



**GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR, STANLEY ARONOWITZ,
CONDEMNS BUSH CALL FOR ARAFAT'S REMOVAL**

New York, June 25th, 2002 – Stanley Aronowitz, the Green Party Candidate for Governor of New York, today condemned President George W. Bush's call for the removal of Chairman Yasser Arafat as head of the Palestinian Authority. Noting that the president's speech constituted a sharp reversal from his comments in April, Aronowitz called President Bush's move a "partisan attempt" to put US foreign policy in the service of political ends by currying favor with American Jewish voters. "For better or worse, Yassar Arafat is the head of the Palestinian Authority," Aronowitz said. "For the US or for that matter Israel to mandate who should guide Palestinian people is antithetical to the establishment of Democracy the President says he seeks in Palestine."

Green Candidate Aronowitz has called for immediate negotiations to coincide with an end to the suicide bombings and Israeli withdrawal from the Occupied Territories. "Only by meeting the twin imperatives of ending the Occupation and ending the suicide bombings will peace have a chance in the region," he said.

Stanley Aronowitz, sociology professor, labor activist, author and cultural critic, won the Green Party nomination for governor with over 70% of the vote at the party's convention in Ithaca on May 25. Aronowitz and the Greens offer New York voters a broad vision of radical democracy that combines opposition to corporate power and the plutocratic corruption of politics with commitment to a sustainable environment, racial equality, feminism, gay liberation, and individual freedom. Aronowitz plans an intensive grass roots campaign that will raise the serious economic, social and ecological issues facing the people of New York State—issues that the Democrats and Republicans have consistently failed to engage.

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