

## **Boston Phoenix**

Since 1995, Paul Demakis has represented the Eighth Suffolk District with tenacity and, for the most part, genuine progressivism. Now he is retiring, and voters of that district — which includes Beacon Hill, the Back Bay, the West End, and Cambridgeport — have two attractive choices. **Marty Walz**, an education activist and former corporate lawyer with a keen grasp of the issues facing her district, will make an impressive successor not just to Demakis (who has endorsed her) but to his predecessors, including Tom Valley and, before him, Barney Frank.