

THIS WEEK AT FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF 7.13.2026

Happy Monday, Democrats!

Exciting news—this past week was one of **our biggest** weeks for voter contact so far this year. DEC's, clubs and caucuses across the state called **over 100,000** voters and knocked **nearly 20,000 doors**.

We are also celebrating an **150,000 vote by mail advantage** across the state! The pendulum is swinging in our direction—thank you for being part of the source!

We're looking forward to seeing you in person for this year's [Leadership Blue](#) at Disney's Coronado Springs. Join us as we prepare for the 2026 midterm elections and hear from former **Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg** as our keynote speaker at the Saturday evening gala.

Safe travels to all, and I can't wait to see each of you this weekend as we celebrate our victories and focus on our mission to Take Back FL.

Nikki Fried

Chair

DAYS UNTIL: Leadership Blue: 4; Primary Election Day: 34; General Election Day: 113



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 LeadershipBlue.Com to learn more about our events and the ways you can be involved our 2026 Leadership Blue Weekend.

Don't miss out on special **DEC, Club, and Caucus table discounts!**
Email finance@floridadems.org for more information

[Find more information for Leadership Blue HERE](#)

Field Updates



Last week, Florida Democrats knocked doors and made calls—totaling **136,473** voter contact attempts and **7,369** live conversations—helping voters enroll in Vote-by-Mail ahead of the critical August and November elections. We also sent **1,247,952** text messages.

That doesn't even include the voter contact happening on Democratic campaigns across the state.

These results don't happen by accident. They happen because people show up—and local leaders step up.

Our **5 Weeks to Win Statewide Weekend of Action** provided several examples of local leaders stepping up. We saw at least **15** new volunteer leaders launch their first solo canvasses and phonebanks.

One volunteer leader, Billie, kicked off her virtual phonebank training **from the commercial kitchen at a banquet hall** so she could make sure her volunteers had the support they needed before they started calling.

The goal has never been for staff to do all the organizing. It's to build, train, and support teams of volunteers who can organize their own communities. That's our statewide path to victory in August, November, and beyond.

Chris Byrnes

FDP Statewide Field Director



Voter Contact Leaderboard

The counties below reached the largest share of their priority voters this past week.

Rank 🏆	County
1 🏆	Taylor
2 🏆	Hillsborough
3 🏆	Levy
4	Marion
5	Highlands
6	Broward
7	Clay
8	Charlotte
9	Hardee
10	Sarasota

Need help building a voter contact program? Contact FDP Statewide Field Director Chris Byrnes at cbyrnes@floridadems.org



Voter Registration



FIFA World Cup VR Week of Action | Tuesday, 07/14-07/19

This week we are partnering with the DNC to host a FIFA World Cup VR Week of Action in Florida! If you are attending a World Cup watch party, take [this VR flyer](#) with you to assist those you're watching the World Cup with in checking their voter registration status and registering to vote!

Voter Registration Deadline for the August Elections | Monday, 07/20

We are **ONE WEEK AWAY** from the voter registration deadline for the August elections! This is the deadline for new voters to register to vote in the August elections and existing voters to update their registration to vote in Democratic primary elections. To help someone check their voter registration status and register to vote, [visit the register to vote page on the FDP website](#).



Department Office Hours, Resources, and Trainings

Voter Registration

[Office Hours](#) | Weekly, by appointment

[Voter Registration Organizing Call](#) | Tuesday, 08/04 @ 7:00 P.M. EST

Data and VAN

[Weekly Office Hours](#) | Tuesdays from 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. EST

[Data Hub](#) | Updates, Resources, and Booking Links!

Candidates and Campaigns

[Office Hours](#) | Every other Monday at 3:00 PM EST

[Run for Office Form](#) | Interested in Running for Office? Fill out our form!

Party Affairs

[Party Affairs HUB](#) | Updates, Calendar, Resources, and Booking Links!



Communications Updates

Property Taxes

- **Short Message:** Floridians are working harder than ever during an affordability crisis & need practical solutions that lower costs for everyone.
- But eliminating property taxes just shifts costs onto small businesses & renters through new taxes or fees so we all pay more for our local services.
- **Full Message:** Floridians are working harder than ever during an affordability crisis but eliminating property taxes for homeowners won't solve the problem.

- Shifting costs onto small businesses and renters through new taxes or fees means we all pay more for our local services.
- We need practical solutions like capping insurance rate hikes and taxing insurance corporations' excess profits that lower costs for all working families and seniors.

Fees

- **Short Message:** Hardworking families and seniors deserve real solutions to the affordability crisis, but eliminating property taxes just saddles us with higher costs while handing big profits to corporations for services that are currently public, affordable, and working for us.
- **Full Message:** Local services that our communities depend on like public hospitals and health services, first responders, disaster relief, and schools, rely on property taxes. So what happens if property taxes are eliminated? We'll be forced to turn to private corporations for basic necessities or have to pay new fees to the government that jack up our everyday costs. That's not real savings. Hardworking families and seniors deserve real solutions to the affordability crisis, but eliminating property taxes just saddles us with higher costs while handing big profits to corporations for services that are currently public, affordable, and working for us.

[You can find the full message guidance here](#)

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.

[Weekly Messaging Call](#)

**GET YOUR
PETITION**

**PUT MEDICAID EXPANSION
ON THE BALLOT**



[Sign the petition to get Medicaid on the ballot!](#)

Spread the Word: [Check out the full toolkit here!](#)



Democratic Black Caucus of Florida 43rd Annual Conference



Join the Democratic Black Caucus of Florida for our 43rd Annual Conference on Friday, July 17, 2026, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at the Rosen Centre in Orlando. This year's theme, "The Torch Is In Our Hands Now," will bring together Democratic leaders, activists, elected officials, candidates, and community advocates from across Florida for a day of networking, leadership development, strategic discussions, and action.

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