



NOEL R. ROSENBAUM

As a child, Noel always went with her parents to the polls and was allowed to watch them vote. Democratic politics were discussed at the dinner table and, when living in St. Paul, Minnesota, she was introduced to her mother's world of politics which included Hubert Humphrey and Eugene McCarthy. Noel's first chance to vote occurred when she lived in Chicago, Illinois. She arrived at the voting location on the election date and was informed that she had already

voted. When she protested, her child's stroller was pulled away toward the door while she was holding tightly to it and a man whispered in her ear, "You got \$20 in your mailbox, didn't you?" That was her introduction to the Mayor Daley machine!

Noel arrived in El Paso, Texas on May 1, 1982, to work at General Instruments which had a maquila plant in Juarez and a coordinating office and engineering facility in the eastern part of El Paso. She worked as a programmer/analyst, technical writer, and systems analyst for a number of El Paso organizations including Consolidated Data Processing, a department under the El Paso County umbrella which performed IT functions for the City of El Paso, Central Appraisal District, and the County of El Paso.

Noel entered the world of educators when she worked as a lecturer in Computer Information Systems for the UTEP College of Business Administration after which she began her Ph.D. program at Texas Tech in Lubbock. Unfortunately, her second husband's health required that she leave Texas Tech in her second semester there and return to El Paso where her husband died a few months later. She taught as a lecturer at EPCC for a few years and then, upon gaining her certification and license as a public school computer teacher, began her 16-year career as a middle school educator in the Socorro Independent School district.

Her more active and involved political life began once she retired in 2008 from teaching. She and her partner Karl Putnam were instrumental in the fight to shut down ASARCO working with State Sen. Shapleigh, City Councilman Beto O'Rourke and others. She volunteered for Joe Moody's first campaign as State Representative, assisted John Cook in his last campaign for Mayor, and helped numerous Democratic candidates in preparing stationery, thank-you notes, etc. Eventually, Noel became Precinct 20 chair and has been heavily involved in local, state, and national campaigns. Her home has been open to political activity and she has participated in the preparation of numerous El Paso County Democratic Party fundraisers and activities.

In 2010 Westside Democrats of El Paso was organized and Noel has been its treasurer since its inception. She walks the walk and talks the talk of a solidly committed Democrat!