

THIS WEEK AT FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF 11.17.2025

Florida Democrats,

We're excited to continue building off of the momentum of our November Municipal Elections throughout the state. This week, **we have two key Nights of Action** where Florida Democrats will come together to drive turnout in critical special and runoff elections.

Today, we launched a new slate of Take Back Local candidates for the December 2025 runoff elections. Floridians are tired of the chaos and ready for leaders who show up, listen, and deliver. That's exactly what our *Take Back Local* candidates will do.

The Take Back Local slate for the December 2025 runoff elections includes:

- Matthew Crowley, Winter Haven, District 4 – Runoff 12/2
- Monica Matteo-Salinas, Miami Beach, Group I – Runoff 12/9
- Eileen Higgins, City of Miami Mayor – Runoff 12/9
- Chris Dzadovsky, Fort Pierce City Commission, District 2 – Runoff 1/13

On Wednesday, we're kicking off with a **Special Election Night of Action Phonebank** focused on SD-11 in Central Florida and HD-90 in Palm Beach County:

- HD-90 is a **must-protect** after the recent passing of our longtime Democratic representative
- SD-11 gives us a rare chance to flip a Republican-held Senate seat after the incumbent was pulled into the DeSantis administration

Strong performance in these races will send a clear signal: **Florida Democrats are ready to compete everywhere.**

Later this week, we'll shift into a **Runoff Election Night of Action Phonebank** supporting major municipal runoffs, including in the City of Miami, Miami Beach, and Winter Haven.

- In Miami, we have an opportunity to elect a Democratic mayor for the first time in 28 years.
- In Miami Beach, voters will decide whether we hold or lose Democratic control of the City Commission.
- In Winter Haven, we have the chance to flip a seat on the City Council and expand local Democratic representation.

There are so many great ways to get engaged and we're counting on you all to show up to help us bring these critical races across the finish line.

The pendulum has to swing, let's be the force!

In solidarity,

Chair Nikki Fried

SAVE THE **DATE**



TAKE BACK LOCAL PHONEBANK ***RUNOFF ELECTIONS NIGHT OF ACTION***

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 6PM-8PM

- ★ **CALL DEMOCRATS**
- ★ **GET OUT THE VOTE**
- ★ **BUILD LOCAL DEMOCRATIC POWER**



[Register for Runoff Night of Action!](#)

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- ★ **GET OUT THE VOTE**
- ★ **TURN OUTREACH INTO IMPACT**



Register for SD-11 and HD-90 Phonebank!

WHAT WE'RE DOING



FIELD TEAM

VOTER REGISTRATION

DATA AND VAN

Field Updates



Organizing in Every Corner of Florida

Last week, Florida Democrats made more than 30,000 voter contact attempts statewide and held nearly 5,000 live conversations with voters. Every one of those conversations helped re-enroll neighbors in Vote-by-Mail, strengthen community ties, and build the kind of year-round presence our party needs to win.

From Central Florida to South Florida, FDP's field team was shoulder-to-shoulder with our DEC's, supporting their local strategies and driving turnout in upcoming special and runoff elections. The energy on the ground is real, **and it's growing.**



Check out the Voter Contact Leaderboard below to see which counties led the charge this past week.

Rank 🏆	County
🥇 1	Miami-Dade
🥈 2	Sumter
🥉 3	Orange
4	Clay
5	Hernando
6	Citrus
7	Okaloosa
8	Seminole
9	Sarasota
10	Broward

To ensure fairness across counties of different sizes, this leaderboard uses a weighted ratio: weekly voter contact attempts divided by each county's number of Vote-by-Mail targets.

Upcoming Organizing Trainings

[Writing a Field Plan](#) - Dec 4 @ 6pm

[Hosting a Phonebank](#) - Dec 11 @ 6pm

[Launching a Canvass](#) - Dec 16 @ 6pm

Our FDP 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 Statewide Field Director, Chris Byrnes? [Email Chris](#) or [Schedule a 1:1 Meeting](#)

Voter Registration

Fellow of the Week!



: Jared, USF



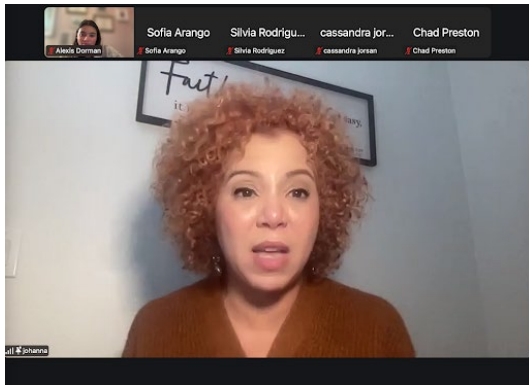
Jared is a second year student at USF, studying political science, and is also the Vice President of the USF-Tampa College Democrats. Jared is passionate about voter registration because he believes that getting people out to vote gets them engaged with their community. Jared believes it's so important to be an active agent of change, which is why he is working to make people aware of how politics affects their lives and encouraging folks to register to vote. In addition to serving as a Campus VR Fellow this semester,

Jared also served as a Voter Registration Fellow last summer! **Great work, Jared!**



Community Organizing Certification Program

On Thursday, November 13th, participants were joined by State Representative Johanna Lopez and Santra Denis, Executive Director of the Miami Workers Center to discuss *Cultural Competence*.



Want to Register Voters in Your Community? | Attend a Training!

If you are interested in learning more about our voter registration program and the process for getting involved, visit the [Voter Registration Training Calendar](#) to find upcoming opportunities.

The last volunteer voter registration training of the year will be hosted on Monday, December 1st at 6:00 P.M. ET. [Sign up here!](#)

Data and VAN

Weekly Office Hours | November 18th @ 4 PM - 5 PM EST | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by the Florida Democratic Party

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

WHAT WE'RE SAYING



COMMUNICATIONS

• MESSAGING

• TOOLKITS

Republicans Own the Massive Hike in Health Care Premiums Facing Working Families

- Despite Donald Trump's promises to lower prices on Day One, Americans are stretching their wallets even further to make ends meet and afford basic necessities like groceries.
- It's only going to get worse, especially for the 22 million Americans who get health care through the Affordable Care Act and will see their premiums more than double next year.
- Donald Trump and the Republican Party don't care about addressing the high cost of living — they're focused on throwing parties for billionaires and the ultra-rich.
- Trump even pointed out that his "[greatest strength](#)" is building ballrooms.
- While Trump claims to be making prescriptions more affordable through [TrumpRx](#), it's a sham deal that won't lower out-of-pocket costs for the vast majority of Americans.

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**HEALTHCARE
COSTS OR
COVERAGE**
BEEN AFFECTED?

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less coverage** for you & your family.



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PARTY LEADERS

• ELECTED OFFICIALS

• CANDIDATES

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 | November 24th @ 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!

Ready to Run Training | November 17th @ 7 PM | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by the Florida Democratic Party

To celebrate being just under one year out from the 2026 General Election, we're hosting a training designed for candidates who want to run for office but need some extra guidance before filing! The training will cover the essentials to get your campaign off the ground.

Join this training to learn the following:

- How to file to run for office
- How to set up your campaign structure
- How to access resources and build a strong foundation for success

WHAT WE'RE PLANNING



UPCOMING CALLS

EVENTS

OPPORTUNITIES

PCYD EVENTS

FALL 2025

24 SEPTEMBER	TRIVIA NIGHT SOCIAL WILLARD'S TAPHOUSE 12500 STARKEY RD, LARGO 7PM
27 SEPTEMBER	VOTER REGISTRATION CANVASS LOCATION TBA 10AM
26 OCTOBER	VR & VBM DRIVE @ HALLOWEEN ON CENTRAL DOWNTOWN ST. PETE 12-5 PM
29 OCTOBER	HALLOWEEN HOUSE PARTY LOCATION TBA 7PM
3 NOVEMBER	OPEN E-BOARD MEETING PCDEC OFFICE/ZOOM 2250 1ST AVE N, ST. PETE 7PM
21 NOVEMBER	VR DRIVE @ 3RD FRIDAY SAFETY HARBOR DOWNTOWN SAFETY HARBOR MAIN STREET 6-10PM
23 NOVEMBER	FRIENDSGIVING IN THE PARK LOCATION TBA 3PM

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