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**Reps. Ted Deutch & Alcee Hastings Endorse Tina Polsky to Replace Joe Abruzzo
In Race for Palm Beach County's HD-81**

Boca Raton, FL – Today, US Representatives Ted Deutch and Alcee Hastings announced their endorsement of Tina Polsky in the race for western Palm Beach County's House District 81. The announcements follow recent endorsements from Sens. Kevin Rader and Lori Berman, Reps. Joe Abruzzo and Matt Willhite, County Commissioner Dave Kerner, and Boynton Beach Commissioner Justin Katz. Since declaring her intention to seek the Democratic nomination for HD-81 in early March, Polsky has led her only primary challenger Mindy Koch in both fundraising and endorsements.

Issuing his endorsement, Rep. Deutch remarked: "I'm supporting Tina to serve as the next state representative for District 81 because I'm confident that she'll deliver real results for the people of Palm Beach County on everything from sensible gun safety measures to quality public education to economic development. She has proven to me that she's the right woman for the job. I'm excited to help her campaign in any way I can."

"Tina has been a dedicated and hardworking candidate, and I have been extremely impressed by the campaign she has run. Her commitments to economic development, education, and agriculture – particularly in the communities of Belle Glade, South Bay, and Pahokee – have greatly impressed me. I know that she'll be an outstanding advocate for the people of Palm Beach County in Tallahassee. I'm excited to work with her once she is elected to the state legislature," said Congressman Hastings.

Responding in kind, Polsky said: "Reps. Deutch and Hastings are men I have long respected and I'm so grateful to have their support in this race. Both have been bold and outspoken leaders on some of the toughest of issues we face as a nation, including gun safety and civil rights. I'll be very fortunate to have them as partners on the federal level and I look forward to developing close working relationships with them in order to serve the people of District 81."

HD-81 became an open seat in late February, when Rep. Joe Abruzzo announced that he would retire in order to spend more time with his young son. The primary election is slated to take place on August 28th, with the general election to follow on November 6th. Polsky, a mediator and elder care advocate, has lived in the district for thirteen years. More information on her campaign may be found on her website [by clicking here](#).

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