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Sierra Club backs Walz in the 8th Suffolk House race

Walz will fight for parkland improvements, clean air and water

BOSTON – The Massachusetts Chapter of the Sierra Club has endorsed Marty Walz in the race to replace retiring State Representative Paul Demakis. The Sierra Club is the leading group offering environmental guidance for voters at the state legislative level.

The Democratic Primary will occur on Tuesday, September 14. “As the primary nears, I am proud to have the support of my fellow environmentalists in the Sierra Club,” Walz said as she welcomed the endorsement.

Massachusetts Sierra Club Chair Mary Ann Nelson said that the group’s standards are high and rigorous. “We reserve our political endorsements for candidates like Marty who will be outstanding advocates for the environment,” she said. “Marty has shown a deep commitment to environmental protection to ensure a better quality of life for all and to protect the health and safety of our families.”

As the head of her local neighborhood association, Walz fought for parkland improvements and for more responsible development. She also advocated for cleaner, more accessible public transportation.

“For people like me who care about Magazine Beach, the Esplanade, and state parks in general, this is a very important election,” Walz said. “I will go to the legislature to fight for better stewardship of our open spaces, and I will also work hard for cleaner transportation and more healthful air and water,” she vowed. “It’s about making our communities healthier and more livable.”

The Sierra Club’s Nelson concurred with Walz’s assessment of what is at stake. “The commonwealth has been hit very hard by funding cuts, with a disproportionate amount being taken from the maintenance of parks and waterways, and deep cuts in environmental enforcement and open space acquisition programs,” Nelson said. “The Romney administration is significantly off-track in controlling urban sprawl, protecting open space, and offering environmentally friendly transportation choices to the citizens of the commonwealth.”

The Sierra Club says that this is a critical year for Massachusetts and for the country. “The Massachusetts Sierra Club regularly endorses in key congressional and state-level races,” said Nelson. “Our members’ participation in this election is at an all-time high – people are clearly fed up with the Bush Administration’s relentless attack on the environment. We must do everything we can to elect pro-environment candidates like Marty Walz at the state level.”

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