

THIS WEEK AT FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WEEK OF 8.10.2026

Happy Monday, Democrats!

We are just **8 days away from our primary election** and early voting is officially open all across Florida!

I hope you're getting out in the community, knocking doors, and making calls this week. That excitement you feel when you meet a voter is what democracy looks and feels like. This past weekend, I had the opportunity to experience it first hand as I hit the road and joined volunteers in Tampa to knock doors alongside U.S. Rep. Kathy Castor and State Senator Brian Nathan.



As I talked to voters, one thing was clear: **Floridians are ready for change**. From sky high prices at the pump and soaring grocery costs, to overdevelopment and rampant corruption, the folks I spoke to had a lot on their minds and they are ready to take their frustrations to the ballot box. After 30 years of Republican rule in Florida and nearly 2 years into Trump's second term, they are saying enough is enough. We have an incredible opportunity to show them that a better way is possible and that there are hundreds of Democrats up and down the ballot ready to take back Florida.

To help make sure every voter has the information they need, FDP's Democratic Voter Guide is live at floridadems.org/vote. Voters can enter their registration address to see the Democrats and party-endorsed measures on their ballot, so encourage everyone you talk to to check it out before heading to the polls.

While talking to voters, you may encounter some questions outside of the norm about voting. We are thrilled to announce the **Voter Protection Hotline is up and running**. Any Floridian that has questions about voting or has been turned away from a polling place can dial:

833-VOTE-FLA

When voters call the Voter Assistance Hotline, they will be connected with one of 700 volunteers who will help to ensure they get a solid answer and solution to whatever barrier to voting they may be experiencing. The Florida Democratic Party is working every day to ensure every eligible Floridian has the opportunity to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted. Because all politics is local, our county voter protection teams work to protect the vote in their respective communities. The hotline is available to answer questions from all 67 counties in English, Spanish, or Haitian Creole.

It's our time to shine, Democrats! I can't wait to celebrate our shared victory in the week ahead.

DAYS UNTIL: Primary Election Day: 8; General Election Day: 85

Nikki Fried

Chair



The Final Push: GOTV Statewide Weekend of Action



Florida Democrats are heading into the final stretch before the August 18 elections with organizers and volunteers across the state continuing to reach voters at an incredible scale.

Just this past week, our DEC's, clubs, and caucuses made **168,144 calls**, attempted **19,756 doors**, and had **8,117 conversations with voters** across Florida.

Through our **Take Back Local** program, we accomplished tens of thousands of calls and sent even more texts on behalf of more than a dozen Democratic candidates running for local office and school board.

Now, it all comes down to GOTV.

This coming weekend is our **GOTV Statewide Weekend of Action**, and these are the final days to help Democrats and left-leaning NPAs make a plan to cast their ballots in the August 18 elections.

Join us for the final push: host a canvass or phonebank, attend an event in your community, or make calls virtually from home. Every conversation between now and Election Day is an opportunity to turn out another voter and help elect Democrats up and down the ballot.



[Take Action](#)



Voter Contact Leaderboard

Rank 🏆	County
1 🏆	Broward
2 🏆	Sarasota
3 🏆	Orange
4	Pinellas
5	Palm Beach
6	Hillsborough
7	Seminole
8	Duval
9	Pasco
10	Brevard

Need help building a voter contact program? [Email Chris Byrnes](#) or join Field & Organizing [Office Hours](#) each Friday.

Voter Registration

Summer 2026 Voter Registration Fellowship

Last week, our Summer 2026 cohort of voter registration fellows completed their fellowship! Our Summer 2026 VR Fellowship cohort consisted of 16 fellows across 11 counties.

Throughout the summer our fellows completed **168 voter registration shifts**, **engaged over 1,800 Floridians**, and **helped nearly 1,200 people check their voter registration status, and register and pledge to vote!**



I want to give a special shout out to the Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, and Leon County DEC's, the Democratic Women's Club of Hillsborough County, and all of the other DEC's and clubs that supported the fellows in their county. Because of this support our fellows were set up for success when planning events and registering voters!



Department Office Hours, Resources, and Trainings

Voter Registration

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

[Voter Registration Organizing Call](#) | Tuesday, 08/11 @ 7:00 P.M. ET

Data and VAN

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

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

Candidates and Campaigns

[Office Hours](#) | Monday, August 17th @ 3:00 P.M.

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

Voter Protection

Early Voting is underway and our Voter Assistance Hotline is taking your calls! Call 833-868-3352 if you encounter any issues while voting or if you have any questions about the process. Our volunteer agents will gladly assist you.

Party Affairs

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



Communications Updates

Trump's Economy is Shedding Jobs As Americans Are Fed Up With Higher Costs

- On Friday, the jobs report showed that [the economy lost 23,000 jobs](#) in July.

- The numbers for May and June were also [sharply revised downward](#), meaning that over the last three months, the economy has created about [200,000 fewer jobs](#) than expected.
- Top economists are [sounding the alarm](#) on Trump's tanking economy, pointing out how "job growth is at a virtual standstill" and "few businesses are hiring," which is forcing job seekers to leave the workforce entirely.
- Overall, [7 in 10 Americans](#) disapprove of Trump's economy, and a [whopping 95%](#) of U.S. adults report the country is in an affordability crisis.
- [Families are expected to pay nearly \\$4,000 per child](#) for the upcoming school year, a double-digit percentage increase largely driven by more expensive school supplies and rising fuel and food costs.
- Next year, health [insurers are planning to dramatically raise premiums](#) for Americans who get their healthcare through the ACA marketplace.
- The average household has had to spend more than [\\$3,500](#) extra since Trump took office, and with less than 100 days until the midterms, Democrats hold a [9-point advantage over Republicans](#) on the economy and a [20-point advantage](#) among extremely motivated voters.

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](#)



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

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



TONIGHT - DNC Rural Council Southern Regional Forum

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) Rural Council invites you to the second **Southern Regional Rural Forum** hosted by the Rural Council Southern Representatives, Texas Democratic Party Chair Kendall Scudder, and Georgia DNC Member Wendy Davis on **August 10 at 7:30 PM ET / 6:30 PM CT.**

This series brings together rural organizers, local parties, and candidates to share best practices and collaborate. Given the unique challenges of rural organizing, learning from each other is vital ahead of the 2026 midterms and beyond.

Please come prepared with questions and best practices. We're eager for your input and participation.

EVENT DETAILS:

Date: Monday, August 10, 2026

Time: 7:30 PM ET / 6:30 PM CT

RSVP: <https://win.dnc.org/Southernforum2>



TONIGHT - DNC Disability KYR Training with New Disabled South Rising

Join the DNC, New Disabled South Rising, and the College Democrats of America Disability Caucus TODAY for a training call on voting rights for people with disabilities and poll workers. As the Trump administration relies on public unawareness to threaten our fundamental voting rights, we must unite to learn about our rights to accessibility accommodations, poll worker assistance, mail-in voting, and private, independent voting.



DISABILITY COMMUNITY VOTING **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**

AUG. 10 • 6:30 - 7:30 PM ET

Join the DNC, New Disabled South Rising, and College Democrats of America Disability Caucus for a training call on voting rights for people with disabilities and poll workers.

This event will feature live CART captioning and American Sign Language (ASL) Interpretation.

RSVP HERE:

<https://win.dnc.org/disabilityKYR>

PARTNERS:



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RISING**

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Message from the Florida Democratic Party Senior Caucus



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DESERVED.
ESSENTIAL.**

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Let's Celebrate!

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- ✓ Strengthens communities
- ✓ Supports seniors, people with disabilities, and families
- ✓ Drives economic growth

**OUR VOICE.
OUR FUTURE.**

We celebrate this legacy—and we stand united to defend it for today and for generations to come.

TOGETHER, WE KEEP THE PROMISE.

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY!

Be part of the movement.
Be part of the change.
TOGETHER, WE ARE STRONGER!




SCAN TO JOIN OR RENEW!

**HONOR THE PAST. PROTECT THE FUTURE.
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LET'S TURN FLORIDA BLUE!

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