

# Why is Ralph Nader running for President?

## **Ralph is running to help:**

- deepen our democracy by building a powerful, progressive citizens movement;
- ensure that civic values are sovereign over corporate values in the 21st century;
- build a progressive third party -- the Green Party.

## **The Nader 2000 campaign plans to:**

- raise the issues ignored by presidential candidates who are indentured to corporate interests;
- remove barriers to ballot access for third parties;
- obtain ballot status in all 50 states;
- reach those who have not voted, who are disenfranchised with the false, soundbite politics of the day;
- bring young people into progressive political and civic movements;
- encourage people to raise money and volunteer hours for Green Party candidates;
- encourage people to run for federal, state, and local office as Green Party candidates;
- win every vote possible in the November election.

## **How is this campaign different than Ralph's run in 1992 and 1996?**

In 1992 Ralph was a "none of the above" option for voters in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. In 1996, Ralph, responding to invitations by environmentalists, stood for election as the nominee of the Green Party, but he was not running as an official "candidate." Instead of filing his candidacy with the Federal Election Commission, Ralph limited his expenditures to less than \$5,000 and encouraged others to get him on the ballot.

Nader 2000 is completely different. Ralph is actively running for President, seeking the Green Party's nomination. Ralph has opened an office in Washington, D.C.; Ralph has hired national and field campaign staff. Ralph is raising money for Nader 2000 and for federal, state, and local green party candidates. Ralph is organizing citizen groups and Green in every state to help him remove ballot access barriers for third party candidates and to help move this election beyond the corporatized blandness of tweedledee and tweedledum politics.

## **Won't I be throwing away my vote if I vote for Ralph?**

Absolutely not. Ralph Nader is the only candidate who is willing to tell it like it is. All third parties must start somewhere and we voters cannot continue to waste our votes on the least of the worst every year because of the lack of alternatives. Send a message to beltway politicians: Americans deserve better and they will deny these politicians their votes until basic change occurs. How can voters spoil an already chronically spoiled political system?

## **Won't I be helping the Republicans win the election?**

Absolutely not. In 1996 Ralph Nader drew from both parties because he is honest and talks truth to power. Other third party candidates will take votes from the Republicans. This election is up for grabs with everyone posturing as some sort of "reform" candidate. Ralph is the only real reformer. And he has a forty-year track record of working and winning for voters, consumers, taxpayers, workers, and the environment to prove it.

**Ralph Nader want to enlist the civic spirit and votes of the American people in November. Please support the Nader 2000 campaign.**