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**Joe Abruzzo Endorses Tina Polsky as Successor
In Race for Palm Beach County's HD-81**

Boca Raton, FL – State Rep. and former State Sen. Joe Abruzzo has endorsed Tina Polsky to replace him in the race for western Palm Beach County's House District 81. Abruzzo's announcement follows recent endorsements from Sens. Kevin Rader and Lori Berman, Rep. 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.

Declaring his support of Polsky, Abruzzo said: "Over the past several months, I have witnessed Tina's tireless advocacy around our community. Her dedication to the people of western Palm Beach County – including Belle Glade, South Bay, and Pahokee – is unwavering and true. As the former State Senator of our area and current State Representative, I proudly endorse Tina Polsky to be my successor and carry forth the incredible progress that Sen. Rader and myself along with the entire legislative delegation have delivered. Tina is a loyal Democrat, a passionate advocate for women's rights, education and senior advocacy, all of which have been the cornerstone issues in our office and record of success. Tina will be an incredibly strong champion for West Boca Raton, Delray Beach, Boynton Beach, Lake Worth, and the Glades communities in our state capitol."

Accepting the endorsement, Polsky stated: "Rep Abruzzo has been an outstanding public servant and a relentless fighter for the issues most important to everyone in our county, first in the Florida Senate and now in the Florida House. I look forward to building on his impressive legacy of delivering results for the district through both responsible legislative action in Tallahassee and exceptional constituent services here at home. Joe is beloved because he has always been there for our community and I am honored to have earned his support."

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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