

THIS WEEK AT FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF 5.26.2026

Democrats,

I hope you all had a safe and meaningful Memorial Day weekend honoring and remembering those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country and their families.

As we kick off another week, I'm reminded of the important work we have ahead of us. This weekend is a Florida Democratic Party Statewide Weekend of Action and I hope you all will read about the opportunities to engage throughout the state and that you'll all join me in taking action this weekend.

In the words of Margaret Mead, never forget, "a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world."

Let's get to work,

Nikki Fried

Chair



Save the 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.

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

[Click Here for more information on Leadership Blue](#)

Room Block

Our team has been hard at work to secure a special discounted room rate for our Leadership Blue weekend attendees. **A limited number of rooms are now available for \$245/night*, and we expect them to sell out quickly!**

To reserve your room at this special rate, you can book [here](#), or click below!

**Please note that the deadline to book your room with the discounted rate is Friday, June 12th.*

[Book Your Room Here!](#)

Department Office Hours, Resources, and Trainings

Voter Registration

[Voter Registration Volunteer Training](#) | Thursday, 05/28 @ 5:00 P.M. EST

[Voter Registration Lead Training](#) | Thursday, 05/28 @ 6:00 P.M. EST

Data and VAN

[Weekly Office Hours](#) | Tuesday, 5/19 from 4:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M. EST

Candidates and Campaigns

[Qualifying Assistance Office Hours](#) | Tuesday, 5/19 3:00 PM - 5:00 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!

Voter Protection

Florida is facing the most aggressive attack on voting rights in decades. We are building a statewide voter protection program and need volunteers in every county. Training sessions for the primary will occur in June and July. Our democracy is under attack, and we need you to help us protect it:

<https://floridadems.org/voting/voter-protection/>

Field Updates

STATEWIDE WEEKEND OF ACTION
DEMOCRATS ON DOORS & PHONES

SAT, MAY 30 - SUN, MAY 31

- ★ **LAUNCH A NEIGHBORHOOD CANVASS**
- ★ **HOST A VOTE-BY-MAIL PHONEBANK**
- ★ **BUILD VOTER CONTACT MUSCLE MEMORY**



This weekend, Florida Democrats are coming together for our next **Statewide Weekend of Action** on **Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31**. Find a canvass or phonebank near you and help us reach the voters we need to win up and down the ballot this year. There's also still time to host your own event using our comprehensive toolkits.

- [Host a canvass, phonebank, or both](#)
- [Find a local event](#)

- [Join our Statewide Weekend of Action Phonebank](#)
- Don't want to wait? [Help us contact voters on your own schedule](#)



This Past Week

Over the last 7 days, Florida Democrats made **68,032 voter contact attempts** and **spoke with 7,239 voters**.



Voter Contact Leaderboard

The counties below reached the most voters this past week.

| Rank | County |
|---|------------|
|  1 | Broward |
|  2 | Orange |
|  3 | Sumter |
| 4 | Bradford |
| 5 | Miami-Dade |
| 6 | Lake |
| 7 | Pinellas |
| 8 | Highlands |
| 9 | Marion |
| 10 | Clay |

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



Communications Updates

Americans Can't Afford to Celebrate Memorial Day Weekend in Trump's Economy

- Trump's reckless trade wars and deadly war with Iran have driven up prices and forced working families to choose between stretching their budgets or canceling their holiday weekend plans altogether.
- A typical Memorial Day barbecue could cost over **11% more this year** compared to last year, driven by steep increases in staple items like tomatoes, ground beef, and hot dogs.

- Trump’s war with Iran has also caused travel costs to soar — gas is up to **\$4.55 a gallon** on average and **67% of Americans** say gas prices are impacting their summer travel plans.
- A **typical round-trip flight** is nearly 20% more expensive compared to April 2025.
- Americans have no faith in Trump’s economy, with a new Gallup poll showing **76% of Americans** say economic conditions are getting worse.
- Despite the economic pain, Trump just said that “**[He’s] in no hurry**” to reopen the Strait of Hormuz.

Trump and Republicans Have Forced Americans to Drop Their Healthcare

- **Two-thirds** of Americans say the country is going in the wrong direction and **70%** disapprove of Trump’s handling of the economy — more than **20 points higher** than his first term.
- For both **consumers** and **businesses**, prices are rising at the highest rate in three years — **growing faster than wages** — and worsening the ongoing affordability crisis.
- Trump’s war with Iran has pushed **the average price of gas to \$4.55 per gallon**, creating ripple effects that drive up the cost of groceries, transportation, utility bills, and everyday goods.
- Americans are **burning through savings** and turning to loans and credit cards to cover expenses, with consumer borrowing spiking to the **highest level since 2022**.
- In April, consumer confidence sank to the **lowest level ever recorded** since measurements began in 1952.
- After Republicans refused to extend ACA premium tax credits, more than **one in five Americans** enrolled through HealthCare.gov dropped their coverage after failing to pay their first month’s premium.
- Nearly **5 million fewer Americans** — a 20% drop — are expected to enroll in healthcare through the ACA because of Trump and Republicans.

- The average American family is spending thousands more this year because of [tariffs](#), spiking [gas prices](#), higher [grocery costs](#), and [health insurance premium](#) increases.
- It's no surprise then that for the first time since 2010, a [Fox News poll](#) showed that Americans prefer Democrats over Republicans on the economy.
- [A recent poll](#) found that Democrats lead Republicans on the generic ballot by 15 points and have substantial leads on the cost of living (+15) and the job market (+17).

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](#)

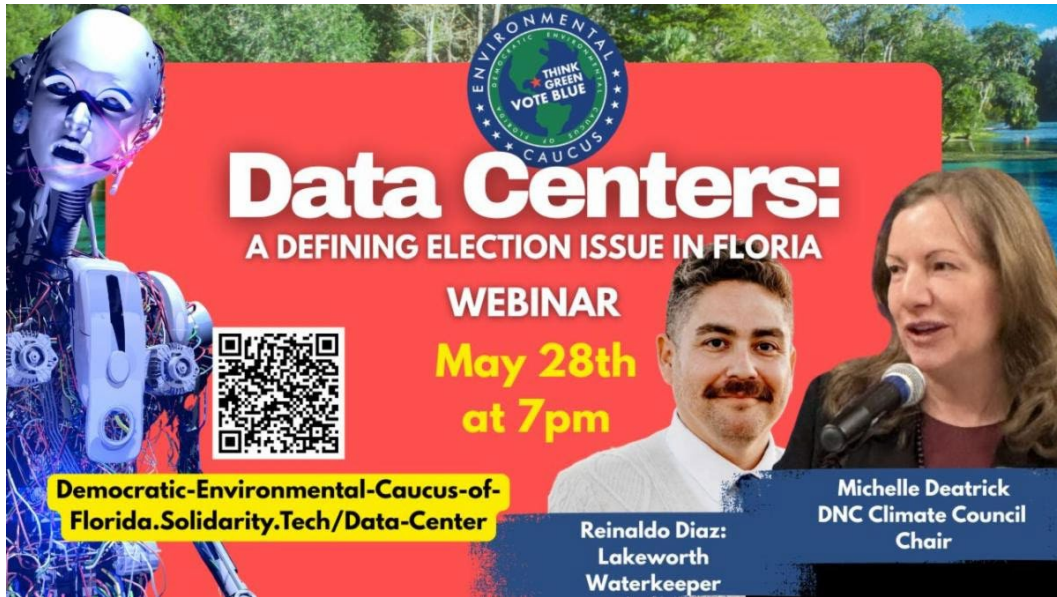


View Upcoming Events

FDP has exciting events planned for communities across Florida as we approach vital elections. To view and register for upcoming events in your area, please visit our events page floridadems.org/events. To register for statewide events visit the Party Affairs Hub Calendar at floridadems.org/partyaffairs



DECF Data Centers: A Defining Election Issue in Florida



Register for this DECF webinar to learn about the growing voter backlash against hyperscale AI data centers in Florida — a major issue for the November election. We'll cover how data centers threaten our water supply, energy grid, utility rates, air quality, and rural lands, as well as how AI-driven job loss and for-profit data control undermine democracy. Candidates will learn how to engage voters on this threat; voters will learn what to demand from their representatives. Our panelists will take your questions — we look forward to seeing you there!

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