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**ENDORSEMENTS BY LEADING ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, UNIONS, AND ELECTED
OFFICIALS GIVE MARTY WALZ STRONG MOMENTUM IN THE 8TH SUFFOLK HOUSE RACE**

BOSTON – Heading into the final weeks before the September 14 primary election, Marty Walz is being endorsed by numerous advocacy organizations, unions, and elected officials, giving her strong momentum in the race to succeed the retiring Representative Paul Demakis in the 8th Suffolk District.

“I am humbled by the groundswell of support for my candidacy,” said Walz. “As I continue to speak with voters while going door to door and in other campaign activities, I am delighted that so many people are supporting me,” Walz stated.

Three members of the Cambridge School Committee have endorsed Walz. In making their joint announcement, Ben Lummis, Nancy Walser, and Fred Fantini stated that Walz “has a track record of working for high-quality public education.” They noted that she “understands the complexities of school improvement and knows that success means a combination of high standards and real support.”

State Representative Anne Paulsen, who represents Cambridge, Belmont and Arlington, also endorsed Marty Walz. Previously, State Representatives Paul Demakis and Byron Rushing have announced their support of Walz. Representative Paulsen, calling Walz the most qualified candidate to replace Representative Demakis, stated, “I look forward to working with Marty in the legislature. She will be a strong, progressive voice and will join the fight for a more open, democratic House of Representatives.”

Following the Cambridge Lavender Alliance’s endorsement, Walz has been endorsed by two other leading gay rights organizations, Bay State Stonewall Democrats and the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus. “Marty’s deep support in the gay and lesbian community reflects the importance of electing a true leader in the 8th Suffolk District. The district has a

legacy of leadership on GLBT issues that must not be forgotten or forsaken in this election. Marty will carry on that tradition,” said Gary Daffin, co-chair of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

Organized labor also continued to rally in support of Walz. The National Association of Social Workers (NASW) has endorsed her candidacy. “With her deep commitment to economic and social justice, Marty will be an outstanding advocate for human services,” said Sallye Bleiberg, on behalf of NASW’s political action committee.

The National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) has also voted to support Walz. NAGE is a sophisticated and diversified union of private and public sector employees, including police officers, nurses, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, correctional officers as well as federal, state and municipal employees.

Citizens for Participation in Political Action (CPPAX) also endorsed Marty Walz. CPPAX is a 40-year old grassroots organization that works for justice and peace through political action. “Marty has been endorsed by so many groups, and we share a key observation about her: she is smart and passionate, with a track record we can rely upon. It is no accident that her support is so wide and deep. Voters in the 8th Suffolk District have an extraordinary leader on the ballot,” said Debbie Nicholson on behalf of CPPAX.

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