

THIS WEEK AT FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF 10.6.2025

Florida Democrats,

On **October 1st**, Republicans followed through on their threats and **shut down the government**, and once again, it is *ordinary Floridians* who will pay the price. Millions stand to lose access to vital health care services.

Donald Trump dismissed the idea of “dealing with Democrats,” but here’s what he’s coming to realize: Democrats don’t take orders from him. We answer to the people.

Democrats **put forward a plan** that reversed Republicans’ Medicaid cuts and prevented ACA premiums from ballooning. Those protections would have spared many Floridians from losing their health coverage. But Republicans voted it down, and then Speaker Mike Johnson abruptly sent members home.

Republicans don’t care about protecting Floridians’ health, but Democrats are united: reverse the cuts, lower costs, and save healthcare for Floridians, and all Americans, now.

Stand strong with us. We will not back down.

In solidarity,

Chair Nikki Fried

SAVE THE DATE



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

10/10 Hispanic Heritage Month Swing in South Florida | Info below!

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

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

10/21 All Dems Statewide Call | Link to come!

10/23 @ 6PM Miami Municipals Phone Bank | [Register Here](#)

11/1-2 City of Miami Municipal Weekend of Action | [Register Here](#)

11/4 Election Day | [View our voting slate here!](#)

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

WHAT WE'RE DOING



FIELD TEAM

• VOTER REGISTRATION

• DATA AND VAN

Field Updates

Our year-round organizing program is activating Democrats across the state — and the results are impressive.

In the last quarter, Florida Democrats have:



Contacted nearly 400,000 voters through calls and canvassing



Held 34,662 live conversations with voters



Carried out Statewide Weekends of Action in 30+ counties

But these aren't just numbers — they represent real impact. Together with our powerhouse DEC's, clubs, and caucuses, we're running grassroots programs that:

- Re-enroll Democrats in **Vote-by-Mail**
- Build **lasting relationships** between volunteers and voters
- Welcome new Democrats into our party
- Talk with NPAs about why **our values and candidates** matter

Let's Go Even Bigger.

You can help make our next quarter's numbers even stronger by taking action this weekend:



[Plan a local event](#) using our Statewide Weekend of Action Roadmap



[Make calls from home](#) to re-enroll Democrats in Vote-by-Mail

STATEWIDE WEEKEND OF ACTION

CALL. CONNECT. WIN.

SAT, OCTOBER 11 – SUN, OCTOBER 12

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



Every conversation brings us closer to winning in 2026 — and it starts with you.

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

Meet the Campus Voter Registrations Fellows!



These ten Campus Voter Registration Fellows are students at universities across the state. They are working with the Florida Democratic Party to engage their peers in voter registration and voter registration efforts. By the end of the program, these fellows will have engaged students from all corners of their campus, completed 100 hours of direct campus contact, and hosted a voter registration day of action!

[Upcoming Voter Registration Training](#) | Tuesday, October 14th @ 6:00 P.M. EST

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 | October 21st @ 4 PM - 5 PM EST | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by the Florida Democratic Party

The FDP's data team office hours are on hold the next two weeks but are back every Tuesday from 4 PM - 5 PM EST starting Oct 21st to answer your questions!

WHAT WE'RE SAYING



COMMUNICATIONS

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MESSAGING

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TOOLKITS

BREAKING:

REPUBLICANS ARE *FORCING* A GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

While Democrats fight to **save healthcare and lower costs**, Republicans are holding the government hostage, threatening **essential services** for **veterans, seniors, and working families**.



Trump and Republicans Refuse To Make Health Care Affordable, So Instead, They Shut Down the Government

- For months, Trump and Republicans refused to negotiate with Democrats to prevent health care costs from skyrocketing.

- They failed to extend ACA tax credits in their budget bill and instead cut Medicaid by \$1 trillion dollars — putting millions at risk of going without care and threatening the existence of rural hospitals.
- **The health and future of Floridians depend on preserving Affordable Care Act subsidies and expanding Medicaid.**
- **Currently, more than [4.7 million Floridians are enrolled in the ACA for healthcare coverage, and over 4.3 million receive Medicaid benefits.](#)**
- That is what Democrats are fighting for- we are working to protect healthcare for the **2 in 5 Floridians who rely on ACA tax credits or Medicaid** to keep themselves and their families safe.
- The American Cancer Society has noted that without Affordable Care Act subsidies, 43% of cancer patients will not be able to afford coverage.
- The Tax Credits haven't even expired yet, but we have already seen [700,000 kids in the Sunshine State lose their healthcare coverage](#) because of cuts to Medicaid
- If the ACA Tax Credits are not extended, some Floridians will see their annual premiums balloon- some by over 150%.
- It is anticipated that up to [2.2 million Floridians will lose their coverage altogether](#), and Florida's uninsured rate will hit nearly 10%, which means higher prices, strained services, and longer wait times for everyone
- **Republicans shut the government down because they refused to make health care affordable for Americans.**
- According to polling, most Americans, including 80% of independents and most Trump supporters, want the ACA tax credit expanded.
- During the four years that Senate Democrats held the majority, there wasn't a single shutdown. Why? Because Democrats negotiated all 13 funding bills with Republicans.

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

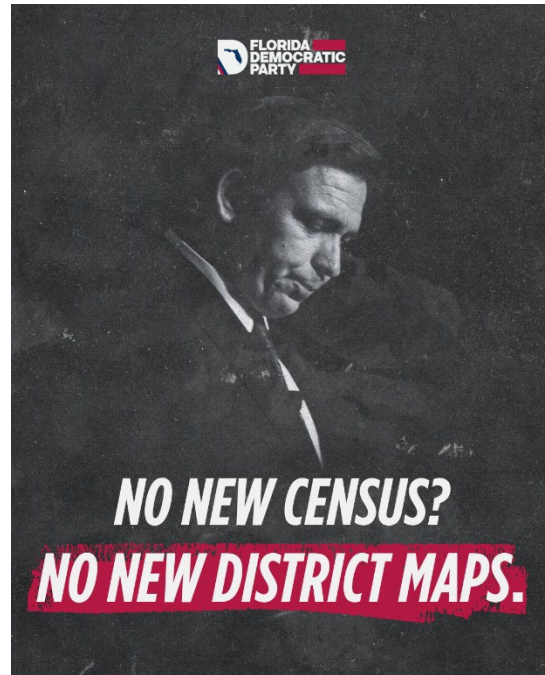
public hospitals and health services, disaster preparedness and relief, firefighters and EMTs, and our schools.

- 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.



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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 | October 20th @ 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!

Data Management For Your Field Program | October 14th @ 1 PM EST | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by the National Democratic Training Committee

If you are responsible for the planning and execution of a campaign's voter contact strategy this training is for you! This session will introduce the purpose of a field program and its use in campaigning so that you can run a successful field program!

Join this training to learn the following:

- Explain the purpose and importance of tracking field data
- Name the essential pieces of data for field planning
- Introduce tools for effective data management

Party Affairs

Join Chair Fried for a Hispanic Heritage Month Cafecito & Conversation! – Miami

This Friday, **October 10, 2025**, spend an energizing hour with FDP Chair Nikki Fried, the Miami-Dade DEC, the Miami-Dade Hispanic Caucus, and local partners as we lift up community priorities and plug folks into action. Please share widely.

Location shared closer to event

Friday, October 10, 2025

RSVP:

- Allapattah: <https://www.mobilize.us/floridadems/event/855812/>
- Hialeah: <https://www.mobilize.us/floridadems/event/855815/>
- Doral: <https://www.mobilize.us/floridadems/event/855817/>

- Homestead: <https://www.mobilize.us/floridadems/event/855819/>

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, TODAY 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!



Upcoming Events

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

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