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VP Harris: Ready to Lead and Win in 2024

Dear Fellow Democrats,

We hope this message finds you well. We want to share some exciting news and perspectives from the Manatee County Democratic Party regarding Vice President Kamala Harris and her readiness to lead our nation.

As President Biden has decided not to seek reelection, Vice President Harris is ready to “earn and win” the Democratic nomination. Her extensive experience and proven leadership make her the best candidate to unite our party and defeat Donald Trump.



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Of Primary Importance: Get out and Vote on Aug. 20!

In a highly-politicized environment such as Manatee County, every election carries huge consequences. That’s especially true this year for the Manatee County School Board, where seats will be decided by the Aug. 20 Primary Election.

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Did You Receive Your Vote-By-Mail Ballot?

Manatee County’s Supervisor of Elections (SOE) office distributed Vote-By-Mail

ballots for the upcoming Aug. 20 primary election on July 12. If you were expecting a VBM ballot and didn't receive one, contact the SOE office.

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Volunteer For Democratic Canvassing Events

We are just a few weeks from the Primary Election and need all hands on deck to let voters know about Vote-By-Mail, early voting and our excellent Democratic local candidates. Talking one-on-one with voters is the best way to get out the vote and spread grassroots support.

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Thomas Garcia Eyes Bradenton Ward 5 Seat



Don't call Iris Thomas Garcia a politician. The candidate for the Bradenton City Council, Ward 5 seat, says on her website that she wants to bring together people with diverse perspectives and work toward an inclusive society.

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Dems Schedule Early Voting Poll Greeter Events

Poll greeters play a special role at polling sites. Their purpose is to provide a Democratic Party presence as voters make their way to and from the polling place.

They staff a table that is at least 150 feet from the polling place and offer information about the candidates and issues on the ballots. It is a casual setting and usually a positive experience for Dems to meet other Dems in the neighborhood.

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Energized Democrats Turn Out for District

4-5 Meeting

The monthly District 4-5 Democratic Meeting held at the Lakewood Ranch Library on July 27 reflected the upsurge of energy amongst Democrats nationwide.

The meeting required a hunt for additional chairs to accommodate a much larger than expected group of volunteers.

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County Seeks Children's Services Board Members

Manatee County is looking to fill six seats on the Children's Services Advisory Board (CSAB). Three positions are to be filled by two child advocates and one licensed mental health professional. The other three positions must have candidates provided by the Manatee County School Board, the Department of Children and Families, and the United Way.

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County Seeks MPO Committee Applicants

The Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has three openings for its Citizen Advisory Committee that makes recommendations on regional transportation issues.

The advisory committee assists the MPO by providing input to the transportation planning process that reflects citizens' views and attitudes. Committee members represent a cross section of Sarasota and Manatee citizens.

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