



I.U.P.A. LOCAL 6021

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF POLICE ASSOCIATIONS
BROWARD LIEUTENANTS ASSOCIATION
THE VOICE OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

October 7, 2024

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of the State of Florida
The Capitol
400 South Monroe Street.
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis:

The IUPA Local 6021 has discovered the entirely radical far left Democrat Broward County Board of Commissioners (BCBC) has engaged in **ELECTION INTERFERENCE** which violates Florida law and the Code of Ethics of the State of Florida. The BCBC has given tax dollars to organizations that hate the police and organizations that have spent money supporting Democrat candidates such as Charlie Crist's run for governor to unseat you in 2022 and Joe Biden's 2020 presidential campaign. Some of the groups given tax dollars by the BCBC such as Florida Rising (formerly called Florida New Majority and New Florida Majority), and the Florida Immigrant Coalition have an extremist coalition formed under the name Florida for All which states on their own website that their number one goal is to "win governing power" which includes "winning power" for current Broward Mayor Nan Rich who is currently endorsed by Florida for All. This radical left coalition, after being given taxpayer dollars by the BCBC, went on to spend over \$100,000 in campaign ads against you in 2022, to try and unseat you as Governor. Florida Rising hates law enforcement and has publicly called for law enforcement to be defunded. Florida Rising was condemned in a joint letter signed by 30 Sheriffs in Florida for their dangerous anti-law enforcement rhetoric to include comparing law enforcement and the Ku Klux Klan as one and the same. Florida Rising also believes schools should not have school resource officers. It's wrong for the far left BCBC to fund an organization that wants to weaken school security considering Broward County had the deadly Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting occur in 2018. The radical left BCBC also gave taxpayer dollars to Black Lives Matter who wants to defund the police and who has also called for violence against law enforcement. The Florida Immigrant Coalition had an active lawsuit against you and Attorney General Ashley Moody at the time they were given tax dollars by the BCBC. A search of the campaign finance database for the State of Florida for the 2024 election traced spending by Florida Rising to groups supporting Kamala Harris's presidential campaign.



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Since its inception, Florida for All has spent almost \$13 million dollars according to campaign finance records with the State of Florida and on multiple occasions gave money to the Democrat Party of Florida including an over \$700,000 contribution on one occasion. Despite these groups acting as extensions of the radical left, the BCBC gaslights the public by referring to giving taxpayer funds to these groups as giving to “charity”. In addition to funding cop hating groups, the BCBC has been defunding the Broward Sheriff’s Office.

Governor DeSantis, you made it known in the State of Florida that law enforcement is supported and election interference will not be tolerated, however; 9 corrupt radical left commissioners in Broward County didn’t get the message and need a reminder. Florida statute 104.31(1)(a) states no elected official shall use their official authority or influence to interfere in an election. Under the Florida Constitution, you are empowered to suspend elected officials for malfeasance and incompetence. Elected officials giving tax dollars to cop hating organizations and to organizations that interfere in our elections is as malfeasant and incompetent as it gets. It’s unacceptable for 1 cent of tax dollars to be used for funding cop hating organizations and funding of organizations acting as an extension of the Democrat Party. If all 3,143 counties in the United States illegally funneled thousands of tax dollars to political groups for campaigning it would add up quickly. This criminal behavior can’t go unchecked as it will set a terrible precedent and cause people to lose faith in the election process in the United States when governments are allowed to conduct election interference. This union urges you to have a criminal investigation conducted into the BCBC for these crimes and to have the Florida Auditor General conduct a forensic audit of all spending of the BCBC over the past several years. Democrat Broward State Attorney Harold Pryor can’t be relied on to prosecute these crimes as he’s supported by Florida Rising and endorsed Kamala Harris. The BCBC has an approximately \$8 billion dollar budget. There’s bound to be more illegal election interference and cop hating spending occurring that only an audit can uncover.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Cowart

President, I.U.P.A. Local 6021



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CC:

President Donald Trump Campaign
Florida Auditor General Sherrill F. Norman, CPA
Florida Lieutenant Governor Jeanette Núñez
Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody
Florida Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis
Florida Commission on Ethics
Florida Department of Law Enforcement Office of Inspector General
Florida Election Crimes and Security

Florida for All's Own Website

WE CALL THIS COLLABORATION FLORIDA FOR ALL

Since 2014, six Florida-based organizations — Florida Rising, Florida Immigrant Coalition, Faith in Florida, Central Florida Jobs with Justice, Dream Defenders, and SEIU — have built a deep, long-term collaboration with each other across constituencies and geographies. This has given us the collective power to have a higher impact that leverages the long-term strength of our membership, capacities, and leadership toward winning governing power through durable and meaningful community organizing, civic engagement programs, and electoral victories.

IN PURSUIT OF THAT VISION, WE ARE GROUNDED IN THREE TRANSFORMATIONAL GOALS:

- 1 WIN GOVERNING POWER ACROSS FLORIDA TO BUILD A COALITION OF STATEWIDE POWER.**
- 2 LEVERAGE OUR COLLECTIVE ECONOMIC POWER AS WORKERS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS TO INFLUENCE STATEWIDE ECONOMIC DECISION-MAKING.**
- 3 CHANGE STRUCTURES THAT LIMIT PARTICIPATION IN DEMOCRACY IN ORDER TO , EXPAND ACCESS TO THE BALLOT, AND BUILD A CIVICALLY ENGAGED, SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS ELECTORATE.**

30 Sheriffs in Florida Condemn Florida Rising

'The largest Florida-based anti-cop group of its kind, Florida Rising, is deploying its infrastructure, resources and endorsements exclusively to like-minded Democrats up and down the ballot.'

An open letter signed by 30 of Florida's 67 county Sheriffs is arguing that the "anti-cop" rhetoric from Florida Rising, a progressive group dedicated to "advancing economic and racial justice," means voters should oppose the organization's endorsed candidates.



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[Amended Motion Increased it to \\$6,000 \(Click for Link\)](#)

I. MOTION TO DIRECT Office of the County Attorney to draft an agreement with Florida Immigrant Coalition (FLIC) in the amount of \$3,000 to assist in building and growing cultures of care in our community; and authorize the County Administrator to execute the agreement and take all necessary administrative and budgetary actions required to implement same.

(Per the Thursday Agenda Memorandum, the Board's consideration of this item will be based on the amended motion statements distributed as Additional Material.)

ACTION: (T-11:53 AM) Approved as amended with Regular Meeting Additional Material, dated November 4, 2021, submitted at the request of Commissioner Holness. (Refer to minutes for full discussion.)

VOTE: 8-0. Commissioner Furr was out of the room during the vote.



As the grandson of Greek immigrants, I'm deeply honored to earn the endorsement of the Florida Immigrant Coalition!

All who come to Florida in search of opportunity and the American Dream deserve to be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect — and that's exactly how I'll govern.



Progressive groups launch six-figure digital campaign attacking Ron DeSantis

The video spots assert the Governor embraced far-right positions to advance his ambitions and satisfy special interests.

Democratic groups behind the **Florida for All** campaign are announcing a six-figure buy for digital ads attacking Gov. **Ron DeSantis**. A digital campaign will target persuadable voters online “who have been hurt by Ron DeSantis.”

Exhibits (Click for Link):

Broward County Government:

- [Broward County Vote to Award Tax Dollars to the Florida Immigrant Coalition \(page 25\)](#)
- [Broward County Vote to Award Tax Dollars to Black Lives Matter \(page 34\) and Florida New Majority \(Name Changed to Florida Rising\) \(page 33 and 34\)](#)

Social Media Post from Candidate Charlie Crist



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- <https://www.facebook.com/charliecristfl/posts/as-the-grandson-of-greek-immigrants-im-deeply-honored-to-earn-the-endorsement-of/1016253898733312/>

News/ Media

- [Florida Politics Article: Progressive groups launch six-figure digital campaign attacking Ron DeSantis](#)
- [Florida for All: Florida For All Launches Six Figure English/Spanish Ad Buys Highlighting Extreme GOP Policies, National Political Ambitions Hurting Floridians](#)
- [Florida Voice Article: 30 Florida Sheriffs Denounce Florida Rising for 'Defund the Police,' Rhetoric Leading to 'Unspeakable Violence Against Officers'](#)
- [Florida Politics Article: 30 Sheriffs blast progressive group's 'anti-law enforcement rhetoric,' urge vote against endorsed candidates](#)
- [Florida Voice Article: Court tosses case challenging law banning 'sanctuary cities' in Florida](#)

Florida For All Website

- <https://floridaforall.vote/ffa-story/>

 **Florida Rising (Text JOINUS to... · 5/24/23** ...
Replying to @FLRising
DeSantis cannot govern he's a racist homophobe!



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De-fascist is announcing his presidency but us working class Floridian won't allow his ideology to take over the nation. We're here in front of the Four Seasons where @GovRonDeSantis is staying #FlaPol #DismantleDeSantis

