

# THIS WEEK AT FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF 9.29.2025

Florida Democrats,

It was so great to be with so many of you this past week in Central Florida! Thank you to **Congressman Darren Soto** for hosting us at his Hispanic Heritage Month celebration and to **Onyx Magazine** for inviting me to attend the Men of Honor Dinner. We were also able to get out in the community, knocking doors for a fierce fighter, **Susanne Pena**, in Orlando and stop by a number of **great roundtables** and meetings happening this weekend.

I'm so proud to see so many of you working hard during this **Weekend of Action**, and putting in the work to build back power in your communities. It's paying off in some amazing municipal victories throughout the state.

Filing is completed for upcoming municipal elections. Congratulations to our newly elected democratic municipal officials:

- **Janice Mortimer** - Starke, District 2 (Bradford)
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More Democrats are moving onto November elections in Lake, Madison, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Orange, Pinellas, Polk, St. Lucie and Volusia counties!

**Keep up the great work,**

***Chair Nikki Fried***

## SAVE THE DATE



**10/6 @ 6PM** VBM Power Hour Phone Bank | [RSVP](#)

**10/11-12** Next Statewide Weekend of Action | [WOA Toolkit](#)

**10/14 @ 6PM** Voter Registration Training | [Register Here](#)

[Click here](#) to view more ways to get involved in your local community!

## WHAT WE'RE DOING



FIELD TEAM

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VOTER REGISTRATION

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DATA AND VAN

**Field Updates**



## Statewide Weekend of Action Recap

This past weekend, **30 DECs, clubs, and caucuses across Florida** hit the phones and knocked on doors to re-enroll Democrats in Vote-by-Mail, connect with neighbors, and talk about our shared values. With municipal and special elections on the horizon, our amazing Democratic candidates were also out in the field introducing themselves and sharing how they'll fight for a better Florida.

Check out the **leaderboard below** to see which counties led the way in voter contact!

Rank 🏆	County
1 🥇	Miami-Dade
2 🥈	Orange
3 🥉	Broward
4	Palm Beach
5	St. Lucie
6	Leon
7	Hillsborough
8	Lake
9	Alachua
10	Bay



Our next **Statewide Weekend of Action** is **October 11–12**



Organize your own phonebank using our [WOA Toolkit](#)



But don't wait — you can call Democrats in your zip code anytime using our [On-Demand Phonebanks](#).

**Our field team is here to help DEC's, clubs, and caucuses** build the people-powered infrastructure it takes to reach voters—and win. Want help organizing a phonebank or canvass, have ideas for our year-round organizing program, or just want to connect with our new Statewide Field Director, Chris Byrnes? [Email Chris](#) or [Schedule a 1:1 Meeting](#)

## **Voter Registration**

### **Voter Registration Training | [Register Here](#)**

Thank you to all those who are interested in learning more about voter registration! Our next Volunteer Voter Registration Training will take place on Tuesday, October 14th from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. [You can register here.](#)

### **Learn More About Voter Registration | [VR Toolkit](#)**

If you are interested in learning more about our voter registration program and the process for getting involved, visit the [Voter Registration Toolkit linked here!](#)

## **Data and VAN**

### **Voterfile Update**

We received the voter file from the Division of Election on 9/16. We are currently processing it and will have it uploaded to VAN as soon as that's done. This update will include some new municipal district options!

### **Weekly Office Hours | September 30th @ 4 PM - 5 PM EST | [Register Here](#)**

*Hosted by the Florida Democratic Party*

The FDP's data team is available every Tuesday from 4 PM - 5 PM EST to answer your questions!

## **WHAT WE'RE SAYING**



COMMUNICATIONS

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MESSAGING

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TOOLKITS

## **Government Shutdown**

Republicans are threatening to Shut Down Government as MILLIONS of Floridians Stand to Lose Health Care Coverage.

- Trump and Republicans are hellbent on unleashing a health care crisis onto Floridians — even if it means shutting down the government.
- After Trump said, “Don’t even bother dealing with [Democrats],” he’s learning the hard way that Democrats don’t work for him.
- Democrats have made our position clear. Leaders Schumer and Jeffries presented a proposal that would have reversed Republicans’ cuts to Medicaid and prevented ACA premiums from skyrocketing, ensuring millions Floridians wouldn’t lose their health insurance.
- To make matters even worse, after voting this plan down, Speaker Mike Johnson sent House Republicans home for a vacation.
- This goes to show you Republicans don’t give a rat’s tail about protecting Floridians’ health — only fattening their billionaire donors’ pockets.
- Democrats are unified: Cancel the cuts, lower costs and save health care for Floridians.
- **WHAT’S AT STAKE:** Health care costs for millions Floridians are about to skyrocket by an average of 75% because Republicans failed to extend ACA premium tax credits in their budget bill.
- That’s on top of the more than 1 million Floridians who are going to lose health care thanks to Republicans’ Disastrous Budget Bill and refusal to extend the enhanced tax credits.

### **Property Taxes**

Life keeps getting more expensive, and eliminating property taxes may seem like a relief, but the truth is, those resources pay for things we all rely on and need, like public hospitals and health services, disaster preparedness and relief, firefighters and EMTs, and our schools.

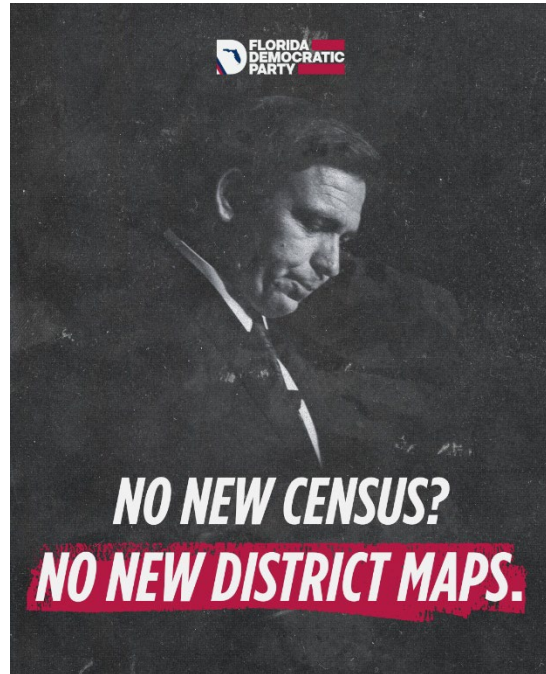
- If we eliminate property taxes, the costs of those services don't just disappear; they shift onto us.
- Suddenly, we're paying more to private corporations with inflated costs and zero accountability for services we used to get from our local government, which work for us- not corporate shareholders.
- Hardworking Floridians deserve real solutions to the affordability crisis, not more cuts to the programs we rely on.

### **Redistricting Toolkit**

Ron DeSantis is trying to rig the system—again. Pushing to draw district lines in the middle of the decade is expensive, unnecessary, and anti-democratic. Drawing district lines now will cost Florida taxpayers millions of dollars that would be better spent addressing the state's affordability crisis.

[Check out our toolkit here](#), to start organizing a proactive public pressure campaign in your community. Need support or guidance? Reach out to us at [press@floridadems.org](mailto:press@floridadems.org).





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## **Candidates and Campaigns**

### **Celebrating Our Recently Elected Local Officials**

We're proud to recognize Democrats who have recently won their municipal elections across Florida! These local leaders stepped up to serve and are an excellent reminder of the importance of building Democratic strength at the local level. Congratulations to our recently elected Democratic municipal officials!

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### **Thinking About Running For Office? | [Run For Office Form](#)**

Running for office takes a lot of courage. We want every candidate to know we see you, we're rooting for you, and we've got your back. Complete the form to stay in the loop on how we support our candidates!

### **Looking To Volunteer, Intern, or Work For a Campaign? | [Resume Bank Form](#)**

Are you passionate about making a difference and ready to take action? Whether you're looking to volunteer, intern, or be hired as staff for a Florida candidate, when you submit this form, your resume will be available to Florida candidates and their campaigns who will reach out if your skillset is a match for their needs!

### **Bi-Weekly Office Hours | October 6th @ 3PM - 4PM EST | [Register Here](#)**

*Hosted by the Florida Democratic Party*

The FDP's candidate support team is available every other Monday from 3 PM - 4 PM EST to answer your questions, whether you're considering running for office or already running!

### **How To Have Successful Volunteer Recruitment Conversations | October 6th @ 7 PM EST | [Register Here](#)**

*Hosted by the National Democratic Training Committee*

Recruiting volunteers is an essential part of running an effective campaign and successful recruitment begins with successful conversations. If you are involved in the recruitment or management of campaign volunteers this training is for you! Join this training to learn how to identify and engage prospective volunteers.

### **Party Affairs**

## **National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15 – Oct 15)**

We're just 1 week out – help us highlight events across Florida!

- Send us your upcoming events → [[Submit HERE](#)]
- Recommend a local podcast or Hispanic radio station we should connect with
- Want Chair Nikki Fried to attend your event? → [[Complete Scheduling Request Form](#)] and notify Abi Yisrael, FDP Coalitions Director ([abi@floridadems.org](mailto:abi@floridadems.org))
- Share post-event photos (*with short captions*) if you'd like us to highlight them—don't forget to tag us on social media!

Let's celebrate Hispanic culture together and showcase events happening statewide!

## **New FDP Resource Survey for DEC's | [Fill out Here](#)**

The Florida Democratic Party is developing a library of templates and resources to support County DEC's. These tools will help save time and streamline your efforts, so you can focus on what matters most—organizing, engaging voters, and winning elections. Please take a few minutes to let us know what would be most useful to your DEC.

## **VBM Power Hour Phone Bank on Monday, 10/6 | [RSVP Here](#)**

FDP and the Democratic Labor Caucus of Florida are teaming up for a **Vote-by-Mail Re-Enrollment Phone Bank** to help voters get back on the rolls—and remind neighbors about the upcoming election in Florida Senate District 11. Thousands of Democrats were removed from VBM—your calls make the difference.

**When:** Monday, **October 6, 2025** at **6:00 PM ET** (Zoom)

**Who:** Hosted by FDP + Democratic Labor Caucus of Florida

**Training:** Scale to Win dialer training provided; all levels welcome

**RSVP:** <https://www.mobilize.us/floridadems/event/846625/>

Bring a friend and help power VBM re-enrollment!

# WHAT WE'RE PLANNING



UPCOMING CALLS

EVENTS

OPPORTUNITIES

## Upcoming Events

### **Halloween Masquerade Ball on 10/4 @ 6pm | [Buy Tickets Here](#)**

*Hosted by Pinellas County DEC*

Pinellas County's Halloween themed Masquerade ball is sure to be a blast, and will include cocktails dinner, music, masks, and a lineup of great speakers!

### **Victory Blue Bash on 10/4 @ 7pm | [Buy Tickets Here](#)**

*Hosted by Orange County DEC*

Orange County's annual Victory Blue Bash is always a great time! This year's event will be held at the Winter Park Events Center and is set to honor America's workers.

### **The Red, White, and Blue Gala on 10/09/25 @ 6 pm | [Buy tickets Here](#)**

*Hosted by the Clay County Democratic Party.*

At the Thrasher-Horne, Orange Park, FL will include a buffet, beverages, cash bar, and a silent auction with a wide variety of items. Our keynote speaker will be **David Jolly**, candidate for Governor. Candidates for US Congress District 4 will be attending. By purchasing tickets and/or a sponsorship you are investing in our Key races that will put Democrats in office and keep our doors open.

### **Truman-Kennedy-Johnson Gala on 10/11 @ 6:30PM | [Buy Tickets Here](#)**

*Hosted by the Palm Beach County Democratic Party*

The Palm Beach County Democratic Party's annual "TKJ" Gala is their most important event of the year, featuring an in-person gala dinner event and reception for elected officials, candidates, donors, activists, volunteers, and community leaders to gather to network, socialize, and enjoy a dynamic program of guest speakers, including **Governor JB Pritzker!**

**Boomers, Boots, and Ballots on 10/17 @ 6pm | [Buy Tickets Here](#)**

*Hosted by Treasure Coast Democratic Hispanic Caucus*

TC Hispanic Caucus is boogieing for democracy at the Brisas Del Mar Grille & Bar in Ft. Pierce! Your ticket includes your choice of dinner as well as a great time dancing the night away!

**Kennedy King Gala on 10/18 @ 5:30 PM | [Buy Tickets Here](#)**

*Hosted by the Hillsborough County DEC*

The Hillsborough County Democratic Party's annual Kennedy-King Gala is their premier fundraiser of the year, with every dollar raised going directly to their Victory Fund to help power campaigns and make a real difference. By purchasing tickets, a sponsorship, an ad, or by attending the VIP reception, you are investing in key races that will put Democrats in office and keep Democrats in office. Featured speakers include **former Maryland Governor and SSA Commissioner Martin O'Malley** and **Pennsylvania State Representative Malcolm Kenyatta**.

**"Spirit of Democracy" Blue Gala on 10/25 @ 6pm | [Buy Tickets Here](#)**

*Hosted by the Lake County Democratic Party DEC*

At the Mission Inn Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills. Cocktail Hour, dinner, live entertainment, candidates, winners announced for the "*Claude Pepper Award*" and "*Democrat of the Year*," plus a Silent Auction with a wide variety of items plus Domestic and International Destinations to bid on (three years to use). **Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman** is the guest speaker.

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