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Resolution to Establish July 14, 2008 as the Caucus Date of the Huron Valley Green Party for the Purpose of Nominating Candidates for the November 4, 2008 General Election Ballot On June 6, 2008, the Ann Arbor caucus of the Huron Valley Greens sent a letter to the City Clerk's Office requesting that City Council set the date for the Green Party caucus for July 14, 2008. By law, minor party candidates are nominated through a caucus process, as opposed to the Primary Election used by the major parties. The candidates nominated by minor parties through the caucus process will appear on the November 4, 2008 General Election ballot. The proposed date of July 14 by the Huron Valley Greens is in conjunction with the Party's semi-monthly meeting scheduled that same day.

Michigan Election Law (MCL 168.646a) states that minor party caucus dates must be set by the local legislative body at least 20 days prior to the caucus. Council's approval of this resolution to establish July 14, 2008 as the Huron Valley Green Party caucus is requested in order to comply with election law.

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Approved by: Roger W. Fraser, City Administrator

Whereas, The attached letter from the Huron Valley Greens indicates the Party's desire to hold their caucus for the November 4, 2008 General Election on Monday, July 14, 2008 in conjunction with their semi-monthly meeting on that same date;

Whereas, Michigan Election law (MCL 168.646a) states that the local legislative body must set the date for nominating minor party candidates by caucus at least 20 days prior to the caucus date; and

Whereas, The date set for minor party caucuses must be no later than the date of the Primary Election, Tuesday, August 5, 2008;

RESOLVED, That City Council establish Monday, July 14, 2008 as the official date of the Caucus of the Huron Valley Greens for the purpose of nominating candidates for city offices to be placed on the ballot for the November 4, 2008 General Election.