



John Bonifaz

Democrat for Secretary of State

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DFA Cambridge, Social Workers Endorse Bonifaz

BOSTON – The Cambridge chapter of Democracy for America (DFA) voted unanimously to endorse Democratic candidate John Bonifaz for Secretary of State. The Massachusetts Chapter of the National Organization of Social Workers (NASW) has also voted to endorse Bonifaz.

“John Bonifaz has been a steadfast supporter of progressive voting rights and electoral reform,” said Shai Sachs, chair of DFA Cambridge, on the organization’s web site. “He has been tireless in his advocacy for expanded access to the ballot and to the polling place.”

NASW, which has 150,000 members nationwide and over 8,300 in Massachusetts, made its endorsement of Bonifaz official last week.

“John's record as a political activist and organizer reflects a real commitment to creating a climate of social justice, the basis for a stronger future for Massachusetts,” said Sallye Bleiberg of MA PACE, NASW's political action committee.

The Bonifaz endorsement is part of NASW’s grassroots campaign to elect public officials who acknowledge the importance of access to affordable health care, the availability of social services and family supports, and protecting civil rights.

“It is an honor to receive the endorsement of both DFA Cambridge and NASW-Massachusetts Chapter,” said Bonifaz. “The support of these groups and their members adds to a growing grassroots campaign focused on preserving voting rights and strengthening our democracy for all Massachusetts residents.”

The first candidate to officially declare his candidacy for Secretary of State, Bonifaz launched his campaign last December. He founded the National Voting Rights Institute in 1994 and defended the Massachusetts Clean Elections Law, passed overwhelmingly by voters in 1998, against a Legislature that turned its back on the voters it represents and refused to fund the law.

For over a decade, Bonifaz has been a powerful voice and dedicated leader working with people throughout Massachusetts and across the country to protect the right to vote, demand a full recount in Ohio, overhaul the nation's campaign finance system and broaden citizen participation in the democratic process.

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