

MARLENE ANIELSKI TO RUN FOR OHIO HOUSE 17TH DISTRICT

Walton Hills, Ohio May 29, 2009: Mayor Marlene Anielski announced that she will seek the seat of the 17th District of the Ohio House of Representatives. Josh Mandel, who announced yesterday that he will be seeking the office of State of Ohio Treasurer, is vacating this seat.

"It is a very difficult time in our state and national economy. As Mayor, of a middle class municipality, it is apparent many people are out of work while citizens are struggling to make ends meet. A prosperous future depends on responsible planning now. Our entire economy remains in crisis and Ohio has been hit especially hard. We need proven leadership in Columbus with a track record of cutting through partisan politics to address the many challenges we face. We can restore Ohio's greatness only if we enact common sense policies and innovative solutions that will bring jobs and opportunities back to Ohio. I believe I can make a positive difference in the lives of the fine citizens of the State of Ohio and I am eager to continue to serve. I am very appreciative of State Representative Josh Mandel's endorsement and I am certainly humbled by his confidence in me. It would be an honor to serve the 17th District in the State House," said Anielski.

Throughout her career, Anielski has been a champion for a smaller, more responsive government, lower taxes, and economic initiatives that create more jobs and opportunities. She is currently the Mayor of Walton Hills. She has served as Mayor, Safety Director for 9 years and was also a member of Walton Hills Council for 2 years. "Building on State Representative Mandel's principles of integrity and a dedicated work ethic is the legacy I plan to follow. His dedication to the District's citizens and responding to their issues is commendable," expressed Anielski.

"Mayor Anielski brings with her the experience to lead and the common sense to make the right decisions for her constituents," said House Minority Leader William G. Batchelder.

"As a terrific Mayor and loving mother of four, Marlene has a unique perspective and I think she will make a great State Representative," said Cuyahoga County Republican Chairman Rob Frost.

She is active in numerous national, state and community organizations. She is a member of the steering committee of the Small Communities Council of the National League of Cities, a steering member of the Mayor's and Municipalities Automotive Coalition (MMAC), a Junior Achievement volunteer and involved in Rotary International.

Mayor Anielski earned her MBA from Cleveland State University and her BA from the University of Akron. She also received her certification as an Ohio Certified Public Manager from CSU.

Mayor Anielski was born and raised in Northeast Ohio and resides with her husband, Jonathan, and their four children, Joseph, Victoria, Elizabeth and Jacob.