



John Bonifaz

Democrat for Secretary of the Commonwealth

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Voters to Power*

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¿Oiste? Endorses John Bonifaz

BOSTON – John Bonifaz, Democratic candidate for Massachusetts Secretary of State, was endorsed today by ¿Oiste?, the Massachusetts Latino Political Organization.

"John Bonifaz is the first Latino to run for statewide office in Massachusetts," read the endorsement statement. "Bonifaz epitomizes the ideal Latino candidate that ¿Oiste? wishes to promote. He has strong credentials, unquestionable integrity - with no fear of taking firm positions on controversial issues – and is extremely knowledgeable of the electoral system and government.

"Bonifaz has a wealth of experience in the area of voting and civil rights, is committed to democracy and has a passion for justice, with a solid history of experience with the Latino community and communities of color in general.

"Bonifaz has a strong record of working with Latinos in the state of Massachusetts on several voting rights issue claims. The Department of Justice has launched several investigations on voting rights violations against communities of color in Massachusetts with many of these violations coming against Latinos.

"Therefore, it is imperative that we elect a Secretary of State that is willing to have an open door policy and be receptive to ensuring that democracy is working for all Massachusetts citizens, regardless of their language. We cannot afford to continue spending taxpayer dollars on expensive court costs to resolve voting rights claims. For these reasons, ¿Oiste? endorses John Bonifaz for Secretary of the Commonwealth and encourages everyone to vote for Bonifaz on September 19."

"I am honored to receive the endorsement of ¿Oiste?," said Bonifaz. "The organization is devoted to empowering, educating and advancing the political power of Latinos throughout Massachusetts, and I share its vision of a more inclusive democracy. I am proud to receive its support."

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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