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Bonifaz Secures Major Victory at Democratic Convention

- Earns Nearly 30% of Delegate Vote, Twice as Much as Needed to Get on Ballot -

BOSTON – John Bonifaz, Democratic candidate for Secretary of State, scored a major victory at the Democratic Convention this weekend in Worcester when he earned 29.3% of the delegate vote, nearly twice as much as the 15% required to get on the September Primary ballot.

“I’m humbled and honored by the support of delegates from around the Commonwealth,” said Bonifaz. “It shows the power of this grassroots campaign. To garner nearly twice as much as was needed against a 12-year incumbent sends a loud and pointed message about the need for an open and honest discussion about our democracy, corporate accountability and small businesses – the lifeblood of our economy.”

Bonifaz’s success in eclipsing the required 15% cut across the Commonwealth. He received more than 15% of the delegate vote in 30 of the 40 Senate districts and more than 30% in 17 districts. In addition, Bonifaz defeated Galvin in four districts, Hampshire-Franklin (68.33% of the vote), 2nd Suffolk (63.54%), 2nd Suffolk-Middlesex (52.14%) and Cape & Islands (52.07%).

“As I’ve traveled the state,” Bonifaz said in his speech to delegates, “I have heard many Democrats say that they believe that voters should have choices, that elections should be contests of ideas, and that competition is healthy for our democracy. I have heard many say that politics has moved away from the people, that our system is too dominated by big money, and that the voices of ordinary citizens are being drowned out. And I have heard many say that they are ready for a fresh wind of change.”

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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