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David Jolly Announces Candidacy for Florida Governor

TAMPA, Fla. (June 5, 2025) – Former Tampa Bay U.S. Rep. David Jolly announced this morning he is running for governor of Florida in 2026.

“We have an affordability crisis in Florida driven by an insurance crisis that continues to worsen in the face of complete neglect by Tallahassee. We have abandoned public education, and we’ve allowed corruption to run rampant. It’s time for a change,” said Jolly (**PHOTO ATTACHED / FILE VIDEO & ANNOUNCEMENT VIDEO AT [THIS LINK](#)**).

“This is a lived experience for our family, just as it is for millions of Floridians. Let’s end the politics of division and return Florida to voters who simply want an economy that works, the best education system in the world, safe communities, and a government that stays out of their doctors’ offices and family decisions.”

Jolly, the leading Democratic candidate for governor, said Florida is entering a dynamic new election environment where voters of all types are rejecting partisanship and demanding changes to improve their quality of life and make the Sunshine State more affordable. He has held town halls across the state, visiting traditional Democratic supporters as well as communities and groups that have been often ignored by Democrats running for statewide office—including the faith community, gun owners, and school choice advocates.

What all Floridians want, Jolly said, is action on practical concerns that matter most to them. Those issues include skyrocketing property insurance premiums, expensive housing, access to quality schools, and safer communities. Among Jolly's initial proposals that he will expand upon during the campaign:

- Creating a state catastrophe fund to lower property insurance costs and make housing more affordable for homeowners, renters, and retirees.
- Dramatically investing in public education while revamping a state voucher program that is likely to collapse financially, and ensuring private schools accepting vouchers provide the same specialized services as public schools and are held just as accountable for their academic performance.
- Implementing new gun safety measures that will both reduce gun violence and protect the rights of legal gun owners.

“This is a different type of issues-driven, results-focused campaign, and it will be driven not by anger and division but by optimism and solutions,” Jolly said. “We are building a new coalition of Floridians who deeply care about their state and are desperate for real answers to real problems that are putting our quality of life at risk.”

“We can fight crime without fighting communities. We can champion the Democratic values of an economy where everyone has the opportunity to succeed, and we can create a government that actually serves seniors, veterans, and those in need. At the same time, we can protect individual freedoms and lift up all Floridians regardless of where you live, who you worship, or who you love.”

Jolly represented most of Pinellas County in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2014-2017 and has been a long-time MSNBC political commentator. Married with two children, Jolly is a resident of Belleair Bluffs, Florida.

For more information about Jolly's campaign, and upcoming events, visit [davidjolly.com](https://www.davidjolly.com) and follow these social media profiles launching throughout the day on June 5:

Facebook: [David Jolly](https://www.facebook.com/DavidJolly)

X: [@DavidJollyFL](https://twitter.com/DavidJollyFL)

Instagram: [@davidjollyfl](https://www.instagram.com/davidjollyfl)

Threads: [@davidjollyfl](https://www.threads.net/@davidjollyfl)

TikTok: [@david_jolly](https://www.tiktok.com/@david_jolly)

YouTube: [@DavidJollyFL](https://www.youtube.com/DavidJollyFL)

Bluesky: [@davidjolly.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/davidjolly.bsky.social)

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