candidate

5.1. EDAs shall provide organizational and financial

support to the Party's candidate.

5.2. The EDA shall provide a list of current and lapsed members to each Nomination Contestant within 24 hours of the Contestant's approval by the Campaign Committee.

5.3. This list may be used by each Nomination Contestant and their designee(s) solely for the purposes of contacting eligible voting members to seek support for the Contestant, and of evaluating and contesting membership numbers and accuracy.

5.4. Within 48 hours of the deadline for submitting new voting memberships (30 days prior to the Nomination Meeting), the EDA shall provide each nomination contestant with the final list of members eligible to vote at the Nomination Meeting.

Meeting Officials

6. Meeting Officials

The GPC expects all nomination meetings to follow a fair and democratic process, and each shall include the following at a minimum.

6.1. The EDA will appoint a Meeting Chair and a Returning Officer, both of whom will refrain from any partisan activity on behalf of and Nomination Contestant.

6.2. The Returning Officer may appoint deputies and such other officials necessary for the conduct of the voting process, who shall refrain from partisan activity on behalf of any Nomination Contestant.

6.3. Each Nomination Contestant may appoint a number of representatives to be present at the taking of the vote and the counting of the ballots. During the taking of the vote, he or she is entitled to:

6.3.1. one representative for each voting/credentials verification station;

6.3.2. one chief representative; and

6.3.3. one representative to monitor the ballot box.

6.4. During the counting of the ballots, each nomination contestant is entitled to:

6.4.1. one representative for each counting station;
and

6.4.2. one chief representative.

6.5. The chief representative of a Nomination Contestant at a Nomination Meeting shall be named in writing by the Nomination Contestant to the Returning Officer, and such individual shall have full authority to speak on behalf of the nomination contestant, and to bind the Nomination Contestant to any agreement he or she might be called upon to make on the Nomination Contestant's behalf, during the voting and counting processes.

Voting Members

7. Voting Members

7.1. Every member of the Party has the right to attend a Nomination Meeting and has the right to vote at that meeting if the member:

7.1.1. is present at the meeting;

7.1.2. has been a member of the Party for at least thirty days or has renewed a lapsed membership prior to, or at, the Nomination Meeting.

7.1.3. is ordinarily a resident of the Electoral District;
and

7.1.4. has not voted at another candidate selection meeting held for the same election (except when the results of any such meeting are declared invalid).

7.2. Membership in the Party takes effect on the day the National Office of the GPC receives the fee and the membership application form.

Conduct of the Nomination Contest Meeting

8. Conduct of the Nomination Contest Meeting

8.1. All Meetings shall have the following parts, and may include additional parts:

8.1.1. Call to order by a member of the Executive of the EDA;

8.1.2. Introduction of the Meeting Chair, and of the Returning Officer;

8.1.3. Description by the Meeting Chair of the process to be followed at the Meeting, including:

8.1.3.1. time limits on nomination and seconding of Nomination Contestants;

8.1.3.2. time limits on speeches by Nomination Contestants;

8.1.3.3. restrictions on campaigning and campaign materials in the voting area; and

8.1.3.4. the voting procedures and time for voting.

8.1.4. Nomination and seconding of Nomination Contestants;

8.1.5. Speeches by Nomination Contestants;

8.1.6. Voting;

8.1.7. Announcement of the successful candidate, by the Meeting Chair, who shall announce the number of ballots cast, the number of ballots ruled invalid, the number of tallies, and the name of the successful nomination contestant, without disclosing the number of votes received by any nomination contestant;

8.1.8. Remarks by the successful Candidate; and

8.1.9. Adjournment.

8.2. No business other than the selection of a

Conduct of the Vote

candidate shall be conducted at the nomination meeting until after the vote for the candidate has been held.

9. Conduct of the Vote

9.1. In order to be granted a ballot, a person claiming to be an eligible voting member shall be required to produce satisfactory proof of identity, including place of ordinary residence unless all nomination contestants agree this is not necessary.

9.2. A pre-printed ballot shall be used containing the names of the nomination contestants in alphabetical order by surname. NOTA (None of the Above) as the last entry on the ballot may be included at the discretion of the EDA Executive.

9.3 The ballots in the election shall be counted under the direction of the Returning Officer.

9.4 The vote of eligible voting members to choose a Candidate for an Electoral District shall be conducted by one ballot only, which shall be a secret preferential ballot, and which shall contain the voting instructions.

9.5. Preferential ballots shall be counted in accordance with the following process:

a. Each ballot cast, on the initial tally, shall be counted in favour of the nomination contestant opposite whose name the voter has indicated a first-choice preference or a vote.

b. Prior to conducting each further tally as may be required in order to declare a nomination contestant elected, the Returning Officer shall declare eliminated the nomination contestant who received the least votes on the previous tally.

c. The Returning Officer shall reassign each vote received by a nomination contestant who has been declared eliminated to the remaining nomination contestant whose name appears on the ballot as the voter's highest remaining

preference.

d. The Returning Officer shall conduct the appropriate calculations, and shall require such further tallies in accordance with these rules as may be necessary until a candidate is declared elected by virtue of having received a majority of the valid votes counted in that tally.

e. Where a vote tally gives rise to a tie vote among two or more nomination contestants, and the tie is relevant either to a declaration that a nomination contestant is eliminated pursuant to subrule (b), or is between the only remaining candidates, the Returning Officer shall toss a coin or use a system of drawing names from a receptacle to determine who will remain on a ballot or who, on a final tally, will be declared elected as the candidate.

9.6 Proxy voting is not permitted.

9.7 In EDAs where factors such as geography, weather and transportation hinder members from attending at a single location, the National Campaign Chair in consultation with the Campaign Committee may direct or, upon request from the EDA Executive may authorize, that the selection of the candidate take place at nomination meetings held at two or more times and locations, the first of which is the "First Nomination Meeting". The methods of balloting to be used in these circumstances will be determined by the Campaign Committee.

9.8 Under extenuating circumstances other methods of balloting may be approved by the National Campaign Chair in consultation with the Campaign Committee.

Results of the Meeting

10. Results of the Meeting

10.1. The EDA shall submit the name of the nominated candidate to the regional organizer immediately upon completion of the meeting.

10.2. The Electoral District Association shall submit the form EC 20188-Nomination Contest Report to Elections

Canada within 30 days of the nomination meeting in accordance with section 478.02 of the Elections Act.

10.3. If the nomination meeting fails to nominate a candidate, the EDA shall apply to the Campaign Committee for consent to call another Nomination Contest Meeting, and to determine the timeline in which to proceed.

Electoral Districts without Electoral District Associations

11. Electoral Districts without Electoral District Associations

11.1. Where there is no EDA, Nomination Contestant selection shall be conducted by a Nomination Contestant Meeting mandated by the Campaign Committee, except that if only one Nomination Contestant Applicant is approved, that contestant may be acclaimed and no Meeting is required.

Removal of a Nominated Candidate

12. Removal of a Nominated Candidate

12.1. A Nominated Candidate may only be removed with just cause, and by a 2/3 vote of Federal Council.

12.2. The Candidate is entitled to a prompt explanation of why their nomination or endorsement was revoked, but may not contest the decision.

Disclosure of Contributions and Expenses

13. Disclosure of Contributions and Expenses

13.1. Each Nomination Contestant shall comply with the financial reporting requirements of the Canada Elections Act.

Sanctions

14. Sanctions

14.1. If a nomination contestant or EDA executive fails to comply with the Canada Elections Act or these procedures, any disciplinary measures to be imposed will be, subject to applicable laws, at the discretion of the Campaign Committee and will take into consideration

both the severity of the violation and the best interests of the GPC.

14.2. The disciplinary measures may include the disqualification of a successful Nomination Contestant, a declaration that another Nomination Contestant is to be the Candidate, the conduct of a new Nomination Meeting, and a prohibition against a person found to have been in violation of these rules being permitted to contest a new Nomination Meeting or a future Nomination Meeting in any Electoral District.

Appeals

15. Appeals

15.1. Should disputes over the candidate nomination and selection procedure arise, efforts should be made to resolve them at the local level. As a last resort, disputes may be referred to the Ombuds and Appeal Committee.

15.2. The OAC shall expeditiously deal with all appeals based on these procedures.

15.3. An appeal to the OAC shall only be commenced by notice of appeal in writing received not later than 72 hours after the time fixed for the commencement of a Nomination Meeting or, if a decision is made outside a Nomination Meeting, not later than 72 hours after the decision requiring review has been made. This time limitation is subject to extension at the discretion of the OAC, in accordance with its rules of procedure.

15.4. After a Nomination Meeting has been completed, only a Nomination Contestant or the Candidate may invoke the appeal process.

15.5. The delivery of a notice of appeal shall not cause a Nomination Meeting to be postponed or delayed unless specifically ordered by the OAC.

15.6. The OAC shall advise in writing the Leader, the Campaign Committee, the CEO of the EDA, the Nomination Contestants, and any other person deemed appropriate by the OAC, of an appeal.

15.7. Decisions of the OAC are final and not subject to appeal.

Electoral Urgency

16. Electoral Urgency

16.1. If the Campaign Committee determines that a situation of electoral urgency exists in Canada or in any Electoral District(s), it shall provide notice to the effect that such a state of electoral urgency exists. At minimum, such notice shall be provided to the Leader, the Chair of the Party, the Executive Director of the Party, and to the CEOs of all affected EDAs.

16.1.2. In any state of electoral urgency, the Campaign Committee may abridge the time limits or alter the procedures fixed by these Procedures in such manner as it may see fit, for any Electoral District(s), provided that any changes to these Procedures shall promptly be communicated to any affected EDA and to any potential Nomination Contestant (of whom the party has knowledge) who may be affected.

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Form A Nomination Contestant Application

1. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure a complete application is submitted to National Office of the GPC:

Green Party of Canada
Nominations Committee
204-396 Cooper St.
Ottawa, ON K2P 2H7

Faxed copies will be accepted at 613-482-4632

2. Please type or print using BLOCK letters. Incomplete applications may delay the application process or result in refusal to approve you as a nomination contestant.

3. All printed attachments must be signed and included with this form. The Candidate Biography (maximum 300 words) must be submitted electronically to candidate.bio@greenparty.ca, and must be suitable for publication on the GPC website.

4. The requirement to complete any of the questions in this form may be waived by the Campaign Committee.

1. Personal Information

1.a. Electoral District Information

In which electoral district are you seeking to be nominated?

In which Electoral District do you live?

How long have you lived there?

1.b. Past Candidacy/Nomination Information

Have you ever been a candidate for any political party? No Yes If yes, provide details.

Electoral District

Date of Election

Have you ever lost a Green Party of Canada nomination contest or been refused as a candidate applicant? No Yes If yes, provide details.

Electoral District

Date of Election

1.c. Identification

Surname

Legal given names

Other names you commonly use

Male Female

Date of birth: Day Month Year

Place of birth: City Province Country

Marital status Number of dependants

Home address Street City

Province Country Postal code

Home phone number Work phone number Cell phone number

Email address Website

1.d. Citizenship

Are you a Canadian citizen? Yes No

List any other countries of which you are or have been a citizen.

1.e. Use of a different name

Have you ever used or been known by any name other than the names listed in Question 1.c. above?

No Yes (if yes, provide details)

Previous Name

From (year)

To (year)

1.f. Residential History for past 10 years

City

Province

Country

From (year) To (year)

1.g. Matrimonial and custody proceedings

Are you involved in any matrimonial or custody proceedings?

No Yes (if yes, please describe briefly)

2. Employment

2.a. Professional designation

List your professional designations and any professional associations to which you belong.

2.b. Employment History

List all employment for the past ten years, starting with the most recent. Include unemployment periods.

Employer	City and Province	From/To
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

3. Political Party Involvement

Name any municipal, provincial, territorial or federal political party in which you have been a member, any positions you held or sought and the period during which you held the positions or the date on which you sought them. Use an attachment if necessary.

Name of political party	Position Held	From	To
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

4. Involvement with Organizations

What environmental, social, recreational, cultural, community or other organizations have you been a member of?

Name of Organization	Position Held	From	To
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

5. Offences, bankruptcies, civil proceedings

The following questions must be answered with 'yes' or 'no'. For any 'yes' response, full details must be provided in an attachment.

	YES	NO
Have you ever been the subject of a disciplinary proceeding?		
Have you ever been suspended, expelled, or required to withdraw from a post-secondary institution?		
Have you ever been suspended or asked to resign from any employment? In your employment, have you been involved in law suits, dismissal for cause, unfair or illegal labour practices, been charged with sexual or other harassment, been involved with fraud, breached any tax or immigration statutes or had any improper dealing with governments?		
If you served as a member of a police force or armed forces have any charges ever been brought against you, have you been a defendant in a court martial, or have you ever been discharged?		
Have you been the subject of any legal proceeding or investigation by a government agency a regulatory body?		
Have you been charged or convicted of plagiarism, cheating on examinations, or other conduct that was the subject of academic discipline?		
Have you or any company you've been involved in been convicted of fraud?		
Are there any civil proceedings pending in which fraud or similar conduct on the part of you or a company in which you are/were involved is alleged?		
Are you involved in any litigation, which, if publicized before or during an election campaign, could adversely affect your campaign or the campaign of the Green Party of Canada?		
Have you ever been declared bankrupt, made an assignment in bankruptcy or gone out of business leaving debts outstanding or has a receiver ever assumed control of your assets? If so, have you been discharged?		
Do you have a judgment or garnishment outstanding for damages for fraud or any other reason?		
<i>If a pardon under the Criminal Records Act has been granted and it has not been revoked, you do not need to disclose any such pardoned offence. In this case, the response to the following question would be: "Yes, pardon granted on [date]." Have you ever been charged with any crime, offence or delinquency under a statute or ordinance? If yes, please provide full details.</i>		
Are you now the subject of a charge under the law for a criminal offence?		
Have you been involved with any company that has been charged or convicted of a criminal offence?		
Have you been involved in any breach of trust of a private organization? Have you been charged or convicted of any election financing offence, received illegal payments or gifts, violated any Green Party of Canada (or any other party) rules or been charged with any abuse while holding public office? Have you ever resigned a public office? Have you ever been investigated respecting any public office or any campaign for public office?		

6. Candidate Eligibility

6.a. Are you a member in good standing of the Green Party of Canada? Yes No

6.b. Section 65 of the *Canada Election Act* is copied below. According to Section 65 of the *Canada Election Act* are you eligible to be a candidate in the next federal election? Yes No

Section 65 of the *Canada Election Act*, S.C. 2002, c. 7, s. 92, provides that the following persons are not eligible to be a candidate:

- (a) a person who is not qualified as an elector on the date on which his or her nomination paper is filed;
- (b) a person who is disqualified under paragraph 502(3)(a) while they are so disqualified;
- (c) a member of the legislature of a province, the Council of the Northwest Territories or the Legislative Assembly of Yukon or Nunavut;
- (d) a sheriff, clerk of the peace or county Crown Attorney in any of the provinces;
- (e) a person who is not entitled under section 4 to vote;
- (f) a judge appointed by the Governor in Council, other than a citizenship judge appointed under the *Citizenship Act*;
- (g) a person who is imprisoned in a correctional institution;
- (h) an election officer; and
- (i) a person who was a candidate in a previous election and for whom a return, report, document or declaration has not been provided under subsection 451 (1), if the time and any extension for providing it have expired.

7. Disclosure

Are you aware of any other information, including information that can be found on the Internet, not otherwise disclosed in this form that, if made public, could damage your electoral chances or the electoral chances of the Green Party of Canada, could compromise your effectiveness as a Member of Parliament, or could be used by other candidates or parties against you or the Green Party of Canada?

No Yes (if yes, provide details)

8. Party Policy

Are there any GPC policies you do not support? No Yes (if yes, provide details)

9. References

Provide the names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of three references.

Reference 1

Reference 2

Reference 3

Consent

1. I hereby authorize and consent to the collection by the Campaign Committee, or any person designated by the Campaign Committee, of any information (which may include personal, credit, criminal or military records or other information) from any source as permitted by law. I will promptly deliver to the Campaign Committee or any person designated by the Campaign Committee any further consents, whether verbal or in writing, requested of me.
2. I acknowledge and agree that such information and the information disclosed in this Form may be used by the Green Party of Canada for the purpose of evaluating my suitability to be a Nomination Contestant and/or Candidate and for no other purpose, such use to be made in accordance with all laws governing the use and disclosure of personal information in Canada. I understand that all copies of this Form will be retained in a secure location designated by the Campaign Committee. The GPC will ensure all information in this application remains confidential to only those persons responsible for processing applications and appeals.
3. I do not give consent to notify my Electoral District Association of the reasons should my application not be approved.

ALL ATTACHMENTS MUST BE INITIALED BY THE APPLICANT.

List any attachments

Declaration

I, _____, declare that:

1. I have read and understand the questions and consent in this Form.
2. I understand that my approval as a Nomination Contestant does not constitute an agreement by the Green Party of Canada to the effect that the Party has in any way waived its right to designate a person other than myself as the Green Party of Canada Candidate in the next election or by-election.

3. I understand that I may be required, either before or after approval of my candidacy, to consent to any background checks that the Party considers to be appropriate and in the best interests of the Green Party of Canada. I further understand that the results of such background checks will be kept confidential by the Party unless, based upon information collected and in the best interests of the Party, I am not approved as a nomination contestant or candidate and, upon refusal of approval, I claim that the approval was refused without good reason. I understand and agree that the Campaign Committee or any person designated by the Campaign Committee may, upon receiving negative information as a result of such a background check, disclose such information to the Leader and to legal counsel in order to make a decision, but those individuals will not disclose that information, except in accordance with the foregoing.

4. The answers I have given to the questions in this form and in any attachments to this form are to the best of my knowledge true.

Signature of applicant _____

Date _____

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FORM B CANDIDATE ACCEPTANCE

In consideration of the Green Party of Canada reviewing me for approval as a Nomination Contestant/Candidate for the Electoral District of

I, _____, agree as follows to:

1. Support the six founding principles of the Green Party of Canada: ecological wisdom, social justice, participatory democracy, non-violence, sustainability, and respect for diversity.
2. Abide by the constitution and any rules or procedures of the Green Party of Canada.
3. Support the policies and election platform of the Party, except for those policies identified in Form A.
4. Comply with the *Canada Elections Act*.
5. Agree to keep confidential all membership lists of the Party.
6. Agree to keep confidential all appeals arising as a result of the Nomination Contest or Nomination Contestant application.
7. Agree to inform the Campaign Committee as soon as possible if the information in my Form A: Nomination Contestant Application changes.
8. Agree to refer all disputes relating to the Nomination Contestant Application, the Nomination Contest, and the candidate selection process to the Ombuds and Appeal Committee, and that the Ombuds and Appeal Committee and/or the National Council of the Green Party of Canada shall have the final authority to resolve disputes. I will abide by any decision of these bodies without recourse to any other court or adjudicative body.
9. Agree that if the Party revokes my endorsement as a Nomination Contestant or Candidate, I will cease immediately to represent myself as a Nomination Contestant or Candidate.

Signature of Nomination Contestant Applicant

Date

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