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## **GREEN CANDIDATES PLACE STRONGLY IN STATE-LEVEL RACES**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Strong showings by Green Party candidates in state office campaigns are becoming the rule rather than the exception and could be paving the way to November victories. On Tuesday, April 9, Green Party candidate Michael Aleo received 38% in a race for Massachusetts 1st state house district. Earlier this year, on January 29, Joel Sipress received 37% for the Minnesota State Senate District 7.

"This is just the beginning," said Aleo. "Support for the campaign has only increased since the election and we are already getting ready for November. The Greens will pave the way for genuine multi-party politics in Massachusetts."

Both candidates were running head-to-head against established Democrats. Aleo is a political newcomer but was endorsed by a local of the United Auto Workers, as well as by longtime African-American activist and office-holder Mel King. Sipress' race was on the heels of a strong run for City Council in Duluth.

"The Green Party has spent nearly two decades building a strong base at the local level with Green officeholders in cities and counties around the country," said National Green Party Political Coordinator Dean Myerson. "Now we are ready to move strongly to state-level offices to place Greens in state legislatures across the country."

The Green Party will run dozens of candidates for state legislature across the country and is likely to seat some of its candidates in state legislatures this fall. Many more Green candidates will declare in the coming months, as the steady growth of the Green Party in recent years continues.

## MORE INFORMATION

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