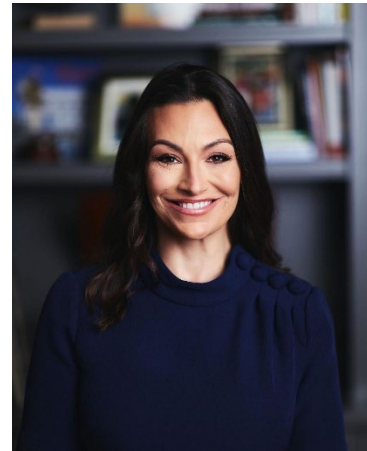




Florida Democrats,

First of all, Happy Black History Month! Black history is American history, and the Florida Democratic Party is committed to telling stories of remarkable Black Floridians and celebrating Black history throughout the month of February.



Last weekend was our State Organizational Meeting. Thank you to everyone for putting your trust and faith in me to serve as your Chair for another term. This is a responsibility I take seriously, and I look forward to working tirelessly with you each and every day to fight to make the state we all love a better place for everyone.

Additionally, thank you to all of our newly elected State Committee people who joined us for our organization meeting. Over 400 Florida Democrats gathered together to elect our slate of State Party Officers and Florida DNC Members who convened this weekend to help elect new DNC Chair Ken Martin and Florida's own David Hogg as DNC Vice Chair. Congratulations to all those who were newly elected and re-elected. I look forward to working with you all.

Also, huge congratulations to our Democratic nominees for the Special Elections in CD-1 and CD-6:

- Gay Valimont, Democratic Nominee for CD-1
- Josh Weil, Democratic Nominee for CD-6

The general election for both CD-1 and CD-6 is on April 1, 2025. Our team will be working hand-in-glove with the nominees and DEC's, Clubs, and Caucuses on the ground to make sure that we do everything we can to get out the vote during these special elections.

This past week, we saw Florida Republicans engage in civil war over a special session on immigration, while Donald Trump threw the nation into chaos – causing confusion around the freezing of federal funding and announcing tariffs that will have a drastic impact on our economy.

During these uncertain times, your Florida Democrats are going to do everything they can to make sure that Floridians know where to go for information they can trust. It is on us to make sure that we fight back against Trump’s dangerous Project 2025 agenda and begin to organize and mobilize.

Let’s get to work. Read more below for information from our team and ways YOU can get involved this month!

Sincerely,

Chair Nikki Fried

“The pendulum swings in two directions. It swings stronger with energy from a source. Let’s be the source!”



CD-1 & CD-6 Special Election Spotlight

Join the FDP in supporting Gay Valimont as our democratic candidate in the CD-1 Special Election! You can get involved with her campaign using the links below:

[Mobilize Event Sign-Ups](#)

[Volunteer Sign-Up](#)

Reach Out Directly to the Campaign

The CD-6 Special Election Primary took place last Tuesday. Join the FDP in supporting Josh Weil, democratic nominee in the CD-6 Special Election! You can get involved with his campaign using the links below:

Mobilize Event Sign-Ups

Volunteer Sign-Up

New Voter Registration & VBM Enrollment Palm Cards

We're excited to share a new double-sided Voter Registration (VR) & Vote-By-Mail (VBM) Palm Card as a resource for your outreach efforts. This card, available in both English and Spanish, can be distributed at events, meetings, and community engagements at your discretion.

Important Compliance Notes:

- Please contact the Communications team to receive an editable template. You are required to add your disclaimer when printing these materials to ensure compliance.
- We highly recommend utilizing a union print shop for production.
- If you would like to access the editable template to add your logo and disclaimer to the design, please contact our Communications team at press@floridadems.org.

Download Palm Card Here

Voter Registration Updates

If you are interested in registering voters, please sign up for a volunteer voter registration training, hosted bi-weekly on Thursday evenings:

[VR Training Sign-Up](#)

If you have already completed a Volunteer Voter Registration Training be sure to sign up for updates on voter registration opportunities in your area using the [Voter Registration Interest Form](#).

DEC and Party Affairs Updates

Dear DEC leadership, join FDP Party Affairs for an informational session and meet your state wide leadership at our first call of the year! On Thursday, February 6th at 7PM ET, we will be discussing important information regarding the next few weeks:

[Register Here](#)

Florida Statutes require each County DEC to submit documents to the Florida Democratic Party and county's Supervisor of Elections. Please see below the documents that will be requested and required to turn in from now until April 1st, 2025. More details and deadlines to come pending our Welcome Call.

- Most updated DEC membership list
- Audit of DEC income and expenses filed with the Supervisor of Elections and FDP
- File reports of all contributions received and all expenditures made with SOE
- Written notification to SOE and FDP on DEC's intention regarding endorsement, certification, screening, or recommendation of candidates in the Primary

- Written oath sent to Secretary of State that DEC has not and will not make an independent expenditure and that DEC will not violate contribution limits
- Approved meeting minutes sent to FDP
- Remit 20% of clubs' annual Party contribution to FDP
- Submit a copy of bylaws and any amendments to FDP and Rules Committee Chair

Communications Updates

Weekly talking points have resumed as normally scheduled. If you would like to receive them (or have fallen off our distribution list) please email us at press@floridadems.org.

Recent Statements and Press Releases from FDP:

DNC Elections

- [Florida Democratic Party Congratulates David Hogg, new Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee](#)
- [Florida Democratic Party Congratulates Chris Korge on Re-Election as Democratic National Committee Finance Chair](#)
- [Florida Democratic Party Congratulates Ken Martin, New Chair of the Democratic National Committee](#)

Rapid Response

- [Florida Democratic Party Statement on Black History Month](#)
- [Florida Democratic Party Statement on U.S. Special Envoy Meeting with Maduro Regime](#)
- [Florida Democrats Respond to Passage of the TRUMP Act](#)

Candidates & Campaigns Updates



If you are interested in running for office in 2025, 2026, or beyond, please complete our [Run for Office form](#) to be added to our candidate newsletter and resources.

So You Want to Run For Office: Black History Month Edition |Feb 3 @ 1 PM EST |
[REGISTER HERE](#)

Join the National Democratic Training Committee for a special edition of our *So You Want to Run for Office* training geared towards prospective and early-stage Black candidates.

Looking at the unique challenges and opportunities for Black candidates, our expert trainer will cover the ins and outs of making the decision to run, including the levels of office and other initial considerations. Whether you're already gearing up to run or have maybe only pondered it, this training is for you!

LGBTQ+ Public Leadership Summit (South Florida) | February 8 1-4 PM | [REGISTER HERE](#)

Join LGBTQ+ Victory Institute, SAVE, and Equality Florida in South Florida for a FREE half-day training. The Summit will include collaborative workshops and discussions on how to run for office or enter public service as an out LGBTQ+ individual, as well as network with local LGBTQ+ leaders and elected officials who are fighting to advance equality in the region.

The program will be followed by a reception for all attendees from 4:00pm – 5:30pm.

Space is limited and reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline for registration is two days before the training. For more information, email training@victoryinstitute.org.

Latino Victory Project Candidate and Campaign Training (Orlando) | February 21 & 22 | [REGISTER HERE](#)

Latino Victory Project, in partnership with the Venezuelan American Caucus, Orange Dems, and the financial support of Google and ActBlue, is hosting a two-day bootcamp to train aspiring and rising Latino candidates and campaign workers to run for public office and win campaigns. Over the course of Friday and Saturday, we will cover topics including how to fundraise, build field, and communications plans with the expertise of political strategists from across the country. For any questions, please reach out to Diana Bula at diana.bula@latinovictory.org.

Coalitions Updates

Monthly Meeting: Coalitions and State Chartered Clubs and Caucuses Leadership

 Tuesday, February 11th  7:00 PM ET  [REGISTER HERE](#)

Join the FDP Coalitions Monthly Meeting to engage with Caucus and Club Leadership. This is your opportunity to connect, collaborate, and contribute to our collective success in 2025.

Join Us in Honoring Black History Month – Your Participation Matters!


As we commemorate Black History Month, we recognize the rich legacy, contributions, and resilience of Black Floridians who have shaped our communities and our state. This month is an opportunity to honor that history, amplify important stories, and engage with our communities in meaningful ways.

We invite you to actively participate in this year's Black History Month initiatives to ensure that these important narratives reach and inspire as many people as possible. Below are three key ways you can get involved:

Three Ways to Participate:


1 Share Black History Events


 Submit details of Black History Month events happening in your community.

 Share pre-event and post-event photos with a 1-2 sentence caption so we can amplify them across FDP's channels.

 [\[Guidance Here\]](#)


2 Post "Did You Know" Black History Facts


 Share historical facts about Black leaders, landmarks, and moments in Florida on your social media.

 Tag @FlaDems so we can re-share and amplify your posts.

 [\[Guidance Here\]](#)

3 Create & Submit Black History Month DTC Videos

 Record a 60-second video highlighting a notable Black historical moment or location in Florida.

 Submit your video so we can feature it on FDP's platforms throughout February.

 [\[Guidance Here\]](#)

If you have any questions or need assistance, please reach out to abi@floridadems.org.

Data/VAN Updates

Join the FDP for upcoming VAN Admin training sessions! Sign up below:

[VAN New Admin Training](#)

[VAN Admin Microtargeting Workshop](#)

[VAN Admin Database Organization Workshop](#)

On 1/27/25, the monthly voter file update was processed in VAN. The VAN is now current with the voter file through January 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. The 2024 general election has also been added to the "Vote History" section in "Create a List".

Please make sure you are submitting any questions, inquiries, and requests to the data team using our [Data Support Ticket](#).

Other Data Resources:

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

NDTC + Florida Democratic Party

The National Democratic Training Committee is excited to partner with the Florida Democratic Party to provide FREE training to Democratic candidates, campaign staff, and local leaders.

As the largest Democratic campaign training organization in the nation, we have trained more Democrats on how to win elections and build long-term power than any other organization.

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