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AFSCME members rally to Get Out the Vote in Jacksonville

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Hundreds of members and retirees of AFSCME Locals from across Jacksonville rallied and canvassed this weekend for a slate of local, state, and national candidates that will best carry forward the fight for workers' rights in Florida.

National AFSCME President **Lee Saunders** came to town to join the effort reminding all those in attendance that "we have the power to make history this election. We have the opportunity to have a Governor here in Florida that will fight for working people." Check out his speech here. (<https://www.facebook.com/AFSCMEFlorida/videos/672306869805187/>)

Saunders was joined by AFSCME Vice President **Se'Adoreia CeeCee Brown**, American Federation of Teachers President **Randi Weingarten**, and Florida Senator **Audrey Gibson** who all implored folks to do everything they can to ensure that candidates who support working families win this election. "Everything hinges upon this," said Gibson, "we can not afford a Governor who won't stand with the working people of this state."

Mary Blocker Williams, a Patient Care Assistant at UF Health Jacksonville and shop steward with AFSCME Local 1328 was excited to hit the streets for a candidate like Andrew Gillum. "This is a man who was raised by a hard working union bus drivers of many years. We know she instilled that work ethic in her son and that's the kind of work ethic we need leading this state into the future."

Over the last few weeks, AFSCME members voted on their final endorsements in the 2018 general election and to increase their commitment in time and resources to contact coworkers across the state to get out the vote for the best candidates for Florida's future. They will continue to phone bank and knock doors until election day to **Get Out the Vote** on the issues that matter most to hard working families and the communities they serve. We are just getting started.

Please take a look at our facebook page for photos of the event. (https://www.facebook.com/pg/AFSCMEFlorida/photos/?tab=album&album_id=2193100920928661)

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The Last Weekend: Where will candidates scramble for votes in final stretch?

One more weekend.

The 2018 mid-terms come to a close in a matter of days, leaving candidates scrambling for votes. Here's where candidates should be this weekend, though importantly, a tragedy in Tallahassee could change any number of political plans.

Republican gubernatorial candidate **Ron DeSantis** will campaign in Lakeland alongside U.S. Agriculture Secretary and former Georgia Gov. **Sonny Perdue**. The Republican leaders plan to host a get-out-the-vote rally at Rocking H Ranch at 12:30 p.m.

And Republican Senate candidate **Rick Scott**, Florida's governor, and DeSantis head to Pensacola this evening for the second "Make America Great Again" rally in a week alongside President **Donald Trump**. This event will take place at the Pensacola International Airport, where doors open at 3:30 p.m. and the rally expects to get going at 6:30 p.m. Both Republican Attorney General candidate **Ashley Moody** and Agriculture Commissioner candidate **Matt Caldwell** say they intend to be at the rally as well.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate **Andrew Gillum**, meanwhile, also had a busy Saturday planned. Gillum is scheduled to host his own GOTV rally at the University of Central Florida alongside former HUD Secretary **Julian Castro**, former presidential senior adviser **Valerie Jarrett** and politically conscious rapper **Common**. The CFE Arena event is slated to kick off at 11 a.m.

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Chris King, the Democratic Lieutenant Governor candidate, will headline a get-out-the-vote rally with **Randi Weingarten**, president of the American Federation of Teachers. Washington Gov. **Jay Inslee**, Democratic Governors Association chairman, announced he would campaign today at Gillum's field office in Miami at 9 a.m. and at an Aventura canvassing at 2:30 p.m.

Democratic U.S. Sen. **Bill Nelson** and Gillum will share a stage with legendary Florida musician **Jimmy Buffett** at the **Meyer Amphitheatre** in West Palm Beach at 2 p.m. Nelson touted a long-time friendship with the "Manatee Man" and Margaritaville founder, and this week Nelson gave the headline of a press release to Buffett over President **Barack Obama**, who campaigns with Nelson and Gillum on Friday.

Through the weekend, expect a final **Souls To The Polls** event come Sunday. U.S. Rep. **Charlie Crist** will speak at one such event being held by the Pinellas County Urban League from noon to 5 p.m. at **Demen's Landing Park**.



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