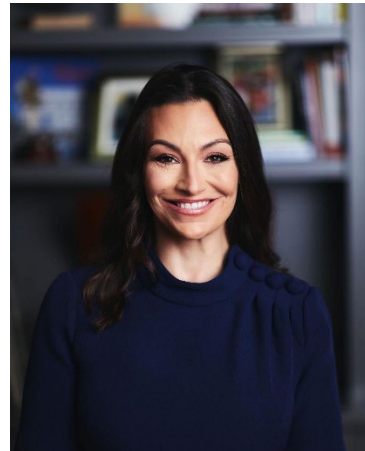




Florida Democrats,

Thank you for all your hard work this year to make Florida a better place for everyone who visits or calls our state home.

Over the course of the past month, our team has been working hard to debrief with party leaders, activists, and elected officials to discuss how we chart a path forward to take back Florida.



We've also watched as President-elect Trump continues to select Florida Republicans for his cabinet in an attempt to "Make America Florida" — and that's not a good thing.

As we round out the new year, our team will be prepared to call out Republican incompetence and irresponsibility, as we continue year-round organizing required to make progress in our state.

This month, our Democratic Executive Committees across the state are undergoing their reorganization and electing the largest body of state committee members and representation this party has ever had.

Early next year, our State Party will undergo its reorganization, and I look forward to serving as your Chair for four more years to continue building what we started, and put this party in a position to deliver real victories for Floridians and their families.

As we approach the holiday season and the new year, I am especially grateful for each and every single one of you and wish you all a warm, restful, and joyous holiday season and a happy new year.

I look forward to staying in the fight with you.

Nikki Fried

Chair

Florida Democratic Party



Special Elections

The qualifying deadlines for the Congressional races have passed. The Democratic candidates are:

CD-1: Gay Valimont

CD-6: Purvi Bangdiwala, George Selmont, Josh Weil

The CD-6 Special Election Primary will take place on **1/28/25**. CD-1 will not have a Primary Election. FDP will schedule meetings with affected DEC's to talk through how we can best support you. See details below in the "Data Updates" section of this newsletter on VBM request data details.



DEC and State Party Reorganization

Democratic Executive Committees (DECs) are currently reorganizing and electing their leadership as outlined by the Florida Statutes and FDP Bylaws. Details regarding the date, location, and time of the State Organizational Meeting will be forthcoming.

All DEC Chairs are required to submit their newly elected officer contacts via [this google form](#) or utilizing [this excel template](#). If utilizing the template, email it to partyaffairs@floridadems.org upon completion

Data/VAN Updates

VBM request data for the CD-1 and CD-6 Special Elections is being added to VAN using the statewide ***VBM Thru 2026** activist code 3x weekly (M, W, F). Beginning in January, the early voting module in Create a List will be cleared & reset for the special election primaries. At that time, daily updates to VAN will ensue.

On 11/26/24, the monthly voter file update was processed in VAN. The VAN is now current with the voter file through November 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 next monthly disk is expected to be *shipped* from the FL Division of Elections on 12/18. This disk will include 2024 General Election Results, which we expect to go live in VAN in late December/early January pending DNC processing.

To get an idea of what worked well & what didn't work, we put together a quick open-ended [2024 Data Tools Survey](#) for our tool users. If you've utilized any of our suite of data tools this cycle, please let us know your thoughts & what we could be doing better in the future!

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

Voter Registration Updates

If you are interested in registering voters in 2025, please complete our [Volunteer Interest Form](#). Voter registration trainings will begin in January 2025 for those who indicate interest, please keep an eye out for an email with more information.

Communications Updates

The FDP Communications team has launched a [2024 FDP Messaging Survey](#) to get feedback on the issues that matter most and what our top messaging priorities should be moving forward. The survey will only take 2 minutes to complete. Submissions are due by Friday, December 20, 2024.

During the holiday period, Weekly Talking Points will be paused and resume on Monday, January 6, 2025. The latest talking points are available [HERE](#).

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.

The National Democratic Training Committee is hosting their “So You Want to Run for Office” virtual training on Thursday, January 9th from 1 -2 PM EST. This training is for anyone who is considering running for office but hasn’t yet filed or committed to run.

[Register Here](#)

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