

THIS WEEK AT FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF 1.12.2026

Florida Democrats,

Momentum is on our side. In Q4 2025, five of our eight Take Back Local candidates won their elections, with a sixth moving on to a runoff — a powerful reminder that when we organize everywhere, **we win**. These victories didn't happen by accident, they're the result of candidates, volunteers, and local parties working together.

And we're not done yet. Tomorrow, voters head to the polls in Fort Pierce, where we have a real opportunity to carry this momentum into 2026, flip a seat, and flip the Commission to Dem control. Every local election matters and tomorrow's race is another chance to prove that Take Back Local works when we show up, stay focused, and keep pushing forward.

You can jump in anytime using our on-demand phone bank, which is open through Election Day and designed to be quick and easy to use from the comfort of your own home.

[Click Here to Join our Phonebank!](#)

One team, one dream!

In Solidarity,

Nikki Fried

SAVE THE DATE



January 13 | 6:00 PM Training: Launching a Canvass | [Register Here](#)

January 15 | 6:00 PM Training: Writing a Field Plan 201 | [Register Here](#)

January 26 | 5:00 PM Volunteer Voter Registration Training | [Register Here](#)

January 26 | 6:00 PM Voter Registration Lead Training | [Register Here](#)

March 13-15 | Leadership Summit & State Committee Meetings | [RSVP](#)

WHAT WE'RE DOING



FIELD TEAM

• VOTER REGISTRATION

• DATA AND VAN

Field Updates



Volunteers knocked doors and made calls in Tampa this weekend to help us win the special election in State Senate District 14.

The Time to Organize is Now

With at least 150 elections taking place in just the first quarter of 2026, Florida Democrats know there's no time to lose.

Direct voter contact is the most effective way to turn out voters and win. Reach out to your [local DEC](#) to learn how you can help and take advantage of our [Regional Phonebanks](#) to start re-enrolling Democrats in Vote-by-Mail now.

Upcoming Organizing Trainings

January 13 | 6 PM | Launching a Canvass | [Register Here](#)

January 15 | 6 PM | Writing a Field Plan 201 | [Register Here](#)



Our FDP field team is here to help DECs, 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](#)



Volunteer Voter Registration Training | [Sign Up to Attend!](#)

Join us on **Monday, January 26th at 5:00 P.M. ET** to learn how to register voters.

Voter Registration Lead Training | [Sign Up to Attend!](#)

Join us on **Monday, January 26th at 6:00 P.M. ET** to learn about the process for being a voter registration lead for your DEC, club, or caucus.

Data and VAN

VAN Updates

The December voter file has been uploaded to VAN so Votebuilder is now up to date through November!

Weekly Office Hours | January 13th @ 4 PM - 5 PM EST | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by the Florida Democratic Party

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

WHAT WE'RE SAYING



COMMUNICATIONS

· MESSAGING

· TOOLKITS

Communications Updates

Rising costs of living and the slowing economy are the greatest vulnerabilities for Trump and Republicans in this year's midterms, which is why Democrats will continue to hammer home our message on affordability as we build momentum and win back political power.

Since last fall, our comms team has been hosting weekly messaging briefings for the party ecosystem to get aligned. Tomorrow, Tuesday December 16th will be the last call of the year and hope you all are able to join for our year end wrap up!

[Click Here to Sign Up for the call!](#)



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WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU



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 | January 12th @ 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!

Three Steps to Establishing Your Campaign | January 12 @ 7 PM EST | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by National Democratic Training Committee

If you have made the decision to run for office and are ready to get your campaign started on the right foot this training is for you! This session will walk you through the initial steps and execution methods to ensure your campaign is successful from start to finish!

Join this training to learn the following:

- Identify what data and research are important at the onset of a campaign
- Understand how to register your campaign and make your candidacy official
- Describe how to navigate the ballot access process

Party Affairs

CCOC: You're Certified— What's Next? | January 15th @ 6PM ET |

[Register Here](#)

Hosted by the Florida Democratic Party Office of Party Affairs

Calling all state-certified Clubs, Caucus leaders, and DEC leaders:

You and **your full leadership team are invited** to an upcoming informational session designed to support your work and answer the big question, “What’s next?”

During the session, you can expect a clear walkthrough of what happens after certification, helpful one-pagers, checklists, and upcoming tools, plus time for questions and clarification.

If you have questions, reach out anytime to FDP Party Affairs Manager Zack Slay at partyaffairs@floridadems.org or CCOC Chair Jill Lewis at treasurerdbcf@gmail.com.

We look forward to supporting your work and continuing to strengthen our statewide



network of Clubs, Caucuses, and DECs.

Important Links:

- **Send us your upcoming events** → [[Submit HERE](#)]
- Want Chair Nikki Fried to attend your event? → [[Complete Scheduling Request Form](#)] and notify Abi Yisrael, FDP Coalitions Director (abi@floridadems.org)

CALL TO ACTION



Legalize Personal Marijuana Use | [Sign the petition here!](#)

By Smart & Safe Florida

Print out all pages of the form, fill it out completely, sign and date it, and make sure all of your information is clear, correct, and complete. **If any information is incorrect or incomplete, your petition will not be counted.**

Get Medicaid Expansion on the Ballot | [Commit to sign the petition here!](#)

By Florida Decides Healthcare

We need over a million signatures to get Medicaid Expansion on the ballot in 2028-- will you commit to sign the petition as soon as it becomes available and ask others to do the same? Commit now and we'll mail you your petition in 2026.

WHAT WE'RE PLANNING



UPCOMING CALLS

EVENTS

OPPORTUNITIES

2026 Candidate Meet and Greet | Feb 1 @ 2pm ET | 1220 SE Veitch St Gainesville, FL 32601

Hosted by Alachua County DEC

Join us for an opportunity to meet some of the great Democratic candidates running in 2026 Each candidate will have the opportunity to briefly introduce themselves followed by time to meet and speak with voters one on one. Bring your friends, community, and questions! We are excited to see you there!

Want to see your event in next week's Newsletter?

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