

Rubio Easily Wins Senate Primary, Will Face Murphy in the General Election

Florida Senate Primary Results



Marco Rubio
Incumbent (R)



Candidate	Votes	Pct.
✓ Marco Rubio	1,028,282	72%
Carlos Beruff	264,122	18.5%
Dwight Young	90,921	6.4%
Ernie Rivera	45,069	3.2%

Candidate	Votes	Pct.
✓ Patrick Murphy	663,236	58.9%
Alan Grayson	199,412	17.7%
Pam Keith	173,283	15.4%
Roque De La Fuente	60,606	5.4%

Analysis

- *The Cook Political Report* rates this race as a “Toss Up.”
- After losing his home state of Florida to Trump in the presidential primary, Rubio decided at the last minute to run for reelection to the Senate and handily defeated Beruff, who aligned himself with Trump.
- Grayson’s Senate bid suffered from a House ethics investigation into his offshore hedge funds and allegations from his ex-wife that he physically abused her.

Source: Ballotpedia, 2016; National Journal Research, 2016; Marc Caputo, “Fall of the House of Grayson,” Politico, August 30, 2016.

Wasserman Schultz Wins House Primary in Florida; Brown Loses Amid Indictment

Key Florida U.S. House Primary Race Results

5th District Incumbent: *Corrine Brown (D)* – Seeking Reelection



Candidate	Votes	Pct.
✓ Al Lawson	39,261	47.6%
Corrine Brown	32,157	39.0%

11th District Incumbent: *Daniel Webster (R)* – Seeking Reelection



Candidate	Votes	Pct.
✓ Daniel Webster	52,855	59.8%
Justin Grabelle	35,516	40.2%

9th District Incumbent: *Alan Grayson (D)* – Running for Senate



Candidate	Votes	Pct.
✓ Darren Soto	14,487	36.3%
Susannah Randolph	11,258	28.2%
Dena Grayson	11,116	17.8%

23rd District Incumbent: *D. Wasserman Schultz (D)* – Seeking Reelection



Candidate	Votes	Pct.
✓ Debbie Wasserman Schultz	28,279	56.8%
Tim Canova	21,504	43.2%

- Wasserman Schultz won after resigning as Chair of the Democratic National Committee amid accusations from Sanders supporters that she used the position to support Clinton’s candidacy
- Brown was the fifth House incumbent defeated in a primary this election cycle; she was indicted on federal corruption charges and her district was redrawn
- Alan Grayson hoped that his wife, Dena, could fill his seat, but she came in a distant third in her primary race on the same night Alan lost his bid for the Senate

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