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Documentary film about Native American suffrage Premieres in Las Vegas, NM

RECLAIMING Their VOICE:
The Native American Vote in New Mexico
narrated by Peter Coyote

Monday, August 16, 2010 @ 6:30 – 8:30 pm

New Mexico Highlands University
Leveo Sanchez Lecture Hall (G-35)
(NW Corner of 8th St. & National Ave., Adjacent to Donnelly Library)

FREE Admission

On August 16th, the Las Vegas Peace & Justice Center will co-host Las Vegas' Premiere screening of ***RECLAIMING Their VOICE: The Native American Vote in New Mexico*** (narration by Peter Coyote) -- a new film by OSCAR-nominated, EMMY Award-winning filmmaker, Dorothy Fadiman (*STEALING AMERICA: Vote By Vote*).

RECLAIMING Their VOICE follows people moving from disenfranchisement to becoming politically active. Interviewees include voices from Taos, Ohkay Owingeh, Laguna, Acoma, the Navajo Nation, Chicano/a voices and more. Each story illustrates courageous stances taken by Native Americans, with examples of people stepping forward and speaking out. The film highlights key moments from New Mexico history, including the Pueblo Revolt.

The documentary also follows the Sacred Alliance for Grassroots Equality (SAGE) Council, a diverse group of urban minority activists, in their efforts to protect the sacred rock art of the Petroglyph National Monument from being bisected by a highway.

Another segment of the film documents the Laguna 500 Voter Project. Their goal, which they exceed, is to register at least 500 new voters before the 2004 U.S. presidential election. Their initial frustration, coupled with the awareness of a system that treats them unjustly, gives birth to a movement of deepened commitment and increased involvement. These stories underscore the ways people are working together to improve their lives through education and activism.

Following the screening will be a panel discussion with Dorothy Fadiman (Filmmaker), Pat Leahan (Co-Director of the Las Vegas Peace & Justice Center), and other local activists.

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