



Tea Party Boise Endorses Raul Labrador for Congress

Rationale for Endorsing Labrador

Since our formation as a Constitutional movement, TPB has remained non-partisan in its statements and activities, favoring no political party. We remain committed to that philosophy in all we do. We believe that principle is far more important than party.

After numerous events and efforts to evaluate where the candidates from all parties stand on issues important to our members and conservatives in general, TPB has determined that **Raul Labrador** is the best candidate running for the First Congressional seat, to oppose Rep. Walt Minnick in the November general election.

In keeping with a key 2010 mission for TPB of “influencing elections” on behalf of our principles, members and our Constitution, and after an exhaustive evaluation process, including the National Candidate Report Card, the Idaho Congressional Forum, the Idaho Debates and also the candidates statements since that time, we have decided to support Raul Labrador for Congress, for the following reasons:

1. We feel there is a clear choice in the Republican Primary race, between Vaughn Ward and Raul Labrador. While both are vocally conservative in their positions, **Labrador clearly has more experience and more consistent alignment with the positions taken by TPB and our membership. He is also a strong, consistent conservative, willing to challenge his own party in Idaho on issues that we share. His long-time residency in Idaho and service in the State Legislature has better prepared him to serve his constituents well.**
2. **TPB believes that Raul Labrador understands the issues facing Idahoans and America today, far better than his opponent, and will be the strongest candidate to challenge Rep. Minnick in November.**

Summary

We believe this decision is clearly in alignment with our Principles, our founding documents and statements and our stance on important issues.



TPB Criteria for Supporting Labrador

Why TPB supports Labrador

Legend



Aligns with TPB



Does NOT align with TPB

Issue / Position on which TPB decision was made	Raul Labrador	Vaughn Ward	Tea Party Boise Position
U. S. House of Representatives – Dist 1			
Do you support a Constitutional Amendment imposing term limits on Senators and Congressmen?	NO (Stated in Idaho Debates)	YES (Stated in Idaho Debates)	91.4% of TPB Members support term limits for House and Senate members
Will you support the Repeal of the 17th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution?	YES	NO (Reversed previous position)	TPB strongly supports the Repeal of the 17 th Amendment, returning the selection of U.S. Senators to the state legislature, which was the original structure set out by our Founders, securing the protection of State's rights.
Ban ALL Earmarks COMPLETELY	YES	YES "Except for unfunded mandates"	93.7% of TPB Members oppose earmarks, even if they benefit Idaho 96.7% of TPB Members feel that earmarks are used to buy votes
Do you support replacing the current "progressive" income tax with a "Fair, Flat or Consumer" tax system?	YES	NOT SURE	TPB opposes our current tax system, where nearly 47% of Americans pay NO income tax and we favor replacing it with one of these options.
Do you favor a return to the "Gold Standard" for our currency?	YES	NO	TPB feels that the Federal Reserve has had a negative influence on our money which has lead to an unstable currency. We support the Gold Standard
Do you support the elimination of Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae?	YES	NO	These two government-operated banks were major contributors to the

			financial collapse of 2009. They are corrupt. They have also been excluded by Congress from any of the pending federal regulatory changes.
Should the U.S. withdraw from the United Nations?	YES	NO	The U.S. contributes disproportionately to the U.N., which we consider a corrupt and illegitimate world body. The U.N. is a serious threat to American sovereignty through their influence on our treaties, foreign policy and laws.
Should we publish ALL federal budgets online for the public to see?	YES	NO	The federal government wastes money because they do not earn money. Transparency in where our taxpayer money goes is critical to trust being instilled in American citizens
Who is most vested in Idaho and our issues?	<p>Idaho is home for his family, his business & his future</p> <p>Served in State Legislature for conservative causes.</p> <p>Opposed the gas tax and sponsored the Healthcare Freedom Act.</p>	<p>Moved back to Idaho to run for Congress</p> <p>He has never served in office or represented the people of Idaho</p> <p>Spent most of last 3 yrs raising money and campaigning for others</p>	<p>TPB puts a lot of stock in Idaho "real world" experience and a consistent record of defending conservative values. Head to head with Ward, Labrador has a more proven conservative track record and has shown he to be very capable of standing up to his own party when they are wrong on issues. He will hold the G.O.P more accountable on issues important to TPB</p>

Sources: National Candidate Report Card & Idaho Congressional Forum as well as statements since that time.