



John Bonifaz

Democrat for Secretary of the Commonwealth

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Voters to Power*

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Rev. Jesse Jackson Endorses John Bonifaz

BOSTON – John Bonifaz, Democratic candidate for Massachusetts Secretary of State and the first Latino to run for statewide office, was heartily endorsed today by the Reverend Jesse Jackson Sr.

"John Bonifaz as Secretary of State would be the antidote to Katherine Harris and Ken Blackwell," said Rev. Jackson. "His leadership in protecting our right to vote will make us all proud.

"John was there for all of us before George W. Bush launched his disastrous Iraq War, when John stood up and sued to try to stop the war under the U.S. Constitution. John was there for us in Ohio, when he stood up in 2004 to count every vote. Next Tuesday, if we want fair and democratic elections, we should stand up for John.

"The right to vote is the foundation stone of our democracy, and John has fought, time and time again, to make a fair and equal vote for everyone a reality. John Bonifaz is a fighter for justice. The voters of Massachusetts have a rare privilege next Tuesday, September 19th. They can cast their votes for a true freedom fighter. I encourage them to vote for John Bonifaz for Massachusetts Secretary of State."

On Thursday, in Springfield, John will again speak to this issue at the final scheduled debate, where he will discuss how the Bush Justice Department has had to sue to enforce voting rights for Latino voters and other language minorities in Massachusetts.

"I am deeply honored to receive the endorsement of Reverend Jackson," said Bonifaz. "His leadership and continuing fight for justice around the world has been an inspiration to generations. I am proud to stand with him in the fight for democracy here at home."

The first candidate to officially declare his candidacy for Secretary of State, Bonifaz launched his campaign last December. 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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