



Democrats,

We had another incredible week on the #TakeBackFL tour! After two successful weeks of the Take Back Florida Tour in [Central](#) and [South](#) Florida, we turned our focus to the Northeast corner of the state.

We started in Clay County, where supporters packed the local party office, kicking off the day's stops with grassroots organizers. Over 50 Clay County Democrats came out in the morning to hear about our vision and to commit to doing voter registration.

In downtown Jacksonville, we held a [press conference](#) addressing the housing and affordability crisis, ahead of the anniversary of the Inflation Reduction Act signed into law by President Biden last year.

Later that night, the Duval County Democrats hosted a rally calling on organizers to build on the momentum established here after the historic election of Mayor Donna Deegan.

We are building momentum for our National Voter Registration Day of Action. So far over 1,000 Democrats from across the state have joined us on our tour stops committing to registering voters and signing them up for vote by mail. I'm excited to get back on the trail to visit some of our small, medium, and large counties down the west coast of Florida. See you soon!

Forward,

Nikki Fried



Chair  
Florida Democratic Party

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We are so excited to start Week 4 of our [#TakeBackFL](#) Tour! Sign up below to join us on tour!

#### **Week 4**

**Wednesday, August 23rd, 2023**

9:30 AM - Take Back Gilchrist | [Sign Up](#)

3:00 PM - Take Back Hernando | [Sign Up](#)

7:00 PM - Take Back Pinellas | [Sign Up](#)

**Thursday, August 24th, 2023**

4:00 PM - Take Back Ft. Myers | [Sign Up](#)

**Friday, August 25th, 2023**

5:30 PM - Take Back Broward | [Sign Up](#)

#### **Week 5**

**Tuesday, August 29th, 2023**

11:00 AM CT - Take Back Santa Rosa | [Sign Up](#)

5:00 PM CT - Take Back Escambia | [Sign Up](#)

**Wednesday, August 30th, 2023**

11:00 AM CT - Take Back Bay | [Sign Up](#)

6:00 PM - Take Back Gadsden | [Sign Up](#)

**Thursday, August 31st, 2023**

11:00 AM - Take Back Jefferson | [Sign Up](#)

2:00 PM - Tallahassee Press Conference | [Sign Up](#)

[Click Here for #TakeBackFL Tour Talking Points](#)

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## National Voter Registration Day of Action

September 19th is National Voter Registration Day! The Florida Democratic Party is hosting a statewide day of action, and we are looking forward to partnering with each DEC, Club, and Caucus across the state to host a Day of Action to register voters and sign them up for vote-by-mail.

In the coming weeks we will be:

- launching a detailed toolkit for your organization to use when planning your events.
- hosting multiple training sessions to get everyone caught up on the new voter registration laws and best practices when out in the field talking with a voter.

Please use the Mobilize link below that you can customize to create voter registration events in your community.

[Customizable Mobilize Link](#)

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## State Convention

We are so excited to share more about our 2023 FDP State Convention! Convention will be held at the Rosen Centre in Orlando October 27th-29th. Sign up at [fdpconvention.com](https://fdpconvention.com) to make sure you receive all upcoming State Convention updates. The room block for State Convention is now open - be sure to reserve your room before the September 27th deadline!

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## Chairs Community Champion

Nominations are now open for the Chair's Community Champion Award! The Chair's award will recognize community leaders and/or active volunteers, honoring an individual's outstanding contribution to their community. The Chair's award will celebrate unsung heroes serving both our party and their communities who deserve recognition.

A new Honoree will be announced each month beginning August 2023 and recognized through the FDP website, newsletter, and social media channels.

For additional nomination criteria, please review the nomination form below.



[2023 Community Champions Nomination Form](#)

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## Statewide Tour Photos



[Click Here to View More Pictures from Week 3](#)

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## Port Orange Special Election

This Tuesday, August 22, the city of Port Orange is having a special election for a city council seat - and we need Democrats to #TakeBack Port Orange! Democrat Sarah Jones is running for the position. The Volusia County DEC has created this open phone bank to call Democrats and get out the vote before election day. You can access it below:



[Open Phone Bank Link](#)

We need you to forward this to your volunteers and get on the phone. We've got the momentum from our victory in Jacksonville... and now it's time for us to pitch in to do it again!

[Special Polling Locations](#)

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## DEC Virtual/Hybrid Meeting Rules

The Florida Democratic Party Rules Committee is considering formal guidance on DEC virtual and hybrid meeting rules. There is nothing that prevents virtual or hybrid meetings in the FDP Bylaws. If your DEC is utilizing hybrid meetings, we recommend making sure to provide extra time before the meeting starts for everyone to log on and having members put their precinct number in their name. We also advise that the Chair recognize virtual and in-person speakers equally. If you have any questions, please reach out to [partyaffairs@floridadems.org](mailto:partyaffairs@floridadems.org).

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## New Spanish Language Channels

This week, FDP launched new and improved Spanish only channels on social media, updating the name to Partido Demócrata de Florida and creating new channels across [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#) and [Threads](#). Follow us at @PartidoDemFL!

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## FDP VR and VBM Grant Program

As a reminder, the final submission deadline for DEC and State Caucus grant proposals is September 12, 2023.

In order to be considered for funding, proposals should meet the following criteria:

- Provide short and long term goals for the remainder of 2023 and leading into 2024
- Outline of strategic impact to the targeted community
- Display data supportive of targeted areas
- Total cost of the program
- Total funds raised by the DEC or state caucus for the program
- Total funds requested from FDP for the program

Chartered DECs and State Caucuses are eligible for consideration. To receive funding, plans must meet the above criteria and receive approval of the chair. DECs and Caucuses must be in compliance and good standing to receive funds.

## **Final Submission Deadline - September 12, 2023**

[Submit Your Plan Here](#)

### **FDP Voter Registration Guidance**

Effective July 1, 2023, SB 7050 makes a number of changes to Florida Voter Registration laws.

As of July 1, all DECs, Clubs, Caucuses, and affiliated organizations must **stop using FDP's 3P number.**

**No volunteers or party leaders are currently authorized to be agents of the FDP 3P number, and this authorization will not be extended to volunteers.**



To continue registering voters, FDP recommends use of electronic devices to register voters through the online application - which requires no receipt, protects volunteers from penalties of missing the deadline, and no applicant information is retained.

**If a DEC, Club, or Caucus continues to operate with a 3P, they must register for their own number with the state Division of Elections.**

Please review the full guidance at the link below, and contact [partyaffairs@floridadems.org](mailto:partyaffairs@floridadems.org) with any questions.

[Click Here to View FDP VR Guidance](#)

## Ballot Petitions

Floridians Protecting Freedom launched a citizen-led ballot initiative campaign to give Florida voters the chance to ensure that their personal medical decisions are theirs and theirs alone to make. Volunteers can sign up to help and also sign up for training at the [FPF page linked here](#).

Many DECs and Caucuses are also carrying the [Florida Right to Clean Water](#) petition as they knock on doors and talk to voters. We encourage all of our DECs to carry both of these petitions.

FDP will be supporting this effort and we have added both petitions to [our petitions page](#). We are urging all of our DECs, Clubs, and Caucuses to collect signatures for both of these ballot measures.



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## Resume Bank

Our Campaign Committee has been hard at work making it easier for potential candidates in 2024 to win. They have developed this resume bank for candidates to find great talent to help with campaigns. Candidates will be able to "shop" through potential campaign staff, interns, and volunteers using filter features by availability, location, language proficiencies, skills, etc. The ultimate goal is to have hundreds of resumes for our candidates to look through and find the best fit for their needs! Please complete the form below add your name to the list.

[Click Here to Complete the Resume Bank](#)

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## Chair's Challenge

Competing and winning demand resources, and I am proud to announce the launch of our [Chair's Challenge](#). You can join the chair's monthly challenge by becoming a recurring donor to FDP. Help us reach our end of month goal with just \$5 a month!





[Click Here to Join the Challenge!](#)

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## **FDP News Digest**

Action News Jax - [Florida Democrats Make Stop in Duval County](#)

Action News Jax - [Teacher vacancies drop 8% over year according to new numbers from Florida BOE](#)

News 4 Jax - [Duval Democrats attack Gov. DeSantis over Florida affordable housing issues](#)

WCJT 89.9 - [PREVIEW: The Take Back Florida Tour](#)

Florida Politics - [Nikki Fried isn't surprised by Ron DeSantis's 2024 campaign turmoil](#)

Tampa Bay Times - [Pinellas Democratic party boss seeks to reinvigorate the base](#)

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