



Alan Khazei's Approach to BIG CITIZENSHIP: A Blueprint for American Policy

Major Policy Summaries:

- *Creating Jobs & Growing the Economy*
- *Clean Energy Jobs & Climate Change*
- *Comprehensive Health Care Reform*
- *Comprehensive Innovative Education Reform*
- *Redefining America's Mission in Afghanistan*

Plus where Alan stands on the other major issues



ABOUT ALAN KHAZEI

Alan Khazei, a son of immigrants and a Harvard graduate, co-founded City Year in Boston as a model domestic Peace Corps. President Bill Clinton was inspired by City Year to create AmeriCorps and, as a result, 575,000 Americans have contributed 700 million hours of service educating our children, conserving our environment, and fighting poverty. In 2006, US News and World Report named Alan one of America's 25 Best Leaders, and the Boston Globe Magazine identified him as one of 11 Bostonians Changing the World. In 2008, the NonProfit Times named Alan Khazei an Executive of the Year.

THE BOSTON GLOBE EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENT

For Democrats – Alan Khazei for Senate

November 29, 2009

“Khazei promises to apply the same principles to other issues, believing that building a grassroots network for change while demonstrating both commitment and a willingness to compromise in pursuit of common ground can break down political barriers. This isn't just hopeful rhetoric. Khazei speaks admiringly of streetwise education reformers who, having seen challenging conditions in urban classrooms, dreamed up such innovations as charter schools and Teach for America. Along the way, these activists had to elbow their way around established interest groups that tried to squeeze them out of the policy debate. With the support of an energetic and idealistic senator, public policy can flourish.”

THE BOSTON GLOBE

General Wesley Clark endorses Khazei

Matt Viser, November 30, 2009

“He has taken the time to study the situation in Afghanistan,” Clark continued. “Rather than make the easy appeal of simply bringing our troops home, Alan has done the hard work of detailing how to do so while insuring Afghanistan does not once again become a haven for terrorists. And, at the same time, Alan presents a comprehensive strategy for defeating the terrorists globally. Alan, more than anyone else running for Senate in Massachusetts, presented a detailed approach and compelling, new ideas for accomplishing our goals.”

NEWSWEEK

TEDDY'S RIGHTFUL HEIR Alan Khazei Should Get His Seat

Jonathan Alter, October 31, 2009

You may remember a photo of Kennedy wearing a bright-red jacket when he came home from the hospital. The jacket came from City Year, the pioneering national-service program Khazei co-founded in 1988. Bill Clinton used City Year as the prototype for AmeriCorps, which is now nearing 600,000 Americans enrolled. After helping to save AmeriCorps when the Republicans threatened it with extinction, Khazei worked closely with Kennedy on a big expansion of the program that Obama signed this past spring. Khazei is running a Mr. Smith Goes to Washington campaign and already has thousands of young volunteers. More important, he's the only candidate in Massachusetts who stands fully with the president on education”

Alan Khazei's Plan to Create Over 8 Million Jobs in America

As a U.S. Senator, Alan's number-one priority will be to create good paying jobs for the people of Massachusetts and America. With unemployment rates in double digits, the families and businesses of our Commonwealth are hurting. We need bold action and we need it now. Alan is the only candidate for U.S. Senate who has called for a second stimulus focused entirely on increasing consumer spending and creating jobs.

1. STABILIZE THE HOUSING MARKET:

- Keep Americans in their homes by giving courts the ability to align homeowners' mortgages with their property values.
- Create a Home Price Insurance Program to bring buyers back to the market.
- Restoring home values will give consumers confidence to spend again.

2. REWARD JOB CREATION WITH A NEW JOBS TAX CREDIT:

- Establish a Job Creation Tax Credit.
- Refund 15% of additions to payroll in 2010 and 10% in 2011.
- EPI economists estimate this would create between 3.0 and 5.1 million jobs.

3. INCREASE ACCESS TO CAPITAL, TAX BENEFITS & SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESS:

- Increase the Job Creation Tax Credit for small businesses to 15% for both years.
- Create a \$5 billion loan fund for small businesses.
- Extend the temporary doubling of expense write-offs and accelerated depreciation.
- Establish a federal commission to support and invest in women- and minority-owned businesses.

4. GROW NONPROFIT JOB OPPORTUNITIES & SUPPORT SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURS:

- Fully fund the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act to add 175,000 AmeriCorps members.
- Create a \$5 billion nonprofit loan fund to increase jobs and employment opportunities for low-income Americans.
- Fully fund the White House Social Innovation Fund.

5. CREATE JOBS BY INVESTING IN CLEAN ENERGY & ENERGY EFFICIENCY:

- Pass clean energy legislation to create up to 1.9 million jobs.
- Establish the Clean Energy Institute and quadruple the U.S. investment in clean energy research to \$20 billion.
- Support the Home Star program to provide consumer rebates for home energy efficiency projects and invest to develop a Home Star Certified Energy Efficiency workforce, which would create 500,000 jobs.
- Establish efficiency standards for buildings.

6. PROTECT AND CREATE JOBS IN OUR CITIES & TOWNS:

- Provide \$25 billion in aid to our cities and towns to avoid layoffs and cutbacks in schools, police and fire departments, preserving over 600,000 jobs.
- Develop a Solar on Schools Program to finance solar power for schools and public buildings to create over 250,000 jobs and lower energy costs for cities and towns.

Alan Khazei's Plan to Create Clean Energy Jobs & Stop Climate Change

Solving the crisis of climate change provides an opportunity for a clean energy jobs revolution. America's dependence on fossil fuels poisons our environment, weakens our economy, and undermines our national security. We must create new businesses through clean energy solutions, which have the potential to create millions of jobs for Americans. Massachusetts is a pioneer in cutting-edge science and technology, and we can create high-skill, high-paying jobs that help preserve our environment while growing our economy.

1. PASS CLEAN ENERGY LEGISLATION NOW:

- Put a price on carbon pollution.
- Commit to a reduction in CO₂ emissions.
- Create clean energy jobs.

2. INVEST IN RENEWABLES:

- Support the development of clean renewable energy technologies, including Cape Wind and biofuels.
- Invest in a Solar on Schools Program with a \$5 billion loan and loan guarantee fund.

3. QUADRUPLE CLEAN ENERGY R&D:

- Increase U.S. investment in clean energy research to \$20 billion a year.
- Allow citizens to invest in Clean Energy Independence Bonds.

4. CLOSE THE COMMERCIALIZATION GAP:

- Create a Clean Energy Institute.
- Accelerate the commercialization of new energy technologies from the research lab to new industries, businesses and jobs.

5. IMPROVE EFFICIENCY:

- Develop the Home Star Program and Home Star Training and Certification Promotion.
- Increase energy efficiency standards for utilities to 15% by 2020.
- Develop and mandate energy efficiency standards for commercial buildings.
- Increase support for nonprofit organizations focused on efficiency.

6. END BIG OIL SUBSIDIES:

- Pay for these investments to retake America's lead in the clean energy revolution through:
 - reducing fossil fuel subsidies
 - rebalancing federal R&D spending
 - carbon permit revenues
 - returns from clean energy co-investments.

Alan Khazei's Plan to Improve Health Care Access, Quality & Affordability

Alan is the son of a doctor and a nurse who both went into medicine to care for people and save lives. Health care is personal for him, and he views health care reform as both a moral imperative and an economic necessity. Too many families do not have health insurance at all, and even those that do sometimes find in their greatest hour of need, their coverage is not adequate. As an entrepreneur and someone who grew an enterprise from two co-founders to thousands of employees, Alan knows firsthand how rising insurance premiums impact a business' ability to make payroll or invest in growth.

Alan's goals are to pass health insurance reform so all Americans have access to quality health care, to insure that patient's rights to quality health care are guaranteed, and that no one in America will ever again go bankrupt because they lost their health insurance. Alan supports a public option to make sure insurance companies have real competition, and to simultaneously improve quality of care and patient safety while dramatically lowering the cost of our health care system.

1. CREATE REAL COMPETITION:

- Enact comprehensive reform that ends insurance company abuse and guarantees coverage regardless of health status.
- Include a strong public option to provide real competition and control costs.
- Establish insurance exchanges to give individuals and small businesses group rates.
- Eliminate the anti-trust exemption for health insurance companies.

2. REFORM THE DYSFUNCTIONAL MALPRACTICE SYSTEM:

- Improve patient safety.
- Ensure that all patients who are injured receive fair and fast compensation.
- Attack the root cause of defensive medicine through innovative medical malpractice reform.

3. IDENTIFY & PROMOTE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT & COST-SAVING OPPORTUNITIES:

- Create an Independent Health Care Quality Council to identify and promote best practices for improving care and reducing costs
- Highlight regional differences in health care treatment and spending.

4. REDUCE CHRONIC DISEASE AND TREATMENT COSTS:

- Identify, support and reward innovative solutions for reducing obesity, smoking and other behavioral drivers of health care costs.
- Create a \$1 billion *Race to Good Health* to reward innovate programs.
- Create a national campaign to promote successful workplace health initiatives.

5. PUT CITIZENS' INTEREST OVER SPECIAL INTERESTS

- Fight the health care lobbyists.
- Pass more aggressive campaign finance reform.
- Finance the plan through savings, mandates and taxing gold-plated health plans.

Alan Khazei's Plan for Comprehensive Innovative Education Reform

As U.S. Senator, Alan Khazei will help lead a fight in the Senate and a movement across America to make a quality education the defining civil rights and jobs issue of the 21st century. Alan's goals are to close the achievement gap and provide every child and young person in our country with quality, affordable early learning, K-12 public education, and post-secondary education.

1. UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO QUALITY, AFFORDABLE EARLY CHILDHOOD LEARNING:

- Create a \$10 billion, 10-year Early Learning Challenge Fund.
- Require 25% of all Child Care and Development Fund money to be used for early-morning and after-school care at high-quality Pre-K and Head Start settings.
- Invest in educator quality for early learning with \$1 billion over 5 years.

2. SUPPORT TEACHING PROFESSIONALS:

- Make teaching and educational leadership one of our most respected and revered professions.
- Fight for a quality teacher in every classroom and a quality leader in every school by doubling the federal investment in teacher and school leadership quality.
- Reward our most successful educators.
- Focusing investments on reform and results.

3. SUPPORT INNOVATION & INVEST IN WHAT WORKS AT SCALE:

- Double the federal charter school investment to support expansion of high-quality charter schools.
- Make similar investments over the next five years to expand other high-quality public schools.
- Expand the school day and year.
- Enact and fund the TIME Act.
- Modernize school buildings and create jobs while making schools vibrant centers of their community.
- Pass the SAFRA Act to generate \$4 billion this year for education reform.

4. REAUTHORIZE THE ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION ACT TO REPLACE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND:

- Build on the strengths and fix the failures of NCLB by doubling federal funding for teacher and school leader quality.
- Invest in high-quality, useful assessments aligned to rigorous, common standards.
- Focus accountability on student improvement and not just proficiency targets.
- Turn around our lowest-performing schools.

5. MAKE A COLLEGE EDUCATION AFFORDABLE TO EVERY AMERICAN WHO WANTS ONE:

- Pay the full costs of college (up to \$10,000 per year) for each year of community or national service.
- Substantially increase Pell Grants and reduce interest on student loans.
- Substantially simplify the FAFSA forms and invest in community colleges.

Alan Khazei's Ten Point Strategy to Redefine America's Mission

Alan believes that neither increasing American troops and continuing military operations nor withdrawing American troops over night and leaving Afghanistan vulnerable to become a haven for terrorists are good options. Alan believes we need a third way that responsibly executes a smart, comprehensive counterterrorism strategy, helps to train the Afghan people to secure themselves, and ultimately leads to an end of our large scale military involvement there. At a major address at Harvard on November 16, 2009.

1. We should go back to our original mission of destroying Al Qaeda and ensuring that Afghanistan not become a haven for terrorists.
2. We should set a timetable for transferring counter insurgency operations from American and International forces to the Afghan government.
3. We should encourage the opposition led by Abdullah Abdullah and others to make their voices heard and keep the pressure on the Karzai government from within.
4. We must insist that Karzai take clear and demonstrable action to weed out corrupt officials in his government and replace them with people of integrity and competence.
5. As we push Karzai to allow for an opposition to exist as does any good democracy, we must also push the Karzai government toward negotiating with some of the elements known too broadly as "The Taliban."
6. Rather than imposing a western style democracy on Afghanistan, we need to be more cognizant of Afghan traditions and encourage their own representative democratic tradition, the Afghan tribal, bottom-up system of the Loya Jirga grand council.
7. We need to support economic development. That means building more roads, bridges, schools, hospitals and micro-enterprises as an alternative to selling opium and fully fund and rapidly develop the new Civilian Response Corps.
8. We need to focus on destroying Al Qaeda globally by expanding our use of intelligence, Special Forces and drone attacks. We should explore creating a New International Counter Terrorism Organization, a 21st century version of NATO for counter terrorism.
9. As we draw down our commitment in Afghanistan, we need to refocus our efforts in Pakistan and do everything we can to support the new democracy there.
10. We need to support our veterans and military families, who are carrying an extraordinary burden because of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Where Alan Stands...

On Foreign Policy

Alan understands that the global issues we confront are deeply interrelated and cannot be solved by military means or by unilateralism alone. He believes the U.S. must continue to lead and work in concert with our allies.

On Middle East Policy

Alan will advocate to make progress in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict a central diplomatic priority and supports a coordinated strategy with our allies to improve Israel's relations with other Middle East states - enabling greater economic and political cooperation across the region.

On Gambling

Alan opposes predatory gambling, casinos and slot machines in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

On Veterans & Military Families

Alan will ensure that veterans receive world-class health and medical care, that they are provided with the most effective tools and resources when reintegrating back into civilian life, and that their families receive care and support for their own unique sacrifices.

On LGBTQ Issues

Alan will work hard to ensure that all LGBTQ Americans win the right to marry whom they choose, adopt children, and receive the equal benefits and equal wages they deserve.

On Reproductive Rights

Alan strongly supports the principles established in Roe vs. Wade and will fight to ensure they are protected by supporting judicial nominees with the same commitment. He will work to ensure that women have access to reproductive health care.

On Work-Life Balance

Alan supports government efforts to help our workers balance the dual demands of work and family so that they never have to choose between them.

On Pay Equality

Alan supports the Paycheck Fairness Act to deter wage discrimination by closing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act and barring retaliation against workers who disclose their wages. In addition, Alan

will fight for policies that address all forms of gender discrimination, including pregnancy discrimination and sexual harassment.

On Comprehensive Immigration Reform:

Alan believes we should allow undocumented immigrants to earn citizenship. We need to do a better job securing our border, verify workers' employment eligibility, and punish employers who knowingly violate our laws. We should also work to encourage economic development abroad so that foreign citizens are able to enjoy greater opportunities at home.

On Federal Funding for Stem-Cell Research:

Alan will champion stem-cell research, which holds great promise to cure life-threatening diseases. Federal funding will galvanize stem-cell research, save thousands of lives, and bring high-quality jobs to our Commonwealth.

On the Death Penalty:

Alan strongly opposes the death penalty. It is ineffective, costly, and just plain wrong. Alan trusts the security of our prisons, and believes the death penalty has no place in 21st -century America.

On Gun Control:

Alan supports common-sense gun laws and ownership for responsible citizens.

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