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Sen. Kevin Rader Endorses Tina Polsky for State House **Polsky seeks to replace retiring Rep. Joe Abruzzo**

Boca Raton, Fla. – Today, State Sen. Kevin Rader announced his endorsement of mediator and elder care advocate Tina Polsky in the race to replace Rep. Joe Abruzzo in District 81 of the Florida House of Representatives. Rader, who represented HD-81 for two terms before re-districting, was elected to the Florida Senate in 2016. His endorsement comes just two weeks after Polsky, a Democrat, declared her intention to run in the Palm Beach County district made up of the communities west of Florida's Turnpike from Boca Raton up to Lake Worth and the Glades.

Announcing his support, Rader stated: "I have been tremendously impressed by Tina's background and her candidacy. I know that her professional training as a mediator will serve her well in Tallahassee – and ultimately provide many benefits to the people of Palm Beach County. She'll be a fighter for our community on important issues including gun safety and a woman's right to choose, as well as an effective advocate for the Glades. I can't wait to work with Tina on the issues important to all of us."

Accepting the endorsement, Polsky praised Rader's record of accomplishment in both chambers of the Florida Legislature: "Senator Rader's endorsement is especially meaningful to me because he's not just a talker – he actually delivers for his constituents. I know because I'm one of them. He was a wonderful representative of our county in the Florida House and he is now one of the finest and most results-oriented leaders in the Florida Senate. I'm honored to have his backing."

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 is the only candidate of either party currently filed to run. More information on her campaign may be found on her website [by clicking here](#).

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