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Dear Ms. Eu,

The Green Party of California decided on January 26, 1992 not to follow the Rules of any other political party with respect to elections.

The Green Party would like, instead, to offer an alternative set of rules which the state plenary has agreed to follow. We are asking to be allowed to use our own rules. You will find attached a copy of the full text of the rules we have agreed to follow. Here is an explanation of the key points:

- 1) The Green Party, in state plenary session, has passed rules, procedures and bylaws covering the same subject matter as the statutes setting forth rules for previously qualified parties which are to be found in various parts of the Elections Code.
- 2) The Green Party has chosen not to have a presidential primary in 1992.
- 3) The state plenary decided that all partisan races would be declared closed unless the registered members of a given county or district ask that the race be open to candidates. (See Art. XIV, Sec 1, i & ii. Also see Art. XIV, Sec 2, i through v)
- 4) The state plenary decided that the count of blank ballots after the election should have a bearing on the outcome of the race. Specifically, if the number of blank ballots outnumbers the votes cast for the candidate with the most votes, that candidate's name will not appear on the November general election ballot. (See Art. XIV, Sec 1, iv and Art. XIV, Sec 2, vii)
- 5) The state plenary decided that membership on County Councils (in other parties these are known as county central committees) will be limited to those candidates who specifically seek election to that position and to members who win election to partisan offices.