

October 2025

There will be a special election on December 9, 2025, to choose a candidate for Florida Senate District 11. (All of Sumter Citrus, Hernando and and parts of Pasco Counties are in District 11.) The Democrat running for this office is Ash Marwah.

If you plan to Vote By Mail, be sure to re-register. You can call our office or just stop in to pick up a form. Information—see below:

DEAR: Florida Voters

F R O M: Florida Dems HQ

#### **NEW YEAR**

#### **Vote-By-Mail Re-Enrollment**

Florida Senate District 11 (SD 11)

#### **SPECIAL ELECTION ON DECEMBER 9, 2025**

All former vote-by-mail requests expired on 12/31/2024

You are no longer enrolled in VOTE-BY-MAIL unless you re-enrolled in 2025.

**Update** your status

#### **VBM Enrollment Options:**

- Enroll online for Vote-By-Mail: CLICK HERE
- Call the Sumter County Supervisor of Elections: M-F 8 AM—5 PM (352-569-1540).

Sumter County Democratic Headquarters is located at 300 South Main St, Wildwood. Our phone is 352-794-1351. We are open on Mondays 1:00—4:00 PM, Wednesdays from 1:00—4:00 PM and Saturdays from 10:00—noon. Look for us across from the Wildwood Post Office.

An important message from Ash Marwah, who is running for the seat in Florida for Senate seat in District II:

#### **Property Tax Reform**

DeSantis is at it again with his slogan, "Property Tax Reform". The idea is to lower Property Taxes for homeowners by increasing the Homestead Exemption.

In Sumter County, the Homestead Exemption is \$50,000 for the County, \$25,000 for School Board and \$50,000 for SWFWMD (Water Management District).

The plan is to increase the Homestead Exemption to \$250,000, thus lowering the property taxes for all homeowners.

This sounds good on the surface but it will deprive all three entities of their major source of lost revenue. There is no way for the County, School District or



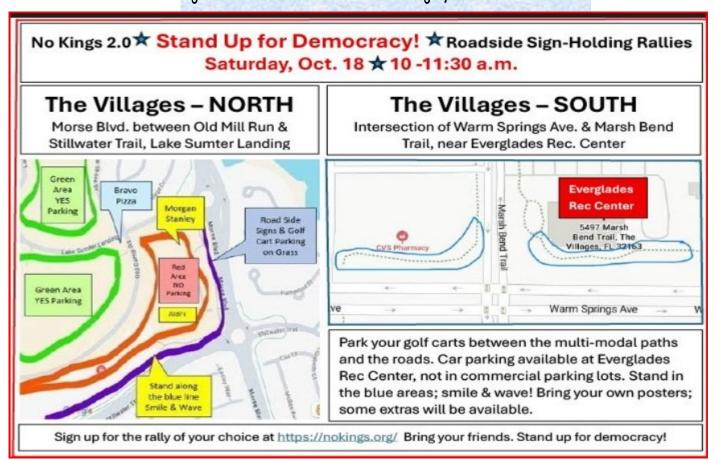
Ash Marwah

the Water Management District to make up the shortfall in revenue. They can raise the millage to maximum 10 mils by state law and the County can raise sales tax by 1% more to 8% but these measures would not be adequate to make up for the lost revenue.

The only option they will have is to layoff employees. Since the County has the largest pool of employees in Firefighters and Police Officers, they will bear the brunt of these layoffs.

ARE WE READY FOR LOWER PROPERTY
TAXES AND LAYOFF OF POLICE OFFICERS AND FIREFIREHTERS
IN SUMTER?

Ash Marwah needs your vote to protect our Police Officers and Firefighters. Vote on December 9 and encourage your friends to do so.



### Bushnell Fall Festival

#### Saturday, Oct. 18

- Following a parade at 10
   AM ,the Sumter County
   Democratic Party and other groups will have a table set up near the courthouse from 10:30-4
- We will be giving out information about Ash Marwah Senate campaign for the Special election on December 9th.
- We will also ask people to sign up for Vote by Mail, passing out water and giving out Toys to children.
- To volunteer, signing up on Mobilise to help us by volunteering for this event.

Click **HERE** to volunteer.

# Join us for our Next DEC Meeting

October 27, 4 pm

DEC HQ - 300 S Main St Wildwood

All Sumter Democrats are welcome to join us and learn more about the workings of the Sumter Democratic Party.

#### **Alert for Voters**

Any driver's licenses issued from July 31, 2024, onward will include updated identification numbers, and this change could have significant implications for future voters.

The change means that those attempting to request a vote-by-mail ballot online will encounter error messages if their driver's license information is out of sync with their voter registration.

In-person voting is not affected by the new license changes. Additionally, petitions could also be affected.

When updating a driver's license, voters should check the box indicating "yes" to update their voter information, even if no other changes are being made. This simple step can prevent problems on Election Day.

#### **Medicaid Expansion**

We will no longer be collecting the Medicaid petitions as the court has overturned the injunction we had. This increases the cost of getting petitions by millions of dollars. They have made the decision to stop collecting petitions for this election cycle and will refocus on the issue in the 2028 election cycle. Thanks to all who were willing to participate in this effort and we will try again in 2028.



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## Sumter County Women's Democratic Club

#### Sunday, Oct 19—1:00 PM

Our meetings are held at: Sumter Democratic HQ, 300 South Main St, Wildwood.

Please join us for our meeting and consider becoming a member.