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### **Matt DeBergalis Endorses Marty Walz for 8<sup>th</sup> Suffolk District**

June 17, 2004. Matt DeBergalis announced today that he is endorsing Marty Walz to be the next state representative for the 8<sup>th</sup> Suffolk District. The district includes Cambridgeport and parts of MIT and Area 4 in Cambridge, as well as Boston's Back Bay, Beacon Hill, and West End neighborhoods. DeBergalis, a Cambridgeport resident, ran for Cambridge City Council in 2003.

“Marty will be a great representative for Cambridge, as she upholds Representative Demakis' tradition of thoughtful, smart leadership,” said DeBergalis. “Her experience and unwavering conviction will be an enormous asset for our city, and while we fittingly celebrate a new era in social equality, Marty will work tirelessly to make certain its permanence.”

“I am very pleased to have Matt's support,” Marty Walz said. “He energized a new group of voters when he ran for Cambridge City Council, and I look forward to working with him,” she said. “With MIT in the district, Matt's help will be of tremendous importance,” she continued.

Walz, a Democrat from the Back Bay in Boston, is Vice President of Development at Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. She has served as President of the Neighborhood Association of the Back Bay and is a member of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee, which she has served as Chair and Treasurer. Marty is also a member of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee and is a board member of several nonprofit organizations, including The Women's Lunch Place and NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts. Previously, she has worked for Boston Public Schools and as an attorney in private practice.

Matt DeBergalis, 26, is a cofounder of ActBlue, a Federal PAC that

allows anyone to use key online techniques of MoveOn.org, EMILY's List, and others to fundraise for his or her "wish list" of Democratic candidates. Narrowly defeated in his first run for Cambridge City Council in 2003, Matt stunned the city's politicians with his unprecedented success at bringing over one thousand new voters to the polls. A graduate of MIT, he has also served as a consultant to various software firms for technical and product development.

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