



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 grass-roots 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.”

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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”



WEST ROXBURY TRANSCRIPT EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENT

Editorial: Khazei, Brown for U.S. Senate primaries

December 3, 2009

“For the Democratic primary, the Transcript is endorsing City Year co- founder Alan Khazei. Khazei knows how to create programs from the ground up and could be a fresh face in the U.S. Senate, who has shown a history of working with both Democrats and Republicans. His ability to reach across the aisles was exhibited when he worked on three major pieces of legislation regarding service in America, and specifically the Serve America Act. Khazei supports health-care and health insurance reform, and would like to see medical malpractice reform, too. Financially speaking, Khazei said he’d like to change credit card rates, i.e. the fine print that has created many problems for many Americans that led to our recession.”

WORCESTER TELEGRAM & GAZETTE EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENT

Choices for Senate: Khazei, Brown most likely to define key issues

December 2, 2009

“The difference, we believe, lies with intangibles, a sense of which of the candidates would be most likely both to meet the challenge of service in the Senate and also add something new. Ms. Coakley, Mr. Capuano and Mr. Pagliuca have all achieved much in their respective positions, and possess attributes that would serve them well in the Senate. But Mr. Khazei appears to offer something a bit different. He has a deeply genuine and expansive vision of public service that he calls “Big Citizenship,” and speaks of creating an “opportunity society.” He is a student of history who has traveled widely, has dealt with power brokers on both sides of the political aisle, and is a man who has retained the youthful energy that led him to co-found City Year.”

BLUE MASS. GROUP EDITORIAL ENDORSEMENT

BMG Endorses Alan Khazei for U.S. Senate

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“Finally, we cannot resist noting that whatever Khazei accomplishes in the primary will be a fine testament to the kind of people-powered politics that we think can only make the political system healthier. Khazei voters, whatever their final number, support him over the guy who carpet-bombed the airwaves with unlimited funds, the sitting A.G. with pre-existing name recognition and a statewide organization already in place, and the sitting congressman with the federal campaign account ready to go. Khazei is earning his voters by motivating a lot of volunteers to knock on a lot of doors and talk people into voting for their candidate. (In fact, his ground game, put together from scratch very quickly, may already lead the pack with a week to go.) If that works, it will bode well for the kind of change that Khazei says he wants to bring to the Bay State and to Washington. We hope he can pull it off.”