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For the Legislature

The 8th Suffolk is only one of 160 House seats, but it has long had a disproportionate influence. Voters in the Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and Cambridge district are accustomed to representation by smart, innovative leaders: Elaine Noble, Barney Frank, Tom Vallely, Mark Roosevelt, and currently Paul Demakis, who is retiring after five terms.

In the Democratic primary, attorney Marty Walz is the clear choice to carry on that legacy. Walz has worked for the Boston School Department, as a vice president for an early education nonprofit organization, and as a [lawyer] in the private sector. This broad experience is rare in the Legislature. In addition, she is a strategic thinker, knowledgeable about local issues and committed to the progressive agenda that is the hallmark of the district. Demakis has endorsed Walz to be his successor, and so do we.