

WELCOME TO OUR TRANSFORMATIONAL COALITION-BUILDING PROGRESSIVE GREEN GRASSROOTS EMERGENCY ELECTION PROTECTION (GEEP) ZOOM GATHERINGS.

Harvey Wasserman / Executive Summary:

Since April 2020, GEEP has convened more than 170 gatherings of top activists and organizers, movers and shakers, writers and thinkers to change, shape and help guide the American political future towards grassroots democracy and 100% green energy.

Ideas, organizations and alliances have been formed on these calls with tangible impacts on voting and vote counting in Georgia, Virginia, Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin, Arizona and more.

Our discussions and action-oriented networking have helped set a new bar for Get-Out-the-Vote, relational organizing, democracy centers and election protection work nationwide. New campaign strategies have been proven, connections made and documents published to deepen our understanding of how democracy works, and what we can do to further its efficiency.

Likewise, the conversion to renewables, ecological sanity, the startling recent rise of organized labor, choice, legal cannabis, nonviolence, green speech all find new life and insights at these sessions.

Together we've conducted national gatherings, compiled lists of key organizations, a state-by-state referenda index, a "Georgia Way" book, an action guide (in progress), zoomed training sessions, network-building, etc.

With just four staff, very low overhead and a loyal band of influential partners, we're a vital green grassroots engine that loves every minute of what we do.

From Dolores Huerta to Dan Ellsberg, actor-activist Mimi Kennedy to Romero attorneys Dan Sheehan and Sara Nelson, Minnesota AG Keith Ellison to NOW President Christian Nunes, Republican Arizona State Senator Ken Bennett to Democrat US Rep. Jamie Raskin, authors Nancy MacLean and Music/Movie Producer Danny Goldberg, Common Ground founder Andrea Miller to eco-attorney Steve Donziger, Green Amendments' Maya von Rossum to former Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman, two-time Charlotte Mayor Jennifer Roberts (Now of the Carter Center) to Communities United's Ray McClendon, author Brynn Tannehill to legendary green energy visionary Amory Lovins, Emmy-winning documentarian David Saltman, Ken Stern of Bard College's Center for the Study of Hate—along with scores more uniquely powerful movers and shakers---we have convened 170+ strategic non-partisan 2+hour dialogs meant to forever change how America does its political organizing, conducts its elections, gets its energy, speaks its peace, *sees* and shapes its future.

Since April, 2020, with up to 250 participants^[CR1] and an ever-widening reach, the Green Grassroots Emergency Election Protection Coalition (GEEP) has convened most Mondays at 5-7pm ET / 2-4 PT.

Moderated by activist / author / talk host Harvey Wasserman, these warm, eclectic, free-wheeling round tables gather scores of the nation's cutting^[CR2] edge change-makers, organizers and progressive thinkers to inform, strategize and connect on the critical issues of democracy and the environment now defining our future.

The sessions are live-webcast, recorded for re-broadcast at the Progressive Radio Network (PRN-Live) and at the audio-port of the Pacifica Radio Network. They are archived for further use at www.grassrootsep.org.

Amidst the mandate to facilitate real change, focused on core content, the discussions and presentations are fun, focused, fast-moving. Personal attacks, partisan rancor, boring fluff and factional infighting are strictly banned (as are four-letter words the FCC won't tolerate).

Suits and ties are welcome...but rare. We like good beards, weird hair, eclectic t-shirts, standup hats, grabby visuals.

We promote grassroots democracy and freewheeling dialog while protecting elections and re-greening our Earth...driving progressive focus and funding into local-based relational organizing with democracy centers meant to make lasting change.

In 2020, we joined legendary grassroots organizer Andrea Miller (Center for Common Ground) with Ray McClendon (then of the Atlanta NAACP, now with Communities United) and others whose cutting-edge brilliance helped win the 2020-2 "Georgia Miracle: Strategies that Work for Winning Elections"; televised [here](#); brief transcript [here](#) }

This transformational two-year bottom-up campaign helped a black and a Jewish candidate from the Home of the Klan tip the US Senate's balance of power at a pivotal moment.

In 2021, our five-hour national on-line forum on grassroots elections live-cast 300+ of the nation's most powerful democracy organizers ([event](#)).

In 2022, we live-cast our day-long outdoor National Grassroots Congress from Santa Monica ([here](#)).

In our weekly zooms, we've connected Ray and Andrea with Rachel Coyle, Pat Marida, Vina Colley and others in Ohio, where grassroots election and ecological organizing just won statewide referenda on cannabis and choice...now under predictable assault by gerrymandered legislators.

GREEP mainstays John Brakey and Ray Lutz---joining with Republican state Senator Ken Bennett—helped fight off the theft of Arizona's 2020-2 elections. They continue to reshape how votes are cast, counted and recounted nationwide.

From Ohio, Steve Caruso does our tech. Wendi Lederman reports from the DeSantis danger zone. Mike Hersh and Joel Segal wade through DC's festering swamp. Californian Tatanka Bricca navigates the Indigenous community and Romero Institute.

Aaron Wazlavek heralds the rising labor movement. Eco-pioneers Camilla Rees and Julie Levine illuminate 5G and antenna densification's [\[CR3\]](#) dangers.

Myla Reson, Linda Gunter, Linda Seeley, Robert Freehling, Kevin Kamps, Paul Gunter envision Solartopia. Deepa Driver and Vinnie DeStefano bring us to the Assange campaign.

Britney Yarrow and Christopher Lindstrom have opened a new Indigenous-based community in upstate New York.

John Rosenthal and David Hogg bring their brilliant campaign for gun control and youthful political activism.

Jerry Ashton and Ilene Proctor promote the Abolish Medical Debt movement that's cancelled literally hundreds of millions of dollars in otherwise un-payable medical bondage.

Camilla Rees and John Steiner lead a funding effort to expand GREEP's grassroots impacts.

To make all that tangible, Staffer Wendi Lederman has produced this [compendium](#) of grassroots organizations [\[CR4\]](#) [\[CR5\]](#) [\[CR6\]](#), and [\[CR7\]](#) this guiding 50-state [document on referenda](#).

To help transform how we make electoral change, we're also producing *THE GREEN GRASSROOTS GUIDE TO GET-OUT-THE-VOTE DEMOCRACY CENTERS AND RELATIONAL ORGANIZING* to serve as a roadmap going forward.

In 2024, we expect to webcast national gatherings on election protection, Green Amendments, 100% renewables, Julian Assange, Leonard Peltier, reproductive choice, grassroots fundraising, and more.

And we'll expand our weekly zooms, where news is shared, ideas vetted, opinions vented, lasting connections made, tactics and strategies honed...and real democracy made tangible

So, we welcome your help in building on all we've done these past four years, and hope to do...as we approach the defining election of our lives.

Lead Convener: Harvey Wasserman;

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Coalition Builders: *MANY!*

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