

## FLORIDA RESEARCH

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<p><b>All Black voters, especially Black men, need to learn through radio, digital and mail, that while Val Demings is committed to the needs of Black Floridians, Marco Rubio will not fight for us:</b></p>	<p><b>ALL BLACK VOTERS, ESPECIALLY BLACK MEN, NEED TO LEARN THROUGH RADIO, DIGITAL AND MAIL, THAT WHILE VAL DEMINGS IS COMMITTED TO THE NEEDS OF BLACK FLORIDIANS, MARCO RUBIO WILL NOT FIGHT FOR US:</b></p> <p><i>See backup below</i></p>
<p><b>About Val Demings:</b> Val Demings is the daughter of a maid and a janitor who worked hard to make ends meet, raising Val in a two-bedroom house with her six siblings. Demings was the first in her family to graduate from college and went on to a career in public service, first as a social worker, then as a 27-year police officer and the first Black woman Police Chief of Orlando. As Chief, Demings cut the violent crime rate by 40% by investing in communities and improving social services. Finally, she went on to serve in the U.S. Congress, where she's worked with both parties to get results and lower the cost of living for working families.</p>	<p><b>ABOUT VAL DEMINGS: VAL DEMINGS IS THE DAUGHTER OF A MAID AND A JANITOR WHO WORKED HARD TO MAKE ENDS MEET, RAISING VAL IN A TWO-BEDROOM HOUSE WITH HER SIX SIBLINGS.</b></p> <p><b>Demings' Father Worked As A Janitor And Her Mother Worked As A Maid. They Lived In A Two-Room House, She Was The Youngest Of Seven Kids.</b> The New York Times reported, "Ms. Demings was born Valdez Butler, the youngest of seven children of a maid and a janitor. She grew up in a two-room house outside Jacksonville, and said growing up she experienced racism and the vestiges of segregation." [New York Times, <a href="#">7/29/20</a>]</p> <p><b>DEMINGS WAS THE FIRST IN HER FAMILY TO GRADUATE FROM COLLEGE AND WENT ON TO A CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE, FIRST AS A SOCIAL WORKER, THEN AS A 27-YEAR POLICE OFFICER AND THE FIRST BLACK WOMAN POLICE CHIEF OF ORLANDO.</b></p> <p><b>Demings Became The First In Her Family To Graduate College.</b> "Ms. Demings, 62, grew up in Jacksonville, Fla., where she shared a two-room home with her six older siblings and her parents, Elouise, a maid, and James, a janitor. After attending segregated schools, she became the first in her family to graduate college, with a criminology degree from Florida State University." [New York Times, <a href="#">1/15/20</a>]</p> <p><b>Demings Served As An Orlando Police Officer For 27 Years.</b> "Demings, who was Orlando's first Black woman police chief and was on President Joe Biden's shortlist of potential running mates in 2020, is seen by some Democrats as a strong challenger in a race that could be key to Democrats' control of the Senate. [...] Demings, 64, was first elected to Congress in 2016. She played a central role in former President Donald Trump's first impeachment trial as one of the impeachment managers in the U.S. House. Previously, she served as an Orlando police officer for 27 years, rising to chief. Her husband, Jerry Demings, is Orange County mayor." [New York Times, <a href="#">7/29/20</a>]</p> <p><b>Demings Was Appointed To Serve As Orlando's First Female Chief Of Police.</b> "In 2007, Val Demings made history when she was</p>

appointed to serve as Orlando's first female Chief of Police." [Rep. Val Demings, Press Release, accessed [7/27/22](#)]

***AS CHIEF, DEMINGS CUT THE VIOLENT CRIME RATE BY 40% BY INVESTING IN COMMUNITIES AND IMPROVING SOCIAL SERVICES.***

**Under Demings, Orlando's Violent Crime Fell By 40 Percent.** The New York Times reported, "Violent crime in Orlando was at a high when Ms. Demings became chief the next year. She responded by focusing on specific neighborhoods and housing complexes, and during her tenure, violent crime fell by 40 percent. 'If I had not been successful in reducing the crime rate, we know what people would've said,' Ms. Demings said recently during a television appearance. "First woman chief, oh my God, she can't handle that job.'" [New York Times, [7/29/20](#)]

**2007 – 2011: The Orlando Police Department Reported A Decrease In Violent Crimes, Dropping From 4,269 Incidents To 2,591 Incidents – A Decrease Of 39 Percent.** According to the FBI Crime Data Explorer, the Orlando Police Department reported 4,269 incidents of violent crime in 2007 and 2,591 incidents in 2011, a decrease of roughly 39 percent. [FBI Uniform Crime Reporting, City Agencies, 2007, accessed [5/26/21](#); 2011, accessed [5/26/21](#)]

***Through "Operation Free Palms," Demings' Police Department Helped Improve Daily Life At The Palms Apartments, A Run-Down Orlando Housing Complex, By Handing Out Food, Manning The Gates And Connecting Residents To Jobs And Social Services.***

The Orlando Sentinel reported, "The fight against decades of violent crime at The Palms Apartments is being waged in places like Phyllis Brown's kitchen. Brown, a resident of the run-down Orlando complex, called Palms management for days asking for them to fix her refrigerator. No luck. About \$50 worth of food spoiled, a big loss for a woman who feeds six children on food stamps. Then, Orlando police Chief Val Demings and other high-ranking officers appeared beside her during face-to-face meetings with apartment managers and an owner. Brown got a new refrigerator and a little hope that she and others at The Palms can expect even bigger changes. 'It's not where you live, it's how you live,' Brown said. 'And I don't have to accept these conditions.' After a hail of gunfire that left three dead during the summer, Demings is taking policing at The Palms well beyond the typical job of busting crooks. Now she is backing residents' push to improve day-to-day life through a campaign dubbed 'Operation Free Palms.' Demings, along with other city officials and clergy members, hosted rallies against violence, handed out free food and connected residents to jobs, social services and churches. Police officers are manning the gates." [Orlando Sentinel, [11/11/08](#)]

***FINALLY, SHE WENT ON TO SERVE IN THE U.S. CONGRESS, WHERE SHE'S WORKED WITH BOTH PARTIES TO GET RESULTS AND LOWER THE COST OF LIVING FOR WORKING FAMILIES.***

**Demings Voted In Favor Of The Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act.** "Rep. Demings voted for the bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, citing the need to rebuild Florida's economy and get people back to work. Said Rep. Demings on

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**White House: "As Of Today, More Than 917,000 Across The State Are Receiving Affordable Internet Due To The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law."** "This year alone, Florida will receive over \$2.5 billion for transportation to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports and over \$275 million for clean water. And, as of today, more than 917,000 households across the state are receiving affordable internet due to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Many more projects will be added in the coming months, as funding opportunities become grant awards and as formula funds become specific projects. By reaching communities all across Florida – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Floridians and position the state for success." [White House, Press Release, [July 2022](#)]

**White House: "The Law Also Makes A Historic Investment In Clean Energy Technologies Like Advanced Nuclear, Clean Hydrogen, And Carbon Capture, As Well As Historic \$3.5 Billion Investment In Weatherization To Improve Energy Efficiency Of Homes And Lower Energy Costs For Impacted Households By An Average Of \$375 Per Year."** "Power outages cost the U.S. economy more than \$70 billion annually. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a historic investment to upgrade our power infrastructure by making the grid more resilient and building thousands of miles of new transmission lines to deliver clean, affordable electricity. The law also makes a historic investment in clean energy technologies like advanced nuclear, clean hydrogen, and carbon capture, as well as a historic \$3.5 billion investment in weatherization to improve energy efficiency of homes and lower energy costs for impacted households by an average of \$372 per year." [White House, Press Release, [July 2022](#)]

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**About Marco Rubio:** Marco Rubio has one of the worst attendance records in the Senate. Even as Florida families struggle with rising costs, he's skipped 90% of hearings on Social Security and Medicare, including 85% of hearings on prescription drug costs. Meanwhile, he voted against lowering drugs, even as the average cost of drugs has skyrocketed and 30% of Floridians stopped taking medication as prescribed due to cost. Rubio's campaigns have accepted millions of dollars in contributions from pharmaceutical and oil & gas special interests, and has received millions of dollars in campaign help from the gun lobby. And he does their bidding instead of doing what's right for Florida.

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**HEADLINE: Mostly True: Sen. Marco Rubio Has ‘One Of The Worst Attendance Records In The Senate.’**” [Politifact, [7/14/22](#)]

**2021-2022: Rubio Was The 27th Most Absent Member Of The Senate.** “Sen. Rubio has missed 5.3% of votes in the 117th Congress (2021-22). This makes him the 27th most absent member of the Senate.” [ProPublica, accessed [6/26/22](#)]

**Sun Sentinel Editorial: “Since Joe Biden Became President, Rubio Has Been The Man Who Wasn’t There.”** “Since Joe Biden became president, Rubio has been The Man Who Wasn’t There. He has joined other Republicans in skipping committee meetings to stall key Biden appointments. One stands out. Biden nominated the eminently qualified Deborah Lipstadt to be special envoy in fighting global antisemitism. In South Florida, which Rubio claims to represent, that’s almost a local issue. But Lipstadt’s nomination has stalled for eight months in the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Rubio is the second-ranking Republican. Sen. Ron Johnson of Wisconsin, Rubio’s GOP colleague, has held up Lipstadt’s nomination. Apparently, Lipstadt hurt his feelings when she sent out a critical tweet. The commission is evenly divided among Democrats and Republicans. Rubio could break that deadlock by voting to confirm Lipstadt. Instead, he has displayed another profile in cowardice. Rubio doesn’t do much better when he shows up to vote. His hypocrisy is on display.” [Sun Sentinel, Editorial, [3/24/22](#)]

**Rubio Was In The 76<sup>th</sup> Percentile Of The Most Absent Senators Serving 10+ Years, 73rd Percentile Of All Senators.** “Was 12th most absent in votes compared to Serving 10+ Years (tied with 1 other) Rubio missed 5.1% of votes (37 of 720 votes) in the 116th Congress. View Rubio’s Profile » Compare to all Serving 10+ Years (76th percentile); All Senators (73rd percentile).” [Govtrack.us, Accessed [3/16/22](#)]

**EVEN AS FLORIDA FAMILIES STRUGGLE WITH RISING COSTS, HE’S SKIPPED 90% OF HEARINGS ON SOCIAL SECURITY AND MEDICARE, INCLUDING 85% OF HEARINGS ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.**

Summary of Aging Committee Missed Hearings by Ru				
Year	Number Of Meetings	Attended	Missed	Percentage Missed
2022	1	0	1	100
2021	8	0	8	100
2020	6	0	6	100
2019	16	3	13	81.25
2018	10	0	10	100
2017	12	2	10	83.33

<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>90.57%</b>
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[United States Senate Special Committee On Aging Feb. 2017-Jan. 2022, accessed [2/7/22](#)]

<b>Summary of Topic Specific Aging Committee Missed Hearing</b>				
<b>Hearings' Topics</b>	<b>Number Of Meetings</b>	<b>Attended</b>	<b>Missed</b>	<b>Percentage Missed</b>
About Opioids	2	0	2	100.0
About Medicare	10	1	9	90.0
About SS	5	0	5	100.0
About Prescription Drugs	7	1	6	85.7
About Florida	2	0	2	100.0
Testifier From FL	4	1	3	75.0

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***MEANWHILE, HE VOTED AGAINST LOWERING DRUG COSTS, EVEN AS THE AVERAGE COST OF DRUGS HAS SKYROCKETED AND 30% OF FLORIDIANS STOPPED TAKING MEDICATION AS PRESCRIBED DUE TO COST.***

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**Rubio Voted Against An Amendment To The Inflation Reduction Act To Set A \$35 A Month Price Cap On Insulin For People With Private Health Insurance.** “Republicans successfully stripped a proposed \$35 per month cap on out-of-pocket spending on insulin for patients enrolled in private insurance from the tax and climate bill. [...] Democrats immediately attacked Senators Ron Johnson of Wisconsin and Marco Rubio of Florida, who are up for re-election, over their votes to strip a \$35 insulin cap from the tax bill.” [Fortune, [8/7/22](#)]

***RUBIO’S CAMPAIGNS HAVE ACCEPTED MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PHARMACEUTICAL AND OIL & GAS SPECIAL INTERESTS, AND HAS RECEIVED MILLIONS OF DOLLAR IN CAMPAIGN HELP FROM THE GUN LOBBY***

**2009-2022: Marco Rubio’s Campaigns Have Accepted \$1,5485,030 In Contributions From PACs And Individuals Associated With The Oil & Gas Industry.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [9/24/22](#)]



**2009-2022: Marco Rubio's Campaigns Have Accepted \$675,892 In Contributions From PACs And Individuals Associated With The Pharmaceutical/ Health Products Industry.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [9/24/22](#)]

**2009-2022: Marco Rubio's Campaigns Have Accepted \$300,893 In Contributions From PACs And Individuals Associated With The Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [9/24/22](#)]

**2009-2022: Marco Rubio's Campaigns Have Accepted \$137,355 In Contributions From PACs And Individuals Associated With The Medical Devices & Supplies Industry.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [9/24/22](#)]

**Senator Marco Rubio Has Accepted Over \$3.3 Million In Direct Or Indirect Campaign Contributions From Gun Rights Interest Groups Like The NRA.** "Rubio, who earned an A+ rating from the National Rifle Association during his 2016 reelection campaign and who ranks among the top 20 members of Congress in money received — \$3.3 million — from gun-rights interest groups in either direct or indirect campaign help, said that Wednesday's shooting touched on multiple areas of public policy, including firearms, mental health funding, school safety and law enforcement oversight. A bill that affects one area of public policy doesn't prevent the next mass shooter from successfully plotting an attack, Rubio said." [Tampa Bay Times, [2/18/18](#); Brady Campaign, accessed [2/10/22](#)]

### ***AND HE DOES THEIR BIDDING INSTEAD OF DOING WHAT'S RIGHT FOR FLORIDA.***

**HEADLINE: "Why Marco Rubio Keeps Attacking The Tax Bill He Voted Into Law."** [Vox, [5/3/18](#)]

**Pacific Standard: "The Oil And Gas Industry... Are Among The Tax Bill's Largest And Most Long-Lasting Financial Beneficiaries."** "Pacific Standard's original analysis finds that it is the oil and gas industry, including companies that backed the presidency of Trump and whose former executives and current boosters now populate it, that are among the tax bill's largest and most long-lasting financial beneficiaries. Just 17 American oil and gas companies reported a combined total of \$25 billion in direct one-time benefits from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Many of the companies will also receive millions of dollars in income tax refunds this year." [Pacific Standard, [3/27/18](#)]

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**After Passing Tax Bill, Congressional Republicans Allowed A Tax On Oil Companies To Expire That**

**Generated Hundreds Of Millions For Oil Spill Response Efforts Annually.** “Congressional Republicans allowed a tax on oil companies that generated hundreds of millions of dollars annually for federal oil-spill response efforts to expire this week — a move that amounts to another corporate break in the wake of lawmakers’ sweeping tax overhaul late last month.” [Washington Post, [1/5/18](#)]

**Rubio: “I Do Not Know What ‘Hold The Oil Companies Accountable’ Means, I Do Not Know What [Demings] Means By That.”** RUBIO: “Val Demings gave you silly answers. Okay, #1, the president already tapped the reserves, okay? Those reserves are there in time of war, but you cannot lower the gas prices and oil prices with reserves. There is not enough in there. that is designed for an emergency two weeks that was after the oil embargo. But that did not solve the problem and not even Biden claims that it would solve the problem. I do not know what ‘hold the oil companies accountable’ means. I do not know what she means by that. I Can Tell You It Is Very Simple. Oil Prices Are Set In The Global Market And They Are Set In The Global Market By Availability, The More Oil That Is Available And Produced, The Lower The Prices.” [Spectrum News 9, [4/24/22](#)] (VIDEO)

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**HEADLINE: “Pharma Prepares To Continue Fight As Drug Pricing Bill Passes House; The Main U.S. Pharma Lobby Has Said It Will Push Back Against The Legislation, Which Includes Policies That Drugmakers Have Opposed For Decades.”** [BiopharmaDive, [8/15/22](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Senator Rubio Caves To NRA On VAWA, Opposes DOJ On Boyfriend Loophole. What Will Senator Scott Do?”** [Everytown, [12/12/19](#)]

**Daily Beast: “The National Rifle Association Threatened To Negatively Rate Any Legislator Who Voted To Close The [Boyfriend] Loophole.”** “But the bill stalled in the Republican-controlled Senate, after the National Rifle Association threatened to negatively rate any legislator who voted to close the loophole. In an interview with The New York Times, NRA spokesperson Jennifer Baker accused Democrats of inserting the provision into their VAWA bill as a ‘poison pill’ to make Republicans who voted against the legislation look anti-woman.” [Daily Beast, [12/6/19](#)]

**New York Times: “The NRA Has Decided To ‘Score’ The Vote On The Violence Against Women Act, Meaning It Will Keep Track And Publish How Lawmakers Vote In An Effort To Either Reward To Defeat Them.”** “The N.R.A. has decided to “score” the vote on the Violence Against Women Act, meaning it will keep track and publish how lawmakers vote in an effort to either reward or defeat them in the next election. While the move is not likely to keep the bill from passing the House, it does make it more likely that the “boyfriend loophole” provision will be stripped from the act when the measure arrives in the Senate.” [New York Times, [4/1/19](#)]



	<p><b>2016: Rubio Received An A+ Rating From The NRA During His U.S. Senate Race.</b> [NRA-PVF, <a href="#">11/8/16</a>]</p> <p><b>Steve Bousquet Column: Rubio Slavishly Earned His A-Plus Rating From The NRA And Has Received \$3.3 Million Of NRA Campaign Money.</b> “Start with Sen. Marco Rubio, who slavishly earned his A-plus rating from the NRA and has received \$3.3 million of NRA campaign money, according to The New York Times. This career politician wants another six years in Washington but has an impressive opponent in U.S. Rep. Val Demings, who supports the gun reforms Rubio opposes.” [Sun Sentinel, Steve Bousquet, <a href="#">5/27/22</a>]</p>
<p><b>Many Hispanic voters have voted for Marco Rubio before and aren’t familiar with Val Demings. These voters need to learn that Marco Rubio has disappointed us by helping special interests, not us, while Val Demings’s working class story and history of public service mean she will deliver for our families. Hispanic voters need to receive TV in Spanish, and radio and digital ads in English and in Spanish, about Marco Rubio and Val Demings:</b></p>	<p><b>MANY HISPANIC VOTERS HAVE VOTED FOR MARCO RUBIO BEFORE AND AREN’T FAMILIAR WITH VAL DEMINGS.</b></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><b>THESE VOTERS NEED TO LEARN THAT MARCO RUBIO HAS DISAPPOINTED US BY HELPING SPECIAL INTERESTS, NOT US, WHILE VAL DEMINGS’S WORKING CLASS STORY AND HISTORY OF PUBLIC SERVICE MEAN SHE WILL DELIVER FOR OUR FAMILIES.</b></p> <p>See backup above</p> <p><b>HISPANIC VOTERS NEED TO RECEIVE TV IN SPANISH, AND RADIO AND DIGITAL ADS IN ENGLISH AND IN SPANISH, ABOUT MARCO RUBIO AND VAL DEMINGS:</b></p> <p>N/A</p>
<p><b>About Marco Rubio:</b> We don’t know who Marco Rubio is working for anymore, but it’s not us. Even as working families are struggling with sky-high prices, Rubio voted against dealing with inflation, against bringing down drug costs, and against capping the cost of insulin. And his campaigns have taken over \$17 million in contributions from Wall Street special interests and he voted to give them billions of dollars in tax giveaways. And Rubio has skipped 90% of hearings related to Florida seniors and voted</p>	<p><b>ABOUT MARCO RUBIO: WE DON’T KNOW WHO MARCO RUBIO IS WORKING FOR ANYMORE, BUT IT’S NOT US.</b></p> <p>See backup below</p> <p><b>EVEN AS WORKING FAMILIES ARE STRUGGLING WITH SKY-HIGH PRICES, RUBIO VOTED AGAINST DEALING WITH INFLATION, AGAINST BRINGING DOWN DRUG COSTS, AND AGAINST CAPPING THE COST OF INSULIN.</b></p> <p><b>2015-2019: The Average Annual Cost Of Prescription Drug Treatment Increased 26.3%, While The Annual Income For Florida Residents Increased Only 13%.</b> “The avg. annual cost of prescription drug treatment increased 26.3% between 2015 and 2019, while the</p>

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**National Association Of Counties: The Inflation Reduction Act Would Reduce Deficits By Over \$300 Billion Over 10 Years Through The Relief Of Inflationary Pressures.** “According to the authors of the legislation, the IRA would reduce deficits by over \$300 billion over 10 years through the relief of inflationary pressures. In total, the proposal includes \$433 billion in new spending in energy and climate, and healthcare programs, while raising just under \$740 billion. The legislation aims to reduce carbon emissions by 40 percent by 2030.” [National Association of Counties, [8/8/22](#)]

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**Rubio Voted Against An Amendment To The Inflation Reduction Act To Set A \$35 A Month Price Cap On Insulin For People With Private Health Insurance.** “Republicans successfully stripped a proposed \$35 per month cap on out-of-pocket spending on insulin for patients enrolled in private insurance from the tax and climate bill. [...] Democrats immediately attacked Senators Ron Johnson of Wisconsin and Marco Rubio of Florida, who are up for re-election, over their votes to strip a \$35 insulin cap from the tax bill.” [Fortune, [8/7/22](#)]

***AND HIS CAMPAIGNS HAVE TAKEN OVER \$17 MILLION IN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM WALL STREET SPECIAL INTERESTS AND HE VOTED TO GIVE THEM BILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN TAX GIVEAWAYS.***

**2009-2022: Marco Rubio’s Campaigns Have Accepted \$17,560,299 In Contributions From PACs And Individuals Associated With The Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Sector.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [9/24/22](#)]

**Investopedia: “Businesses That Make Up The FIRE Economy Include Banks And Credit Unions, Credit Card Companies, Insurance Agencies, Mortgage Brokers, Investment Brokers, Real Estate Agencies, Hedge Funds, And More.”** “FIRE refers to a sector of the economy composed of finance, insurance, and real estate - hence the acronym, "FIRE". Businesses that make up the FIRE economy include banks and credit unions, credit card companies, insurance agencies, mortgage brokers, investment brokerages, real estate agencies, hedge funds, and more. The FIRE economy has grown to become a major contributor to the overall U.S. economy.” [Investopedia, [7/21/22](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Wall Street Execs, Employees Spent \$2.9 Billion On Campaigns, Lobbying During 2020 Election, Study Shows.”** [CNBC, [4/15/21](#)]

**CNBC: “The Study Combined Lobbying And Campaign Contributions [...] By Those In The FIRE Sector, which Focuses On The Finance, Insurance And Real Estate**

**Industries.**” “The report says that it was the most spending by those in the financial services sector in an election cycle since the 2016 presidential contest. At that time, financiers spent \$2 billion on similar efforts. The \$2.9 billion outlay works out to almost \$4 million a day throughout the cycle, according to the new report. The study combined lobbying and campaign contributions from 2019 through 2020. Part of the group’s methodology focused on contributions and lobbying spending by those in the FIRE sector, which focuses on the finance, insurance and real estate industries. ‘Year in and year out, this torrent of money gives Wall Street an outsized role in how we are governed, while driving and protecting policies that help this industry’s super wealthy amass even greater fortunes at the expense of the rest of us,’ Lisa Donner, executive director of Americans for Financial Reform, told CNBC in a statement.” [CNBC, [4/15/21](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Wall Street Money In Washington.”**  
[Americans for Financial Reform, [March 2021](#)]

**Americans For Financial Reform: “Contribution And Lobbying Amounts Cover Individuals And Organizations Associated With Either Of Two Categories: FIRE Sector, Which Included All Of The Finance, Insurance, And Real Estate Industries [...] [And] Financial Sector, Which Included All Of The Above Except Companies Whose Primary Business Is Health Insurance.”** “This report draws on the work of the Center for Responsive Politics (CRP), which tracks and categorizes campaign contributions and lobbying expenditures, as reported to the Federal Elections Commission (FEC) and the Senate Office of Public Records, respectively. Companies and trade associations often report this information many months late; this final report includes lobbying data for all of calendar years 2019 and 2020, and all contribution data for the 2019–20 election cycle reported as of February 17, 2021. Contribution and lobbying amounts cover individuals and organizations associated with either of two categories: • FIRE Sector, which includes all of the Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate industries. “Finance” comprises Commercial Banks, Savings & Loans, Credit Unions, Finance/Credit Companies, Securities and Investment Firms, Accountants, and Miscellaneous Finance. This is the way that CRP – and most analyses relying on CRP data – ordinarily categorize contributions and lobbying. • Financial Sector, which includes all of the above except companies whose primary business is health insurance (and hence have little or no involvement in most financial regulation issues), making this category closer to what is generally understood by the term “Finance.” CRP made it possible for us to analyze some, but not all, data for this more precisely defined segment. We have used the Financial Sector data whenever possible in order to provide a more accurate picture of spending by financial interests than is otherwise available. Both the FIRE and Financial Sector categories exclude some trade associations and firms that in fact do a substantial amount of business in or related to financial markets, and lobby on issues connected to those interests. For example, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce lobbies extensively on financial regulatory issues, and the National Auto Dealers Association (NADA) lobbies on policy regarding auto loans. We include these entities separately where appropriate, but they are not

included in the FIRE or Financial Sector totals.” [Americans for Financial Reform, [March 2021](#)]

**Forbes Senior Contributor, Erik Kain: “The Occupy Wall Street Protests Are Fundamentally About The Finance Sector And The FIRE Economy.”** “No, the Occupy Wall Street protests are fundamentally about the finance sector and the FIRE economy. The investor class received huge bailouts with virtually no strings attached and no consequences after driving the economy into the ground in 2008. Now they’re once again experiencing record profits and bonuses while the rest of the country struggles.” [Forbes, Erik Kain, [10/13/11](#)]

**Senator Marco Rubio Voted In Favor Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.** On December 20, 2017, Senator Marco Rubio Voted In Favor Of “McConnell, R-Ky., motion that the Senate recede from its amendment and concur in the bill with a further amendment. The bill would revise the federal income tax system by lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for ‘pass-through’ business income through 2025.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 51-48. [CQ, [12/20/17](#); Vote 323, H.R. 1, [12/20/17](#)]

**S&P 500 Companies Could See \$1.64 Trillion in Tax Cuts.** “In other words, you can thank tax cuts for nearly half the growth in big-company earnings in the first quarter. For many companies – including a favorite target of Trump’s ire, Amazon.com Inc. – the boost was even more substantial, representing all, or nearly all, the quarter’s growth. It gets better: At the rate they’re going, S&P 500 companies could save \$1.64 trillion in taxes over the next decade, Steve estimates – \$300 billion more than lawmakers expected. Now we’re talking real money.” [Bloomberg News, [5/25/18](#)]

**Financial Institutions Represented About Half Of The Companies Who Had Promised Raises Or Bonuses Due To The Tax Bill, But “Payouts To Workers Reflect A Small Slice Of The Windfall That Banks Large And Small Are In Line To Receive.”** “More than 70 financial institutions have announced they will raise wages or offer bonuses to employees after the tax law’s passage, including big firms such as Bank of America and community banks such as Bank of the Ozarks. All told, those institutions account for about half of the companies that have promised raises or bonuses since President Trump signed the bill into law, according to a running list by Americans for Tax Reform, a group that advocates low taxes. The payouts to workers reflect a small slice of the windfall that banks large and small are in line to receive.” [New York Times, [1/16/18](#)]

**Axios: “Large Health Insurance Companies Would Be Among The Biggest Winners Under Republicans’ Tax Overhaul Bill.”** “Large health insurance companies would be among the biggest winners under Republicans’ tax overhaul bill. Nearly all of their business is based in the U.S. and they consequently pay close to the full 35% corporate tax

rate. The bottom line: Cutting the corporate tax rate to 20% would instantly boost insurers' profits." [Axios, [12/11/17](#)]

**Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center: "If Enacted, The Commercial Real-Estate Industry Will Have Hit The Jackpot."** "If enacted, the commercial real-estate industry will have hit the jackpot," said Steven M. Rosenthal, a senior fellow at the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center, a joint venture of the Urban Institute and the Brookings Institution." [Wall Street Journal, [12/17/17](#)]

**AND RUBIO HAS SKIPPED 90% OF HEARINGS RELATED TO FLORIDA SENIORS AND VOTED REPEATEDLY TO GUT MEDICARE AND AGAINST SOCIAL SECURITY.**

Summary of Aging Committee Missed Hearings by Rubio				
Year	Number Of Meetings	Attended	Missed	Percentage Missed
2022	1	0	1	100%
2021	8	0	8	100%
2020	6	0	6	100%
2019	16	3	13	81.2%
2018	10	0	10	100%
2017	12	2	10	83.3%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>90.5%</b>

[United States Senate Special Committee On Aging Feb. 2017-Jan. 2022, accessed [2/7/22](#)]

**HEADLINE: "Rubio Parental Leave Proposal Would Weaken Social Security."** [Center of Budget and Policy Priorities, [7/5/22](#)]

**PolitiFact: "Rubio Voted For The Ryan Budgets That Included Reductions In Future Medicare Spending. The Burden Would Have Fallen On Beneficiaries To Pay More Out Of Pocket."** [PolitiFact, [9/16/16](#)]

**Senator Marco Rubio Voted In Favor Of The FY 2014 Ryan Budget Plan.** In March 2013, Senator Marco Rubio Voted In Favor Of a: "Murray, D-Wash., amendment no. 433 that would replace the text of the resolution with language to provide \$2.769 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2014, not including off-budget accounts. It would assume that the spending levels required by the sequester remain in place and that non-war discretionary spending for all future years will be at post-sequester levels. It would assume that all discretionary savings from the sequester beginning in fiscal 2014 will come from non-defense programs. It would assume \$4.6 trillion in reductions over the next 10 years in both discretionary and mandatory spending. It would assume repeal of the 2010 health care overhaul and a restructuring of Medicare into a 'premium support' system beginning in 2024. It would call for an overhaul of the tax code, under which the alternative minimum tax would be repealed, the six current individual income tax brackets would be consolidated into two and tax credits and deductions would be eliminated or curtailed." The amendment was rejected 40-59. [CQ, [3/21/13](#); S.Amdt. 433 to S.Con.Res. 8, Vote 46, [3/21/13](#)]



**GOP Budget Revived Controversial Proposal To Convert Medicare Into Voucher System.** “[The Ryan Budget] revives Ryan’s controversial proposal to convert Medicare into a system of limited subsidies to help seniors buy private insurance or traditional Medicare coverage, and again reaps more than \$700 billion in Medicare savings from Obamacare that he criticized on the campaign trail as Romney’s running mate. He would also expand means-testing of Medicare premiums for wealthy seniors, an idea he notes has been endorsed by Obama in the past.” [Politico, [3/12/13](#)]

**CBPP: 2014 Ryan Plan “Essentially The Same” As Previous Ryan Plans And Would Replace “Medicare’s Guarantee Of Health Coverage With A Premium-Support Voucher.”** “The Medicare proposals in the 2014 budget resolution developed by House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan (R-WI) are essentially the same as those in last year’s Ryan budget. Once again, Chairman Ryan proposes to replace Medicare’s guarantee of health coverage with a premium-support voucher and raise the age of eligibility for Medicare from 65 to 67.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/15/13](#)]

**Center for American Progress: Ryan Budget “Ends Medicare’s Promise Of Guaranteed Benefits And Replaces It With Vouchers,” Would Force Seniors To Pay More For Benefits.** “One key element of both of the past two House Republican budgets offered by Rep. Ryan is an end to traditional Medicare. This budget is no different. Once again, the budget ends Medicare’s promise of guaranteed benefits and replaces it with vouchers to purchase private insurance or Medicare. As insurance companies cherry picked the healthiest seniors to join their plans, traditional Medicare would be left with the sickest, most expensive patients, leading to a downward death spiral for traditional Medicare. At the same time, the value of the vouchers would not keep up with the rising cost of health care, allowing insurance companies to reap big profits as seniors would be forced to pay more for the same benefits they have now. This issue was extensively litigated during the 2012 election, and the American people rejected Rep. Ryan’s and the Republicans’ approach.” [Center for American Progress, [3/12/13](#)]

**Center for American Progress: “Under The Ryan Plan, Seniors Will Be Forced To Spend Thousands Of Dollars More On Health Care During Retirement.”** “Although the plan again fails to specify how the cap on Medicare spending would be enforced, converting all Medicare spending to vouchers suggests that the capped growth rate would be enforced by limiting the value of the vouchers provided to seniors. As a result, the vouchers proposed by the Ryan budget will become increasingly inadequate in their ability to help seniors purchase a health plan. [...] Under the Ryan plan, seniors will be forced to spend thousands of dollars more on health care during retirement. Those who are unable or unprepared for these dramatic increases will be forced to either reduce spending in other areas or forgo needed care.” [Center for American Progress, [3/12/13](#)]

**Senator Marco Rubio Voted In Favor Of The FY 2013 Ryan Budget Plan.** In May 2012, Senator Marco Rubio Voted In Favor Of a: “Conrad, D-N.D., motion to proceed to the concurrent resolution that would allow

\$2.794 trillion in new budget authority for fiscal 2013, not including off-budget accounts." The motion was rejected 41-48. [CQ, [5/16/12](#); H.Con.Res. 112, Vote 98, [5/16/12](#)]

**Ryan Budget Would Turn Medicare Into A Voucher Program.**

"Under the Ryan plan, spending would be cut \$5.3 trillion below President Obama's budget through 2022. Medicare would be reduced by \$205 billion. [...] Medicare would be turned into a subsidized set of private insurance plans, with the option of buying into the existing fee-for-service program. The annual growth of those subsidies would be capped just above economic growth, well below the current health care inflation rate." [New York Times, [3/29/12](#)]

**National Committee To Preserve Social Security & Medicare: Ryan Budget "Would End Traditional Medicare" And Turn It Into A "Voucher" Program.**

"The House Budget Resolution for Fiscal Year 2013, H. Con. Res. 112, was introduced by Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan and passed by the House of Representatives on March 29, 2012. It would end traditional Medicare, make it harder for seniors to choose their own doctors, and increase health care costs for both current and future retirees. Chairman Ryan's plan privatizes Medicare and achieves savings for the federal government by shifting costs to Medicare beneficiaries. [...] "Beginning in 2023, when people become eligible for Medicare they would not enroll in the current traditional Medicare program which provides guaranteed benefits. Rather they would receive a voucher, also referred to as a premium support payment, to be used to purchase private health insurance or traditional Medicare through a Medicare Exchange." [National Committee to Preserve Social Security & Medicare, [6/12](#)]

**Medicare Rights Center: "Voucher Program Designed to Make People With Medicare Spend More for Their Health Care."**

"Make no mistake, the Ryan-Wyden proposal is a voucher program designed to make people with Medicare spend more for their health care so that the federal government spends less—with some bells and whistles that sound attractive, especially when key details are left out," the Medicare Rights Center stated. [Medicare Rights Center, Press Release, [12/15/11](#)]

**AARP CEO: Ryan Budget Shifted High and Growing Costs Onto Medicare Beneficiaries, Would Increase Costs For Seniors.**

In March 2012, Barry Rand, CEO of AARP, wrote in a letter to Members of Congress: "On behalf of over 38 million members and other Americans who are age 50 and older, AARP is writing to express serious concerns with the House Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013. [...] Yesterday's budget proposal appropriately acknowledges that health care costs must be addressed if the federal budget is to be balanced. However, rather than recognizing that health care is an unavoidable necessity which must be made more affordable for all Americans, this proposal simply shifts these high and growing costs onto Medicare beneficiaries, and it then shifts even higher costs of increased uninsured care onto everyone else. [...] By creating a 'premium support' system for future Medicare beneficiaries, the proposal is likely to simply increase costs for beneficiaries while removing Medicare's promise of secure health coverage

— a guarantee that future seniors have contributed to through a lifetime of hard work.” [AARP, Rand Letter, [3/21/12](#)]

**Ryan Budget Risked Forcing Seniors To Pay More For Traditional Medicare.** “Overall, about half of Mr. Ryan’s \$5 trillion in cuts over a decade would come from health care. His plan to convert Medicare to a ‘premium support’ system, though less damaging than last year’s proposal, still weakens a guarantee to the elderly and risks driving up costs for future beneficiaries. He would still offer the elderly a fixed amount of money to shop for their own health insurance, but allow the option of enrolling in traditional Medicare. Unfortunately, that could lead to higher costs and premiums in traditional Medicare because it would attract older and sicker patients who would be expensive to cover, while healthier, cheaper patients flocked to private plans. In the long run, the premium support plan could shift costs to beneficiaries because it would limit annual per capita spending growth to well below the level required by the health care reform act. The plan would also cap the federal contribution to Medicaid by turning the program into a block grant to states.” [New York Times, Editorial, [3/20/12](#)]

**2012: Senator Marco Rubio Voted In Favor Of The FY 2012 Ryan Budget Plan.** In May 2011, Senator Marco Rubio Voted In Favor Of A Measure to: “Reid, D-Nev., motion to proceed to the concurrent resolution that would allow \$2.859 trillion in new budget authority for fiscal 2012.” The motion was rejected 40-57. [CQ, [5/25/11](#); H.Con.Res. 34, Vote 77, [5/25/11](#)]

**Wall Street Journal: Ryan Plan “Would Essentially End Medicare.”** “Republicans will present this week a 2012 budget proposal that would cut more than \$4 trillion from federal spending projected over the next decade and transform the Medicare health program for the elderly, a move that will dramatically reshape the budget debate in Washington. The budget has been prepared by Rep. Paul Ryan, a Wisconsin Republican and the new chairman of the House Budget Committee. [...] The plan would essentially end Medicare, which now pays most of the health-care bills for 48 million elderly and disabled Americans.” [Wall Street Journal, [4/4/11](#)]

**NPR’s Health Shots: “Key Part” Of Ryan Budget Plan Was “Ending Medicare As We Know It”** “With the federal deficit in their sights, Republicans are preparing a budget proposal that would reportedly trim \$4 trillion in government spending over the next decade. How do they do it? Ending Medicare as we know it is a key part. Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI), chairman of the House Budget Committee, is the man with the plan. Details are set to be released Tuesday.” [NPR, Health Shots, [4/04/11](#)]

**Washington Post’s Wonkblog: GOP Proposed Privatizing Medicare.** “In general, seniors vote Republicans and poor people don’t. So the easy play for Paul Ryan was clear: limit the entitlement-reform portion of his budget to slashing Medicaid. Then he could say he was taking a first step on entitlements without enraging the GOP’s core supporters. He didn’t do that. Ryan — and the GOP — are proposing to privatize Medicare. They’re proposing to save money by giving seniors less than their now-private Medicare will cost. They’re endorsing a plan that is the single least popular option for balancing the budget — below raising the retirement age,

cutting defense spending or raising taxes on the rich.”  
[Washington Post, Wonkblog, [4/04/11](#)]

**Senator Marco Rubio Voted Against A Responsible Budget That Would Reduce The Deficit By Cutting Spending, Making Wealthy Pay Their Fair Share While Protecting Medicare And Social Security.**

In March 2013, Senator Marco Rubio Voted Against: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would set broad spending and revenue targets over the next 10 years. It would allow up to \$966 billion in discretionary spending for fiscal 2014, the statutory level reflecting automatic cuts known as sequestration, but would call for replacing the sequester with a combination of revenue increases and spending cuts. It would direct the Senate Finance Committee to produce legislation that would increase revenue by \$975 billion over 10 years. It would call for \$275 billion in cuts from mandatory health programs without making major structural changes to entitlements. It also would call for \$23 billion in cuts to agriculture programs and an increase of \$100 billion for infrastructure and worker training programs. As amended, the resolution would allow for a repeal of the 2.3 percent excise tax on medical devices and the creation of a biennial budget and appropriations process.” The resolution was adopted by 50-49. [CQ, [3/23/13](#); S.Con.Res. 8, Vote 92, [3/23/13](#)]

**Senator Marco Rubio Voted In Favor Of A Measure To Pass The 2011 Republican Continuing Resolution.**

In March 2011, Senator Marco Rubio Voted In Favor Of A Measure to: “Passage of the bill that would provide continuing appropriations through fiscal 2011 for all government agencies, except the Defense Department, which would receive \$515.8 billion in base funding. Most other programs would be funded at fiscal 2010 levels, less eliminations, reductions and rescissions totaling roughly \$61.5 billion.” The bill failed 44-56. [CQ, [3/9/11](#); H.R. 1, Vote 36, [3/9/11](#)]

**Bill Cuts Social Security Administration Budget – Risking Closing Down Offices and Backing Up Claims Processing.**

In a letter 125 Democrats told Speaker John Boehner that cuts included in an earlier spending measure could cause the administration to close its doors for up to four weeks and could eventually cost taxpayers money by hurting the agency’s ability to fight waste, fraud and abuse. The House measure to fund the government for the rest of fiscal 2011, which passed in February, cut SSA funding \$125 million from fiscal 2010 levels. [The Hill, [3/16/11](#)]

**Senator Marco Rubio Voted In Favor Of An Amendment That Would Allow The Social Security Administration To Modify Decreases In Benefit Payments.**

On December 2, 2020, Senator Marco Rubio Voted In Favor Of “McConnell, R-Ky., for Grassley, R-Iowa, amendment no. 2689 that would allow the Social Security Administration to modify decreases in benefit payments to individuals as a result of previous overpayments, if it determines that a resulting 100% decrease in payment to an individual would “defeat the purpose” of the Social Security Act. It would still require such payments to be decreased by at least 10%.” The bill passed by a vote of 48-49. [CQ, [12/2/20](#); Vote 249, S. 578, [12/2/20](#)]

**Senator Marco Rubio Voted Against Requiring 60 Votes For Legislation That Would Reduce Social Security Or Medicare Benefits, Increase The Social Security Retirement Age, Or Privatize Social Security.**

On December 1, 2017, Senator Marco Rubio Voted Against “Sanders, I-Vt., motion to waive all applicable sections of the Congressional Budget Act with respect to the Enzi, R-Wyo., point of

	<p>order that the Sanders amendment no. 1720 to the McConnell, R-Ky., for Hatch, R-Utah, amendment no. 1618 violates section 313(b)(1)(a) of the Congressional Budget Act. The amendment would create a 60-vote point of order against any reconciliation legislation that would result in a reduction in guaranteed Social Security or Medicare benefits, would increase the early or full retirement age for Social Security benefits, would privatize Social Security, or would result in a reduction of Medicare benefits." The motion was rejected by a vote of 46-54. [CQ, <a href="#">12/1/17</a>; Vote 294, S.Amdt. 1720 to S.Amdt. 1618 to H.R. 1, <a href="#">12/1/17</a>]</p> <p><b>Senator Marco Rubio Voted Against Restoring \$473 Billion In Medicare Cuts, Paid For By Closing Special Interest Tax Loopholes.</b> On October 18, 2017, Senator Marco Rubio Voted Against: "Enzi, R-Wyo., for Nelson, D-Fla., amendment no. 1150 to provide additional resources to restore the \$473,000,000,000 in cuts to Medicare paid for by closing special interest tax loopholes, to the Enzi substitute amendment no. 1116, that would increase the new budget authority for Medicare by \$5.9 billion for fiscal 2018." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 47-51. [CQ, <a href="#">10/18/17</a>; Vote 222, S.Amdt. 1150 to S.Amdt. 1116 to H.Con.Res. 71, <a href="#">10/18/17</a>]</p> <p><b>Senator Marco Rubio Voted Against Preventing The Social Security Retirement Age From Being Raised.</b> In March 2015, Senator Marco Rubio Voted Against a: "Wyden, D-Ore., motion to waive the Budget Act with respect to the Enzi, R-Wyo., point of order against the Wyden amendment no. 471 for not being germane. The Wyden amendment would create a 60-vote point of order against any legislation that would reduce Social Security benefits, increase the retirement age for benefits or privatize Social Security." The motion was rejected 51-48. [CQ, <a href="#">3/24/15</a>, S.Amdt. 471 to S.Con.Res. 11, Vote 84, <a href="#">3/24/15</a>]</p>
<p><b>About Val Demings:</b> In contrast, Val Demings is the daughter of a maid and a janitor who worked her way through college, worked as a social worker and then spent 27 years in the Orlando police department and became Orlando's first female Chief of Police. In the U.S. Senate, she'll take on the leaders of both parties and the wealthy special interests to continue to deliver for working Florida families.</p>	<p><b><i>ABOUT VAL DEMINGS: IN CONTRAST, VAL DEMINGS IS THE DAUGHTER OF A MAID AND A JANITOR WHO WORKED HER WAY THROUGH COLLEGE, WORKED AS A SOCIAL WORKER AND THEN SPENT 27 YEARS IN THE ORLANDO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND BECAME ORLANDO'S FIRST FEMALE CHIEF OF POLICE. IN THE U.S. SENATE, SHE'LL TAKE ON THE LEADERS OF BOTH PARTIES AND THE WEALTHY SPECIAL INTERESTS TO CONTINUE TO DELIVER FOR WORKING FLORIDA FAMILIES.</i></b></p> <p><b>Demings' Father Worked As A Janitor And Her Mother Worked As A Maid. They Lived In A Two-Room House, She Was The Youngest Of Seven Kids.</b> The New York Times reported, "Ms. Demings was born Valdez Butler, the youngest of seven children of a maid and a janitor. She grew up in a two-room house outside Jacksonville, and said growing up she experienced racism and the vestiges of segregation." [New York Times, <a href="#">7/29/20</a>]</p> <p><b>1976 – 1978: Demings Worked As A Crew Member And Trainer At McDonald's.</b> According to Val Demings's Employment History, accessed via public records request, she worked as a crew member and trainer at McDonald's from January 1967 to April 1978, quitting to focus on her studies. The description of duties stated, "help with food</p>

preparation, served as cashier, helped new employments. [Orlando Police Department, Public Records Request, sent 7/29/21]

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SUPPLEMENTAL EMPLOYMENT HISTORY SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE IF YOU HAVE HAD MORE THAN FOUR EMPLOYERS.  
 Misrepresentation is sufficient cause for rejection or dismissal. In addition, the prospective employee may be subject to criminal charges pursuant to Section 43.39-1, False Information of Chapter 43 of the Code of the City of Orlando.

[Orlando Police Department, Public Records Request, sent 7/29/21]

**1979: Demings Worked At The FSU Public Safety Department As Part Of Her College Work Study.** According to Val Demings's Employment History, accessed via public records request, she worked as a work study student for the FSU Public Safety Department from April to August 1979. The description of duties stated, "general office duties, help distribute safety information to college students." [Orlando Police Department, Public Records Request, sent 7/29/21]

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[Orlando Police Department, Public Records Request, sent 7/29/21]

**1981 – 1983: Demings Worked As A Social And Rehab Services Counselor For The Florida Department Of Health And Rehabilitative Services, Providing Services For Foster Children.** According to Val Demings's Employment History, accessed via public records request, she worked as a Social and Rehab Services Counselor for the Florida Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services from January 1981 to August 1983. The description of duties stated, "provide services to children in foster homes, prepare court reports, make recommendations to the courts, testify in court, work with parents to correct family problems." [Orlando Police Department, Public Records Request, sent 7/29/21]

Begin with your most recent employer and list all previous employers.

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[Orlando Police Department, Public Records Request, sent 7/29/21]

**Demings Served As An Orlando Police Officer For 27 Years.** "Demings, who was Orlando's first Black woman police chief and was on President Joe Biden's shortlist of potential running mates in 2020, is seen by some Democrats as a strong challenger in a race that could be key to Democrats' control of the Senate. [...] Demings, 64, was first elected to Congress in 2016. She played a central role in former President Donald Trump's first impeachment trial as one of the impeachment managers in the U.S. House. Previously, she served as



	<p>an Orlando police officer for 27 years, rising to chief. Her husband, Jerry Demings, is Orange County mayor.” [New York Times, <a href="#">7/29/20</a>]</p> <p><b>Demings Was Appointed To Serve As Orlando’s First Female Chief Of Police.</b> “In 2007, Val Demings made history when she was appointed to serve as Orlando’s first female Chief of Police.” [Rep. Val Demings, Press Release, accessed <a href="#">7/27/22</a>]</p>
<p><b>Additionally, Hispanic voters also need to receive digital ads and radio in English and in Spanish that Chief Demings believes we need a Florida First policy for housing.</b> She wants to crack down on out-of-state real estate speculators who have been buying up properties across the state to re-sell at prices Floridians can’t afford. And she wants rent control for Florida residents to prevent unfair rent increases for working Floridians.</p>	<p><b>ADDITIONALLY, HISPANIC VOTERS ALSO NEED TO RECEIVE DIGITAL ADS AND RADIO IN ENGLISH AND IN SPANISH THAT CHIEF DEMINGS BELIEVES WE NEED A FLORIDA FIRST POLICY FOR HOUSING.</b></p> <p>N/A</p> <p><b>SHE WANTS TO CRACK DOWN ON OUT-OF-STATE REAL ESTATE SPECULATORS WHO HAVE BEEN BUYING UP PROPERTIES ACROSS THE STATE TO RE-SELL AT PRICES FLORIDIANS CAN’T AFFORD. AND SHE WANTS RENT CONTROL FOR FLORIDA RESIDENTS TO PREVENT UNFAIR RENT INCREASES FOR WORKING FLORIDIANS.</b></p> <p><b>HEADLINE: “Investors, Including Wall Street, Helped To Drive Up Home Prices During The Pandemic Housing Boom. Here’s The Proof.”</b> [Fortune, <a href="#">6/26/22</a>]</p> <p><b>ProPublica: “Targeting Of Single-Family Rental Homes By Private Equity And Other Corporate Landlords Has Undermined Homeownership And Driven Up Rents.”</b> “Critics say the targeting of single-family rental homes by private equity and other corporate landlords has undermined homeownership and driven up rents. The firms’ all-cash offers typically win over bids with mortgages.” [ProPublica, <a href="#">6/27/22</a>]</p> <p><b>HEADLINE: “Investment Firms Snap Up Homes In Metro Orlando, Driving Up Prices.”</b> [Orlando Sentinel, <a href="#">7/7/22</a>]</p> <p><b>Orlando Sentinel: “The Top 10 Home-Buying Investors Of 2021 In Metro Orlando Were Tied To Firms In The Single-Family Rental House Business, Leading At Least One Expert To Worry About The Pressure Such Deals Are Putting On The Real Estate Market.”</b> [Orlando Sentinel, <a href="#">7/7/22</a>]</p> <p><b>Dr. Lawrence Yun, Chief Economist Of The National Association Of Realtors: “Due To The Unique Housing Shortage [...] Wall Street Is Able To Generate Money, Private Equity, Hedge Funds And Others To Say, ‘Let’s Go Chase The Rising Rents.’”</b> “Dr. Lawrence Yun, Chief Economist of the National Association of Realtors, said the extent that Wall Street money has been pouring in is ‘fairly new.’ ‘I think this is due to the unique circumstance of housing shortage,’ he said. ‘Wall Street is able to generate money, private equity, hedge fund and others to say, ‘let’s go chase the rising rents and putting money into rental property development.’” [Fox Business, <a href="#">5/11/22</a>]</p>

**New York Post: Corporate Community Purchases In Concentrated Areas Spurred Higher Rents For “Would -Be” Home Buyers.** “A pair of Goldman Sachs-backed ventures gobbled up an entire rental home community in Florida last month for a cool \$45 million [...] Fundrise Interval Fund and Growth eREIT VII picked up 87 single-family properties in Brevard County as part of an ongoing southern spending spree [...] With rents continuing to soar and demographics shifts ongoing, real estate experts said Wall Street’s southern appetite will only intensify [...] analysts contend that increasing mortgage rates will now spur even higher rents with would-be home buyers opting for the sidelines.” [New York Post, [5/11/22](#)]

**Fortune: “Since The Onset Of The Pandemic Housing Boom, Investors Have Flooded The U.S. Housing Market [...] Wall Street-Types Like Blackstone.”** “Since the onset of the Pandemic Housing Boom, investors have flooded the U.S. housing market. There are small players, like mom-and-pop landlords and Airbnb hosts who are adding to their property portfolios. Home flippers returned with vengeance. There’s also the Wall Street-types like Blackstone and iBuyer players like Opendoor Technologies that are gobbling up homes. The combination of low mortgage rates, easy access to capital, and record home appreciation was all too enticing for investors to pass up on. [...] who are these big investors? Some are massive rental companies like Invitation Homes—the nation’s largest owner of single-family rental homes—which grew its portfolio during the pandemic.” [Fortune, [6/26/22](#)]

**The Real Deal: “Blackstone Goes All-In On South Florida Affordable Housing With Over \$300M Portfolio Deal.”** The article reads: “New York-based Blackstone’s trust, through various affiliates, bought 13 properties from entities tied to Hollywood-based The Cornerstone Group [...] This is part of a larger portfolio deal, as Cornerstone Group said in a statement that it sold a total of 42 properties to Blackstone [...] Blackstone said the deals are a continuation of its commitment to affordable housing.” [The Real Deal, [1/19/22](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Goldman Sachs-Backed Firms Buy Entire Florida Community For \$45M.”** [New York Post, [5/11/22](#)]