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FPPC SELECTS ITS CANDIDATE

In a perfect world, the Florida Legislature would include a podiatric physician as one of its 160 members. We don't live in a perfect world, but we hope to have the next best alternative in 2026.

Rep. Chip La Marca, who hails from Broward County, will soon complete his eight years of public service in the Florida House of Representatives. Dr. Eric J. Stelnicki has filed paperwork to run for House District 100 in an Open Seat race. If that name rings a bell, his father is James V. Stelnicki, DPM, who served as the 1977 FPMA president. Although the race is in its early stages, we want FPMA members to be aware that Eric is running and encourage members to review his credentials and hopefully support his campaign.

Dr. Eric J. Stelnicki is a board-certified plastic, pediatric plastic, and craniofacial surgeon, and is the founder of the Children's Plastic Surgery Institute of Florida as well as the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Cleft and Craniofacial Center. He is an active member of the American Association of Plastic Surgeons, International Society of Craniofacial Surgery, Florida Medical Association and Florida Society of Plastic Surgeons.

Dr. Stelnicki has been a business owner and manager of one of the largest pediatric plastic surgery practices in the Southeastern United States. He is an entrepreneur who owns several businesses and, most recently, ran the national division of plastic surgery for Pediatrix, the largest pediatric subspecialty group in the nation. During that time, he was responsible for the development of their national plastic surgery platform and leadership of all pediatric surgical sub-specialties through his leadership role on the corporate Physician Executive Council. He has also owned businesses involved in Florida real estate and surgical centers; most recently, he has been investing in new companies developing AI-related technologies in Florida.

This campaign will be the Florida Podiatry Political Committee's top priority during the 2026 election cycle. The FPPC has already been cited by Florida Politics as a major donor of the campaign, with numerous donations made by individual FPMA members. The citizens of District 100 will have a chance to elect a board-certified, plastic, pediatric plastic, and craniofacial surgeon to the Florida Legislature. Eric will tell you he grew up attending FPMA meetings and watching his father head the association, including leading FPMA in the halls of the Florida Capitol.

Although the election will not take place until 2026, Dr. Stelnicki is off to a fast start. In fact, during his opening fundraising quarter, he raised $200,000. This vaulted him to front-runner status.

There are many challenging days between now and November 2026. Please feel free to reach out to Eric and wish him the best of luck with his campaign. His contact information is:
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