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We have only found one deficiency with **Marty Walz**, our recommended choice to succeed Paul Demakis as the state representative for the Eighth Suffolk District: she does not have a twin.

For many years, we have observed the impact this longtime Back Bay resident has had on our neighborhoods as a private citizen, and we can easily project her effectiveness at the state level.

Walz helped to develop the nationally-recognized strategic plan for the development of air rights over the Massachusetts Turnpike in Boston. She was one of the first people to realize the potential impact of the depleted groundwater on property values. She has been a scourge to developers trying to erect inappropriate megaprojects in our human scale neighborhoods. She has aided those who have fallen through society's safety net as a board member of the Women's Lunch Place. When president of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay, she has worked to reinforce our sense of community.

As our state representative, Walz will continue the progressive agenda of her noteworthy predecessors: Paul Demakis, Mark Roosevelt and Barney Frank. Even without the presence of former House Speaker Thomas Finneran, there is still the need to bring reform and democracy to the house. Walz will quickly become a leader and advocate for continued reform.

We urge you to vote for Marty Walz on Tuesday, November 2.