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Cuest
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8549 Tahoe Woods Court
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Dear Cuest:

I am writing in response to your May 29th letter asking about the ability to have the terms of office begin on July 2, 1992 for persons elected to county council seats at the June 2 Primary Election.

You had previously advised me that, since the Green Party's bylaws were silent on this issue, you felt that July 20th would be an appropriate date for swearing in county council members. (July 20, of course, is the deadline established in your bylaws for the Secretary of State to send notices of election of county council members to each county election official and to each elected member of these county councils.) I had subsequently communicated that date to several county election officials. However, we see no reason why the requested date of July 2 (30 days after the primary) cannot be accommodated.

In reaching this conclusion, I researched the operative dates for the county central committees of California's other qualified parties, as well as the general provisions relating to the canvass of votes for primary elections. Elections Code sections 6615, 6616 and 17112 direct county election officials to issue certificates of election to county central committee winners immediately upon completion of the official canvass. Elections Code §17088 requires counties to certify election results to the boards of supervisors within 28 days after the election. Elections Code §17091 also requires the counties to give a duplicate of the certified statement of results to the chairs of each party's county central committee. The various party-specific provisions found elsewhere in the Elections Code are consistent with the above deadlines and procedures.

I will provide this information to California's 58 county election officials immediately so that they will be aware of and prepared for certifying the results and producing certificates of election to Green Party county council members by July 2, 1992.

If you need anything further, please feel free to contact me again.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Caren Daniels-Meade in cursive.

Caren Daniels-Meade
Chief, Election Division

cc: 58 county election officials

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