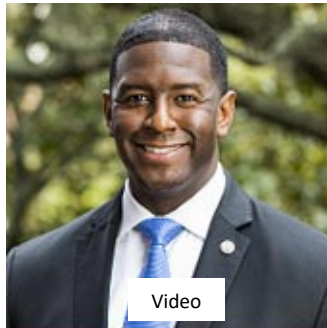


Gubernatorial Spotlight January 2018 Update

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Andrew Gillum

Florida

Democratic Primary — May 22nd, 2018

Update: Won with 76.5 of the primary vote

Andrew Gillum, is ready to become Governor of Florida. Featured on Maria's List this past February, he is known as a statewide progressive stalwart. I've personally seen his unwavering commitment to youth, to opportunity for all, to excellent public education. He was born to lead and has done so his entire life — becoming the youngest (23 yrs.) person elected to the Tallahassee City Commission in 2003.

After serving ten years and spurring economic benefits across the city, he became the Mayor of Tallahassee in 2015. He has strikingly progressive and outspoken views about LGBTQ rights, criminal justice, immigrant protections, and common sense gun control. Even taking on the National Rifle Association personally to court and winning. Running in a state that has missed electing a Democrat to statewide office by 1% for the last 20 years, he is inspiring thousands by promoting an inclusionary vision for all Floridians and focusing on the higher ground.

On the Issues

1. **Education:** Invest in "SHOP 2.0" — a public school transformation effort to embed computer education and increase vocation training and career education.
2. **Criminal Justice Reform:** Support Re-Entry Services — expansion of restorative justice programs that help youth offenders develop non-violent communication, improve employment hiring practices by removing the criminal record question from initial job applications.
3. **Immigration:** Dignity — protect immigrants against any attack and fight mass deportation efforts by the Federal government and locally.
4. **Environment and Climate Change:** Resiliency and the Economy — rebuild the state's natural resources (e.g. access to clean water, protection of the Everglades) to protect tourism industry, homes and business.

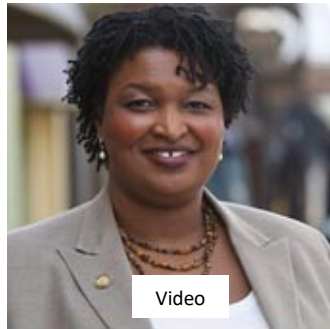
Status of Race: Open seat, incumbent Republican Governor term-limited. Crowded democratic and republican primaries. Four leading democratic candidates, including one Congresswoman, two Mayors, and a businessman, are running in the Democratic Primary. Too early in cycle to determine viability of candidates in the Republican race.

Dynamics of Race: In December, Cook Report, ranks this race as a Democratic toss-up. Florida has Republican supermajorities locally, statewide, and nationally (since 2011). Increasing turnout of 100,000 voters of color, women, and youth will influence any potential Democratic victory in the November election. Recent influx of over 200,000 climate refugees from Puerto Rico (not all voter-eligible) who will likely vote Dem. Statewide and local republicans and democrats are mired in corruption and sexual harassment claims.

Gillum's Campaign: Running a grassroots and people centered campaign, **Andrew's** team has designed a targeted voter contact program that identifies the 100,000 votes needed to flip this November Election. Facing a competitive primary he understands how to connect voters from the countryside of northern Florida to the beaches of Miami. Fundraising will be a large factor in success of field program. Primary is wide open, most voters are not paying attention this early.

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Stacey Abrams

Georgia

Democratic Primary – May 22nd, 2018

Update: Won with 76.5% of the primary vote

Stacey Abrams, a seasoned legislator, is forging an unprecedented run to become the Governor of Georgia as an African American woman. Navigating conservative forces in the State Assembly for 10 years, and getting results that matter from stopping sale tax increases, expanding education funding, supporting reproduction health to protecting Georgia's children and families. **Stacey's** known as a skilled and successful negotiator.

Stacey is a serial businesswoman, civic engagement leader, and lawyer, who is driven by three childhood rules: church, school, and care for each other. She is leading fellow Democrats in stopping the GOP from supermajorities, establishing the [New Georgia Project](#) and registering over 200,000 voters, and is an award winning author.

On the Issues

1. **Georgia's Children:** Bold Action for a Brighter Vision — cradle to career policy plan that includes expansion of quality child care (0-3 yrs.), universal Pre-K, more after school programs, and increase wages for teachers.

2. **Education:** Strong Public Schools — fight any privatization efforts and fully fund K-12 system; creating post-secondary career pathways, continuing education, vocational education, and tuition free college.
3. **Community and Economic Mobility:** Broad based agenda — establish state income tax credit, extend collective bargaining rights, fight back on regressive taxes, small business development, and apply restorative justice solutions to address recidivism and bail reform.
4. **Environment and the Economy:** Sustainable future for all — protect communities from environmental injustices (e.g. Petroleum pipeline, hazardous waste clean-up) and create up to 45,000 high wage, energy jobs.

Seat Status: Open seat, incumbent Republican Governor term-limited. Two democratic state representatives, including **Stacey Abrams**, are running in the Democratic Primary. Six candidates, including four current elected officials, are competing in the Republican Primary. The May 2018 primaries will decide the final contenders for the November General Election.

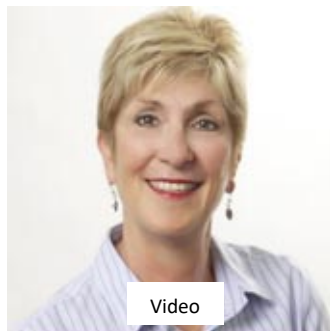
Dynamics of Race: In December, Cook Report, ranks this race as a long shot and safely Republican. However, donors and philanthropy are making on the ground investment in voter engagement initiatives, like [ProGeorgia](#), that year by year are registering and increasing voter turnout of people of color and focusing on hard to count communities for the 2020 Census and 2021 redistricting process. Recent victories in Alabama (Doug Jones, D, US Senate) and Virginia (Democratic State House Majority), remind us clearly of the long term benefit of investing in community, electoral, and partisan organizing.

Abram’s Campaign: **Stacey** is a great fundraiser, has a strong campaign team and organizational structure to win but has an uphill battle in deeply conservative Georgia. Front runner for the Democratic primary, her campaign has the possibility of increasing turnout of democratic leaning voters.

[Candidates](#)

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Chris Giunchigliani
State Representative, 1st Hampden
General Election – Tuesday, November 6th

Update: Lost with 38.9% of the primary vote in a 6-way primary

Chris Giunchigliani, a champion of progressive causes and seasoned legislator, is leading a trailblazing campaign focused on public school education to become Governor. **Chris** has the expertise, credibility and relationships to ensure that every child, regardless of zip code, has access to a quality public education that equips them to succeed.

Chris currently serves as Clark County Commissioner (elected twice and Vice President), where she has been one of the few voices fighting the \$750 million give away to build a new Raiders football stadium and pushing back developers encroaching native lands. She is an outspoken opponent of the hateful, fear-mongering, divisive rhetoric coming from the President and his allies in Congress and in Nevada. Unabashedly progressive, effective, and described by many as the “real deal” she is ready to take on the conservative establishment of Nevada.

On the Issues

1. **Education and Nevada's Youth:** Quality and full public school funding — fix the state education funding formula to increase opportunity for kids in some of the worst-performing schools in the country. Every young person should have the opportunity to go on to get the skills necessary to get a good, family-supporting job.
2. **Women's Rights:** Lifetime commitment to advancing a women's rights — to make her own healthcare decisions, equal pay for equal work, paid sick leave and ensuring access to quality, affordable childcare, and mandating insurance companies to cover contraceptives.
3. **Criminal Justice Reform:** Seasoned advocate — Original sponsor to restore ex-felon voting rights, instrumental in reduction of wait times for sealing criminal records, and led charge to banning the box in Clark County.
4. **Environment:** Pioneer on renewable energy and land preservation — wrote the first renewable energy legislation in Nevada and led the way to allow homeowners to use solar energy on their homes and green buildings. **Chris** has always fought to protect our public land.

Status of Race: Open seat, incumbent Republican Governor term-limited. Two Clark County Commissioners, including **Chris**, are running in closed Democratic Caucus. Likely Republican contender, current Republican Attorney General, is waiting for a tough and competitive November General Election. He is a loyal Trump supporter, ideologue and super conservative, and pro-life.

Dynamics of Race: In December, Cook Report, ranks this race as a Democratic toss-up. Running an insurgent campaign against a self-described social liberal and fiscally conservative democrat, she is expected to win in closed caucus. Close caucus voters skews on the progressive side and majority women, history of electing progressive nominee. Increasing turnout of voters of color, women, and youth and securing white working class voters will influence any potential Democratic victory in the November election.

Giunchigliani Campaign: In just two months, **Chris** has built a strong campaign team, led by former campaign manager for Gina Reymundo’s successful Rhode Island Gubernatorial race. Very viable and on track to raising \$1 million in 2017. Will be outspent in primary caucus but this election will not be about money. General election will be highly contested and expected to attract high national attention.