

Merriam Park Neighbors for Peace presents:

## Elizabeth de la Vega, author of *United States v. George W. Bush et al.*

**Friday, February 2, 2007**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Weyerhaeuser Chapel, Macalester College  
1600 Grand Avenue, St. Paul, MN**

***What if there was a fraud worse than Enron and  
no one did anything about it?***

***Elizabeth de la Vega, long-time St. Paul resident and former federal  
prosecutor in Minneapolis, does what she knows best in the face of  
gross criminal activity: she convenes a grand jury!***

In *United States v. George W. Bush et al.*, former federal prosecutor Elizabeth de la Vega brings her twenty years of experience and her passion for justice to the most important case of her career. The defendants are George W. Bush, Richard Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Condoleezza Rice, and Colin Powell. The crime is tricking the nation into war, or, in legal terms, conspiracy to defraud the United States. Ms. de la Vega has reviewed the evidence, researched the law, drafted an indictment, and in this lively, accessible book, presented it to a grand jury.

If the indictment and grand jury are both hypothetical, the facts are tragically real: Over half of all Americans believe the president misled the country into a war that has left over 3,000 American soldiers and countless Iraqis dead. The cost is \$350 billion-and counting. Faced with an ongoing crime of such magnitude, de la Vega argues, we cannot simply shrug our shoulders and walk away.

At this February 2 event, Elizabeth de la Vega will speak about her hypothetical indictment and answer questions about her book. The presentation will be followed by a casual reception and book signing. Copies of *United States v. George W. Bush et al.* will be available for purchase.



### About Elizabeth de la Vega



Elizabeth de la Vega, a federal prosecutor for over twenty years, is a graduate of the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor and William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. After law school, she clerked for the late U.S. District Court Judge Robert Renner in St. Paul and then worked for eleven years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Minneapolis,

handling a wide variety of criminal cases, including the Northwest Pilots' Case, the first federal prosecution of commercial pilots for flying under the influence. She now lives in Northern California where she was a member of the Organized Crime Strike Force and branch chief in San Jose, CA.

Since her retirement in 2004, Ms. de la Vega has been a regular contributor to TomDispatch.com. Her articles have also appeared in *The Nation*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, Salon.com, and *Mother Jones*. A frequent guest on talk shows, she has recently appeared on Air America's *The Thom Hartmann Program*, Amy Goodman's *Democracy Now!*, and Comedy Central's *The Colbert Report*.

### Praise for the Book

*"[M]uch more powerful than the 9/11 report.  
A tour de force."*

– Chalmers Johnson, author of  
*Blowback* and *The Sorrows of Empire*

*"Any American patriot who would like to see a grand jury challenge this Administration's blitzkrieg against our constitution will relish Elizabeth de la Vega's book United States v. George W. Bush et al."*

– Edward Asner

*"De la Vega has accomplished an amazing feat with this singularly triumphant presentation of the intersection between political fantasy and legal reality. Reading the delightfully logical and clear-headed United States v. George W. Bush et al. is both incredibly sobering, and yet strangely hopeful."*

– Karen Kwiatkowski, retired U.S. Air Force Lt. Colonel

*"[A] front-row seat for the evidence of violent crimes by high officials of the Bush administration."*

– Ray McGovern, retired CIA Analyst

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