



BIOGRAPHY

Where is your family from: My family was originally from the Chicago suburbs, but we moved around a lot until my dad found a steady job as a music pastor in Fort Wayne, IN when I was just starting middle school. I've been here ever since graduating from Carroll High School and then attending Purdue- Fort Wayne.

Professional Background: I grew up in a musical family so as a result I ended up a music major myself graduating with my Bachelor's in French Horn Performance from PFW. I freelance perform and teach in the evenings.

For my day job I've been in retail banking for two years having worked my way up from a teller to a consumer banker. I was actually recommended to get into finance by a fellow musician and banker. I discovered my love for it also so I intend to start getting my MBA soon, but am currently undecided where I will be going.

How I became a Green: I became a Green after being inspired that a fellow Hoosier musician, George Wolfe was running for Secretary of State and officially became a member in 2020 so I could vote in the primaries due to the DNC selecting Joe Biden.

Why am I running: I'm running because I believe that this party has the ability to shape America for the better, but we need to shed our reactionary ways to focus on better strategies in order to win elections so we can make our vision for the world a reality.

ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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Candidate for INGP National Delegate

My Platform

Solidify the Left

The Problem: It's bad enough there's so many leftist parties to split the vote, but also our party was bitterly divided in 2020. There were disputes of small, frivolous issues such as Russia Gate and outrage with how the primaries were being conducted that were at best blown out of proportion. As a result, our party split three ways with most recognizing our main candidate, others leaving to support the independent campaign of the runner-up and one party endorsing someone who wasn't actually running at all.

The Solution:

- The Hawkins campaign had the right idea to forge an alliance with two other political parties as well as other leftist political movements to support the campaign and we should continue to do so and possibly discuss merging altogether.
- Furthermore, in regards to our national platform we need to be a bigger tent embracing the ideas of those in the far reaches of leftism to the left AND right of us currently.
- Insure our primaries nationally state-by-state are done in a matter that is 100% transparent so no one can split us up with accusations of conspiracies like we had in 2020.

Strategize a new Party Path

The Problem: Post 2020 we lost much of what we accomplished in 2016 and 2018 in elections, party growth and even state ballot statuses. Part of it was Covid-Related as we had to learn organize on social media, part of it was we haven't been as focused winning smaller local seats, part of it was a lack of proper talent scouting finding exciting candidates to run to maintain state ballot status and most likely part of it also was our pre-Covid debates which were shoddily organized and filmed.

The Solution:

- We need to make up lost ground by utilizing our time and resources researching where we have our best odds in local elections and identify Greens in those communities eligible to run.
- Better organize our national primary debates so that they are more professionally produced so our members as well as potential members can learn more about the party.
- Ranked-choice voting is becoming more and more popular with both parties and may soon find itself nationally practiced for elections. In order for us to take advantage of such we need to maintain and win back ballot statuses with candidates that excite the base and newcomers.

Stand Up for the Trans Community

The Problem: Despite being the most established leftist party in the nation we somehow have many in leadership positions that refuse to acknowledge or respect the transgender community

The Solution: We establish on a national level that anyone who wishes to serve in any leadership position identify themselves as an ally and advocate for the trans community as well as others such as the LatinX, Black Lives Matter, Disability Rights, Elderly Rights and Indigenous Peoples' Rights.