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2008 Awards & Accomplishments

CP kept more than 1,500 subscribers up to date on current legislation through our electronic Activist Network.

The *Colorado Springs Business Journal* recognized Citizens Project's Executive Director Barb Van Hoy, Development Director Kristy Milligan and board member Una Ng as "Rising Stars."

Citizens Project's web site averaged 105 unique visitors each day

Our flagship publication, *Freedom Watch*, appeared monthly in the *Colorado Springs Independent* in 2008, reaching over 100,000 readers



★ **Diversity & Equality**



Civic Engagement



Religious Freedom &

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Staff

Barb Van Hoy, Executive Director
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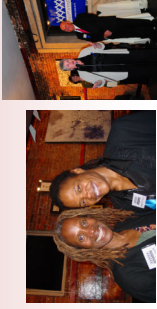
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2008 Annual Report

Diversity & Equality

In 2008 Citizens Project mobilized local citizens to defend equal opportunity and preserve voting rights through public education and policy advocacy.

We played a lead role in defeating a state-wide ballot measure to eliminate equal opportunity programs in public education, employment and contracting. CP formed the El Paso County Voting Rights Coalition that successfully opposed proof of citizenship requirements to register to vote, which would have disenfranchised some elderly, low income and minority citizens.



Citizens Project collaborated with many organizations in 2008 to advance equality, including Pikes Peak Equality Coalition, Colorado Springs Diversity Forum, The Pride Center, NAACP, 9to5, and more!

Civic Engagement

Citizens Project continued its highly respected nonpartisan voter education programs in 2008, which included a candidate forum co-sponsored by the *Colorado Springs Independent* newspaper. It was attended by over 100 people and was featured on KKTV and FOX21 news.



CP's 2008 Voter Guides featured local and state ballot measures as well as a candidate survey of State House, Senate, and El Paso County Commissioner candidates. It was printed in Spanish and English and appeared in the *Colorado Springs Independent*, *Springs Magazine*, and *Hispania News*.



Citizens Project also cosponsored the Election Protection Town Hall meeting with the *Independent* featuring the El Paso County Clerk and Recorder's office.

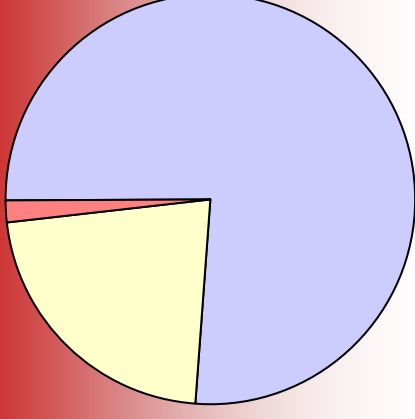
Religious Freedom & Separation of Church and State

In 2008 Citizens Project raised awareness about threats to religious freedom and separation of church and state, and promoted best practices in local schools. Programs included two screenings of the film "Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial," and distribution of guidelines for inclusive holiday practices to all local school districts.



CP maintained a strong voice for religious freedom through feature articles in our newsletter Freedom Watch, including: *Evolution: Only a Theory?*, *A Nation of Christians not the Same as a "Christian Nation"*, *Parents for "Truth"*, and *The Evangelical Right on Gay Marriage*.

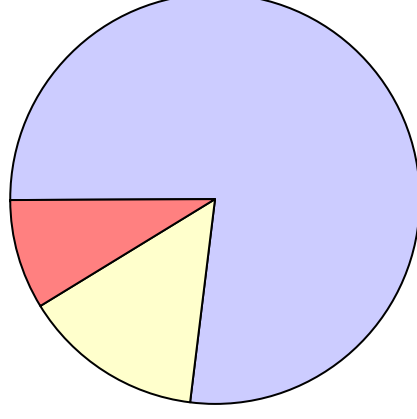
Income



- Individual Donations: \$156,092
- Grants: \$46,000
- Miscellaneous Income: \$3,295

As per generally accepted accounting principles, reported income includes pledges to be paid in the future.

Expenses



- Program Expenses: \$131,845
- Administration: \$24,853
- Fundraising: \$14,676

Mission

Citizens Project spotlights issues in the Pikes Peak region and mobilizes people to strengthen the traditional values of our nation: equal rights, individual freedoms, Separation of Church and State, civic engagement and respect for diversity.

Vision

We envision a Pikes Peak Community that is a vibrant democracy in which equal rights are protected, individual freedoms are secure, and people fully participate in civic and community life.

