

# THE ROAD REPORT

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## REGISTER TO VOTE!

The deadlines to register for the mid-term election are upon us!

Register at  
**Vote.org!**



## SPOTLIGHT

Thank you to OCICE who have been supportive from the beginning. They generously organized a welcome home event, which you can learn about by clicking [here](#)! If you're in the OC, come out on November 3rd to hear all about our last few months on the road!

**OCICE - Orange  
County Interfaith  
Coalition for the  
Environment**



Beach, Steve Grant attended, introduced us and delivered the opening remarks. He even purchased a copy of *Beyond Debate*! It is great to see elected officials who recognize that climate change is a problem and who are supportive of solutions. We met a lot of great community members and heard their questions and concerns, including concerns about increased rain, crop loss, and higher king tides. After the climate talk we got to try a local beer and mingle a bit!

## THE SUNSHINE STATE!

Hello Florida! As we are moving south, we are feeling a different kind of heat. It is hot and humid down here, and really buggy! We will be touring around a large portion of the state over the next week, as we learn more about climate impacts such as sea level rise that are already affecting Florida, often called "ground zero" for climate change.

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## BOYNTON BEACH

We had an event in Boynton Beach at a brewery called Due South (pictured above). The event was hosted by the city's sustainability department as well as Citizens' Climate Lobby. By now you know that brewery events are some of our favorites! The Mayor of Boynton





# THE EVERGLADES

We had the fortune to visit the Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge. Brad gave us a tour of the refuge, after which we met with the senior Wildlife Biologist to talk about climate impacts to the refuge and Florida in



general. This wildlife refuge is part of the Everglades, and has both a swamp and marsh. I learned the difference between the two; swamps

have trees while marshes do not. We learned of climate impacts specific to the refuge and also in the state. Sea level rise is not only affecting coastal communities, but also the ground water and the underground aquifers. That is, as salty surface water makes its way inland, so does salt water underneath the ground. This is threatening the fresh drinking



water supply in the state. We also saw some amazing wildlife, like the snail kite, an endangered bird, who we watched hunt. Unfortunately, this bird's preferred nesting habitat makes it extra vulnerable to major flooding. In fact, Hurricane Irma flooding wiped out an entire generation of its nests in some areas in 2017.

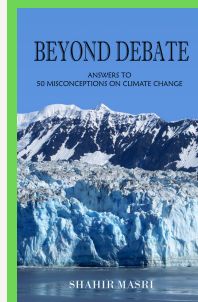


## Video interview coming soon from our visit to Loxahatchee!

We had the fortune of seeing some friends while in FL, during which we kayaked in Merrit Island and spent a few days in Lake Worth. Shahir briefly returned back to CA to attend the funeral service of his cousin Farrouk, which was very sad. As he departed, I planned accordingly. I spent the alone time working on blogs, scheduling events across the southern route, and enjoying being in one place for more than 2 nights. During this is coming week we will be continuing our voyage around FL with visits to Miami, the Everglades, and central FL. There is also Hurricane Michael in the forecast that we are watching closely. We are supposed to be crossing through the area where the hurricane is going to hit just one day after it is scheduled to touch down. We hope that everyone in the storms path is safe (Note: this newsletter was originally written before the storm).



## BEYOND DEBATE



Click here to buy your copy of Beyond Debate today! Given the new IPCC report, there is no better time to debunk climate change misconceptions!



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