



Dem Club Zoom Meeting Tuesday, 10/13, 7 PM

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**DECF: Biden/Harris Plan
Save the Earth,
Save the Economy.
It's the same thing, Stupid!**

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The Democratic Club of Bonita Springs and South Lee County

Club Meeting

Zoom

Tuesday, 10/13, 7 PM

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Who?

Janelle Christensen, President, DECF (Democratic Environmental Caucus of Florida) with

Anselm Weber (Candidate, FL House of Representatives), plus
Cindy Banyai (Candidate, US House of Representatives)
and readers like **You**.

What?

Biden/Harris Plan for Saving the Environment and the Economy.

Why?

Longevity

Human existence

Innovation stirred by Passion to do good and Profit to do well.

Friendbank; A reason to talk with your neighbors

Due to the importance of this topic and the fact that the election is already underway - with Vote-by-Mail ballots being returned to the SOE, Early Voting starting soon, Election Day (Nov. 3), and the return of overseas ballots around Nov. 13.- we will try to record and archive on FLTurnelue.com the discussion about the **Biden/Harris Plan for Saving the Environment and the Economy.**

If you are like me, you like homework and you like to feel prepared. Here are some sources of information about the **Biden/Harris Plan for Saving the Environment and the Economy.**

“Here’s The Deal,”

(<https://joebiden.com/heres-the-deal/>)

Vice President Joe Biden provides a voice of clarity during uncertain times.

This podcast was recorded on 4/22/2020 with Gov. Jay Inslee of the State of Washington.

As you may recall, Washington was the first place to deal intensely with Covid Don's virus, Covid-19.

So, the first part of the podcast is about the virus the current president let into the United States and used to divide us.

Then, candidate Biden and Gov. Inslee talk about Climate Change and the Economy: Jay Inslee explains the deadly similarities between Covid-19 and Climate Change this way,

Covid-19 is a fast-acting while Climate Change is much slower but equally fatal.

(Of course, like most people with media attention, they use the word "existential" when they mean EXISTING.)

Joe talks about developing a fundamentally green infrastructure and turning around the existential Covid-18 threat to the economy to become a net exporter of Climate Change technology and leader of the world in electric vehicles, wind and solar energy with new transmission and energy storage capacity across the US, with jobs well-above min wage (in the \$40-\$50/hour range).

Jay talks excitedly about having optimistic leadership in the White House, again.

Of course, there is human emotion, concern and empathy, in the midst of global angst, for a six-year old and a lonely robin.

That, and more, can be found in Joes' podcast with Gov. Jay Inslee at <https://joebiden.com/heres-the-deal/>.

The **New York Times** headline says "Biden Announces \$2 Trillion Climate Plan."

The Story says:

"Joseph R. Biden Jr. announced on Tuesday a new plan to spend \$2 trillion over four years to significantly escalate the use of clean energy in the transportation, electricity and building sectors, part of a suite of sweeping proposals designed to create economic opportunities and strengthen infrastructure while also tackling climate change."

(<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/14/us/politics/biden-climate-plan.html>)

THE BIDEN PLAN FOR A CLEAN ENERGY REVOLUTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

<https://joebiden.com/climate-plan/>

THE BIDEN PLAN TO BUILD A MODERN, SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE AND AN EQUITABLE CLEAN ENERGY FUTURE

<https://joebiden.com/clean-energy/>

THE BIDEN PLAN TO BUILD BACK BETTER BY ADVANCING RACIAL EQUITY ACROSS THE AMERICAN ECONOMY

<https://joebiden.com/racial-economic-equity/>

Incidentally, while you're on YouTube, there is an excellent 60 Minutes segment that aired on October 11, 2020, about the Lincoln Project at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s95VhNZmigw>.

FDP Fundraising Panel Discussion - TONIGHT 6 PM!

I'm so thrilled to join this panel of experts for Monday's discussion about how to protect the vote and what that all means in 2020.

It's never been more important to fight against GOP efforts to limit voting access!

Hear what the experts have to say at Monday's roundtable and fundraiser to discuss, and more importantly, fundraise for, protecting the vote in Florida!

-- Reyna Walters-Morgan,
DNC Director of Civic Engagement and Voter Protection

----- Forwarded Message -----



Hi Steven, this is Nancy MacLean, author of the book *Democracy in Chains*, an exploration of voter suppression and other rule-rigging by the right that damages our very democracy.

I want to invite you to a fundraiser and panel hosted by the Florida Democratic Party this Monday, October 12th at 6 pm in which we'll discuss the problem of voter suppression and the best ways to tackle it head-on. **Get your tickets today!**

WHO: Me (Author Nancy MacLean), DNC Voter Protection Director Reyna Walters-

Morgan, Florida Senator Darryl Rouson and FDP Chair Terrie Rizzo.

WHAT: A fundraiser and panel discussion about voter protection

WHEN: Monday, October 12, 6:00 PM ET

WHERE: Video Conference link will be sent after you purchase your ticket!

Nancy MacLean, author of "Democracy in Chains"

*For voter assistance, call the Voter Protection Hotline:
(833) VOTE-FLA or (833) 868-3352*

Amy McGrath Debates Stonewall Mitch TONIGHT at 7 PM.

(<https://www.wkyt.com/2020/10/12/mcconnell-mcgrath-set-to-face-off-in-debate-on-wkyt/>)

Amy McGrath, Democrat, has been campaigning to literally stop Mitch McConnell and turn his Senate seat blue.

Amy's campaign website is: <https://amymcgrath.com/>.

Tonight, at 7 PM, Amy will debate the incumbent, Stonewall Mitch, on C-SPAN 1, WKYT television in Lexington, KY, and WKYT.com worldwide.

The moderator will be Bill Bryant

Get out to Get Out the Vote

I am NOT recommending this. I thought about not printing it. Then, decided it is your choice, you should know there are canvassing events you may join.

Though, I feel the need to emphasize that if you are older and have spent the past 6 months hiding from Covid Don's virus, my advice is that you stick with what has been working for you.

However, the right to vote is so important that people have faced death to organize to vote.

If you feel strongly, or you feel immortal, there are opportunities to get out and canvass. You can't just hop in your car and start ringing doorbells. There is training and there is a "a health and safety consent form."

Online Training: <https://www.mobilize.us/fl2020victory/event/344880/>

Canvassing: https://www.mobilize.us/fl2020victory/?tag_ids=1937

Canvass Naples: <https://www.mobilize.us/fl2020victory/event/347299/>

Canvass Port Charlotte: <https://www.mobilize.us/fl2020victory/event/347298/>

Be Careful!

For your convenience, the following information is reprised so it will be easier to find when needed.

Make a plan to vote!

Please note, while much of this information may seem familiar because it was in my last email, all of this information is subject to change and may be confirmed with the Supervisor of Elections:

SOE Phone 239-533-8683

SOE Website: Lee.Vote

Here are your choices for ways to vote:

- Vote in Person, EARLY
- Prepare your Vote-by-Mail ballot at home and then drop it in the box that will be available at:

- Any Lee County SOE office (M-F, 8:30 AM to 5 PM)
- Any Lee County Early Voting site during EARLY Voting
- Vote by Mail, EARLY
- Vote at the polls on election day (November 3)
- Vote by Mail from overseas
 - "An overseas voter has the option to return the ballot and signed Voter's Certificate by fax."
 - "An overseas voter has 10 extra days from election day to mail back a vote-by-mail ballot. This 10-day extension only applies in presidential preference primary elections, general elections, and special elections and special primary electionsThe overseas voter's vote-by-mail ballot must be postmarked or dated by Election Day and received within 10 days of the election in order to be counted, provided the ballot is otherwise proper."(<https://dos.myflorida.com/elections/for-voters/voting/military-and-overseas-citizens-voting/>)

What matters is not how you vote.
What matters is your vote.

The goal is to vote and to make sure your vote is counted
because it is your vote that matters.

other words, to reiterate:

Vote In early so there is time to fix any problems that may arise,
Confirm that your vote has been counted.
Keep evidence.

Important Dates

(Available from the SOE when you check your voter registration at
<https://lee.electionsfl.org/Admin/Check-my-Registration-Status>)

October 5, 2020, Monday, **Registration Closes** (Today)

October 19, 2020, Monday, **Early Voting Begins**

October 31, 2020, Saturday, **Early Voting Ends**

November 3, 2020, Tuesday, **Election Day**

Some things to consider.

(This is not an exhaustive list though it might be exhausting to think about, on top of everything else these days.)

- Covid-19, is it worth risking death to vote?

Many people have died or been assaulted or faced police lines or ignited the hatred of bigotry in order to vote.

If you have the right to vote, use it.

Fortunately, there are ways to vote that minimize the risk of death. For example, pick a time to vote in person when throngs of voters are not expected at the EARLY voting sites.

In my opinion, it seems best to do your research and prepare your sample or real VBM ballot at home, and vote EARLY, in person, keeping some evidence that you voted – such as your “I Voted” sticker and a picture of you at the polling place with something like the day’s newspaper that shows the date.(Thanks, Wally Hedman, for that idea!)

Ultimately, it is vote. Vote your way. Just be sure to vote.

- Print out your record from the Supervisor of Elections showing that your ballot was received and counted. (If the number of votes by registered Democrats that are counted by the administration seems low, we may be asked to provide evidence that we voted – not for whom we voted – just that we cast our ballot. Think about it: When was the last time a presidential election was not contested in Florida?)
- There are many elections on the ballot with candidates endorsed by the Lee County Democratic Party. Make sure you have reviewed your sample ballot, available on the Supervisor of Elections’ website, and know where on the ballot

are the Democrats. (<https://lee.electionsfl.org/Admin/Check-my-Registration-Status>)

The ballot is secret for a reason, so we are not intimidated by overzealous bullies trying to get votes for their candidate. We must protect our right to a secret ballot.

Remember what Mitch McConnell did to Alison Lundergan Grimes! If you feel inclined to put Mitch out to pasture in the rolling blue grass of Kentucky, volunteer your time and money for Amy McGrath.

This year, it is more than a trite platitude or fundraising slogan to say this election is the most important of our lives and your vote matters. This election can stop the rise of the Fourth Reich; or, allow it - as happened in the Weimar Republic. Democracy contains the seeds of its own destruction. We must be careful to nurture, protect, and utilize our democratic rights.

For EARLY voting, vote at **any** EARLY voting site.

At the moment, these are the EARLY voting sites, according to the SOE (<https://www.lee.vote/Election-Information/Early-Voting-Information>):



LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS

Tommy Doyle, Supervisor of Elections
(239) LEE-VOTE (533-8683)
www.lee.vote

2020 EARLY VOTING DATES, TIMES AND LOCATIONS

09/24/2020

ELECTION	DATES	TIMES
General Election 11-03-2020	Monday, 10-19-2020 to Saturday, 10-31-2020	10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS WITH DIRECTIONS

Eligible Lee County voters may vote early at any location, during early voting hours, prior to Election Day.

1. BONITA SPRINGS—ELECTIONS OFFICE 25987 S. TAMIAMI TRL., #105, BONITA SPRINGS, 34134	8. NORTH FORT MYERS RECREATION CENTER 2000 N RECREATION PARK WAY, N. FORT MYERS, 33903
The office is located on the east side of S. Tamiami Trl., just beyond Spring Creek across from Bonita Bay Golf Course.	The entrance to the recreation center is located just north of North Fort Myers Public Library on N. Recreation Park Way on the west side of N. Tamiami Trl., just beyond the intersection of N. Tamiami Trl., and Bayshore Rd.
2. CAPE CORAL—ELECTIONS OFFICE 1039 SE 9TH AVE., CAPE CORAL, 33990	9. NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIBRARY 519 CHIQUITA BLVD. N., CAPE CORAL, 33993
The Office is on the first floor of the Lee County Government Ctr. directly across from the United States Post Office West of Country Club Blvd. The two entrances from SE 9th Ave. are between SE 12th St. and SE 10th St.	The Library is on the East side of Chiquita Blvd. N South of Tropicana Pkwy. W. The library is adjacent to Mariner High School on the SE corner of Tropicana Pkwy. W and Chiquita Blvd. N.
3. CAPE CORAL LEE COUNTY LIBRARY 921 SW 39TH TER., CAPE CORAL, 33914	10. RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY CENTER 3061 E. RIVERSIDE DR., FORT MYERS, 33916
The library is on SW 39th Ter., west of Skyline Blvd., and north of Mohawk Pkwy.	The Center is on the West side of East Riverside Dr. on the South bank of the Caloosahatchee River.
4. DR. CARRIE ROBINSON COMMUNITY CENTER 2990 EDISON AVE., FORT MYERS, 33916	11. VETERANS PARK RECREATION CENTER 55 HOMESTEAD RD. S., LEHIGH ACRES, 33936
The Center is on the South side of Edison Ave at the intersection of Edison Ave and Pauldo St. The Center is adjacent to STARS Complex. (Vote in Meeting Room)	The Center is on the North side of Homestead Rd. East of Leeland Heights Blvd. W. and West of Marble Brook Blvd. intersection. The Center is adjacent to Veterans Park Academy for the Arts.
5. EAST COUNTY REGIONAL LIBRARY 881 GUNNERY RD. N, LEHIGH ACRES, 33971	
The Library is on the West side of Gunnery Rd. adjacent to Lehigh Senior High School North of the Gunnery Rd. and Lee Blvd. intersection.	
6. ESTERO RECREATION CENTER 9200 CORKSCREW PALMS BLVD., ESTERO, 33928	
The Center is on the South side of Corkscrew Rd. West of I-75 and East of S Tamiami Trail. Turn South on Corkscrew Palms Blvd. from Corkscrew Rd. Turn right into parking lot.	
7. LEE COUNTY ELECTIONS CENTER 13180 S. CLEVELAND AVE., FORT MYERS, 33907	
The Center is on the West side of S Cleveland Ave. just North of Cypress Lake Dr. Turn West on Cypress Trace Dr. from S Cleveland Ave. Parking lot is at the end of Cypress Trace Dr.	



The CARavans were a great success.
It's fun to volunteer! Here are a couple of pics.
(Courtesy of Wally and Carol Hedman, walter.hedman@siemens.com)



Essay

A Cost of Waiting

Tracing the President's Contacts to slow the Covid-19 Pandemic

The chaos caused by the positive Covid-19 tests of the President and several staffers, family members, and Senators close to him makes it painfully obvious that although the President knew on January 28, 2020 - as he told Bob Woodward - how painful and devastating the "China virus" would be to Americans, the President did little.

I learned watching an interview on TV today that the President, who refuses to leave office, did not complete renovations of the White House from January to his positive test result that would have made WH more bio-secure.

He sent checks to just about everyone and tried to bankrupt many future generations. The checks were very good. The money was greatly needed because Covid-19 closed businesses and put many people out of work.

Imagine the bio-secure palace Trump could have built by now, with just one more Trillion Dollars.

Imagine how many small businesses could have stayed afloat with contracts from that project.

Imagine how many workers would not be facing eviction in January, if they had been able to work on that project.

We would not now have a president hospitalized with the nuclear codes and a virus that causes brain-confusion.

Perhaps, some of the 200,000 Americans who have died on his watch would be living out their full satisfying life with their loved ones.

Just last Friday, the President admitted he tested positive for Covid-19 (as did the First Lady). During the day, the President was given a novel antibody therapy he obtained from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc., an American biotechnology company, that diverted the drugs from clinical trials to be used on a "compassionate use" basis. Some information about REGN-Cov2 is available at <https://investor.regeneron.com/news-releases/news-release-details/regenerons-regn-cov2-antibody-cocktail-reduced-viral-levels-and>. at <https://www.fiercebiotech.com/research/fast-moving-regeneron-eyes-summer-clinical-trial-for-covid-19-antibody-cocktail-therapy>

I like scientists. I trust what they prove. I am not a scientist. Is a "monoclonal antibody cocktail" anything like stem cells?

At sunset, the President (without the First Lady) was flown on Marine One (a Sikorsky helicopter) from WH to Walter Reed where he was treated with a dose of Remdesivir which, according to [Wikipedia](#), is sold under the brand name Veklury and is a broad-spectrum antiviral medication developed by the biopharmaceutical company Gilead Sciences. .

Someone late Friday night, on MSNBC, was describing how many people were at the recent Rose Garden event to kick-off the nominating process for a prospective Supreme Court Justice.

At that event, more than a few people were newly infected. The person being interviewed said it would be a lot of work to trace each one and shrugged his shoulders, suggesting it was too much work for the USA. As difficult as it is to believe, someone associated with the US government said saving lives was too much work.

I thought some readers might be interested in the following facts and reasonable extrapolations:

Worldwide - Total confirmed Cases	34,246,738
Worldwide - Total Deaths -	1,023,087
Percent Death/Cases	2.99%
USA - Total confirmed cases	7,318,030
USA - Total Deaths	209,103
Percent Death/Cases	2.86%

About March 11, the World Health Organization (WHO) proclaimed Covid-19 a pandemic, affecting the whole world.

About the same time, the CDC issued guidelines calling for everyone to frequently wash their hands in hot soapy water for at least 20 seconds, stay at least 3 feet from other people (this was later expanded to 6 feet), disinfect surfaces (especially frequently touched surfaces), wear an N-95 mask for your own protection, wear some mask to protect others.

Later, relatively quickly for scientific discoveries, tests was found for Covid-19. Tests with quicker results were less accurate and tests that took days to return results were more accurate.

For most people tests were scarce and hard to qualify for. The President and those around him were tested every day.

In other situations, patients going into the hospital for non-Covid related medical procedures were tested before the procedure.

Eventually, tests were easier to obtain.

With large scale testing, it was found that people were positive though they had no symptoms. They were said to be asymptomatic. They were contagious. 14 days was the usual quarantine.

Separation from others has been refined to 2 types: Isolation for 10 days or Quarantine for 14 days. If someone has not had contact with other people or things from outside their quarantine area for 14 days, and they have not shown symptoms, it is "assumed" that they do not have Covid-19.

Now, we are being told on TV that it takes a certain build-up of the virus, fairly far into the nasal passage, to register positive on a test.

We are not being told whether, in a living human body, the virus can build up over time, through repeated exposures, to the point where the viral load is detectable by a test, and whether we are contagious during that viral build-up time.

We do know that we would know much more if we had had a standardized protocol for testing and tracing, and enough tests to do more tests and enough trained tracers to do more tracing.

More of both would have given us more information and more resources and more trained people to test and trace the people around the President and the people with whom they came into contact in the last 14 days. And, since the people they came into contact with during the last 14 days may have been in contact with someone "shedding the virus" and not showing symptoms 13 or 14 days before that, we have to backward trace about 28 days.

How many people would that be?

The average number of contacts seems to be about 36/day. I think they identified

about 30 who the President's staffer, Holly Hicks, had contact with immediately before her positive test. So, let's use that as a conservative estimate.

Contact Factors:		Number of People to Contact
President	1	1
People he came into contact with	30	31
People they came into contact with	30	930
Days of possible contagion without symptoms	14	13,020
Previous days of possible contagion without symptoms (because the people on the 13th or 14th day would be affected by the people they met in the previous 13 or 14 days.)	14	182,280

To complete tracing in one day:

Hours a tracer works/day	8	
Hours to train a tracer (I'm guessing)	4	
Hours left in Day 1 to trace contacts	4	
Hours with each contact reached	0.5	
Contacts reached on Day One	8	
Number of tracers needed to reach everyone on Day One		22,785

Hopefully, some tracers would have had experiences and prior training to get started more quickly.

To have completed tracing over a weekend:

(The President went into the Hospital late on Friday.)

Contacts reached by one tracer on Day One	8
Contacts reached by one tracer on Day Two	16
Total contacts reached by one tracer over a weekend	24
Number of contact tracers needed to reach everyone in two days	7,595

To complete tracing in a certain number of days:

Number of days:	4
Total contacts reached by one tracer over that number of days:	56
Number of contact tracers needed to reach everyone in that number of days	3,255
Cost of one tracer paid a livable hourly wage of:	\$ 25.00
Per Day:	\$ 200.00
For this project:	\$ 800.00
Times number of tracers	\$ 2,604,000.00
Estimated cost to contact trace one person over 28 days:	\$ 2,604,000.00
(This would give us the first 14 days of tracing for the next degree of separation.)	
Maximum likely cost to trace all confirmed cases which is about:	\$ 19,056,150,120,000.00 20 Trillion US Dollars

Technical Notes

This does not take into account outliers such as:

A. Someone who leaves their apartment once every 15 days to go shopping for food. They would meet their 30 people and, before they leave their apartment again, would know whether they had gotten Covid-19 - or not.

B. Someone who attends a "super spreader" event where there is the possibility of a one-to-many transmission of the virus, where one person may infect many people - or, many-to-many transmissions of the virus, where many people may have transmitted the virus to many other, possibly unique, individuals - such as a large gathering where people are in close contact for more than 10 minutes without wearing masks and talking emotively with each other.

I sure hope someone has an app that can tell whose cell phones have been within 6 feet of a contact's cell phone!

It won't produce final results, and may produce some embarrassing results, in exchange for providing a head start in starting.

Questions? Comments?

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