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DNC 2024

SARASOTA
COUNTY
CANDIDATES
RUNNING TO
REPRESENT
CONGRESSIONAL
DISTRICT 17

**You will be able to vote for
3 men and 2 women.**



2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION

Delegate Elections

The Florida Democratic Party will select delegates based on Congressional Districts to represent Florida as we nominate Joe Biden and Kamala Harris for re-election. Sarasota County is part of Congressional District 17, which includes Sarasota and Charlotte Counties and a small portion of Lee County. The Convention will be held in Chicago from August 19 to 22.

For District-Level Delegate positions, CD17 will elect three men and two women. Voting takes place on April 18th & 20th. Any registered Democrat in CD17 can vote.

Location	Address	Thursday, 4/18/24	Saturday, 4/20/24
Sarasota Democratic Black Caucus Resource Center	1751 Dr. Martin Luther King Way, Sarasota, FL 34234	4 pm - 7 pm	10 am - 2 pm
Sarasota Democratic Party	7358 S. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 344231	10 am - 1 pm	10 am - 2 pm
Common Grounds Meeting Hall	12735 S. Tamiami Trail, North Port, FL 34287	N/A	10 am - 2 pm
Unitarian Universalist Congregation	1532 Forrest Nelson Blvd, Port Charlotte, FL 33952	N/A	10 am - 2 pm



MARY CLUPPER

Mary moved to Sarasota from Boston 20 years ago and works full-time in the Hospitality industry. Since 2008 most of her personal time has been dedicated to the Democratic Party. She served as president of the Democratic Club of Sarasota for 10 years, helping raise Democratic Party awareness, organizing educational and social events, and raising money for charitable organizations.

She served on the City of Sarasota Human Relations Board for two terms and is in her 8th year representing the Sarasota County Democratic Party as State Committeewoman. In this role, she supports our Clubs and Caucuses and is proud to have served on the FDP Rules Committee that wrote the plan to reform the out-of-date State Executive Committee "weighted vote" method, replacing it with "one person, one vote", giving voice to more Florida Democrats.

Mary would be honored to represent CD 17 at the Convention and asks for your vote.



LOU GROSSMAN

Lou Grossman has been a Precinct Captain and Democratic Activist in Sarasota for 11 years. He was founder of the Sarasota Seniors and Jewish Caucuses. He is a member of the Black Caucus and Stonewall Caucus as well.

He worked on numerous state and local elections, including as seniors vote director for Biden-Harris and Charlie Crist.

he was a Biden delegate to the 2020 Democratic National Convention and served as a Convention whip. Grossman did numerous media interviews locally and nationally about being a virtual delegate.

Grossman currently serves as a volunteer Biden-Harris fundraiser and member of the Florida Biden-Harris Organizing Council. He is a member of the state FDP committee on Diversity and inclusion.

Grossman has the endorsement of many fellow Democrats here and around the state,

Grossman has been a professional public relations counselor for 40 years. He was professor of strategic communication at Temple University.

He is committed to be a delegate who truly represents CD17 and will welcome input on convention issues from all Democrats.



PETER RYAN IMHOFF

Born and raised outside of Atlanta, Peter has been involved in politics since college when he interned and later worked as a Legislative Director at the Georgia General Assembly. In 2014, he moved to Florida to take care of his grandmother, on the drive down, he made a personal commitment to himself that he would get involved in local politics and make sure that his community was served and listened to.

Peter has served as the President of the Stonewall Democratic Caucus of Sarasota County and the Manasota Young Democrats, held various other positions in local Clubs and Caucuses and is a Precinct Captain in Englewood.

Peter's personal political involvement is driven by the quote, "If you do not have a seat at the Table you are on the Menu." He currently serves on the Board of Directors for the Florida LGBTQ+ Democratic Caucus as their Operations Director and asks for your vote to send him to the convention.



*Gathering Abortion Rights
Petitions*

BARBARA KATZ

I am a proud, lifelong Democrat, the product of a union family. About 20 years ago, I became involved in Democratic politics in northern Virginia, after a Washington, D.C., career in journalism and the law. In 2014, I moved to Florida and became an enthusiastic volunteer for the Sarasota County Democratic Party: Initially appointed a Precinct Captain, I became Chair of Precinct Organization and Development a year later. I also took on the role of Chair of Voter Protection and helped build our poll watcher team from about two dozen volunteers to over 300. Eventually, I was elected Treasurer of the party, and about a year ago was elected Vice Chair.

Those of you who have worked with me know that I am a passionate, determined fighter in pursuit of our party's ideals, and, if elected a delegate, I promise to take that passion with me to the national convention.



SEBASTIAN MARTINEZ

Sebastian Martinez is a 2021 Graduate of Booker High School. He's 19 years old, Queer, Gen Z, and the proud son of immigrants. He's been involved in youth organizing since he was 15 years old and has dedicated himself to getting young people educated and involved in local politics.

Sebastian has also been a consistent voice at the Sarasota County School Board since 16. Sebastian is passionate about "getting more Gen Z" into the party, positions of leadership, and elected office by proving that the energy and support is there. Sebastian has a background of serving members of the public - be it through advocacy, cleaning houses/agriculture work at a young age, working as a handy man now in the mornings with his dad, or coaching/working with hundreds of families and children as a Gymnastics Coach in the Afternoon.

Don't forget! Vote Martinez 4 delegate April 18th & April 20th.



RON SMITH

Ron Smith is a member of the Venice City Council. He graduated from the Boston University School of Communication and the Florida State College of Law.

He is a retired prosecuting attorney, a former police academy instructor, and served for two years as a general magistrate here in Southwest Florida.

Ron moved to Venice in 1981 and became the head of all local news operations for the Sarasota Herald-Tribune. He has written extensively about Venice and loves to talk about local history.

He is also author of *Passing the Torch*, a biography of Miami Dolphins and University of Miami football coach Howard Schnellenberger.

Ron lost his wife, Jean, in 2020. She was a big personality in the quilting community. His daughter, Alexandra, was born at Venice Hospital. She is a prosecutor like her dad.

Ron was a delegate to the 2020 Democratic Convention.



ROBIN TAUB WILLIAMS

Robin Taub Williams is from Flushing, NY, holds a BS from SUNY Buffalo, and Masters from Temple University. She was a science teacher at middle and high school levels in Pennsylvania and NJ and was a community college instructor.

Robin is a lifelong Democratic Party, peace, labor, and social justice activist, serving in diverse roles. She's volunteered with the Democratic Party since childhood, was a Democratic Committeewoman and Precinct Captain for 35 years, is founder and president of the Democratic Public Education Caucus of Manasota, a board member of Sarasota-Charlotte Democratic Progressive Caucus, and has been a member of the Jewish Caucus, Environmental Caucus, and Senior Caucus. She's also a life member of NEA, FEA, PSEA, and Suncoast NEA-Retired. Previously she served as a union representative and helped organize a union.

She spends her "retired" life in Sarasota and western Massachusetts and while up north does remote organizing in Sarasota

Congressional District 17 includes all of Sarasota and Charlotte Counties, and a small portion of Lee. The candidates shown above are from Sarasota County only.

Known filed candidates from Charlotte County:

Nancy Chorpenning
Marvin Covey
Pat Courtney-Strong
Lucy Garner
Ken Malkin