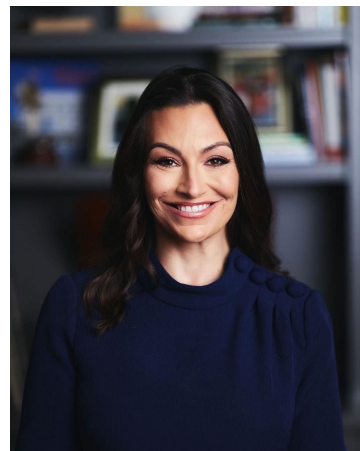




Florida Democrats,

It's almost time for our annual Leadership Blue Weekend! As many of you know, Leadership Blue is a weekend full of trainings, panels, and networking capped off by our annual Leadership Blue Gala — featuring special guest speakers Senator Cory Booker of New Jersey and Governor Andy Beshear of Kentucky.

I hope you'll join us at the Seminole Hard Rock in Hollywood on June 20-22. Don't miss out — book your room and purchase tickets for the Gala today at [leadershipblue.com](https://leadershipblue.com).



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## June Special Election Spotlight

On June 10th, special elections are occurring in SD-19, HD-03, and HD-32. You can view all upcoming events and get involved using our [Volunteer Hub](#)! See details below about casting your vote:

### Important Dates:

May 31st - June 7th, 2025: Mandatory early voting period

June 10th, 2025: General election day

### How to Vote:

- Request a vote by mail ballot before 5pm on May 19th and mail back by June 3rd or return in person before 7pm on June 10th. The United States Postal Service recommends that domestic nonmilitary voters mail back their voted ballots at least one (1) week before the Election Day deadline to account for any unforeseen events or weather issues.
- Vote early between May 31st and June 7th, find your county's early vote sites below:
  - [Brevard](#)
  - [Okaloosa](#)
  - [Santa Rosa](#)
- Vote on election day, June 10th, from 7am-7pm, find your polling location [here](#).

Additionally on June 24th, special election primaries are occurring in SD-15 and HD-40. These districts include parts of Orange County. Early voting begins June 14th.

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## Take Action: Field Updates

A dark blue rectangular graphic with white and light blue text. At the top, it says 'STATEWIDE WEEKEND OF ACTION' in large, bold, light blue capital letters, followed by 'CALL. CONNECT. WIN.' in white, italicized, bold capital letters. Below this, it says 'SAT, JUNE 14 - SUN, JUNE 15' in light blue capital letters. Underneath are three red stars, each followed by a line of white, bold, capital text: 'CALL DEMOCRATS', 'RE-ENROLL DEMOCRATS IN VOTE-BY-MAIL', and 'TURN OUTREACH INTO IMPACT'. In the bottom right corner 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 capital letters to its right.

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**FLORIDA DEMOCRATIC PARTY**

Florida Democrats are organizing year-round—and our Statewide Weekends of Action are a key part of that effort. These weekends aren't just about making calls; they're about reconnecting with the voters who power our democracy. Be a part of the movement to build lasting Democratic power—one conversation at a time.

[Sign up for our next Statewide Weekend of Action](#)

[Host a Statewide Weekend of Action volunteer event](#)

### On-Demand Vote-by-Mail Phonebanks

More than 1.2 million Florida Democrats were removed from the Vote-by-Mail rolls—and we need your help to reach them. Every call you make helps a Democrat re-enroll and get ready to vote. Your time on the phones directly boosts turnout, too—because Democrats with an active Vote-by-Mail request turn out at rates over 95% in many counties.

### [It's easy—see how to make calls](#)

Want help organizing a phonebank or canvass, have 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\*\*](#)

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## 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.

[June 3rd, 2025 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM EST](#)  
[Sign Up Here](#)

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## 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!

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## **Club & Caucus Certification**

Please join us on the following dates to walkthrough the (Re)certification Application Submission/Upload Training Sessions.

### **All State Chartered & Local Caucuses and Clubs**

Thursday, June 12, 2025 | 6:00–7:00 PM ET | 5:00–6:00 PM CT

Zoom: [Register HERE](#)

### **All Local Clubs & Caucuses**

Thursday, June 26, 2025 | 6:00–7:00 PM ET | 5:00–6:00 PM CT

Zoom: [Register HERE](#)

### **Upcoming Certification Deadlines:**

- State Chartered Caucuses: July 1, 2025
- Local Clubs & Caucuses: August 15, 2025

### **CCOC Leadership**

- Jill Lewis, CCOC Chair – [treasurerdbcf@gmail.com](mailto:treasurerdbcf@gmail.com)
- Laurie Plotnick, CCOC Vice Chair- [floridademocraticseniorcaucus@gmail.com](mailto:floridademocraticseniorcaucus@gmail.com)
- Derrick Scott, CCOC Technology Chair – [dscott1906@outlook.com](mailto:dscott1906@outlook.com)
- Francine Garcia, CCOC Bylaws Chair – [frangarcia448@gmail.com](mailto:frangarcia448@gmail.com)

Please direct your questions pertaining to (re)certification to the CCOC Leadership above.

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**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](#) 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](mailto:finance@floridadems.org) to learn more and secure yours today!

Visit [leadershipblue.com](https://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.

**Digital Organizing: How to Engage and Activate Your Audience | June 3 @ 1PM EST | [Register Here](#)**

*Hosted by the National Democratic Training Committee*

If you are looking to use digital tools to motivate your supporters to vote, volunteer, and donate, this training is for you! This training will guide you through the basic principles of digital media content creation and the key components of digital calls to action!

Join this training to learn the following:

- Understand components of effective digital media content
- Evaluate how to engage with an online audience
- Create a digital call to action and receive feedback

**So You Want to Run for Office – Pride Month Edition: Advance Equality, Run For Office | June 9 @ 1 PM EST | [Register Here](#)**

*Hosted by the National Democratic Training Committee*

Are you a member of the LGBTQ+ community and would you like to run for office? Are you perhaps considering a run for elected office but haven't yet made the commitment to run or filed your candidacy? Then this virtual live training is for you!

Join this training to learn the following:

- Understand the steps necessary to run for office and how to choose which office to run for.
- Discern if running is the right decision for you – especially if you are LGBTQ+ and have never run for office but are thinking about it.
- Identify what kinds of support you'll need to run for office.
- Prepare for sharing your decision to run with your support network.

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## **Data/VAN Updates**

### **Monthly VAN Voter File Update**

On 5/23/25, the monthly voter file update was processed in VAN. The VAN is now current with the voter file through May 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](#).

**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](#)

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## Political Updates

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