

THIS WEEK AT FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF 5.04.2026

Florida Democrats,

With **just 43 days until the qualifying deadline**, we are in the final stretch of ensuring Democrats are on the ballot in every corner of Florida.

You know your communities best, and that's exactly why your leadership in this moment is so important. Our Candidate Support team is here to support you in that work. They are actively identifying, recruiting, and preparing candidates to file, and are ready to partner with you to move prospects forward and get them across the finish line.

If you are working with potential candidates or need help identifying new ones, please connect directly with us at candidates@floridadems.org. Strong coordination now ensures we're maximizing our efforts, avoiding duplication, and setting every candidate up for success.

As always, as soon as someone is considering running, please have them complete our [Run for Office Form](#) so they can be plugged into our trainings, resources, and ongoing support.

Together, we can make sure every voter in Florida has a Democrat on their ballot. Let's finish strong!

In Solidarity,

Nikki Fried

Chair

Save the ***New* Date: 2026 Leadership Blue Date**



We're excited to announce that this year's Leadership Blue Weekend will be held from **July 17-19th** at **Disney's Gran Destino Towers at Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, FL!** We are looking forward to convening our party leadership, supporters, volunteers, candidates, and activists for a weekend full of receptions, trainings, and signature events you will not want to miss.

Visit <https://stech.floridadems.org/leadership-blue-2026> to learn more about our events and the ways you can be involved our 2026 Leadership Blue Weekend.

[RSVP for Leadership Blue HERE](#)

Field Updates



Week in Review: Statewide Weekend of Action

This past weekend, Democrats across Florida came together for our Statewide Weekend of Action - and the momentum was real.

DECs of all sizes, in every region of the state, stepped up. Counties that had focused on phonebanking expanded into canvassing, while door-focused counties added phonebanking - a major step forward for our statewide organizing infrastructure.

We also saw strong activation in improperly redistricted areas, sending a clear message: Florida Democrats are serious about holding and growing our congressional seats.

Over the past 7 days, volunteers and local leaders helped drive:

- 89,066 voter contact attempts
- 8,219 conversations with voters

And we're not slowing down. Please start planning now for our next Statewide Weekend of Action on May 30–31.

[Chris Byrnes](#)

Statewide Field Director



Voter Contact Leaderboard

The counties below reached the most voters this past week.

Rank	County
 1	Calhoun
 2	Holmes
 3	Osceola
4	Taylor
5	Seminole
6	Palm Beach
7	Orange
8	Collier
9	Clay
10	Broward



Communications Updates

THESE 21 SENATE REPUBLICANS VOTED TO

RIG OUR CONGRESSIONAL MAPS



BEN ALBRITTON
SD-27



BRYAN AVILA
SD-39



JIM BOYD
SD-20



JASON BRODEUR
SD-10



DANNY BURGESS
SD-23



COLLEEN BURTON
SD-12



NICK DICLEGIE
SD-18



DAN GAETZ
SD-1



GAYLE HARRELL
SD-31



ED HOOPER
SD-21



JONATHAN MARTIN
SD-33



RALPH MASSULLO, JR.
SD-11



DEBBIE MAYFIELD
SD-19



STAN MCCLAIN
SD-9



KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO
SD-28



ANA MARIA RODRIGUEZ
SD-40



COREY SIMON
SD-3



KEITH TRUENOW
SD-13



JAY TRUMBULL
SD-2



TOM WRIGHT
SD-8



CLAY YARBOROUGH
SD-4

Floridians will remember in November.



Republicans Across the South Move to Redraw Maps after the Supreme Court Guts the Voting Rights Act

- Last week, the Supreme Court effectively gutted Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act with their decision in *Louisiana v. Callais* — granting Republicans the power to undermine voters of color.
- Almost immediately, Republican governors in [Alabama and Tennessee](#) announced plans to break up districts represented by Democrats in order to dilute the voting power of Black residents.
- Election officials in Louisiana are [delaying their primaries](#) for U.S. House races to redraw the map in favor of Republicans.
- In Florida, Ron DeSantis' redrawn congressional map intentionally violated Florida's constitution and the Fair Districts Amendment [in anticipation of the Callais ruling](#).
- Make no mistake, Donald Trump made this happen. In September, the Justice Department [explicitly asked the Court](#) to weaken the Voting Rights Act, allowing Republican legislators to reduce, and in some cases, eliminate, the electoral power of voters of color.
- Democrats are not backing down. We're fighting tooth and nail to contest every election and make sure that all Americans' voices are heard in November and in every election that follows.

ICYMI:

- Monday 4/27/2026: [Statement on DeSantis Maps](#)
- Wednesday 4/29/2026: [Statement on Callais v. Louisiana](#)
- Saturday 5/2/2026: [Chair Fried on MS Now on Alex Witt Reports](#)
- Sunday 5/3/2026: [Chair Fried on MS Now with Al Sharpton on Politics Nation](#)

Every week, talking points are provided to party leaders and membership. Messaging should be used for press interviews, conversations with voters, and social media posts. To request for someone to be added to the mailing list, direct them to press@floridadems.org.

Join us each Tuesday at 11 a.m. ET for our weekly messaging call to learn what breaking news the party is discussing and how we're sharing it. [Register here.](#)

Missed our press releases last week? Read them [here.](#)

FDP Voter Registration



Pledge to Vote in the 2026 Elections

Plan to vote in the 2026 Midterms? Fill out a [pledge to vote photo petition here](#) and tell us why you'll be voting!

May Voter Registration Trainings

[Voter Registration Volunteer Training |](#)

Thursday, 05/28/2026 @ 5:00 P.M. EST

[Voter Registration Lead Training |](#)

Thursday, 05/28/2026 @ 6:00 P.M. EST

FDP Data and VAN

Voter file updates

The April voter file was received, uploaded, and is currently in process.

The “What’s New?” tab in VAN will be updated once the file is processed.

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

Hosted by the Florida Democratic Party

The FDP's data team office hours are every Tuesday from 4 PM - 5 PM EST to answer your questions!

Training

If your DEC, Club, Caucus, or Campaign needs training on any of our platforms or tools fill out this [FORM](#)! We will customize the training to fit exactly what you need!

Also don't forget to bookmark our [Data Hub](#) - A one stop shop for all your data needs!



View Upcoming Events


FDP has exciting events planned for communities across Florida as we approach vital elections. To view and register for upcoming events, please visit our events page floridadems.org/events.

TONIGHT @ 7PM ET: DNC Southern States Briefing

LOUISIANA V. CALLAIS:

THE SOUTHERN STATES' RESPONSE STRATEGY

VIRTUAL BRIEFING



Join **DNC Chair Ken Martin** and **Civic Engagement and Voter Protection Director Herly Rosemond** for a virtual briefing on *Louisiana v. Callais*.

MONDAY, MAY 4 AT 7 PM ET

Guest speakers include: Davante Lewis, Louisiana Public Service Commissioner (District 3); Cliff Albright, Co-founder of Black Voters Matter Fund; and Charles Taylor, Executive Director of NAACP Mississippi State Conference.

RSVP AT [WIN.DNC.ORG/CALLAIS](https://win.dnc.org/callais)

[Join the DNC for a virtual briefing on voting rights and Louisiana v. Callais](#) on **TONIGHT at 7:00 PM ET**. The call will feature DNC Chair Ken Martin and Civic Engagement and Voter Protection Director Herly Rosemond to learn how Democrats are fighting tooth and nail to ensure the voices of all Americans are heard in November and in every election that follows.

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