

FL DEMS

Happy Pride Month, Democrats!

During Pride Month we honor the LGBTQ+ community and the progress we've made in the fight for equality. Let's stand strong in our commitment to love, acceptance, and inclusive policies. Together, we can build a brighter future where everyone can live authentically and proudly.

This week marked this end of our transition period at the Florida Democratic Party. We are thrilled to have Phillip Jerez join FDP as our next Executive Director. Many of you remember Phillip from his roles as Political Director for the gubernatorial campaigns of Charlie Crist and Andrew Gillum. Phillip began his political career as an aide to Congresswoman Debbie Wasserman Schultz, and most recently was Deputy Director of Engagement for Dr. Vivek Murthy, U.S. Surgeon General. As Executive Director, Phillip will help me execute our strategic plan to build Democratic political power throughout Florida.



I am filled with immense pride for the remarkable and diverse team we have assembled at FDP. Our journey has only just begun, and with your invaluable support, we will overcome every obstacle in our path and achieve extraordinary heights. Together, we will not only defeat Rick Scott, but also ensure that neither Ron DeSantis nor Donald Trump ever come close to the White House.

Forward,

Nikki Fried
Chair
Florida Democratic Party



Our Leadership Blue weekend is quickly approaching and we're excited to share special guests and speakers soon! Our room block will close on June 6, so please be sure to visit leadershipblue.com to make your reservation today.

Discounted pricing will end on June 6, and room availability is limited. We highly recommend you secure your room(s) ASAP!

We look forward to seeing you at the Fontainebleau July 7-9!

[Room Block Link](#)

Ballot Petitions

Two weeks ago, 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 these effort and we have added both petitions to [our petitions page](#).



Deck Presentation

At our State Executive Committee Meeting on May 6th, a presentation was given about resources available to DEC's. DECK is a tool that is free for DEC's to use. This resource helps local parties reach out to the right audience with the correct message for those voters. DECK also allows you to create targeted Facebook ads, pull donor list for your county, and has a list of left leaning unregistered voters.

Instructions on how your DEC can access DECK is in the presentation below.

[Access Deck Presentation Here](#)

Vote-by-Mail

As we draw closer to the 2024 campaign cycle, it is crucial that we prioritize the collection of Vote-by-Mail applications. Republican voter suppression tactics have resulted in the disenfranchisement of Floridians who would have otherwise been eligible to receive a Vote by Mail ballot.

Now that VBM rolls have been cleared, I urge each DEC, club and caucus to commit time every week to making phone calls, canvassing, and texting fellow Democrats to encourage them to reenroll in Vote-by-Mail. Want to share your VBM program with other DEC's and Caucuses? Email partyaffairs@floridadems.org.



[Voters can check their Vote by Mail status on our website here.](#)

FDP Bylaws

Attached below are the bylaws that was approved May 6, 2023. If you have any questions about the changes, please reach out to partyaffairs@floridadems.org.

[FDP Bylaws](#)

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. Every time I speak with a group, I urge Democrats from Florida and across the country to donate a small amount each month. With just \$5 a month, you can help fund our party infrastructure, focus on long-term mobilization efforts, and revitalize our grassroots movement.



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

Caucus Events

If your Caucus is having an event and you would like to share, please email a flyer to partyaffairs@floridadems.org. Please click on the graphic to learn more about the events!

FDP News Digest

You can find the latest news clips covering the Florida Democratic Party and other events below:

[Nikki Fried hires Phillip Jerez as Florida Democrats' Executive Director](#)

[Disney's cancellation of Lake Nona campus has big implications for Osceola County, Darren Soto says](#)

[Here are the history-making LGBTQ officials in the Biden administration](#)

[DeSantis said not 'a single book' was banned in Florida. Districts have removed dozens.](#)

[In Tampa and across Florida, Hispanic groups protest immigration law](#)

['People aren't showing up to work,' South Florida workers already feeling heat of immigration bill - CBS Miami \(cbsnews.com\)](#)

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