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## **Speaker DiMasi endorses Marty Walz in the 8<sup>th</sup> Suffolk**

(Boston) Speaker of the House Salvatore DiMasi has enthusiastically endorsed Marty Walz for the 8<sup>th</sup> Suffolk District in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, the seat being vacated by the retiring Paul Demakis.

“Marty Walz is an extraordinary community leader. She knows local issues better than anyone, and her many years of working side-by-side with her neighbors shows the depth of her commitment,” Speaker DiMasi said. “Because our districts are next door to one another, I look forward to working with her to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods. I am confident we will have a strong working relationship.”

He added, “We face significant challenges in Massachusetts, and we need Marty in the House fighting to protect our values. She will be a strong voice to protect equal marriage rights and women’s reproductive choice. And, unlike her conservative Republican opponent, she opposes the death penalty and supports efforts to expand affordable health care.”

“I am honored to have the support of Speaker DiMasi. He understands the unique challenges we face in the urban neighborhoods of the 8<sup>th</sup> Suffolk, and he knows that the chief task of a State Representative is to improve our quality of life. Working together, we will truly make a positive difference,” said Walz as she accepted the Speaker’s endorsement.

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