



John Bonifaz

Democrat for Secretary of the Commonwealth

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Asian Pacific American Agenda PAC Endorses Bonifaz

BOSTON – John Bonifaz, Democratic candidate for Massachusetts Secretary of State and the first Latino to run for statewide office, has been endorsed by the Asian Pacific American Agenda’s Political Action Committee (APAA PAC).

“We are pleased to be able to offer John Bonifaz our endorsement,” said APAA PAC president Chi Chi Wu. “Our group focuses on advancing the interests of Asian Pacific Americans in Massachusetts politics, especially concerning the issues of civil rights, economic development, education, human services and political/community empowerment. John has demonstrated his understanding and commitment to the issues of importance to our community.”

Candidates for Massachusetts Secretary of State were rated based on their responses to a detailed questionnaire on the issues of importance to the group. Bonifaz’s responses were rated “Excellent,” while his opponent, Bill Galvin, was rated “Unsatisfactory.” Galvin failed to respond to the questionnaire.

“I am honored to receive the endorsement of the Asian Pacific American Agenda PAC,” said Bonifaz. “As Secretary, I will protect our right to vote, promote greater corporate citizenship, make our government more accessible to all communities and the small businesses that serve them, and engage with people who have been traditionally locked out of the political process.

“I appreciate APAA PAC’s endorsement, not only as a vote of confidence in our vision for the Secretary’s office, but as another partnership in this statewide grassroots campaign.”

APAA PAC joins the growing list of John Bonifaz’s endorsers that includes Congressmen John Conyers Jr. and Jesse Jackson Jr., Boston At-Large City Councilor Felix Arroyo, 21st Century Democrats, the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers and numerous local chapters of Democracy for America and Progressive Democrats.

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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