

THIS WEEK AT FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF 9.2.20

Florida Democrats,

First, happy Labor Day to the millions of Floridians who contribute to our labor force day in and day out across the state. Thank you to our healthcare, public transit, postal, firefighters, police officers, teachers, and all who keep our state running!

Today is also an important Election Day. We have **Special Elections** happening in **Orange County for SD-15's LaVon Bracy Davis and HD-40's RaShon Young**. If you're in West Orange County, here is how you can [find your polling place](#) or join in in an [election night watch party](#).

I also want to thank everyone who joined us for our **August Pendulum Statewide All Dems Call** last Tuesday. We had over **200 democrats** join us to hear about upcoming opportunities to engage here in Florida and were grateful to be joined by our candidates for today's Special Elections, as well as Popeye Osceola from the Miccosukee Tribe to share important updates on the fight against "Alligator Alcatraz".

I was grateful to be able to join the call from Minneapolis where the DNC was hosting their fall meeting, and am grateful to be able to share that **the DNC and Chair Ken Martin continue to echo just how important Florida and the South are in the future of our party nationally**. I hope you all know they see the great work we're doing. I know today and always I am proud to be a Florida Democrat and to fight alongside all of you.

Sincerely,

Chair Nikki Fried

SAVE THE DATE



9/2 at 6pm SD15 and HD40 Election Night Watch Party | [Link to Register](#)

9/13-9/14 Statewide Weekend of Action | [Link to Register](#)

9/16 National Voter Registration Day | Stay tuned for more info!

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



Field Updates

We're growing Democratic power in Florida by re-enrolling voters in Vote-by-Mail—starting now, not in 2026. When they're enrolled in Vote-by-Mail, Florida Dems turn out at over 95%, and every day counts to build the turnout engine we need to win. The Pendulum Project is how we get it done: one conversation, one enrollment, one voter at a time.

On-Demand Vote-by-Mail Phonebanks

You don't have to wait for a Statewide Weekend of Action to help Florida Democrats re-enroll in Vote-by-Mail. Our On-Demand Virtual Phonebanks are open—so you can call voters on your schedule, from anywhere. Every conversation helps keep our voters engaged and ready to win.

[Start making calls](#)

Join Our Next [Statewide Weekend of Action](#), September 13-14!

This is another crucial moment to help Florida Democrats re-enroll in Vote-by-Mail and get ready for the elections ahead. Every voter we reach now strengthens the foundation we need to win in 2026 and beyond. | [Sign up to join our statewide phonebank](#) | [Host your own phonebank](#)

STATEWIDE WEEKEND OF ACTION

CALL. CONNECT. WIN.

SAT, SEPTEMBER 13 – SUN, SEPTEMBER 14

- ★ CALL DEMOCRATS
- ★ RE-ENROLL DEMOCRATS IN VOTE-BY-MAIL
- ★ TURN OUTREACH INTO IMPACT



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



Coming Up September 16, 2025 | National Voter Registration Day

From Saturday, September 13th to Friday, September 19th the Florida Democratic Party is hosting an NVRD Week of Action. This NVRD we will be registering voters all across the state and anyone (DEC, club, caucus, or volunteer) can stand up an event!

Those interested in hosting an event for National Voter Registration Day should check out the [NVRD Resource Guide](#) and [register their event using the form here](#). Registering your NVRD event should only take a couple of minutes and will add you to the list of people receiving specialized voter registration guidance ahead of NVRD.



We're Hiring | [Campus Voter Registration Fellows](#)



The FDP is hiring Campus Voter Registration Fellows on college campuses across the state. Campus Voter Registration Fellows will assist the FDP in helping register youth voters statewide. They will be responsible for 10 hours of direct campus contact a week and will have the opportunity to attend up to 5 hours of organizer development trainings.

Those interested should [complete the application form here](#) by Friday, September 5th at 11:59 P.M. EST.

Interested in Registering Voters? | [Check Out the Voter Registration Toolkit](#)

The VR Toolkit has everything you need to know on how to get trained to register voters in your community!

[VOTER REG TOOLKIT](#)

Data and VAN

Voterfile Update

We received and uploaded the voter file from the Division of Elections into VAN. VAN is now up to date through 8/1.

Updated New Dem Targets!

With that you can find the latest batch of newly registered Democrats in VAN by going to: *My Voters > Targets > New Dem Targets: 7/1 – 8/1.*

Other Data Resources

Access all forms, guides, and training recordings here:

[2025 FDP Data Hub](#)

[VAN Training Roadmap](#)



Your community has asked, and we have answers! The new “What Dems Did For You Last Week” is live on Social Media!



AUGUST 17 - AUGUST 23, 2025

WHAT FLORIDA DEMOCRATS DID FOR YOU LAST WEEK

Your community has asked, and we have answers! Each week, [we are now sharing on social media what our elected officials are accomplishing against incredible odds](#). Just this week we've seen:

- Rep. Frederica Wilson toured Borinquen Medical Centers in North Miami, a pillar of care in South Florida, to meet with key leadership and build Democratic alliances with quality healthcare providers, ensuring that patients receive quality care.
- Rep. Lois Frankel visited with local Veterans in Palm Beach County to listen to their stories, answer questions, and discuss how to continue improving the VA system and local services.
- Rep. Maxwell Frost hosted a Virtual Town Hall on immigration to discuss the impact of the latest immigration policies from the Trump Administration and the fight ahead to protect our immigrant communities in Central FL.
- Rep. Darren Soto teamed up with Rep. Maxwell Frost, UnidosUS, local leaders, and Hispanic organizations for a roundtable discussion on the dangerous implications for Central Florida & how cuts to Medicaid, ACA, SNAP, education, and vital services will impact the Hispanic community.
- Sen. Carlos Guillermo Smith and State Rep. Anna Eskamani worked with local volunteers to monitor and recolor the Pulse memorial rainbow crosswalk that was covered up by FDOT.
- State Sen. Tina Polsky celebrated the first annual Florida Fentanyl Awareness and Education Day, sponsoring vital legislation aimed at protecting our communities and children from substance abuse.
- State Rep. Lindsay Cross was named as a 2025 Housing Champion by the Florida Housing Coalition for helping to pass the “Yes in God’s Backyard” affordable housing provision in SB1730. This legislation provides new tools for local governments and faith organizations to tackle the affordable housing crisis in Florida communities.

Please share these posts widely so Floridians can see how Dems are working for

them.





Have you heard? We're live on Substack!

Think of it as your all-access pass to the organizing, strategizing, and mobilizing that's happening every day to protect democracy in Florida.

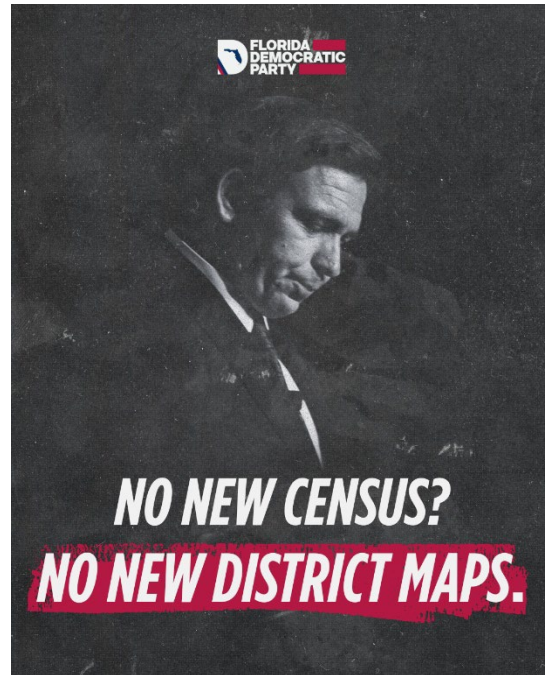
This won't be your typical political newsletter. We're giving you the real story from the volunteers knocking doors in 95-degree heat, to the legislators battling it out in Tallahassee, to the staffers who make sure all the moving parts actually mov.

[Read our first entry and subscribe here!](#)

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.



If you would like to receive our weekly talking points, please email us at press@floridadems.org.



Candidates and Campaigns

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 | September 9th* @ 3 PM - 4 PM 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! *Next Office Hours have been scheduled for Tuesday September 9th.

Building Your Fundraising List | September 2nd @ 2 PM EST | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by ActBlue

Join ActBlue for the second session of their three-part webinar series, focused on digital fundraising for down-ballot candidates. The series is built for beginner digital fundraisers who want to grow their digital fundraising skills and raise money they need to win. In this series, you will learn how to make a great digital fundraising ask, how to grow and maintain a fundraising list, and how to leverage Raise, ActBlue's new streamlined fundraising tool for campaigns raising under \$25k. This session will focus on how to build your fundraising list!

So You Want to Run for Office? | September 4th @ 1 PM EST | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by the National Democratic Training Committee

If you are considering a run for elected office but haven't made the commitment to run or filed your candidacy, this training is designed for you! This training will guide you through the steps to take to run for office to prepare you to launch your campaign successfully!

Join this training to learn the following:

- Explain best practices for choosing which office to run for
- Identify what support you'll need from your team
- Prepare for sharing your decision to run with friends and family

What is Get Out the Vote? | September 8th @ 7 PM EST | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by the National Democratic Training Committee

If you're new to mobilizing voters and preparing them to drive turnout for an upcoming election this training is for you! This session is focused on guiding you through GOTV purpose, timing, and everything in between to ensure your voters are ready to show up at the polls!

Join this training to learn the following:

- Understand GOTV-specific terminology
- Recognize components of a successful GOTV plan
- Examine key logistics for a successful GOTV operation

Party Affairs

Final Certification and Recertification Submissions Due 9/9

We need every DEC Chair, State Committee Member, State Caucus President, Chapter Caucus President, and Club/Caucus Leader to take purposeful action each day to ensure that all certification and recertification documents are signed, completed, and [uploaded](#) by the final deadline: September 9, 2025 at 11:59 PM.



Upcoming Events

FL LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus Summer Conference on 9/12-14 | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus

We are so excited to uplift this year's LGBTQ+ Caucus's summer conference in Tampa! The weekend kicks off with a welcome reception in Ybor City, followed by a full day of panel discussions, conference sessions, and our signature Saturday evening dinner, and wraps with a high-energy drag brunch. Speakers for the weekend include President of the National Federation of Stonewall Democrats **Jeremy Comeau**, Florida House Minority **Leader Fentrice Driskell**, and Democratic Gubernatorial Candidate **David Jolly**.

Lawton Chiles Gala on 9/28 @ 6PM | [Buy Tickets Here](#)

Hosted by Alachua County DEC

Alachua County is putting on its 26th annual Lawton Chiles Gala at the Hilton University of Florida, which will include some excellent programming and a silent auction! Speakers include **US Representative Maxwell Frost** and Gubernatorial Candidate **David Jolly**.

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.

Want to have your event highlighted in our next newsletter? E-mail partyaffairs@floridadems.org!



The poster features a vibrant, colorful background with a rainbow gradient and starburst effects. In the center, a man and a woman are shaking hands, both smiling. The man is wearing a blue suit and a yellow tie, and the woman is wearing a blue blazer. In the background, there is a large, ornate building, likely a government capitol building. The text "ELECTION NIGHT WATCH PARTY" is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. Below this, it says "WITH LAVON BRACY DAVIS & RASHON YOUNG". The date and time "SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 6:00PM - 10:00PM" are listed. At the bottom, there is a QR code flanked by two buttons: "EVENT RSVP" and "FOR LOCATION". The bottom left corner features the logo for "LAVON BRACY DAVIS FOR STATE SENATE" with the tagline "LIFT. BUILD. DELIVER." and the bottom right corner features the logo for "RASHON YOUNG FOR FLORIDA HOUSE" with a map of Florida.

**ELECTION NIGHT
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— WITH —
**LAVON BRACY DAVIS
& RASHON YOUNG**

**SEPTEMBER 2, 2025
6:00PM - 10:00PM**

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**RASHON
YOUNG**
FOR FLORIDA HOUSE



**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE
DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ**
IS HOLDING A

CANCER SURVIVORSHIP SUMMIT

Join breast cancer survivor U.S. Representative Debbie Wasserman Schultz for her second Cancer Survivorship Summit that addresses life after diagnosis. The Summit will highlight gaps in survivorship care, discuss policy proposals, and provide national and South Florida community-based resources and support services.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS



BILL ZITO

KEYNOTE

PRESIDENT, GENERAL MANAGER
FLORIDA PANTHERS HOCKEY CLUB

KRISTEN DAHLGREN

FIRESIDE CHAT

FOUNDER AND CEO
CANCER VACCINE COALITION



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025

7:30AM - 3:00PM

LOCATION IN DAVIE, FL PROVIDED UPON RSVP

FREE TICKETS AT

[DWSCANCERSUMMIT.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://dwscancersummit.eventbrite.com)

**Unite.
Focus.
Resist.**



Florida LGBTQ+ Democrats
September 12-14, 2025 | Tampa

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY

September 27, 2025

BROWARD
DEMOCRATIC PARTY

SUMMIT & OPEN HOUSE VOTER EXPO

**Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs
Hotel & Convention Center**

11775 Heron Bay Blvd.
Coral Springs, FL 33076



Featuring keynote speaker
U.S. Representative
Maxwell Frost

26TH ANNUAL LAWTON CHILES * GALA



Alachua County Democratic Party

SEPTEMBER 28
6-9PM

Hilton University of Florida
1714 SW 34th Street
Check in and silent
auction open at 5pm



Additional speakers
include gubernatorial
candidate **David Jolly**.

Purchase tickets at <https://alachuademparty.com/gala>



RSVP Here



Halloween Masquerade Ball
Pinellas County Democratic Party
📅 Saturday, October 4, 2025
6pm-9pm
✨ Cocktails • Dinner • Speakers • Music • Masks
#MaskUpForVictory

 **ORANGE COUNTY
DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

VICTORY

Blue Bash

WINTER PARK EVENTS CENTER

1050 W MORSE BLVD. WINTER PARK, FL 32789

10.4.25 | 7:00 P.M.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

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