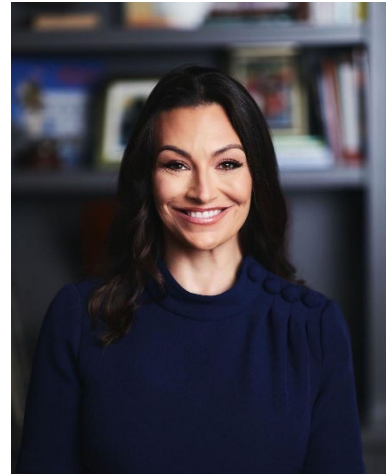




Florida Democrats,

It was another wild week in Florida that ended with a ‘Deal or No Deal’ showdown in the Florida Legislature. Republicans in the Florida House, Senate and Governor’s Office still can’t come to an agreement on passing a budget — the one job required by the Florida Constitution. This is unprecedented and there is no roadmap for what happens next — but I can promise you that we will not be distracted by the drama and Florida Democrats are focused on the road ahead.



Last week, I was proud to [announce](#) that we have secured two major speakers to join us at Leadership Blue Weekend in Miami from June 20-22. I’m pleased to share that we will host both Senator Cory Booker and Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear at the Leadership Blue Gala. It shows that Democrats across the country recognize that Republicans are vulnerable in this state and Florida must be on the map if we’re ever going to win back the White House, Congress and end 30 years of Republican control in Florida. We hope you’ll join us for this unforgettable event, and you can get your Leadership Blue tickets [here](#).

Looking ahead, we are now less than one month out from special elections in SD-19, HD-3, and HD-32. You can help us make calls by signing up to phone bank [here](#) and joining any of our upcoming Weekend of Actions to re-enroll Democrats in vote-by-mail statewide.

As we continue to unify the party and organize year-round, we need your ongoing support. Join me in rolling up your sleeves and I hope to see you at Leadership Blue soon!

Onwards,

Chair Nikki Fried

Monthly Ground Team Programming Call



Join the FDP next week 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** 🚩

Recap: Statewide Weekend of Action, May 10-11



In our first Statewide Weekend of Action of 2025, volunteers across Florida stepped up to power the launch of our year-round organizing program.

From Bradford to Miami-Dade, and from Leon to Lee, Democrats in 27 counties made phone calls and knocked on doors to reach voters whose Vote-by-Mail enrollment expired—letting them know how to re-enroll and that they’ll be hearing a lot more from Florida Democrats in the months ahead.

This is how we win: by organizing early, consistently, and everywhere. **Let’s keep the momentum going and do it again May 24-25 for our next Statewide Weekend of Action!**



[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



Join the Florida Democratic Party and the Democratic Veterans Caucus of Florida for a powerful virtual town hall focused on defending the rights and dignity of Florida's veterans and military families.

Under Donald Trump's extreme agenda, those who served our nation are being targeted once again—facing cuts to the Department of Veterans Affairs and the erasure of military diversity history from the Pentagon.

We cannot and will not stay silent.

This event will feature veterans, active-duty family advocates, elected officials, and grassroots organizers speaking out and standing up for those who have answered the call to serve—then and now.

Your voice matters. Your leadership is needed. Your RSVP is the first step.

➡ Join us—and help us send a clear message: We stand with all who’ve served. We protect those who protect us.

[Sign Up Here](#)

A dark blue rectangular banner with white and light blue text. At the top, 'DIAL FOR VICTORY' is written in a light blue, italicized, sans-serif font. Below it, 'Special Election GOTV Push' is written in a large, bold, white sans-serif font. Underneath that, 'TUESDAY, MAY 27TH ★ 6 - 7:30 PM' is written in a smaller, light blue sans-serif font. A line of smaller white text reads: 'Join our phone bank to support Democrats running in the upcoming June 10 special legislative elections.' At the bottom center, there is a red rounded rectangular button with the text 'REGISTER NOW' in white. To the right of the button is the Florida Democratic Party logo, which consists of a white outline of the state of Florida on a red background, with the words 'FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY' in white text to its right.

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FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY

All Hands on Deck: Help Us Win June 10!

Join the Florida Democratic Party, in partnership with statewide Clubs and Caucuses, for a coordinated GOTV Phone Bank to support our Democratic candidates in the upcoming June 10 special legislative elections.

 Let's mobilize voters during early voting to help elect:

- Vance Ahrens – SD-19
- Dondre Wise – HD-03
- Juan Jose Hinojosa – HD-32

 We'll kick things off with a quick training before diving into calls. Whether you're a seasoned phone banker or new to the work, we need you on the dialer.

These races are critical—and your voice can make the difference!

 Join us by signing up [here](#)



2025 Club & Caucus Certification

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](#)

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!



Exciting Announcement:

Leadership Blue Speakers Announced!



We're excited to announce our 2025 Leadership Blue Gala Dinner Speakers: Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey and Governor Andy Beshear of Kentucky!

You don't want to miss this packed weekend of impactful trainings, receptions to meet and mingle with fellow democrats, and our signature Leadership Blue Gala Dinner. Visit the Leadership Blue website [here](https://leadershipblue.com) to learn more about the weekend schedule.

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!

Candidate Trainings & Calls

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!

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.

Tech Time: Building a List in VoteBuilder | May 13 @ 1 PM EST | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by the National Democratic Training Committee

This training will teach you the technical skills needed to effectively utilize VoteBuilder to build lists. The session will be hands-on, so if you already have access to VoteBuilder you are encouraged to follow along.

Join this training to learn the following:

- Discuss the purpose and benefits of using VoteBuilder for list-building
- Evaluate the filtering options available in VoteBuilder and their strategic applications
- Demonstrate how to create a targeted persuasion list

Field Bootcamp: Improve Your Ground Game So You Can Win | May 17 @ 11 AM EST | [Register Here](#)

Hosted by the National Democratic Training Committee

If you're running for office and looking to implement a successful GOTV effort this training is for you. If your campaign relies heavily on volunteers, this training is especially for you! Investing in robust organizing and data management, volunteer recruitment and training, and clarity about vote goals are all separate but deeply interconnected pieces of running for office. Taking the time to understand and learning how to do them well will give your candidate and campaign the winning edge.

Join this training to learn the following:

- Developing your field strategy – vote goal implications, precinct identification and prioritization
- Program tactics – distributed, digital, and constituency organizing
- Volunteer recruitment and training – identifying volunteer needs and best practices
- Data management – data and collection systems for effective voter contact efforts



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

Republican leadership in the Florida Legislature have called for a special extended session to finalize the State budget. Legislators are being called back to Tallahassee May 12th - June 6th to continue business.

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

ATTACK:

- [Byron Donalds says feds can't hire enough Judges to give deportees due process](#)
- [Former federal prosecutors lay out possible crimes in Hope Florida saga](#)

👉 [Call on Pam Bondi to Investigate the DeSantis Hope Florida Scandal](#)



AMPLIFY:

- [2025 Florida legislative session extended: what passed so far, what failed and what's next](#)
- [Orlando commissioner Tony Ortiz switches from Republican to Democrat](#)

UPCOMING TOWN HALLS:

- 5/12 (Broward) [Townhall with Congresswoman Sheila Cherfilus McCormick](#)
- 5/15 (Orange) ["The State of our Democracy" Town Hall with Officer Harry Dunn and Chief Val Demings](#)
- 5/17 (Sumter) ["The State of our Democracy" Town Hall with Officer Harry Dunn](#)
- 5/31 (Miami-Dade) [The People's Meetup Town Hall featuring Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett and Civil Rights Attorney Benjamin Crump, Hosted by State Sen. Shevrin Jones](#)
- 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](#)