

# Democratic Black Caucus of Florida (DBCF)

## **Press Release**

### Democratic Black Caucus of Florida Responds to Val Demings' Run Against Senator Marco Rubio

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Trevor Mallory, the newly elected president of the Democratic Black Caucus of Florida (DBCF), the Black political organization representing more than 2 million Black people in the sunshine state, sees a formidable candidate for United States Senator in U.S. Congresswoman Val Demings, who launched her run for the statewide office Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

“We are aware that there are other individuals who will probably enter the race for U.S. Senator, forcing a Democratic primary in August. However, I and our 25 DBCF county chapters are ecstatic about a high-profile candidate like Congresswoman Val Demings running to flip the Senate seat presently held by Republican Marco Rubio and increase the number of Democrats in the U.S. Senate,” said President Mallory.

“Representative Demings is the consummate candidate, having shown her compassion through a lifetime of public works as a social worker and police officer who later rose to become Orlando’s first female Chief of police for one of the largest cities in Florida in 2007,” President Mallory emphasized. “But it was Rep Demings’ unapologetic defense of our constitution as Democratic House impeachment manager, making a case against former President Donald Trump, whom she called a “lawless president that allowed us to see the depths she would go to serve the country with honor, dignity and truth.”

President Mallory stated that Representative Val Demings is connected to the Florida community, she’s loved and respected by her constituents, she’s experienced. Representative Demings was on President Joe Biden’s short list to

be his running mate. Her upbringing and meteoric rise to prominence can make her a winning candidate for the U.S. Senator of Florida.

"Florida has an opportunity to elect a black woman to statewide office and truly push the needle on black representation," said Jordan Pride, DBCF First Vice President. "Val is the ideal candidate to stir excitement and mobility in the most reliant voting block within the Democratic Party, Black women."

We, the DBCF, agree with Congresswoman Demings' statement: "There are some in Washington who prefer the same old tired ways of doing business," she says, "too tired to fight the efforts to suppress the people's vote. They fall back to tired talking points and backwards solutions."

"Florida needs a change from the status quo," concluded President Mallory.

