

Green Party VP contender: a sensible, revolutionary, wise choice.

We've been here before. 10 years ago, Mr. Hawkins ran against Hillary Clinton. This was for U.S. Senate in New York. Hillary was ripe to be taken down: in her own party an unknown bicyclist Jonathan Tasini fractured the Hillary Clinton stronghold, taking 17% in the Democrat Primary.

Democratic primary 2006			
Party	Candidate	Votes	%
Democratic	Hillary Rodham Clinton (Incumbent)	640,955	83.00%
Democratic	Jonathan B. Tasini	124,999	17.00%
Total votes			

But in the General election Howie Hawkins managed just 1.2% of the vote against Hillary and a weak Republican (31%) John Spencer.

total 2006 New York	U.S. Senate Conservative Republican	John Spencer	1,392,189	31.0
	Green	Howie Hawkins	55,469	1.2
	Democrat Independence Working Families	Hillary Rodham Clinton	3,008,428	67.1

17% anti-Clinton votes within her own primary should have presaged a 10% collection for the Greens. But alas, it was just 1.2% voting for Howie.

For 2016, nothing evidences a fierce federal Hawkins campaign. Not a single statement about the evils of a Clinton presidency, not a single Facebook post about how electing Hillary menaces democracy. (For Greens, a Clinton/Democrat win portends a lock-down worse than a Trump win).

Howie, you are the founder of a party! You have the clout that many of us crave, but you have been unwilling to use it at the federal level. Howie, your passion for local and state issues is hard to match. We believe you should be a federal candidate, but not now. Seven years from now, when you are steeped to national issues, and willing to fight fire with fire, we'd then like to see you as our Vice President. 8.5 years from now, perhaps be our president.

Until then, the Green Party has better choices before you, and we'd like to name a few. A Vice President can resign and is easily replaced, and thus having ALL of these candidates is a wise line-up for the next 8 years:

Mark Stewart Greenstein	7 - 14 months
Ron Paul	18 - 20 months
Ralph Nader	18 - 20 months
Michelle Malkin	18 - 20 months
Mary Ruwart	18 - 20 months
Howie Hawkins	2 - 17 months

Six VPs, each contractually obligated to resign, give the American public better service. As campaigners, they give the Green Party better appeal. And as a marquee succession, this sixsome put on the political map a Green Party that can do more for American than any other party.

Mr. Greenstein has both fire and resourcefulness. Though he lacks a long political track record, he has a long bright one to come. After resigning as Vice President, Mr. Greenstein is committed to campaigning for Governor of Connecticut. He will run as a Democrat AND a Green. If the Libertarians want to add him on their line, they are free to do so. If he loses in the Democrat primary, the Greens STILL get a prominent candidate on the Connecticut ballot -- a former Vice President.

No young party could have a better launch. The others are WELL known, spanning many parties, but united in much of their thought. Each would be contractually obligated to resign within the time frame set out. This is enforceable by the successor and any Green Party delegate selecting this succession in reliance. This VP succession is collective goodness in political practice. The Greens offer America a great opportunity.