

About Peter

Peter Miguel Camejo, a civil rights leader, socially responsible investment pioneer, and magnanimo caballero for third party politics in the US, peacefully passed away early Saturday morning, September 13, 2008, at his home in Folsom, CA with his wife Morella at his side -- only days after completing his autobiography.

Peter was a student leader, civil rights advocate, leader in the socially responsible investment industry, founding Progressive Asset Management, Inc., and author of books on investment and history including *Racism, Revolution, Reaction, 1861-1877: The Rise and Fall of Radical Reconstruction*; *California Under Corporate Rule*; and his recent book, *The SRI Advantage: Why Socially Responsible Investing Has Outperformed Financially*.

Peter used his eloquence, sharp wit, and barnstorming bravado to blaze a trail for 21st century third party politics in the US. He was a third party candidate for state and national office, making three gubernatorial runs in California as a Green, including one in the 2002 election when he earned 5.3 percent of the vote. In the 2003 recall election, he debated Arnold Schwarzenegger, and in the 2004 Presidential election, he was Ralph Nader's running mate as an independent. Among the many causes Peter forcefully championed were a living wage, healthcare for all, and making the US the world leader in renewable energy.

He was also a passionate advocate for electoral reform, pressing for proportional representation and instant run-off voting (allows voters to rank their top choices) in an effort to overturn the "200-year-old dysfunctional money-dominated winner take-all system that disrespects the will of the people." Peter was a politically courageous champion of the downtrodden and mistreated of the entire Western Hemisphere. Everyone who met Peter, talked with Peter, worked with Peter, or argued with Peter, will miss the passing of a great American. - *A modified version of "Remembering Peter Camejo" by Ralph Nader*

Peter was a prominent figure in the youth rebellion of the 1960s, active in the student, civil rights and anti-Vietnam-war movements. He defended the Cuban Revolution and Malcolm X, and he marched with Dr. Martin Luther King at Selma. In the mid-1960s Peter became a major figure in the youth struggles centered at the University of California, Berkeley, and as such he was singled out by then Governor Ronald Reagan as one of the "most dangerous men" in the state. A leading socialist, Peter was the 1976 Presidential candidate of the Socialist Workers Party. He was well-known as a magnetic speaker during the 1960s and 1970s, and captured the imagination of many young people eager for fundamental social change. He worked closely with socialists in other countries and traveled all over the world to exchange ideas, paying particular attention to Spain and Latin America. - *Notes from Gus Horowitz, friend and colleague of Peter in the Socialist Workers Party, 1960-1980.*



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December 31, 1939 - September 13, 2008



**An Inspiring Champion for
Civil Rights and Social Justice**