



## **POSITION: Secretary of Labor**

**NOMINEE:** Thomas Perez

**Born:** Buffalo, New York, October 7, 1961.

**Family:** Ann Marie Staudenmaier, three daughters

**Occupation:** Prosecutor DOJ Civil Rights Division 1989-1995; Special Counsel to Senator Ted Kennedy 1995-1998; 1998-2001 Director of Office of Civil Rights at HHS, Professor at University of Maryland 2001-2007; Montgomery County Councilman 2002-2006; Assistant Attorney General DOJ Civil Rights Division 2009-present.

**Education:** Brown University and Harvard Law School.

## **SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE**

### **On Peaceful Abortion Protests**

Perez and DOJ's Office of Civil Rights Division has been praised by pro-aborts for increasing the number of prosecutions for supposed Freedom of Access to Clinic Entrances (FACE) violations, a statute commonly used to bully the First Amendment Rights of abortion clinic protestors. In January 2012, a Florida judge chastised DOJ for one such unsubstantiated prosecution of a pro-lifer, concluding: "The Court is at a loss as to why the Government chose to prosecute this particular case in the first place...the evidence could not lead a rational jury to find that Ms. Pine's conduct [i.e., having peaceful conversations with clinic visitors on a public sidewalk] constituted a physical obstruction within the meaning of FACE." [Source: Liberty Counsel](#)

Likewise, in July 2011, Kansas District Judge J. Thomas Marten ruled Perez and DOJ's actions against a pro-life protestor "had, and continue to have an unlawful chilling effect on Defendant's and others' right to free speech and free exercise of religion." [Source: NBC](#)

Under Perez's leadership, the Office of Civil Right's prosecuted 79 year old Richard Retta for peacefully side walk counseling outside a Planned Parenthood clinic in downtown Washington, something that he's done for over 8 years. [Source: AP](#)

## **VOTING RIGHTS**

### **Failed to Provide Full Account of Voter Suppression**

A DOJ Inspector General report concluded that Perez failed to give complete information to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights concerning a lawsuit against the New Black Panther Party for a 2008 incidence of voter intimidation. "We found that Perez's testimony did not reflect the entire story regarding the involvement of political appointees... We did not find that Perez intentionally misled the commission," said the IG. "Nevertheless, given he was testifying as a department witness before the commission, we believe that Perez should have sought more details ... about the nature and extent of the participation of political employees in the NBPP decision in advance of his testimony before the commission." [Source: FOX News](#)

In July, 2012, Judge Reggie B. Walton ruled that Perez had lied under oath: “The documents reveal that political appointees within DOJ were conferring about the status and resolution of the New Black Panther Party case in the days preceding the DOJ’s dismissal of claims in that case, which would appear to contradict Assistant Attorney General Perez’s testimony that political leadership was not involved in that decision.” [Source: DC District Court](#)

### **Perez has repeatedly challenged states duly enacted voter ID laws**

In 2012, the Civil Rights Division of DOJ headed by Perez challenged both Texas’ and Arizona’s efforts to protect against election fraud. The challenge to Arizona’s voter ID law was tossed out by the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals for failing to demonstrate unequal treatment. Source: [National Journal](#); [Fox News](#)

## **HOMOSEXUAL ACTIVISM**

### **Supports Hate Crime Legislation**

Perez has championed “hate crime” legislation that extends special protections for “sexual orientation.” In 2009 he testified in support of Employment Non-Discrimination Act and has prosecuted individuals under the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act. Source: [Perez Testimony](#); [U.S. Department of Justice Brief](#)

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

**Perez ignored the law and prevented justice in a quid pro quo deal with the city of St. Paul**  
According to a joint Congressional report, in February 2012 Perez brokered a secret deal with the Mayor of St. Paul to decline intervention in a whistleblowers complaint in exchange for the city to drop its appeal in *Magner v. Gallegher* before the Supreme Court, an appeal concerning disparate impact theory, a lynchpin in civil rights enforcement. Rep. Darrell Issa (R-Calif.) charges, “We have found that Mr. Perez inappropriately used a whistleblower as bargaining chip and passed on an opportunity to collect \$200 million for taxpayers. This occurred as part of a deal he arranged to ensure an ideological pet policy of the Obama Administration would avoid Supreme Court scrutiny. In addition, Perez took steps attempting to cover-up his involvement in the quid pro quo and offered numerous misleading statements to investigators that are contradicted by the evidence.” Source: [U.S. House Oversight Committee](#)

### **Has pursued a record number of Discrimination claims against law enforcement**

Perez has shown no hesitation in using DOJ’s resources to harass local law enforcement. Source: [NY Times](#); [U.S. Justice Department Sues Arizona Sheriff Joe Arpaio](#)

### **Politicized hires**

DOJ’s [Reasonable Accommodation Statement](#) requires the department be an equal opportunity employer that does not discriminate on basis of “political affiliation.” Yet even the New York times has taken notice that “the lawyers hired over the past two years at the division [Perez’s division] have been far more likely to have civil rights backgrounds — and to have ties to traditional civil rights organizations with liberal reputations, like the American Civil Liberties Union or the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.” [Source: NY Times](#)

While running for Montgomery County Council in Maryland, Perez responded to the question: Something voters should know about you, with: "I am a progressive Democrat—always was, always will be." [Source \*Washington Post\*](#)

### **Served as President of Casa De Maryland**

Casa De Maryland is a civil rights organization that supports flaunting immigration law.

“This group has encouraged illegal aliens not to speak with police officers or immigration agents; it has fought restrictions on illegal aliens’ receiving driver’s licenses; it has urged the Montgomery County Police Department not to enforce federal fugitive warrants; it has advocated giving illegal aliens in-state tuition; and it has actively promulgated “day labor” sites, where illegal aliens and disreputable employers openly skirt federal prohibitions on hiring undocumented individuals.” [Source: \*National Review\*](#)

Mr. Perez has aggressively sought ways to allow the hiring of more illegal workers.  
[Source: \*Sen. Jeff Sessions \(R-Ala.\)\*](#)