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DENISE SIMMONS AND NOW AGREE: MARTY WALZ WILL BE A LEADER FOR WOMEN
Walz record of leadership on choice, women in poverty cited in 8th Suffolk race

BOSTON – Cambridge City Councilor Denise Simmons and the Massachusetts National Organization for Women political action committee have each endorsed Marty Walz in the race to succeed State Representative Paul Demakis in the 8th Suffolk district.

“NOW and Councilor Simmons arrived at their decisions on their own, but in their endorsements there is a shared message about the role of progressive women in the State House,” observed Marty Walz. “I am honored by this support, and I will work hard every day to remain worthy of it.”

Marty Walz has a record of leadership in efforts that support women and their rights. She serves on the boards of NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts and the Women’s Lunch Place, a daytime shelter for poor and homeless women. She is also a civil rights lawyer who specializes in creating and maintaining equal employment opportunity for all people.

In Cambridge, Walz has an avid supporter in Councilor Simmons. “Marty Walz is not the only woman in this race, but she is the best leader the women of this district can send to the State House,” noted Simmons.

“Women don’t have numerical parity in the legislature, but if we send a smart and accomplished woman like Mary Walz to speak for us, we can overcome those numbers to advance the causes of equality and fairness. Marty has the talent and experience needed to make a real and lasting difference,” Simmons said.

“As a private citizen, Marty Walz has volunteered her time, working with homeless women and defending a women’s right to choose. Professionally, she has dedicated

herself to ensuring that women have equal rights in the workplace,” noted Nina Selvaggio, the chair of Massachusetts NOW’s political action committee. “Marty’s deeds on behalf of women speak volumes about her. Today, the Massachusetts NOW political action committee also speaks and urges all voters who support women’s equality to vote for Marty Walz on the Tuesday, September 14.”

On September 14, primary election voters will choose a Democrat to replace retiring Representative Demakis. The 8th Suffolk district includes Cambridgeport and parts of MIT and Area 4 in Cambridge, and, in Boston, Back Bay, Beacon Hill and the West End. Rep. Demakis – a leading sponsor of the law that created safety zones around clinics that offer abortion services – has also endorsed Walz.