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ALAN KHAZEI'S CITIZEN-ENERGIZED MOVEMENT CONTINUES TO GAIN MOMENTUM

BOSTON – Candidate for U.S. Senate and co-founder of City Year Alan Khazei and his citizen-led movement continues to gain momentum throughout the state. In the past week, the Khazei campaign achieved several milestones that signify the rapid growth of their citizen-led, citizen-energized, and citizen-financed efforts.

On Monday, October 19th, more than 500 women attended the Citizens for Alan Khazei Women's Forum, which was developed and co-chaired by over 125 women leaders from across the Commonwealth and the country. The Citizens for Alan Khazei campaign demonstrated the strong support he is receiving among women across the state.

On Tuesday, October 20th, the Khazei campaign submitted over 29,000 petition signatures to nearly 300 cities and towns throughout the Commonwealth. The petition signatures are a significant marker for the campaign as it will secure Khazei on the ballot for the December 8th Democratic primary election.

On Wednesday, October 21st, the Council for a Livable World endorsed Alan Khazei for US Senate. The Council for a Livable World is a nonprofit, non-partisan advocacy organization that has been dedicated to reducing the danger of nuclear weapons and increasing national security for the last five decades.

The Executive Director of the Council for a Livable World, John Isaacs stated, "Alan Khazei has a track record on these issues and a deep understanding of the danger of nuclear weapons. Just as our organization came out early and supported Barack Obama both in his US Senate race and his Presidential bid, and now we are excited to support Alan Khazei."

In addition to Wednesday's endorsement, Boston Globe reporter Scot Lehigh wrote an opinion article entitled '*Khazei's Dynamic Flair*' that highlights the energetic growth of the Citizens for Alan Khazei campaign. Lehigh, who attended the Democratic Forum in North Andover last week, wrote, "Khazei is just the kind of public-spirited figure voters often say they want in politics. He deserves a closer look."

On Thursday, October 22nd, Khazei discussed his platform on improving educational quality and opportunity for all Commonwealth students. The event was held at TechBoston Academy in Dorchester, where Khazei was be joined by Suffolk County Sheriff, Andrea Cabral; founder and CEO of Citizen Schools, Eric Schwarz.*

Khazei said, "My plan outlines the need for the following: we need to invest in early childhood education; support efforts to recruit and retain great teachers and school leaders: support innovation and invest in scaling what works and stop wasting money on what doesn't; reform No Child Left Behind; and improve access to affordable, higher education."

Tomorrow, Saturday, October 24th, Khazei will kick off 'Make a Difference Day' by attending a campaign event titled 'Big Citizens at Work' at 11:00AM, Shubow Park, 1820 Commonwealth Avenue, Brighton, MA.

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