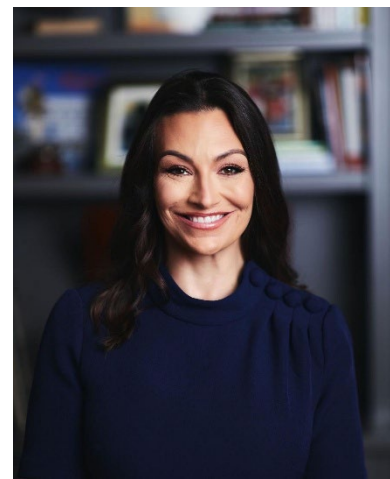




Florida Democrats,

The Florida Constitution gives the Legislature literally one job — passing the budget. Florida Republicans had 60 days to get it done, but instead, they waited until the last minute and now they're going on vacation. Maybe if they had focused on policy instead of politics they could have gotten things done in the same 60 days they've always had.



They sure didn't spend that time making life easier for Floridians — ignoring legislation on property insurance and cost of living — and they've made many of our lives much, much worse. Their attacks on immigrants, citizen-led amendments, and our children have been devastating.

As we look ahead at the month of May, we have to remember why we fight — to protect Florida and Floridians from the worst impulses of the Republican Party. Read further to find out more about how we're fighting back and how you can join us.

Sincerely,

Chair Nikki Fried

"The pendulum swings in two directions. It swings stronger with energy from a source. Let's be the source!"



Monthly Ground Team Programming Call



Join the FDP for a new monthly call focused on uplifting our efforts on the ground! Hear updates on programming and how **YOU** can get involved in our Statewide Field, Voter Registration, and Candidates & Campaigns Programs.

We'll go over:

- ✓ Data topline & trends on voter registration and vote-by-mail

- ✓ DEC shoutouts & topline direct voter contact stats
- ✓ Statewide field programming and how to plug in
- ✓ Statewide voter registration programming and how to plug in
- ✓ Updates from Candidates & Campaigns on candidate training, recruitment, and programming

May 20th, 2025 | 5:00 - 7:00 PM EST

[Sign Up Here](#)



📌 **Take Action: Field Updates** 📌

STATEWIDE WEEKEND OF ACTION
KNOCK. CALL. WIN.
SATURDAY, MAY 10th & SUNDAY, MAY 11th

- ★ **KNOCK DOORS**
- ★ **MAKE CALLS**
- ★ **RE-ENROLL DEMOCRATS IN VOTE-BY-MAIL**

 **FLORIDA
DEMOCRATIC
PARTY**

Join our first Statewide Weekend of Action as we kick off our year-round organizing efforts to connect with Democratic voters and help them stay vote-ready.

First May Statewide Weekend of Action: May 10-11

[Sign up here](#)

Available Now: Vote-by-Mail Re-Enrollment Phone Banks

Simply select your county and make calls from anywhere. Every call you make brings us one step closer to electing more Democrats.

[Click here to make calls](#)

Have questions, 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](#)



Coalitions Update

Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in our "**No Cuts, No Compromise**" Virtual Rally on Monday, April 29th. Your voice and energy helped us send a clear, united message: **We will not accept cuts to Medicaid, Medicare, or Social Security.**

The Florida Democratic Party, in partnership with the **Democratic Seniors Caucus of Florida** and the **Democratic Disability Caucus of Florida**, was proud to host this powerful event focused on protecting the lifelines that millions of Floridians rely on every day.

A huge shout out to Laurie Plotnick and Karen Clay — you were amazing. Your leadership and unwavering advocacy anchored this event and inspired so many.

The fight is not over, and thanks to your efforts, we are stronger and more united than ever.

Together, with special guests and over **800 viewers**, we amplified the voices of seniors, individuals with disabilities, elected officials, and grassroots leaders across the state.



DEC & Caucus Update

Dear FDP DEC, Clubs & Caucuses Leadership,

We invite Clubs, Caucuses, DEC Chairs and State committee people to attend our final virtual information session, where we will do a deep dive into the certification process and introduce the CCOC Committee.

Wednesday, May 14th

Time: 6:00 PM ET | 5:00 PM CT

Register for the Zoom: ([HERE](#))

What We'll Cover:

- ✓ Compliance Q&A – Addressing key compliance requirements.
- ✓ Important Form Information – Guidance on completing and submitting required documents.
- ✓ Introduce our CCOC Committee and their roles in the certification process

We strongly encourage all Club, Caucuses, and DEC leadership (Chairs and State Committee Persons) to attend this session to ensure a smooth and successful certification process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to partyaffairs@floridadems.org or consult your DEC or Caucus Leadership.

We look forward to working with you all this year!



Voter Registration Training

Interested in doing voter registration? | [Sign Up for a VR Training](#)

If you are interested in learning more about how to register voters in your community, sign up for a May voter registration volunteer training on **Wednesdays at 6:00 P.M. EST.**

DECs, clubs, and caucuses are now registering voters!

If you are interested in establishing a VR Program, please complete the [VR Onboarding Interest Form](#) and someone will contact you to set up time to meet!



Leadership Blue: Room Block Extension

We're excited to announce that this year's Leadership Blue Weekend will be held from June 20th - 22nd at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, FL!

UPDATE: We're extending the Room Block Deadline! Book your reservation by May 15th to secure your room.


Click the links below to learn more about our Room Block and exclusive DEC, Club, & Caucus Table pricing. Email finance@floridadems.org to learn more and secure yours today!

Visit leadershipblue.com to stay up to date on the event.

[Room Block](#)

[Secure Your Table!](#)





Candidates & 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!

Ready, Set, Run! 15 Day Challenge | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by the National Democratic Training Committee & Run For Something.

NDTC has trained over 110K Democrats in all 50 states on how to run for office, how to run an effective campaign, and how to WIN. All for free. Over the next 15 days, you will walk through some of the biggest questions and issues you'll face as a candidate, and how to prepare for them. You'll get a prompt, assignment, or resource by email each day – and you can expect to spend anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour on each day's challenge. At the end of it, you'll have built your own personalized resources to chart your path forward.

Candidate Trainings & Calls

Building Your Initial Donor List | May 6 @ 1 PM EST | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by the National Democratic Training Committee.

If you are getting started on your donor list for a candidate or campaign this training is for you! It is important to understand how to compile, manage, and expand your donor list to ensure that your list is comprehensive and effective!

Join this training to learn the following:

Describe a process for building a starter list of prospective campaign donors

Discuss ways to manage and segment your initial donor list

Offer suggestions for expanding your donor list beyond your personal network

**So You Want to Run for Office: AANHPI Heritage Month Edition | Thurs, May 8
@ 1 PM EST | [Register Here](#)**

Hosted by the National Democratic Training Committee.

If you are a member of the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community and would like to run for office, this training is for you! This session will go over the basics of running for office with a specific focus on the importance of representation for the AANHPI community in politics!

Join this training to learn the following:

Understand the steps necessary to run for office

Best practices for choosing which office to run for

Discerning if running is the right decision for you - especially if you are AANHPI and have never run for office but are thinking about it

**The Secrets To Successful Fundraising Emails | Mon, May 12 @ 1 PM EST |
[Register Here](#)**

Hosted by the Florida Democratic Party

Fundraising is a critical part of running for office and emails are a great way to propose the big ask! This session will cover the ins and outs of effective fundraising strategies via email communication!

Join this training to learn the following:

Review how campaigns use email to deliver fundraising asks

Describe the key features of effective fundraising emails

Discuss suggested practices for planning and managing an email fundraising program



Data/VAN Updates

Monthly VAN Voter File Update

On 5/2/25, the monthly voter file update was processed in VAN. The VAN is now current with the voter file through April 1st. We completed a full update to My Voters that includes all new registrants in the state's current voter rolls & we have updated NCOA certifications in VAN. You can find our expected voter file update timeline for the year [here](#).

Temporary VBM and Early Vote Tracking for 4/1 Elections / Expected Vote History Update

Until we get the official vote history file from the Division of Elections, the FDP is temporarily housing the vote by mail and early voter data we have from the 4/1 elections using the following activist codes:

***4125VBMVoter:** Any voter who voted by mail in the 4/1 elections & the DOE has already provided data for

***4125EarlyVoter:** Any voter who voted early in the 4/1 elections & the DOE has already provided data for

The Division of Elections typically provides the official vote history in the following month's voter file extract disc, therefore we expect to have this information updated in VAN in early June pending any other timeline changes from the Division of Elections.

VAN Admin Newsletter Reminder

Please confirm the email address associated with your VAN Votebuilder ActionID is up to date. The FDP sends regular VAN Admin Newsletters to users with profile levels 1, 1A, and 2. These newsletters contain very important information about VAN database changes, updates, new features, bugs, and information relating to the data received from the FL Division of Elections. It is very important that you are reading them & dispersing the information relevant to your programming to your users! To update your actionID email, click the dropdown in the upper righthand corner of your VAN homepage → Manage Profile → Manage My ActionID Profile → Change Email

Please make sure you are submitting any questions, inquiries, and requests to the data team using our [Data Support Ticket](#). Please do not use the support request feature directly in VAN as it is old, outdated, & does not function properly.

Other Data Resources:

- [2025 FDP Data Hub](#)
- [Data Team Office Hours](#)
- [Monthly VAN Basics/New User Training](#)
- [Monthly New VAN Admin Training](#)
- [VAN Training Roadmap](#)



Legislative Session Updates

Here are some stories from Florida and elsewhere that we recommend you attacking or amplifying this week:

ATTACK:

- [House abruptly drops its Hope Florida investigation for the session](#)
- [Did Florida attorney general cross a line telling cops they can ignore a court order?](#)



AMPLIFY:

- [National Dems to deliver more than \\$1M a month to state parties](#)
- [South Florida U.S. Rep. Wilson reports a ‘tent city’ at Miami ICE detention center](#)
- [Eighty Percent of Floridians Oppose Reverting to Pre-Parkland Gun Laws, Poll Finds](#)
- Know Your Rights: [Florida Immigration Coalition Resources](#)
- Know Your Rights: [ACLU - Protests & Public Demonstrations](#)

FDP Surrogate Program

The Florida Democratic Party is looking for trusted community leaders to help us share our message, mobilize voters, and build lasting connections across the state.

Through the FDP Surrogate Program, you'll partner with the Party to:

-  Speak at events and in the media
-  Share your personal story to bring the Party's platform to life

- 🤝 Engage directly with voters and be a trusted voice in your community

If you have a story to tell and a passion for making change, we want to hear from you. [You can read more about the program here.](#)

If you would like to join the FDP Surrogate Program, complete the interest form here:

[Surrogate Interest Form](#)

Your voice can make a difference—be the bridge between the Party and your community.



Calling All Democratic-Friendly Small Businesses!

Are you—or do you know—a small business owner who supports Democratic values? We'd love your help! We're building a coalition of Democratic-friendly small businesses across Florida

Join Us! Help shape upcoming Party initiatives and campaigns by connecting us with your network of Democratic-Friendly Small Business Owners in your community.

Let us know you're interested—together, we grow stronger. [CLICK HERE](#)



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