



***Carole Lutness*, LCSW, CADC first engaged in social justice work when she was 21 as the only white woman in the Morgantown, W.Va. NAACP. "I saw racism first hand. My African American friends could not use the same bathrooms or water fountains as White people. When we went to a movie, they had to sit in the balcony (of course, so did I) and the 'Colored' High School where I substitute taught had the cast off, torn books from the White high school and not enough desks for the students. Voting was suppressed by having the polling places in 'White ladies' homes." Carole continued her social justice work protesting the Viet Nam War, being engaged with the League of Women Voters in bringing Food Stamps, Day Care for rural poor people, low income housing, GED classes to isolated communities and a myriad of other community organization efforts.**

"I became a Quaker in the late '60s because I believed that killing was wrong. I am a Conscientious Objector and have worked to oppose the Death Penalty and our terrible addiction to war. Quakers believe there is the 'Light of God in Every Man'. I have sought to find that Light and work with what is good in the person. I have always worked to promote justice, equality, diversity, peace and stewardship of the earth." Carole is a Psychiatric Social Worker with the LA County of Department of Mental Health who works with people who recognize they have both a mental health as well as a substance abuse problem. She is Chair of Democratic Neighbors of the 38th AD, the Golden State Jobs Coalition and the SCV Clean Money for Better Government Committee and sits on the Legislative Committees of the LA County Democratic Party and the California Democratic Party. She was the 2008 Democratic Nominee for the 38th Assembly District seat.