

# Democrats: Trump ads in Fla. a sign of nervousness

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Former President Donald Trump's campaign bought \$48,000 worth of advertising in Florida in the West Palm Beach media market where he lives, according to ad-tracking firms AdImpact and Medium Buying. MARCO BELLO/REUTERS

Amid the millions of dollars former President Donald Trump is spending on television advertising to blunt Kamala Harris' momentum, one small ad buy is drawing keen attention.

The Trump campaign bought \$48,000 worth of advertising in Florida in the West Palm Beach media market where the former president lives, according to ad-tracking firms AdImpact and Medium Buying. The 15-second cable ads will begin airing Tuesday.

Democrats jumped on the ad buy to argue that Trump's team is nervous about Florida, where a pair of new polls show a tighter race than expected.

Florida Democratic Party Executive Director Phillip Jerez shared details about the Trump ad buy on X and wrote, "Donald Trump is scared of losing Florida."

A USA TODAY/Suffolk University/WSVN-TV survey released this month found Trump leading Harris by 5 percentage points in Florida, while a Florida Atlantic University survey had Trump up by 3 points.

Trump tripled his margin of victory in Florida in 2020, winning by 3.3 percentage points, and Gov. Ron DeSantis won reelection by an overwhelming 19 points in 2022, leading many to conclude that the nation's largest swing state is no longer competitive.

But Harris has energized Democrats, including in Florida, where the party is trying to rally its base to

Fried wrote on X.

The ads running in West Palm Beach could just be for an audience of one, though. Trump, whose primary residence is his Mar-a-Lago estate in Palm Beach, is known to be a voracious consumer of television news.

"Florida is deep red, Trump country but we will never take any state for granted," Trump spokesman Brian Hughes said in a statement. "We have robust campaign organizations across the nation and make investments throughout."

An analysis by the Wesleyan Media Project found that 44,000 ads backing Trump have aired nationally since mid-July, compared to 32,700 promoting President Joe Biden, who dropped out of the race on July 21, or Harris.

"However, spending is greater on the Democratic side, with about \$63 million in spending versus about \$49 million spent on ads promoting Trump," according to the group.

The ad spending has been concentrated in the key swing states of Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Georgia and Nevada. Combined, Republicans and Democrats spent more than \$4 million on television ads for the presidential race in six media markets since mid-July: Philadelphia, Phoenix, Atlanta, Harrisburg, Pittsburgh and Detroit.

The media market with the most presidential ad spending is Philadelphia at nearly \$12 million.

take on Trump and Republicans down the ballot, including U.S. Sen. Rick Scott. Democrats are pointing to the Trump campaign ads as proof the state is in play.

"We told you that Trump would start to put money on TV in Florida," Florida Democratic Party Chair Nikki

# Trump not attending Sept. event for Jan. 6 defendants

Fundraiser scheduled to be at his New Jersey golf club

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Donald Trump's campaign says he won't be attending a fundraiser for families of people who were charged in the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol riots after the former president was listed as an invited speaker for the event at his New Jersey golf club.

More than 1,400 people have been charged in the attack on the Capitol, and Trump has been federally indicted on election interference charges that allege he played a part in inciting the violent mob.

The "J6 Awards Gala" by nonprofit Stand in the Gap is scheduled for Sept. 5 at the Trump National Golf Club — Bedminster. According to the listing online, the event will raise money and pay tribute to "all J6 defendants who have shown incredible courage and sacrifice."

Trump is listed as an invited speaker alongside confirmed speakers Rudy Giuliani and Jeffrey Raimondi. The Trump campaign told USA TODAY he will not be attending.

While Democrats hammer Trump for the event, that day, Trump has suggested that those convicted in the riots should be released. He has also played recordings from the J6 Prison Choir at his rallies. The Stand in the Gap fundraiser also will honor the choir's song "Justice for All."

Several people online have reacted to the event in disbelief, including former Mike Pence adviser Olivia Troye.

"Celebrating the people who endangered the life of (Trump's) own Vice President & glorifying violence is a dangerous assault on our democracy & a disgraceful rewriting of history," Troye, who endorsed Vice President Kamala Harris, wrote on X. "We must all stand

together against him."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., avoided weighing in on whether Trump should attend the event but condemned the rioters.

"I have no sympathy for those who broke into the Capitol, destroyed the place and hurt police officers," Graham said on CNN's "State of the Union" Sunday. When pressed on whether Trump should allow the event to happen, Graham responded, "I'll leave it up to him as to what causes to support."

On Jan. 6, 2021, a group of demonstrators breached the U.S. Capitol while Congress was in the process of affirming the 2020 election results, in which President Joe Biden beat Trump.

Approximately 140 police officers were assaulted at the Capitol that day, according to the Department of Justice. Five people at the riot died of varying causes and at least four police officers who responded to the Capitol riots died by suicide in the months after the incident.

As of May 2024, 1,424 defendants have been charged as a result of investigations into the riots, according to a Justice Department release.

The insurrection led to Trump's second impeachment. Trump has been indicted in a federal criminal case on charges that accuse him of trying to overturn the election, efforts that in part led to the Jan. 6 in-



An explosion caused by a police munition is seen while supporters of President Donald Trump rioted in front of the U.S. Capitol Building on Jan. 6, 2021. LEAH MILLIS/REUTERS

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

The Martin County Local Planning Agency will conduct a public hearing on **September 12, 2024**, beginning at **7:00 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard to review CPA 24-23 Three Lakes Golf Club, a text amendment to the Martin County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners will conduct a public hearing on **September 24, 2024** beginning at **9:00 A.M.**, or as soon thereafter as the item may be heard to review CPA 24-23 Three Lakes Golf Club, a text amendment to the Martin County Comprehensive Growth Management Plan for transmittal to the State Land Planning Agency.

Three Lakes Golf Club LLC (also known as Apogee) submitted a text amendment, CPA 24-23 Three Lakes Golf Club to amend Policy 4.13A.18 (C)(8) concerning golf cottages.

All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Both public hearings will be held in the Commission Chambers on the first floor of the Martin County Administrative Center, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996. Written comments may be mailed to: Paul Schilling, Director, Martin County Growth Management Department, 2401 S.E. Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996. For further information, including copies of the original application or agenda items, contact Clyde Dulin, Comprehensive Planning Administrator at (772) 221-2327.

Persons with disabilities who need an accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding are entitled, at no cost, to the provision of certain assistance. This does not include transportation to and from the meeting. Please contact the Office of the ADA Coordinator at (772) 320-3131, or the Office of the County Administrator at (772) 288-5400, or in writing to 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, FL, 34996, no later than three days before the hearing date. Persons using a TTY device, please call 711 Florida Relay Services.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the meetings or hearings of any board, committee, agency, council, or advisory group, that person will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record should include the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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The Martin County Local Planning Agency will conduct public hearings on Thursday, September 12, 2024, beginning at **7:00 P.M.**, or as soon thereafter as the items may be heard, to review the following:

1. Comprehensive Plan Amendment 24-10, a proposed text amendment to Chapter 10, Sanitary Sewer Services Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, Martin County Code, based on the 2024 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The Martin County Board of County Commissioners requested the text amendment described above.
2. Comprehensive Plan Amendment 24-11, a proposed text amendment to Chapter 11, Potable Water Services Element/10 Year Water Supply Facilities Work Plan of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, Martin County Code, based on the 2024 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The Martin County Board of County Commissioners requested the text amendment described above.
3. Comprehensive Plan Amendment 24-12, a proposed text amendment to Chapter 12, Solid and Hazardous Waste of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, Martin County Code, based on the 2024 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The Martin County Board of County Commissioners requested the text amendment described above.
4. Comprehensive Plan Amendment 24-13, a proposed text amendment to Chapter 13, Drainage and Natural Groundwater Aquifer Recharge Element of the Comprehensive Growth Management Plan, Martin County Code, based on the 2024 Evaluation and Appraisal Report (EAR). The Martin County Board of County Commissioners requested the text amendment described above.

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## NOTICE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TEXT, PERMITTED USE AND ZONING MAP CHANGES

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of St. Lucie Village proposes to adopt the following ordinance:

### ORDINANCE 2024-4

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE TOWN OF ST. LUCIE VILLAGE, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE TEXT OF THE ST. LUCIE VILLAGE LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TO ESTABLISH THE INDUSTRIAL LIGHT ZONING DISTRICT (IL), TO MAKE PROVISION FOR MECHANICAL AND STRUCTURAL TESTING SERVICES AS A USE PERMITTED UPON SITE PLAN REVIEW IN THE INDUSTRIAL LIGHT ZONING DISTRICT, ADDING NEW DEFINITIONS, AND REVISING SECTION 3.5.2 PERMITTED USE TABLE - TABLE 1, SECTION 3.5.3 EXTRA REQUIREMENTS FOR CONDITIONAL USES OR PERMITTED USES, AND SECTION 3.5.6 DENSITY, AREA, YARD AND HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS - TABLE 2, AMENDING SECTION 1.2.0 AUTHORITY, AND AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAPS TO DESIGNATE THE SUBJECT PARCEL AS INDUSTRIAL LIGHT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE**

The subject property is identified as Parcel No. 1433-113-0030-010-2 and is located as shown on this location map:



A hearing on the ordinance will be held on September 17, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, 2841 Old Dixie Highway, St. Lucie Village, Florida, for the second and final reading of the Ordinance.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted at the Village Hall, at 2841 Old Dixie Highway, Fort Pierce, FL, and at the Notice page of the Town of St. Lucie Village website at [stlucievillagefl.gov](http://stlucievillagefl.gov), and may also be obtained for review at the office of the town attorney, Richard V. Neill, Jr., 311 S. Second St., Suite 200, Ft. Pierce, FL 34950, 772-464-8200.

Interested parties may appear at the public hearing and may be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

Be advised that, if a party decides to appeal any decision made by the Board, they will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purposes, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

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