

First Coast Tiger Bay Tracks



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Democratic Candidates for Florida Governor June 15, 2018

This month at Tiger Bay we have opened our forum to the democratic candidates running for Governor of Florida. They include **Andrew Gillum**, **Gwen Graham**, **Chris King** and **Philip Levine**. To date the only candidate we have received a positive response from is **Chris King**. If we hear from others you will be notified.



Andrew Gillum was born in Miami and was the first in his family to graduate college. He went on to become the youngest person in history elected to the Tallahassee City Commission before later becoming Mayor. Under his leadership, Tallahassee advanced workforce training programs for underrepresented workers as one of only

fifty cities in the nation included in President Obama's TechHire program. He also helped lower violent crime in the City by more than eight percent through increased investments in law enforcement, community policing, re-entry programs and an expansion of social service funding. He lives with his wife, R. Jai, and their three children in Tallahassee. <https://andrewgillum.com/>



Gwen Graham worked in the private sector as an attorney following her graduation from college and law school. She then focused on starting a family and raising her three children. In 2014, Gwen challenged an extreme Tea Party congressman in a conservative district. She was one of just two Democrats in the entire country to

defeat an incumbent Republican. On the campaign and throughout her time in Congress, Gwen has followed in her

father, Governor Bob Graham's, footsteps with Graham Workdays, where she spends an entire shift working alongside Floridians. In Congress Gwen made helping Florida families her top priority and returned more than \$2.5 million that belonged to veterans, seniors and families, all while cutting her office's operating budget by over fifteen percent. Gwen was Florida's only Democrat to serve on the House Armed Services Committee. She also served on the House Agriculture Committee to be a voice for Florida's farmers. She has three children and is married to Stephen D. Hurm, a former law enforcement officer and attorney, who currently serves as a faculty member at Florida State University. <https://gwengraham.com/>



Chris King was born in Orlando. He is a third-generation Central Floridian. He graduated from Harvard University and earned his law degree from the University of Florida. He's seen an economy that leaves too many behind, a school system that doesn't fulfill its commitment to our children, and a community more divided than ever.

He's taken on Florida's housing crisis by launching a purpose-driven business with his brother, revitalizing thousands of homes to make them affordable for fixed-income seniors and working families. Not only does Chris have a proven track record in business, he believes in investing in Florida's youth. His foundation funds programs focused on college access and mentorship for low-income Florida students to pursue their college dreams. Chris and his wife Kristen are raising their three children in Orlando. <https://www.chriskingforflorida.com/>

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Reservations are required: Call (904) 404-5471 or E-Mail: fctigerbay@gmail.com



Philip Levine is running for Governor with a progressive vision to move Florida forward as a leader in the 21st century economy. He first ran for Mayor for the city of Miami Beach in 2013 where he has lived the past 40 years. He funded his own campaign, refusing money from special interests, and easily won re-election to two terms. While in office, Philip pushed forward with innovative solutions to combat flooding and sea-level rise, cleaning up government corruption, and

reforming the police department. Philip has a proven track record of extraordinary private and public sector success as a self-made South Florida entrepreneur. He currently lives with his wife Carolina and their three children in Miami Beach. <https://philiplevine2018.com/>

May 2018 Straw Poll Results

1 - What do you think about the changes made in the State Attorney's office under Melissa Nelson?

- 95 % - Agree with most of them
- 5% - Not sure
- 0% - Would not have made the same changes in that position

2 - How involved do you think a State Attorney should be in supporting legislative issues?

- 53% - Very involved
- 42% - Somewhat involved
- 5% - Should not be involved

3 - Do you think a prosecutor should have?

- 32% - More discretionary power
- 0% - Less discretionary power
- 63% - About right as it is
- 5% - Not sure

4 - How much consideration do you think a prosecutor should take into account when conditions of mental illness, abuse, homelessness, etc. are involved?

- 68% - A great deal
- 32% - Some
- 0% - Very little
- 0% - None

The First Coast Tiger Bay Club is a multi-partisan political forum that promotes free and open debate but does not support any candidates or issues.

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Tuesday June 12, 2018
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