

# SPEAKERS

BERNADETTE T. VADURRO is a passionate American who grew up in a political household; her maternal grandfather, Frank S. Ortiz was a prominent member of the Republican Party who served as the mayor of Santa Fe in 1948, before she was born. Her father, Nap Benavidez, was a staunch Democrat who helped run local campaigns and who also served as a precinct chairman. As a child she was commissioned with small political projects like stuffing envelopes, passing out bumper stickers and making telephone calls in the days before an election to remind people to get out and vote. Later when she could drive she took election days off to either work the polls or give elderly people rides to vote.

Bernadette is the author of the award winning book, *America's Conscience: Facing Threats to Democracy, the Middle Class and Our World*. The information in this fact filled book should serve as the Democrat handbook for winning 2008. Mrs. Vadurro is the wife of architect Robert Vadurro and the mother of two daughters, Christy and Kate. She is also the grandmother of Summer Elizabeth Brown.



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