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Commissioners Dave Kerner & Justin Katz Endorse Tina Polsky for State House Polsky Unveils Third Round of Major Endorsements Since Entering Race

Boca Raton, Fla. – Today, Palm Beach County Commissioner Dave Kerner and Boynton Beach City Commissioner Justin Katz announced they are endorsing Tina Polsky in the race to succeed Rep. Joe Abruzzo in District 81. Kerner, who was elected to the county commission in 2016, previously spent two terms in the Florida House representing District 87. Katz has served on the city commission since 2016. He is also a union leader who formerly worked as a government teacher at Park Vista High School. The endorsements follow announcements last week from Sen. Kevin Rader and Rep. Lori Berman that they are also backing Polsky's candidacy in the Palm Beach County district, which is made up of the communities west of Florida's Turnpike from Boca Raton up to Lake Worth and the Glades.

Announcing his support, Kerner stated: "As a county commissioner, I need progressive partners in our state's capital in order to ensure that government works across all levels. In the State House, I'm confident that Tina will be a team player capable of delivering real results and funding for Palm Beach County. I will do everything in my power to support her candidacy."

Katz added: "In Tallahassee, we need a representative who will be a champion of the middle and working classes. Palm Beach County is made up of many unique towns and cities – not all of them wealthy. I'm supporting Tina because she has proven to me that she understands and appreciates the economic and cultural diversity within our county."

Polsky accepted the endorsements with gratitude: "Commissioners Kerner and Katz's public service to our communities have been exemplary. Commissioner Kerner has led the way on issues others are afraid to touch, including sex trafficking and problems within our state's criminal justice system. Commissioner Katz has been a champion of the middle class and an advocate for public education. I am honored to have their support and I look forward to working closely with both of them."

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 follow on November 6th. Polsky, a mediator and elder care advocate, declared her intention to run earlier this month. More information on her campaign may be found on her website [by clicking here](#).

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