



**John Bonifaz**

Democrat for Secretary of the Commonwealth

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Voters to Power*

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## **Progressive Democrats of Somerville Endorse Bonifaz**

**BOSTON** – John Bonifaz, Democratic candidate for Massachusetts Secretary of State and the first Latino to run for statewide office, has been endorsed by Progressive Democrats of Somerville (PDS), a chapter of Democracy for America.

“John Bonifaz stands for accountability and open government, which are the cornerstone principles upon which PDS was founded,” explained Katie Wallace, chairperson of Progressive Democrats of Somerville, on the group’s endorsement of Bonifaz. “His Voters’ Bill of Rights brings attention to an important dialogue on the future of voting in this state and this nation. John is a national leader on these issues and we are pleased to give him our endorsement.”

“It is an honor to receive the endorsement of Progressive Democrats of Somerville,” said Bonifaz. “The group’s support, and that of its members, is another in the many signs that voters are looking for change this election year. I appreciate its endorsement of our shared vision for the Secretary of State’s office.

“As Secretary, I will protect our right to vote, strengthen our democracy, increase corporate social responsibility, and make our government more accessible: to small businesses – the lifeblood of our economy – when seeking to operate in the state; to citizens seeking access to public records; and to people who have been traditionally locked out of the political process.”

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. Bonifaz has also worked to hold corporations accountable for their actions, having sued both Texaco and Unocal for environmental and human rights violations, respectively.

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