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To: Interested Parties

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Re: Florida Election Results

Florida had a historic night in what was an overwhelming win nationally for Democrats. Florida Republicans swept the statewide positions and maintained majorities in both the State House and State Senate chambers. While it was mostly good news for Florida Republicans, Election Day did produce 15 races in the State House and 1 in the State Senate that flipped from Republican to Democrat; one of the larger party shifts the state Legislature has seen in some time.

All results available at https://floridaelectionwatch.gov/Home

Federal:

US Senate

At the top of the ticket, Senator Ashley Moody, who was appointed by Governor DeSantis to fill the remainder of Marco Rubio's term defeated surprise Democrat nominee Angie Nixon while receiving the most votes of anyone on the ticket. Nixon surprised many by winning her Democratic primary while being severely outraised. This election is for the remainder of Marco Rubio's term and Senator Moody will be up for election again in 2028.

Candidate	Party	Votes Received	
Ashley Moody	REP	4,211,455	50.86%
Angie Nixon	DEM	3,974,148	48%
Neil J. Gillespie	NPA	94,665	1.14%
		Total 8,280,268	

US Congress

Much was made about the mid-term Congressional redistricting effort that was taken on in Florida but none of the new districts drawn were won by a Republican. Some of the mostly highly contested and expensive elections in the country in Florida where millions poured in trying to defeat Darren Soto (D), Anna Paulina Luna (R), Kathy Castor (D), Jared Moskowittz (D), and Maria Salazar (R). Of Florida's 28 Congressional districts, 20 are represented by

Republicans, 8 by Democrats. We do have some new faces in our delegation; 7 new members were elected last Tuesday.

- CD-2: Austin Rodgers - R (Neal Dunn retirement)
- CD-7: Ryan Elijah – R (defeated Corey Mills in Primary)
- CD-11: James Strada – R (Daniel Webster retirement)
- CD-16: Sydney Gruters – R (Vern Bucanan retirement)
- CD-19: Jim Schwartzel – R (Byron Donalds vacate to run for Governor)
- CD-22: Pia Dandiya – D (Newly drawn seat, previous Frankel)
- CD-24: Oliver Gilbert III – D (Frederica Wilson retirement)

State Elections:

Governor

In the costliest race in Florida's history, which saw Congressman Byron Donalds raise $170M, Florida continued Republican leadership in the Governor's office. Former Congressman David Jolly came up 106,240 votes short, only 1.3% points in a race that saw nearly 8.3 million Floridians vote. A very interesting part of these statewide races were the way Floridians voted. For many years, Republicans have dominated absentee ballots. In recent years we have seen a major shift, including this year where Democrats held the edge on vote by mail by 7.7%, but Republicans outperformed Democrats by 8.3% in early voting and held a 21.2% advantage for those who turned out on Election Day. Overall Republicans outperformed Democrats by 8.5%.

Candidate	Party	Votes Received	
Byron Donalds and Bryan Avila	REP	4,135,701	50.01%
David Jolly and Gwen Graham	DEM	4,029,461	48.72%
OTHER		104,874	1.27%

Attorney General

Attorney General James Uthmeier won a full term by defeating former State Senator Jose Javier Rodriguez by 151,877 votes. Uthmeier was appointed by Governor DeSantis to AG after Ashley Moody was appointed to the US Senate, previously he served as Chief of Staff to Governor DeSantis.

Candidate	Party	Votes Received	
James Uthmeier	REP	4,181,313	50.92%
Jose Javier Rodriguez	DEM	4,029,436	49.08%

Chief Financial Officer

CFO Blaise Ingoglia also won his first full term by defeating former State Senator Annette Taddeo by 152,172 votes. Ingoglia was appointed by Governor DeSantis to CFO after former CFO Jimmy Patronis was elected US Representative in the 1st Congressional District

Commissioner of Agriculture

Commissioner Wilton Simpson was re-elected to his 2nd term by defeating Joey Atkins a little-known candidate, by 1744,502 votes. Simpson, who is avery popular Commissioner, won by a smaller margin of victorythat was expected.

Candidate	Party	Votes Received	
Wilton Simpson	REP	4,163,970	51.07%
Joey Mendoza Atkins	DEM	3,989,468	48.93%

Florida Senate

Other than the election cycle after redistricting, half of the Florida Senate is up for election, either even or odd seats. This year we saw the even seats up for election (also SD 11 because of retirement) and out of 15 races, one seat switched parties SD 10, where John Lowndes defeated incumbent Senator Jason Brodeur. In a rematch of a highly contested special election in SD 14 sitting Senator Brian Nathan once againdefeated the very highly funded former Representative Josie Tomkow. There were many very close races in the Senate where Republican incumbents barely staved off their Democrat opposition:

- SD 12: Senator Collen Burton (R) defeated Alfred Reynolds (D) by 1,246 votes
- SD 36: Senator Ileana Garcia (R) defeated George Lavin (D) by 1,667 votes
- SD 38: Senator Alexis Calatayud (R) defeated Richard Lamondin (D) by 1,558 votes

New faces in the Senate:

- SD 8: Jake Johansson-R (Tom Wright retirement)
- SD 10: John Lowndes – D (Defeated incumbent Jason Brodeur)
- SD 21: Chris Nocco – R (Ed Hooper retirement)
- SD 22: James Buchanan – R (Formerly Joe Gruters seat)
- SD 26: David Silvers – D (Formerly Lori Berman's seat)
- SD 28: Lauren Melo – R (Formerly Kathleen Passidomo's seat)
- SD 30: Lauren Book – D (Formerly Tina Polsky's seat)
- SD 34: Ashley Gantt – D (Formerly Shev Jones seat)

Current Senate breakdown 25 Republicans, 13 Democrats, 1 NPA and 1 Vacant

Florida House

All 120 Florida House members were on the ballot this November and we saw a lot of change over; 15 seats switched parties on election night with Democrats taking 14 and Republicans switching just 1, John Maples won a rematch of his special election which he fell short in last time. While the Republicans still hold a sizeable advantage in the legislature, this was one of the largest swings that we have seen in some time. Election results will show that if the Democrats

could have improved by 5% points, the House would have flipped from a supermajority Republican to Democrat controlled.

New faces in the House:

- HD 10: Marshall Rawson – R (Chuck Brannon's seat)
- HD 12: Terrance Freeman – R (Wyman Duggan's seat)
- HD 13: Audrey Gibson – D (Angie Nixon's seat)
- HD 22: Amy Trask – D (Defeated Chad Johnson – R) R to D
- HD 31: Matt Woodside – R (Tyler Sirois' seat) R to D
- HD 33: Dnaiel McDow – D (Defeated Monique Miller) R to D
- HD 35: Eric Gray – D (Defeated Erica Booth) R to D
- HD 36: Darryl Block – D (Defeated Rachel Plakon) R to D
- HD 37: Jane Aman – D (Susan Plasencia's seat) R to D
- HD 38: Nik Dean – D (David Smith's seat) R to D
- HD 39: Jarod Fox – D (Defeated Doug Bankson) R to D
- HD 42: Felipe Sousa Lazaballet – D (Anna Eskamani's seat)
- HD 43 Samuel Vilchez Santiago – D (Johanna Lopez's seat)
- HD 47: Anthony Nieves – D (Paula Stark's seat) R to D
- HD 48: Octavio Hernandez – D (Defeated Hillary Holley) R to D
- HD 53: Brian Hawkins – R (Jeff Holcomb retirement)
- HD 55: Walter Price – R (Kevin Steele retirement)
- HD 60: Lindsay Polega-Quigley – D (Lindsay Cross seat)
- HD 62: Kyandra Darling – D (Michele Rayner seat)
- HD 63: Jacqueline Coffie-Leeks (Dianne Hart seat)
- HD 64: Luis Salazar – D (Susan Valdes seat) R to D
- HD 67: Luis Viera – D (Fentrice Driskell seat)
- HD 68: Ryan Gill – R (Lawrence McClure seat)
- HD 69: Ashley Herrmann – D (Defeated Danny Alvarez) R to D
- HD 71: Jordan Varnadore – R (Will Robinson seat)
- HD 74: Nick Pachota – R (James Buchanan seat)
- HD 78: Susan Frantz – R (Jenna Persons-Mulicka seat)
- HD 82: Liesa Priddy – R (Lauren Melo seat)
- HD 85: Anthony Bonna – R (Toby Overdorf seat)
- HD 87: Jon Maples – R (Defeated Emily Gregory) D to R
- HD 93: August Mangeney -D (Defeated Anne Gerwig) D to R
- HD 94: Elizabeth Holmes – D (Defeated Meg Weinberger) R to D
- HD 100: Michael Ferguson – D (Chip LaMarca seat) R to D
- HD 101: Todd Delmay – D (Defeated Hillary Cassel) R to D
- HD 102: Mike Friend – D (Michael Gottlieb seat)
- HD 106: Lucia Baez-Geller – D (Defeated Fabian Basabe) R to D
- HD 108: Daphne Campbell – D (Dotie Joseph seat)
- HD 109: James Bush III- D (Ashley Gantt seat)
- HD 113: Gloria Romero Roses – D (Vicki Lopez seat) R to D
- HD 116: Ashley Perez-Biliskov – R (Danny Perez seat)

Current House breakdown is 70 Republicans and 50 Democrats.

Amendments

In Florida amendments must reach 60% to pass. They can be added to the ballot by the legislature, citizen petition or when applicable the Constitution Revision Commission. This year's amendments were all put on the ballot by the Florida Legislature

Amendment 1 – Changes to Budget Stabilization Fund Amendment
This amendment would increase the amount of funds that may be retained in the budget stabilization fund from 10% to 25% of net general revenue.

Ballot Choice	Votes Received	
Yes for Approval	3,173,724	40.9%
No for Rejection	4,585,490	59.1%

Amendment 2 - Exempt Tangible Personal Property Used for Agriculture or Agritourism from Property Taxes

Ballot Choice	Votes Received	
Yes for Approval	4,547,114	58.21%
No for Rejection	3,264,246	41.79%

Amendment 3 – Homestead Tax Exemptions, Property Assessments, and Spending Restrictions

Ballot Choice	Votes Received	
Yes for Approval	4,922,400	61.98%
No for Rejection	3,019,415	38.02%