







MEET THE CANDIDATES

 <p>Jennifer Canady (R) Candidate House 50</p>	<p>Jennifer Canady is a lifelong conservative and a Lakeland native. She is a teacher, a wife, a mother, and a community leader.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Directs the RISE Institute at Lakeland Christian School, where she has served for 15 years. • Attended Scott Lake Elementary, St. Paul Lutheran School, and Lakeland Highlands Jr. High. • Graduated from Kathleen High School. • Worked in her family’s business, Cleveland Heights Animal Hospital, from a young age. • Graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from Florida State University and Master’s degree from the University of South Florida. 	<p style="color: red;">10:00 AM July 29</p>
 <p>Susan Plasencia (R) Candidate House 37</p>	<p>Susan is a small business owner, employer, and mom of three grown children who were recipients of Florida’s Step-Up school choice scholarship program. Susan is the President of her family business, which organizes specialized events such as public music festivals and concerts that range from 2,000 to 100,000 attendees. Susan is also the sister to State Representative Rene “Coach P” Plasencia. Susan is a first-time candidate but has been civically involved for years. Susan’s community involvement has included serving as President of her HOA, leading the soup kitchen at the downtown women’s shelter, volunteering for The Children’s Home at Eastland Baptist and serving on the board for a 3 King’s Day for at-risk Hispanic families.</p>	<p style="color: red;">11:00 AM July 29</p>
 <p>Senator Victor Torres (D-15)</p>	<p>Occupation: NYC Transit Police Detective, retired Education: John Jay College, Transit Police Academy, 1972 Born: in New York, New York. Moved to Florida in 1993. Military Service: U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Legislative Service: Elected to the Senate in 2016, reelected subsequently, House of Representatives, 2012-2016</p>	<p style="color: red;">Noon July 29</p>




	<p>Carolina has been part of Central Christian University since its beginning and currently serves as the University's Executive Vice President. Carolina also serves as a board member for Chaplains of Florida, American Chaplains and Central Christian Academy. She has been involved in several political campaigns on a local and national level.</p> <p>She is the current President of the Orlando Republican Women Federated, the oldest Republican women organization in Florida, founded in 1924.</p> <p>Carolina owns and manages local businesses in Florida, including a private K-12 academy and a fast-food restaurant. Carolina has completed her Undergraduate Studies in Political Science and Graduate Studies in International Relations.</p>	<p>1:00 PM July 29</p>
	<p>City of Residence: Kissimmee Occupation: Small Business Owner Education: Osceola High School, Valencia College Born: August 22, Holiday, FL History: Husband, Brandon Arrington, Osceola County Commissioner, elected 2008; Mother-in-law, Mary Jane Arrington, first female Osceola County Commissioner and current Osceola County Supervisor of Elections Legislative Service: Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2020</p>	<p>2:00 PM July 29</p>
	<p>City of Residence: Merritt Island Occupation: Executive Director, Office of the State Attorney for Florida's Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Education: Florida State University, 2006 Born: August 5, 1984, Cape Canaveral, FL Legislative Service: Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2018, reelected subsequently</p>	<p>3:00 PM July 29</p>

Carolina Amesty (R)
Candidate House 45

Rep. Kristen
Arrington (D-46)

Rep. Tyler Sirois
(R-51)

	<p>City of Residence: Fort Meade Occupation: Business Owner Education: South Florida Community College, AS; Southeastern University, BS, Business and Professional Leadership Born: October 29, 1961, Winter Haven, FL Legislative Service: Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2018, reelected subsequently</p>	<p>10:00 AM July 30</p>
	<p>Darren Soto was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2016 to represent Florida's 9th Congressional District, which includes all of Osceola and parts of Orange and Polk Counties.</p> <p>Darren graduated from Rutgers University and the George Washington University School of Law. Upon graduation, Darren opened his own practice in Central Florida, where he practiced family law, civil litigation, and real estate law.</p> <p>He currently serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and the House Committee on Natural Resources. Additionally, Darren is the Chair of the Future Forum Caucus, Whip of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus and a proud member of the New Democrat Coalition, Problem Solvers Caucus, Congressional Progressive Caucus and LGBT Equality Caucus.</p>	<p>11:00 am July 30</p>
	<p>Occupation: Retired Firefighter; Consus Group, LLC, Partner Education: Saint Petersburg College Born: in Statesville, North Carolina. Moved to Florida in 1972. Legislative Service: Elected to the Senate in 2018, House of Representatives, 2006-2014</p>	<p>Noon July 30</p>
<p>Senator Ed Hooper (R-16)</p>		

	<p>City of Residence: St. Cloud Occupation: Education Foundation President Education: University of Akron, BS, Political Science, Pre-Law Born: July 11, 1967, OH Moved to Florida: 1973 Legislative Service: Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2020</p>	<p>1:00 PM July 30</p>
	<p>City of Residence: Winter Springs Occupation: Business Consultant Education: Texas A&M University, BBA, 1982; Florida Institute of Technology, MS, 2000 Born: March 17, Aberdeen Proving Grounds, MD Military: United States Marine Corps, Colonel, UH-1N Helicopter Pilot, Retired; Legion of Merit (2), Meritorious Service Medal (3), Air Medal "V" (2), Navy Commendation Medal (3), Navy Achievement Medal, Operation Iraqi Freedom Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment (6) Moved to Florida: 1972 Legislative Service: Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2018, reelected subsequently</p>	<p>2:00 PM July 30</p>
	<p>City of Residence: Orlando Occupation: United States Government, Retired Education: Puerto Rico Junior College, AA, Criminology and Administration Born: December 10, Bronx, New York City, NY Moved to Florida: 1989 Legislative Service: Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2020</p>	<p>3:00 PM July 30</p>
<p>Rep. Fred Hawkins (R-42)</p>		
<p>Rep. David Smith (R-28)</p>		
<p>Rep. Daisy Morales (D-48)</p>		



Rep. Kaylee Tuck
(R-55)

City of Residence: Lake Placid
Occupation: Real Estate/Land Use Attorney
Education: Florida State University, BS, Economics, 2012-2014; Stetson University College of Law, JD, 2015-2018
Born: May 30, 1994, Winter Haven, FL
Legislative Service: Elected to the Florida House of Representatives in 2020

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