

# FAIR ELECTIONS NOW

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## Latinos support FAIR ELECTIONS

- ◆ Mexican American Legal Defense & Educational Fund (MALDEF)
- ◆ Dolores C. Huerta Foundation
- ◆ William C. Velasquez Institute

## Latinos benefit from FAIR ELECTIONS

- ◆ The number of Latino and Native American candidates running for office nearly tripled the first year Fair Elections went fully into effect in Arizona to 37 in 2002.
- ◆ 71% of Latinos elected to the current Arizona state legislature used Fair Elections.
- ◆ Rep. Kelvin Roldan (D), youngest Hispanic ever elected to Connecticut's legislature, used Fair Election funds: "I'm concentrating now on talking to my constituents. Isn't that what Democracy is all about?"

*"The Fair Elections Now Act will help change the face of our democracy. It will empower people from all walks of life to be more active in the political process. People will be able to run based on their experience and support from their community, and not their ability to raise tens of thousands of dollars."*

**Dolores Huerta**  
Co-founder, United Farm Workers

## FAIR ELECTIONS NOW ACT, H.R. 1826

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### How it works:

- ✓ Candidates would swear off corporate and union contributions and accept only small, individual, in-state donations --\$100 or less.
- ✓ To qualify, House candidates must collect 1,500 in-state contributions, \$100 or less, for a total of at least \$50,000.
- ✓ Participating House candidates would receive initial Fair Elections funding estimated at \$900,000:
  - ✓ 40% (\$360,000) for the primary, and if they win...
  - ✓ 60% (\$540,000) for the general
- ✓ Participating House candidates would receive additional funds—\$4 for each \$1 raised in small-dollar (\$100 or less), in-state donations. This creates an incentive for candidates to connect with their constituents, and prepares for opponent and independent expenditures.
- ✓ NO TAXPAYER FUNDS will be used. The Fair Election Fund would come from a fee on the largest government contracts. Estimated costs: \$700 million/year.