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From the President's Desk:

By *Mary Lou Ambrose*



Florida Republicans are focused on the national Republican MAGA line of reasoning, completely forgetting the principals which Republicans have claimed to be devoted to for as long as I can remember. The Republican Party had walked away from its long-held values for the Former Guy. I believe that Republicans, in return for getting a lot of far-right incompetent Judges and a Supreme

Court that will compromise American values for decades, are following the lead of a mob boss with no values except his own ego and wealth. In fact, I believe that the Republicans have become so enamored by their "Dear Leader" that they have forgotten everything they believe in, or at least said they believed in.

Take for instance that (Moscow) Mitch McConnell actually spoke out against Corporations' having a say in politics. Mitch

McConnell, who has taken millions of dollars of corporate money through his Political Committee, does not believe Corporations should have a say in things Political! He then made things worse by adding that it is OK for Corporations to give money to political causes, just not to speak about those causes. So, it seems that Mitch believes in money as speech, but does not believe in speech as speech! He wants Corporate Major League Baseball to give to his PAC and the PACs of other Republicans but feels they are abusing their

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corporate positions by opposing the Republican Party's actions (speech) against the hideous voting restriction laws being passed by Georgia. Baseball's actually moving a major event out of Georgia in protest is more than Mitch can bear. How dare they? Coke and Delta among others are also subject to Republican wrath.

Free trade is no longer a Republican belief and

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ZOOM meeting

April, 19

7:00 P. M.

Speaker:

David Jolly

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the Republican "character matters" mantra of the 1990s (Bill Clinton administration) is long gone, while the Trump behavior is embraced. We cannot forget that the idea of Patriotism has given away to praise for insurrection.

The fact is that Florida's heavily weighted-Republican Legislature is following along like dogs on a scent. For as long as I have lived here and long before that, a lot of people, Republicans and Democrats, have voted by mail successfully here. In fact, the Former Guy, when questioned why he voted by mail when he claimed that Vote by Mail would destroy the election, said that Florida does Vote by Mail well.

There are ALEC-related bills popping up in Florida and all over the country that would not only restrict Vote by Mail but limit early voting. A limit on Sun-

day voting is also being considered. That would go far toward eliminating "Souls to the Polls," a popular after-church excursion by members of the black community to vote at the same time.

The concept of Local Self-Government was made part of the Florida Constitution more than 50 years ago, but our Legislature is working to eliminate all

language was proposed in the 1968 Constitutional revision and was adopted by the people. The Legislature adopted the Home Rule Powers Act in 1973, which ended challenges related to city and county powers. The Florida Constitution states in Article VIII, Section 2(b) for Municipalities:

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Home Rule and requiring everything to be centered in Tallahassee. The following quote from the Florida League of Cities explains Florida's Home Rule:

"In the early 1900s... states began to adopt Home Rule provisions in which cities and counties were allowed to enact ordinances at the local level without the state's blessing....

In Florida, Home Rule

Municipalities shall have governmental corporate and proprietary powers to enable them to conduct municipal government, perform municipal functions and render municipal services, and may exercise power for municipal services unless otherwise provided by law."

However, through the last few years, the Legislature has passed bills which have decimated municipal governments by approving bills that destroy our Constitutional right to Home Rule. A while back they passed a bill which removed all municipal powers in regard to guns. Cities had to search their past history and remove anything that in any way gave them control over guns. If you remember, Mayor Kriseman in St Petersburg had a problem with a gun range set up in a person's back yard. He had no power to forbid it even though it created a clear and present danger for neighbors. Then there was the law that made it impossible for a landlord to set a time frame for rentals. The result was disruption of the lives of neighbors caused by short term rentals with loud parties running well into the night.

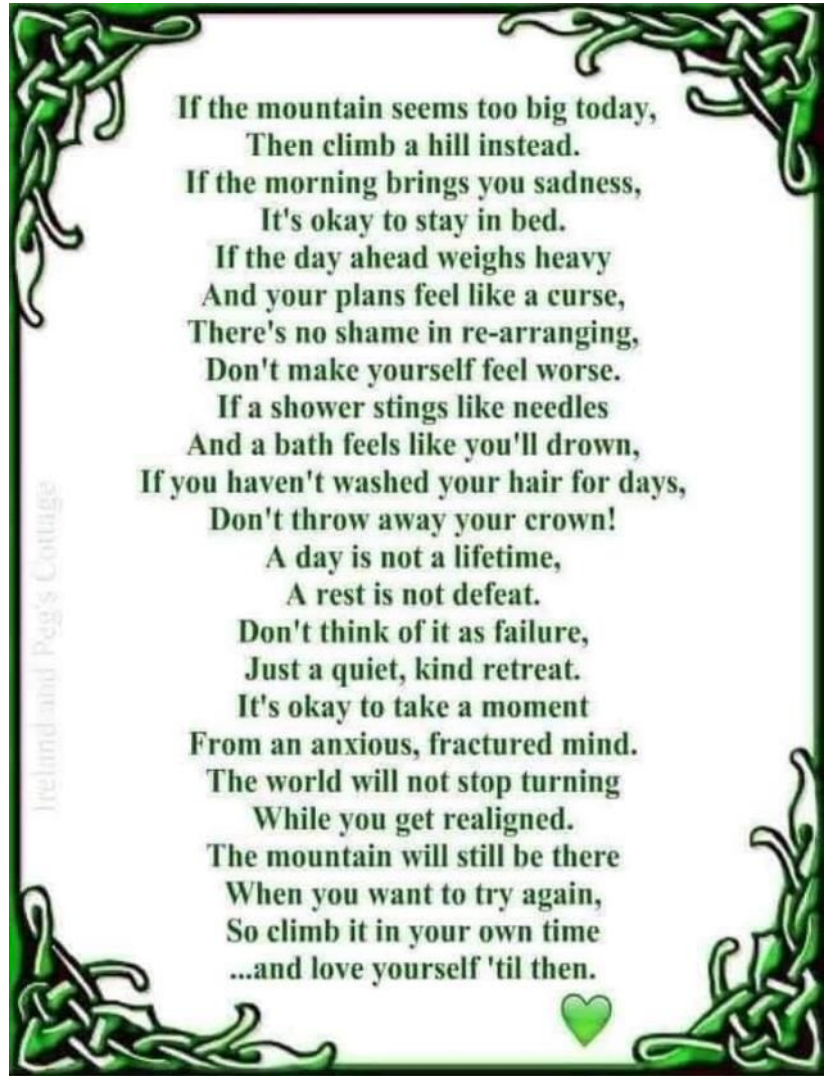
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group of bills which undermine the power of cities. For instance, there is the bill barring zoning restrictions. For example, there could be a restaurant or general store in the middle of a residential street. Another bill being considered would prohibit a municipality from construction, repair upgrade or repair of a power station. That seems not to be important to a small city until you realize that gas stations would be included. Another bill would strengthen the public utilities' hold on powering your home. There is also a bill prohibiting governments from addressing greenhouse gases. Many of these bills could be restricted by ordinances already in place. However, if these bills become laws, they are a baseline that may be expanded upon.

We need to be aware that Georgia and Arizona are not the only places where Republican restrictions on our voting practices and municipal Home Rule are in danger. Our own Legislature is working hard to extinguish voting rights as well as Home Rule for Municipalities. Please repeatedly call your Representatives and tell them to stay out of voter suppression and restore Home Rule. I am forwarding information and phone numbers to you separately. 🍷



Upcoming Speakers

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.

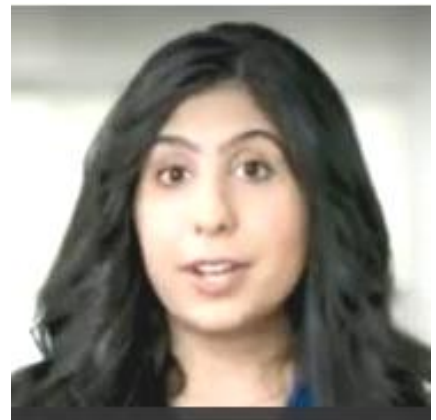
Jolly was ranked as the 48th most bipartisan member of the U.S. House of Representatives during the [114th United States Congress](#) (and the fourth most bipartisan member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Florida) in the Bipartisan Index created by [The Lugar Center](#) and the [McCourt School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

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Upcoming Speakers

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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. 🍷

JUNE?? SPEAKER:

Congressman Charlie Crist— *still to be confirmed. He will join us this year, but scheduling is difficult.*

If there is someone you would like for us to invite to speak to the Club, please send an email to Mary Lou Ambrose at president.lmpdc@gmail.com.

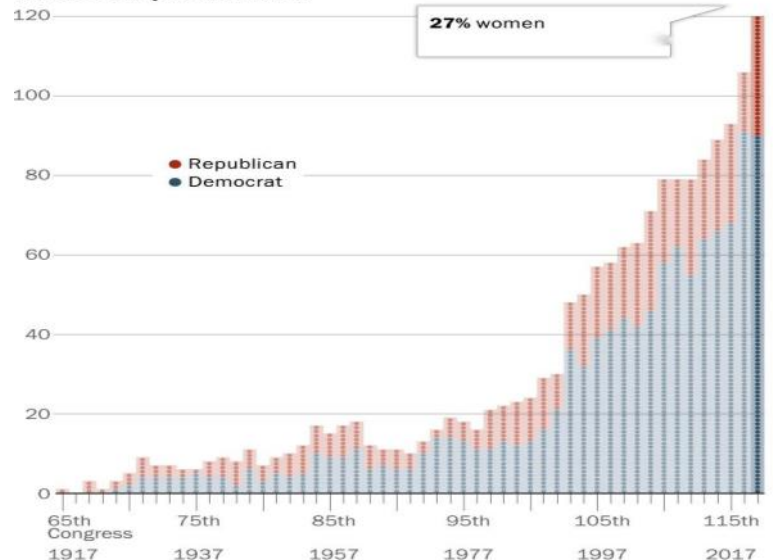
Every effort will be made to reach out to potential speakers.



Women make up more than a quarter of the 117th U.S. Congress' membership

Women members of Congress, by party

House of Representatives



SPOTLIGHT ON: Ginny Nelson



By Donna Dennis

Ginny Nelson is a Democratic activist and board member of the Largo/Mid-Pinellas Democratic Club. She's part of the group, who along with Rich Piper, helped to found the Largo/Mid-Pinellas Democratic Club. She may keep a low profile, but she's one of the hardest working Democrats you know.

Originally from Illinois, Ginny has lived in Colorado and Arizona, where two of her three adult children still reside. When her youngest was in middle school, she went back to school and earned a degree in Environmental Science. She's lived in Largo for 12 years and followed her passion for environmental justice. She became active in the League of

Women Voters and soon realized the link to politics was clear. She sees herself as an Issues person more than a candidate person when it comes to her priorities, but she's always doing whatever she can to elect Democrats in Pinellas County and beyond.

The greatest impetus to Ginny's activism was the election of 2016. She immediately began pursuing ways to get more folks involved in the political process. Ginny agreed to serve as the Chair of District 66 and got that group focused and active in local elections. Although she had to leave that position for health reasons, she set the tone for the district and encouraged many others to become involved. She even started a Happy Hour for Democrats on the second Tuesday of each month. It's so much fun to sit around with fellow Dems and enjoy good conversation and an

adult beverage! We know we want that to start up again soon!

She's best known for creating the group, the Tuesday Morning Game Changers. Many of the members were Hillary and Obama supporters who were ready to do more. Again, the focus is local activism. The group originally met at the Panera in the Largo Mall, but now meets on Zoom. Over time, this group has registered countless voters, waved signs for candidates and causes, written out thousands of postcards, done local charitable work, networked with other area groups, and continued the commitment to improving our area.

Ginny regards the Largo Dems as family. She certainly is a much-loved and well-respected member.

Thanks so much for all you do, Ginny! 🍷



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District News



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Local Online Auction All mediums welcome

Submission date Deadline:
May 1st, 2021 @ 5PM ET

Online Auction Date:
May, 22nd 2021

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Benefits goes towards future gallery shows
featuring local artists and funding
local democratic party and campaigning.

CALL TO ARTISTS AND ART COLLECTORS!

Pinellas County Democrats District 67 is hosting a virtual art exhibition and silent auction to benefit the local Democratic party. With the proceeds, we plan to host voter registration events as well as other community art and music events. We will host a virtual silent auction and artists can choose the starting price and the percentage of their piece's profit to donate to the party (30% or greater). The art doesn't need to fit any particular theme or style, so this is a perfect way for local artists to clear out older work.

The artist submission deadline is **May 1st at 5 pm**. Please email your completed submission form along with images of your work to artivism4change@gmail.com to get the address for art drop off. Bidding will take place on May 22, 2021 from 12 pm to 8 pm on Facebook and Instagram. The social media pages can be found at facebook.com/groups/451338349440703 and instagram.com/artivism4change.

For more information, please contact:

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Number	Position	Name
1	Issues Chair	TBD
1+	PR Committee Members	
1	Diversity & Inclusion Chair	TBD
1+	Digital Services Chair	Glenn Reihing
1	Newsletter Editor	Amy Weintraub
1+	Supervisor(s) of County Headquarters	TBD

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Opinion & Letters

OP-ED published in Florida Politics today.

Unity is a Tool, Not a Weapon

By Ken Evans

Mar. 31, 2021

President Joe Biden has been in office just over two months, and he has gone from promise to actual change. The American Rescue Plan has put money in working people's pockets. His COVID-19 response has delivered 100 million vaccinations ahead of schedule. These two accomplishments together are the ultimate expression of "public health creates economic health", an investment in the people who truly make this country great.

Imagine observing all of this from a totally outside perspective. This looks like forward movement so necessary that it is impossible to criticize the goal. Unfortunately, criticizing for criticism's sake and obstruction are synonymous with today's Republicans. A prime example: not a single GOP lawmaker voted for the American Rescue Plan, despite recognizing its many bene-

fits.

There has been much discussion about President Biden's call for unity. Invariably, when a Republican uses the word, it is weaponized. They call for "unity" when they don't get their way so they can hurt the President politically. At the same time, the GOP never acts in a way that promotes unity.

Unfortunately, this goes beyond simple obstruction. Earlier this month, the House of Representatives passed the For the People Act. It expands voter registration, limits removing voters from voter rolls, requires states to establish nonpartisan redistricting commissions to combat gerrymandering, and strengthens election security. It recognizes that democracy works best when it is expanded and extended to as many people as possible.

Sadly, this bill is required to combat the very real threat the modern-day Republican Party poses to democracy. Georgia has just passed a law a bill so restrictive of voting rights that it makes a literal

crime of giving food or water to a voter waiting in line. It's only the beginning – our own legislature is considering a similar provision. The list of bills trying to silence your voice has only grown.

Gone are the days of good faith, policy-based debates between two healthy parties. What do I see? I see one party who actually stands with the people, and the other fights these initiatives in the name of "freedom" and "patriotism" to make it palatable to their supporters.

This is an untenable situation. So, I have a question for my Republican friends: how can you continually and actively suppress voting, the very expression of democracy, and still call yourselves Americans?

Unity is a tool for progress, not a weapon. Unity means working toward the same goal. Unity incorporates multiple points of view in crafting policy. Unity signals to Americans that people in power value the country more than their position.

The health of our democra-

cy is directly correlated with the health of our two political parties. I'm all for unity, but the last time I checked, the Democrats are in control of the White House, the Senate and the House. We face important issues beyond this pandemic – immigration and gun control legislation come immediately to mind.

These issues require unity but they also require leadership. Democrats: the American people put us in charge, so let's come together and make sure that our democracy not only survives, but thrives.

Ken Evans

Broward County

Democratic State Committeeman

Co-Chair FDP Clubs, Organizations and Caucuses

DNC Member 2017-2020



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DNC Chair Jamie Harrison: The Democratic Brand Is Broken

[THE DAILY BEAST](#)

Apr. 05, 2021

Democrats are in control of the White House, the Senate, and the House of Representatives for the first time in a decade. But to the new chair of the Democratic National Committee, it's clear that the party's brand is broken in a large swath of America.

"I think what we have to do as a party is battle the damage to the Democratic brand," Jamie Harrison, the former senate candidate, tells Molly Jong-Fast in the latest episode of *The New Abnormal*. "I experienced it on my own race, Lindsey [Graham] and his crew of dark money effectively labeled me as somebody who believed in defunding the police. My grandfather on my step-

father's side was in the Detroit police department for 40 years. So I don't believe in that. But they were able to do it because the Democratic brand had been so tarnished in South Carolina that people would believe anything. If they said, 'Jamie kicked a puppy the other day,' they would have believed it."

"It's not even just with Republicans, the Democrat brand with some of the folks who are core at the base of our party is not the greatest," Harrison continues. "And so I want to spend a lot of time, energy, and effort understanding why the brand is where it is, what it is and how, and what we can do in order to improve it."

Especially in rural and red-state America, Harrison says: "We have to take credit and claim the things that we will have gotten done over the

course of this next two years. We're going to do a lot for rural America. The American Rescue Plan has so much in there for rural communities across this country. And it will have a huge benefit, this infrastructure plan, when we get this done. The broadband component in it alone will totally transform rural America."

"Those communities are also just as diverse as urban communities. We also need to make sure that we're listening to them," he adds. "And then, in the end, we've got to deliver and I believe we can do those things. Not only will we grow our base, but I think we also persuade a few other folks to take a look at us." 🍷

**I WAS JUST A VOTER
YOU MADE ME
AN ACTIVIST
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FL veterans' group urges defeat of SB 90 voter suppression bill

Pioneer Floridians had a saying that rings true about Florida politics today. To paraphrase, "Your life, liberty, and property are at risk when the Florida Legislature is in session."

And this year's Legislature puts Floridians' rights at risk more than most. A fundamental right is threatened, your voting rights. Specifically, the Republican-controlled Legislature is set on causing inconvenience and confusion for Florida voters about mail-in-voting.

These changes will result in voter suppression.

Senate Bill 90, sponsored by Republican Sen. Dennis Baxley of Central Florida and already approved by two committees, would force voters to submit vote-by-mail requests more often, which is an inconvenience and also an unnecessary expense for supervisors of elections.

Worse, once it takes effect it would cancel voters' current vote-by-mail ballot requests. This cancellation means voters who submitted a request last year expecting it would be valid through next year would need to submit a new request. Besides, the bill would make voting inconvenient

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According to media reports, 66 of Florida's 67 county supervisors of elections, including Hays, oppose the bill. That should tell you something.

Citizens need to trust their government for it to function. We have seen the despicable result of a misinformation campaign claiming the last election was fraudulent and rigged.

Legislators only create confusion and mistrust when they attempt significant changes to a voting system that is working well. Baxley and the bill's supporters have a responsibility to point out fraud or mishaps when they happen.'

for everybody by eliminating secure vote-by-mail drop boxes.

But by far, the worst part of the bill is that it *criminalizes innocent behavior*.

Baxley's bill makes you a criminal if you do a good deed for a neighbor or a disabled veteran.

For Baxley, it's tough luck if people can't vote in person because they are a disabled veteran, unable to drive, or too ill to get to a drop box or the supervisor of elections office. Somehow, they are expected to drop off their own ballot. Baxley's bill would make you an outlaw if you do it for them and if you are not an [immediate family member](#) with adequate ID to pick up or drop off.

It should be obvious to all that the real purpose of this unnecessary legislation is to suppress the vote. The purpose can't be to have more secure elections.

In this last election for once, Florida can be proud that we had a secure and efficient election. Approximately, [4.8 million voters](#) in Florida cast their ballots by mail in 2020. More than 1.5 million Floridi-

ans used a drop box to deliver their ballot to the supervisors-of-election. Widespread voter fraud

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didn't happen in Florida.

The evidence is clear. Millions of citizens voted by mail and used drop boxes without any significant problems. Secretary of State Laurel Lee, a Republican appointee, testified before the Senate Ethics and Elections Committee that she was not aware of election fraud in 2020 and law enforcement had not informed her of any.

Even Baxley admits vote-by-mail has worked well in Florida this last election. So why is he sponsoring the bill? Baxley says his proposal is needed to "create less opportunities for mishap or mischief," according to news accounts. Still, he fails to identify those opportunities.

A more reasoned approach is to identify a problem and then fix it. The bill's supporters will scuttle a system that works and that voters like. Pinellas County Supervisor of Elections [Julie Marcus](#) told the House Public Integrity & Elections Committee recently, "...to continue our trajectory of successful election in Florida, data-driven, evidence-based decisions and a moderated approach to legislating is key," the Miami Herald wrote.

Senator Baxley and the bills' supporters would prefer to call themselves fiscal conservatives.

They're not. If the bill passes, the Legislature is forcing an unfunded mandate on counties. Supervisors of elections will have to pay the cost of educating voters about the change and sending out unnecessary vote-by-mail applications, a waste of money that can be avoided by defeating the bill.

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Using unsubstantiated and imagined concerns about voting irregularities as an excuse to make voting more difficult is

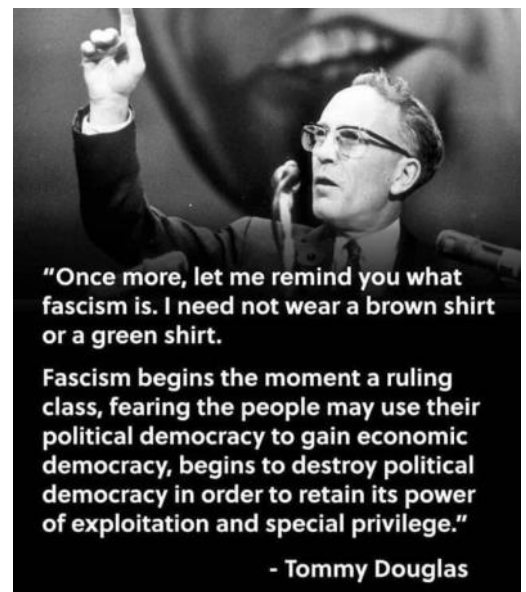
an outrage for veterans. We served our country to insure the right to vote and we believe the vote should not be suppressed.

Instead of fiddling around to correct an imaginary problem, the Florida Legislature should be working on issues that can make the lives of all Floridians better.

For instance, the Legislature could pass bills to combat climate change, an issue we veterans, and the Pentagon, recognized as a national security threat years ago.

The Legislature could pass bills to expand clean, renewable energy to electrify our economy.

Although as Florida pioneers observed, the Florida Legislature prefers to limit our rights, not solve problems. 🍷



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ICYMI: How the American Jobs Plan Helps Florida

Florida— Florida’s infrastructure is in disarray and it has been for decades due to a systemic lack of investment from the Republican leadership in this state. As such, the American Jobs plan is crucial for Florida, and not only will it help revitalize state infrastructure, but also it will create hundreds of thousands of good paying jobs. In response, **Florida Democratic Party Chair Manny Diaz** released the following statement:

“The American Jobs Plan represents a historic investment in the future of Florida. From bridges, roads, and public transportation, to water, broadband and housing, this plan will allow us to bring Florida’s infrastructure into the 21st century and will help us revitalize our economy across multiple sectors. With the American Jobs Plan, President Biden and the Democrats are working hard to make everyday Floridians' lives better. ”

See Also:

CBS 4 Miami: A Look At The Infrastructure Needs President Biden’s American Jobs Plan Would Address In Florida

Florida Phoenix: Biden administration previews what its American Jobs Act would mean for FL: more than roads and bridges

Orlando Sentinel: Biden spending

plan for Florida: bridges, trains, veterans, broadband, healthcare and more

More on what the American Jobs Plan will do for Florida:

- ◆ In Florida there are **408 bridges and over 3,564 miles of highway in poor condition**. Since 2011, commute times have increased by 11.6% in Florida and on average, each driver pays \$425 per year in costs due to driving on roads in need of repair. The American Jobs Plan will devote more than \$600 billion to transform our nations' transportation infrastructure.
- ◆ Our public transportation is also in dire need of help. **Floridians who take public transportation spend an extra 77.9% of their time commuting** and non-white households are 3.5 times more likely to commute via public transportation. 16% of trains and other transit vehicles in the state are past useful life. The American Jobs Plan will modernize public transit with an \$85 billion investment.
- ◆ Over the next 20 years, **Florida’s drinking water infrastructure will require \$21.9 billion in additional funding**. The American Jobs Plan includes a \$111 billion investment to ensure clean, safe drinking water is a right in all communities.

- ◆ Millions of Florida residents have minimal access to affordable internet. **And 13% of Florida residents have no internet subscription**. The American Jobs Plan will invest \$100 billion to bring universal, reliable, high-speed, and affordable internet coverage to every family in America
- ◆ In Florida, 38% of residents live in a childcare desert. The American Jobs Plan will modernize our nation’s schools and early learning facilities and build new ones in neighborhoods across Florida and the country.
- ◆ As of 2019, there were 166,032 Floridians working in clean energy, and **the American Jobs Plan invests in creating more good paying union jobs advancing clean energy production**
- ◆ **In Florida, an average low-income family spends 8-10% of their income on home energy costs** forcing tough choices between paying energy bills and buying food, medicine or other essentials. The American Jobs Plan will upgrade low-income homes to make them more energy efficient.



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