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## **Georgia Greens Split on Presidential Race**

At it's state nominating convention, Saturday, March 18th, 2000, the Georgia Green Party Delegates were split evenly between those who supported Stephen Gaskin or Ralph Nader as their candidate for President of the United States. "We were wondering what to do with that 13th delegate," said Reverend Zack Lyde, who chairs the Georgia Green Party, which uses proportional representation for internal races. "We figured we'd get someone ambivalent who'd toss a coin."

"We're excited by how we did in Georgia. We're exploring future campaigning here in April," said Stephen Gaskin, candidate for the Green Nomination for President of the United States. "I have an affinity for the South. We did choose to settle here. There are many conventions yet in our Party's nominating process. Nader may have gotten a jump in California, but it's a long way to Denver yet."

"We had hoped to fare better, quite frankly," said James Jones, contact for the Georgians for Nader Committee, who made the nominating speech for his candidate at Saturday's event. "But Nader supporters stayed home after the victories in California and New York. We got complacent. We may have lost some votes when it was suggested that Nader had written off ballot access in Georgia."

"We haven't written it off," said Kerrie Dickson, Development Director of the Party. "We're ready to go." The Party suffered a set back in its ballot access aspirations when the legislature refused to hear a bill to cut the barriers to ballot access in Georgia. "We've been preparing in the background for mounting a petition drive. Frankly, we'd rather use our resources for something else. But the bill never spoke of eliminating the petitions, just limiting their scope."