

PAT LEAHAN'S BIO



Pat Leahan is Co-Founder and Co-Director of the Las Vegas (NM) Peace & Justice Center. She has been involved in grassroots community advocacy for a number of years, including while doing social work and as a university educator since the 1980s. Pat began doing full-time community organizing in 2004. The model used at the Peace Center is from the Civil Rights Movement whereby the community shapes the work. The Peace Center takes no government or corporate money -- the work is funded by the community and the occasional small grant. Pat has been involved since the early days of the election integrity movement, viewing it as a pivotal justice issue with local and global implications. As one of the co-founders of VerifiedVotingNM and United Voters of NM, she helped bring paper ballot legislation to New Mexico, yet realizes that elections are still not back in the hands of the people. Much still needs to be done, and Pat is appreciative of Dorothy Fadiman and others who keep this issue in the forefront. Pat remains committed to the work of social, economic and environmental justice, and is grateful for the privilege to serve in this way. At <http://lvpeacecenter.org> you can learn more about the work of the Las Vegas Peace & Justice Center.