



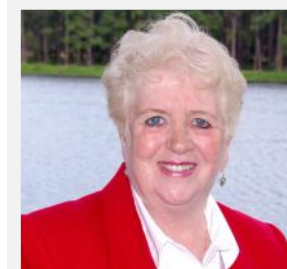
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From the President's Desk:

By *Mary Lou Ambrose*

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The Florida Legislature, and the Legislatures in all Republican states, have lost no time in proposing a slew of bills, all designed to limit the ability of people of color and young voters to vote in future elections. Across the country these anti-democratic laws suddenly appear doing things like limiting mail-in voting, cutting back on days and

times available for voting, and cutting voting places in poor neighborhoods. They have limited weekend voting with the goal of limiting the traditional "Souls to the Polls" where Black church members descend on voting places after Sunday services. One thing is that these bills are all the same. Does a Legislator in Florida think the exact same way as one in North Dakota?

Republicans claim that the 2020 elec-

tion had "grave disparities" between voting rights and the legal changes in voting procedures because of the corona virus. They accuse Municipalities of "terrible" things like expanding mail-in balloting to protect voters from the virus. They continue to claim the "Big Lie" that Trump had the election stolen from him. The fact that this was the most secure election in history means nothing to a Republican Legislator bent on minimizing the Democratic and often the Independent vote. Since Trump," alternative facts" (lies) prevail.

The true facts are that Trump garnered 74,111,419 votes to Biden's 81,009,468, making Biden the landslide winner. In addition, Trump lost 59 out of 60 court appearances. It is interesting that, although Rudi Giuliani, Trump's "consigliere," continually screamed about voter fraud when talking to the media, he did not mention it in court. That's because even a bought-and-paid-

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ZOOM meeting

MARCH, 15

7:00 P. M.

Speaker:

Katie Vicsik

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for lawyer like Rudi knows that claims of voter fraud are lies, and that claiming something that is a lie in court could cost him his law license.

While they are introducing many bills on voting, Republican Legislatures are working at destroying Home Rule. This is particularly apparent here in Florida where a plethora of bills are coming out with the sole purpose of limiting the power of Municipalities to pass laws in their cities. I sent out some information to you about a couple of pending bills recently. They are typical bills. One example from several years ago was the law allowing landlords to rent their units on a short-term basis. This had been damaging to beach communities. The result has been disruption in these communities with large parties where cars are parked wherever they find a place, loud music playing well into the night,

trash all over the place, and general mayhem existing between the renters and the residents. Police have no power because the Florida Republican Legislature has taken away their power to control their own cities. Another Florida Republican law required our municipalities to go through their ordinances and scrub all reference to controlling guns. They stripped the municipalities of any ability to control gun use. Mayor Kriseman ran into a problem several years ago when he was unable to control a back-yard gun range. This year there are many bad bills in the Legislature. A new bill this year gets rid of differences between residential and commercial areas of a city. I did not include it in what was sent out yesterday because by the time I heard about it, it had been through all committees. A worst-case scenario to that bill would be a restaurant and bar, open until 2:00 am daily, popping

up on your residential street. For now, Municipalities can use parking and similar ordinances to protect residents, but a future bill could dispense with those. As an aside, when the short-term rental law came up, Joe, a Belleair Bluffs Commissioner, quickly got an ordinance through that somewhat muted that law here. However, they learned and now make bills retroactive.

Do you ever won-

no signs of being geniuses. These bills are complicated, taking in multiple scenarios, and are well-written with a specific purpose. So, do they just appear magically in Legislatures all over the country? Not exactly. Most of the bills you see in Tallahassee and other Republican bastions come from an organization known as ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council.) If you check, I believe you will find that your local Republican Representative and

Senator is a member of ALEC and is a likely recipient of pre-packaged bills like the ones above. They receive the bill ready to send to committee. I

would be surprised if they even read it first.

So what is ALEC? I suggest you enter "ALEC FAQ" into the url on your computer. An excerpt:

ALEC is a clear and present danger to the democracy. They only way to get rid of it is to vote out Republicans in the State Legislatures. And remember that, because of gerrymandering we need to have a lot more than a simple majority to have an actual majority. That is a daunting task.

der how the Reps and Senators come up with all these technical bills which cover all possible sides of whatever issue they address? Quite frankly, most Republican Legislators are not technocrats and many of them show

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ALEC is not a lobby; it is not a front group. It is much more powerful than that. Through ALEC, behind closed doors, corporations hand state legislators the changes to the law they desire that directly benefit their bottom line. Along with legislators, corporations have membership in ALEC. Corporations sit on all nine ALEC task forces and vote with legislators to approve “model” bills. They have their own corporate governing board which meets jointly with the legislative board. (ALEC says that corporations do not vote on the board.) Corporations fund almost all of ALEC's operations. Participating legislators, overwhelmingly conservative Republicans, then bring those proposals home and introduce them in statehouses across the land as their own brilliant ideas and important public policy innovations—without disclosing that corporations crafted and voted on the bills. ALEC boasts that it has over 1,000 of these bills introduced by legislative members every year, with one in every five of them enacted into law. ALEC describes itself as a “unique,” “unparalleled” and “unmatched” organization. We agree. It is as if a state

legislature had been reconstituted, yet corporations had pushed the people out the door.

ALEC is a clear and present danger to the democracy. The only way to get rid of it is to vote out Republicans in the State Legislatures. And remember that, because of gerrymandering we need to have a lot more than a simple majority to have an actual majority. That is a daunting task.



"While Trump was president, EVERY Democrat voted for the \$2 trillion CARES Act covid relief package, even though doing so helped Trump.

While Biden is president, ZERO Republicans voted for the \$1.9 trillion American Relief Plan, because hurting Biden is more important than helping Americans."

- BRIAN TYLER COHEN

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Upcoming Speakers

MARCH SPEAKER:

Katie Vicsik is the Florida State Director at All on The Line



Katie Vicsik is the Florida State Director at All on The Line, a campaign of the National Redistricting Action Fund, where Katie leads Florida's statewide program to create awareness & action around the redistricting process via strategic partnerships, and grassroots engagement.

Katie has prior campaign experience in Florida, working on President Obama's 2008 and 2012 campaigns, as well as serving as the Florida State Director at Enroll America, an issue-based campaign that educated consumers, and increased enrollment in health insurance, for the Affordable Care Act.

Katie has a very lovable Labrador, and a 4 year old son named Ben. She is a native Floridian, who hopes to bring transparency to the statewide redistricting process, so that we can have elected officials who represent our values. You can reach Katie at :

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APRIL SPEAKER:

David Jolly, former Congressman will be our April speaker



David Jolly is an American attorney, former lobbyist, and politician who served as the [U.S. Representative](#) for [Florida's 13th congressional district](#), based

in [Pinellas County](#), from 2014 to 2017. A former [Republican](#), he previously served as general counsel to his predecessor, [Bill Young](#). He won the race for Young's seat in a [special election](#) against [Democrat Alex Sink](#).^[1] He was subsequently reelected in November 2014, winning 75 percent of the vote,^[3] but was unseated in 2016 by former [Governor Charlie Crist](#) after court-ordered redistricting made his district more Democratic. Since leaving office, Jolly has become a prominent Republican critic of U.S. president [Donald Trump](#).^{[4][5]}^[6] In September 2018, Jolly announced he has left the Republican Party.

Jolly was ranked as the 48th most bipartisan member of the U.S. House of Representatives during the [114th United States Congress](#) (and the fourth most bipartisan member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Florida) in the Bipartisan Index created by [The Lugar Center](#) and the [McCourt School of Public Policy](#) that ranks members of the United States Congress by their degree of bipartisanship (by

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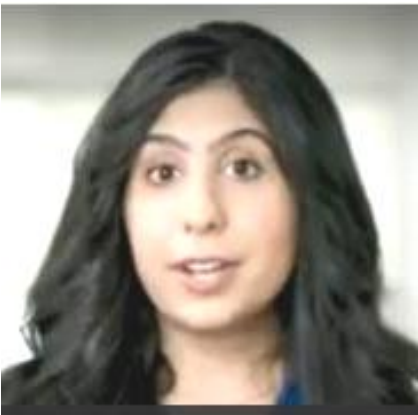
measuring the frequency each member's bills attract co-sponsors from the opposite party and each member's co-sponsorship of bills by members of the opposite party).

Since leaving office, Jolly has participated regularly as a political commentator on cable news sources such as [CNN](#) and [MSNBC](#); in this capacity he has been critical of President Donald Trump and has fueled speculation that he would run for public office again



MAY SPEAKER:

Anna Eskamani, member of the Florida House of Representatives from the 47th district in Orange County.



Anna is a bold fighter for Florida

families and every day people. Born and raised in Orlando, she's the daughter of working class immigrants who came to this country in search of the American Dream. Anna went to public schools in Orange County and then to the University of Central Florida where she earned dual degrees as an undergrad and graduate student. She is now getting her PhD in Public Affairs, works in the nonprofit sector, and is proud to be the State House Representative for District 47 in the Florida Legislature.

A bridge builder, Anna ran for office for the first time in 2018, flipping her legislative seat and making history as the first Iranian-American elected to any public office in Florida. In 2020 she won her re-election by an overwhelming majority and has been championing critical issues like economic justice, environmental protection, equality for all, funding for public schools and support of arts and culture. She's been a

leading voice in carrying Florida through the COVID19 pandemic too, using her own salary to help families in need.

A track record of kind sacrifice, endless hard work, and iron-clad values, Anna is known across the state and nation as a leader who is unbothered, unbossed, and committed to the people of Florida. 🏆

David Weissman and NPCDC liked



Joy-Ann Pro-Democracy & Masks Reid
@JoyAnnReid

Something to think about and never forget: these same unregulated Texas utilities who left 25 million Texans freezing and suffering, will turn around and hike up the electric bills to force those very customers, especially the economically struggling, to subsidize the repairs.

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Candidates for Largo/Mid-Pinellas Democratic Club Officers & Board

Here are your candidates for the 2021—2022 OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

At the **March 2021** club meeting we will formally elect Club officers, including President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Directors. We will NOT be taking nominations from the floor for these offices, due to the fact that the Zoom voting process would be burdensome and difficult for many of our members. The slate of candidates who have expressed an interest in being elected or re-elected is below. Biographies for all of the new candidates have appeared in recent newsletters. (Biographies for the new officer candidates appeared in the January newsletter). Nominations ended on February 15th.

We are pleased to announce that we have 80 members who have paid their 2021 dues (prior to January 31, 2021) and will be eligible to vote. Those who join after Jan 31 will be able to vote on matters at future meetings, but not for officers in March.

The following is our current slate of candidates who have agreed to serve again or run for offices in the Largo club:

Officers:

- ⇒ **Mary Lou Ambrose - President**
- ⇒ **Dana Polk -Vice-President**
- ⇒ **Donna Dennis -Secretary**
- ⇒ **Becky Heeren –Treasurer**
- ⇒ **Lorena Grizzle Parliamentarian**

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- ◆ Bob Glass
- ◆ Charlotte Maas
- ◆ Ginny Nelson
- ◆ Heidi Sanchez
- ◆ Wanda Schwerer
- ◆ Peggy Tucker
- ◆ Lodewijk van den Berg

Newly elected:

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- ◆ Carl Panzarella
- Polly Kraus

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ed him so much to cut my mic and have me escorted away:

"I drove the 300 miles to plead with you to vote no on HB1.

In July of 2018, Markeis McGlokton was shot and killed in Clearwater. After an extended delay in the arrest of his killer who invoked stand your ground, I led my congregation in civil disobedience to disrupt the inaction by the sheriff and State

Attorney. During worship we marched into the intersection with Markeis' family, blocking traffic to demand justice.

This fascist bill would have made felons of my 85 year old church ladies and my 8 and 11 year old children.

Following the murder of George Floyd these same members of Allendale joined St. Pete peaceful protestors in the streets for over

100 nights in a row, leading our city and county to adopt body cameras and divert police money to social workers.

There are moments in time where you will be remembered and judged for the choice you make. We all know what might happen if you vote against your party's bill... your office gets moved. Your bills don't get heard... but what is worse... losing your power or losing your humanity?

Sunday we celebrated the 56th anniversary of Bloody Sunday at Selma. This bill would have made MLK and John Lewis felons, ask yourself... do you really want to be on the side of George Wallace?

To echo my Dream Defender sister - there will be no peace until we get justice.

Do what is right. Vote no."



[The Allendale United Methodist Church pastor's actions have both won hearts and raised eyebrows](#)

Rev. Andy Oliver drove to Tallahassee to testify before the Florida Legislature. Here's what he posted on Facebook, along with the above photos, about that trip.

"My speech against Florida House Bill 1 was interrupted repeatedly by Florida House Judiciary Chair Daniel Perez (R)... **here is what agitat-**



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Senate panel OK's resolution requiring two-thirds support from voters to amend the constitution

Florida Politics

An effort to make it more difficult to amend the Florida Constitution is on its way through the Legislature again after passing its first committee Tuesday. Proposed amendments to the constitution currently require 60% approval from the public. But a resolution (SJR 1238) by Doral Republican Sen. Ana Maria Rodriguez would raise that threshold to a two-thirds vote. Repealing an amendment, however, would only require the threshold that applied when the amendment first passed. That means voters could still reverse changes approved on a 60% threshold with a 60% vote. The Senate Ethics and Elections Committee gave the resolution its first green light in the committee process along a party-line 5-4 vote. Democrats criti-

cized the measure as a pushback against recent amendments that have passed with between three-fifths and two-thirds support in recent years. "It seems targeted to constitutional amendments that your party, in particular, does not like," Democratic Sen. Randolph Bracy said Tuesday. "Is that why we are proposing this 66% [threshold]?" [Source](#)



The 5 worst ideas Florida lawmakers want to put into law in 2021 | Editorial

Miami Herald

Every year, the Miami Herald Editorial Board writes a wish list of bills and proposals we believe should be enacted during Florida's two-month-long legislative session. After looking at some of the priorities of the House and Senate Republican leadership and Gov. Ron DeSan-

tis, we were compelled to also create a "do not" list. Session begins Tuesday. Here are the worst proposals in front of lawmakers. By Republicans' own admission, vote by mail was a success in the 2020 elections. There was no evidence of fraud. So why are they trying to make it less accessible? ... Republicans say House Bill 1 goes after rioters while protecting peaceful protesters. That's baloney. The measure is DeSantis' biggest priority this year, even though Florida didn't see violent protests like the ones in other states after the death of George Floyd. The state also has much bigger issues with which to contend — a global pandemic, an affordable housing crisis, a broken unemployment system — while the governor puts his political weight behind this proposal. ... The old principle that

the government closest to the people serves the people best only goes so far in Tallahassee — meaning, up to the point where state lawmakers don't like what local governments are doing. Every year, legislators introduce a slew of bills to preempt locals from shaping what their communities should look like. This year, lawmakers and the governor are at it again. [Source](#)



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Home rule challenge on emergency orders clears first committee

Florida Politics

A party line vote in the House Pandemics and Public Emergencies Committee is the closest answer yet on the fate of a bill (HB 945) preempting emergency powers of local governments. The legislation takes the wind out of local governments' emergency powers by placing a sunset provision on emergency orders of seven days with the option to extend after that. It would also create a time frame for "significant emergency orders," a new term created by the bill, that would expire after 30 days. Under that scenario, local governments would have the option to extend the order once for 60 days but only through a referendum approved by a majority of the city or county's electorate. As defined by the bill, "significant emergency orders" would include anything that limits the right of residents to attend religious services, speak freely, assem-

ble, work, travel, acquire personal property, purchase or bear firearms, or that would interfere with their Fourth Amendment right to not be subjected to unreasonable search and seizure. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Bob Rommel, said the legislation will keep local governments from going too far with emergency orders. [Source](#) 📄



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Robert Reich
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0 Republicans voted for the \$1.9 trillion Covid relief bill.

278 Republicans voted for Trump's \$1.9 trillion tax cut for corporations and the rich.

This tells you everything you need to know about the GOP.



Sarah Kendzior
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"Trump was not an aberration, but a culmination. His rise and installation were made possible not only by illegal activity, but by the exploitation of American pain and injustice. Stopping a recurrence means mending structural flaws." --
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An obscure Alaska court case could end super PACs and reshape our democracy

Business Insider 14 Feb 2021

BY: [John Bonifaz](#) , [Ben Clements](#) , and [Ron Fein](#) , Opinion Contributor Feb 14, 2021, 10:05 AM

On January 20, while the country was focused on the presidential inauguration, the Alaska Supreme Court heard arguments in a case that could upend the big money systems that have come to fund the nation's elections. It's time for the rest of the country to pay attention.

The case comes from Lawrence Lessig, a law professor at Harvard and founder of the organization EqualCitizens, who spent Inauguration Day on Zoom arguing against super PACs.

A super PAC (political action committee) is a way for big money donors to ignore federal, state, or local political campaign contribution limits. The big donors give money to these slush funds that in turn spend big on elections, but (supposedly) don't coordinate their spending with politicians. Since 2010, corporations and mega-wealthy donors have used these super PACs to bypass legal limits on contributions to political candidates and dump *unlimited* amounts of money into politics.

Are super PACs corrupt?

The Alaska case hinges on a simple question: is this practice corrupt? Under Supreme Court precedent, the public can limit the size of political contributions to prevent corruption. Most Americans understand on a gut level why a single mega-donor's ability to write an unlimited check to a super PAC looks rotten. But some courts have said that corruption only exists where there's a "quid pro quo" — essentially, a bribe.

Lessig's case asks the Alaska court — and potentially the US Supreme Court — to recognize a different type of corruption. His argument relies on originalism, an interpretive technique that examines how ordinary people would have understood the Constitution back when it was first proposed. In support of his originalist argument, Lessig marshals impressive evidence that the framers' generation had a deep and capacious understanding of political corruption.

People back then understood bribery, of course. But they also

worried about *institutional* corruption: even if a particular individual isn't taking bribes, an institution *as a whole* can become corrupted by an improper dependence on anything other than the support of voters. And super PACs corrupt the system by making politicians far too dependent on a small number of super-wealthy donors.

That's essentially what the Alaska legislature concluded back in 1996, when it found that "organized special interests are responsible for raising a significant portion of all election campaign funds and may thereby gain an undue influence over election campaigns and elected officials, particularly incumbents." That year, the state passed a law prohibiting contributions of more than \$500 per year to so-called independent political groups. (When the legislature later tried to double the maximum to \$1,000, the public voted by an overwhelming 73% margin for a ballot initiative to reinstate the \$500 limit.)

But for nearly a decade, wealthy donors have been writing checks to

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Alaska political groups for tens of thousands of dollars — quite a lot of money for elections in the Land of the Midnight Sun. They've been getting away with that because the state has taken the view that court decisions prevent it from enforcing the \$500 legal limit.

The legal precedent for super PACs

Many people believe that the US Supreme Court's decision in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, which allowed corporations to spend money directly in elections, compels this result. But *Citizens United*, bad as it was, didn't say anything about super PACs. Instead, starting a few months after the *Citizens United* decision, a handful of *lower* courts, based on an unfortunate misunderstanding of *Citizens United*, decided that the Constitution forbids limiting contributions to super PACs. To this day, the US Supreme Court has *never* ruled on this issue.

But if the Alaska Supreme Court rules in Lessig's favor — and quite possibly, even if it rules against him — then this question will probably go up to the US Supreme Court. And Lessig's tack might well persuade some of the four justices who lean conservative but have expressed a commitment to the originalist method. (Full disclosure: we were part of a separate team of

lawyers, including Lessig's Harvard colleague Laurence Tribe, that represented Congressman Ted Lieu of California, Senator Jeff Merkley of Oregon, and others in an earlier case that tried to bring this issue before the Court, and we're working on other efforts that involve this question.)

A favorable Supreme Court decision would impact the entire nation. For federal elections, Congress doesn't even need to pass new legislation: there's already a law on the books limiting contributions to independent political groups to \$5,000 per year. (That's a lot of money, but it's much less than the multi-million dollar checks that megadonors write to super PACs right now.) After a Supreme Court victory, that law could be put back into effect with no further action from Congress. Other states or cities could revive old laws or pass new ones. We could finally put an end to the threat of super PACs in our elections.

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The Battles Over the Right to Vote

By: [Caroline Mimbs Nyce](#) Senior associate editor

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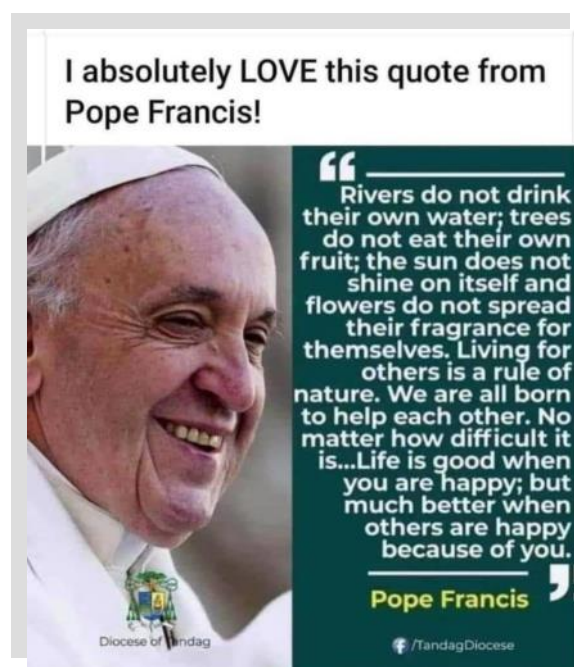
The future of voting rights in America is on the line. "It's no exaggeration to say that future Americans could view the resolution of this struggle as a turning point in the history of U.S. democracy," my colleague Ronald Brownstein explains.

Three things are happening at once: At the state level, Republicans are pushing a fresh batch of voter-suppression laws. And in Congress, Democrats are countering with national legislation to protect access to the ballot. The House votes on the first of two big bills tonight. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court is considering a major voting-rights case.

- **Federal legislation may be Democrats' only chance to stop the assault by the GOP.** The party "may have only a brief window" to use their "unified control of Washington to establish national election standards," Ronald writes.
- **At the Supreme Court, the Voting Rights Act is hanging by a thread.** The Court could further weaken the legislation's protections. "With a gutted VRA, we will have a country where the forces of disenfran-

chisement are nearly unstoppable," our senior editor Vann R. Newkirk II warns in our March issue.

- **Structural barriers Republicans can use to cling to power could make the coming years dangerous.** "These same flammable ingredients were present in the 1850s, when a rising majority found it impossible to impose its agenda because of all the structural obstacles laid down by the retreating minority," Ronald argued on the eve of the 2020 election. 🦋



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Why Join the Largo/Mid-Pinellas Democratic Club?

The club provides a variety of ways to stay informed and involved in local, county, state and national political discussions. But we're not just about talk. We will be part of the action in finding the best candidates and getting them elected, as well as supporting the most important causes. We will write letters, make phone calls, knock on doors, register voters, and whatever else it takes to bring change to our communities, our county and our state. But, just as important, we also want to make time to enjoy each other's company and celebrate each other's efforts at social events throughout the year. Grassroots politics is effective and fun!

As a member of the Largo/Mid-Pinellas Democratic Club you can:

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