



Democratic candidate Marilyn Lands on Tuesday won a special election for a state House seat in Alabama after she made [in vitro fertilization](#) and [abortion rights](#) central to her campaign.

Lands, a licensed professional counselor, [defeated](#) Madison City Council member Teddy Powell, a Republican who once worked as a Defense Department budget analyst. A Republican had held the Huntsville-area seat in the state's 10th District.

"Today, Alabama women and families sent a clear message that will be heard in Montgomery and across the nation. Our legislature must repeal Alabama's no-exceptions abortion ban, fully restore access to IVF, and protect the right to contraception," Lands said in a statement shared by the Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee, which supported her candidacy.

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