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David Bacon calls for an economy based on Peace

David Bacon, Green Party candidate for Public Regulation Commission, district 4, is the most recent addition to the growing national Peace Slate, made up predominantly of Green Party candidates for US Congress. The Green Party National Committee will be meeting in Tucson, Arizona, the weekend of July 27-30 to discuss 2006 election policies and strategies, among other things.

Stating his intention to join the Peace Slate, David comments, We have a unique situation here in New Mexico. We are completely capable of creating a nuclear bomb, the only US state to be self sufficient in this area.

From the renewed uranium mining near Mt Taylor, to the uranium enrichment facility being built near Eunice, to so-called pit production in Los Alamos, to the WIPP disposal site at Carlsbad- New Mexico has it all.

And we also have some of the nations highest rates in poverty, malnutrition, and insufficient education. Why we as a people have not heeded Eisenhowers warning about the military industrial complex is beyond me, says David.

New Mexico receives one of the highest amounts of any US state in federal spending on nuclear research and production, to fuel our growing war economy. They are bribing us to poison ourselves and our children, even though we already have enough weaponry to destroy the planet, says David. As a matter of fact, there are more Weapons of Mass Destruction in Albuquerque than in Iraq, he added, referring to the nuclear arsenal at Kirkland Air Force Base.

Sasha Pyle, board member of Nuclear Watch, agreed. She says, David Bacon is an ideal person to help steer the transition *away* from the stranglehold that nuclear weapons have had on our culture, our economy and our environment, and *toward* economic development solutions that are peaceful and profitable.

David Bacon will continue to fight against this unconscionable use of our tax dollars for war, just as he will block every effort to include nuclear power plants on the list of sustainable and alternative power sources. I am completely opposed to New Mexicos status as Americas Nuclear Colony, and I will do all I can to counteract it, promises

David.

Nuclear power is not safe or clean, as some purport, says David. The enrichment process alone releases even more toxic material into our air than a coal fired electric generator.

We are the perfect state to lead the way in true renewables- solar, wind, and biomass are plentiful, and would help create sustainable local jobs. Moving in that direction will be one of my guiding principles as a Commissioner.

for more information on the campaign, see [www.DavidBacon2006.org](http://www.DavidBacon2006.org)

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