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Statewide Candidates Featured at Spring Soiree
The Power of Us

At our March 8 Spring Soiree, Lee County Democrats heard from two outstanding candidates vying for the Party's nomination in statewide elections: Orange County Mayor Jerry Demings, running to replace Ron DeSantis as Governor, and Jacksonville's State Representative Angie Nixon, seeking to unseat Ashley Moody in the US Senate.

Mayor Demings, a former police chief and sheriff, pointed to the irony that in DeSantis's Florida, books are more heavily regulated than guns. Florida has more book bans than any other state; but, since September, 2025, Floridians are free to carry their guns in the open.

Demings called for an increase healthcare spending promising that Florida will no longer rank second to last in the country on healthcare spending. While "billionaires can take care of themselves," he said, he is "running to take care of everyone else." Unlike the present administration, he will welcome diversity at his table as shown by the diverse staff he has assembled. After decades of Republican misrule, he warned, the task will be challenging. But, he noted "the toughest job in a circus is cleaning up after the elephants" and vowed, "I will go to Tallahassee and clean up after the elephants!"

Angie Nixon, Florida State Representative, union organizer and mother of 5 children, told her listeners that it should not matter what zip code you live in order to get a good education. Rather, we need equal education for all. She reminded people that while Trump talks about MAGA, but he has forgotten that America was not great for everyone but only for the privileged. Many people have stopped dreaming and their North Star is despair. Instead, Nixon believes we need a new vision for our country, and not turn back because, as Nixon counseled, "back then was not so good for most of us." Those in Congress have to have backbone and be willing to fight for us. She closed with a rallying cry, "it is our duty to fight for our freedom; it is our duty to win. We have nothing to lose but our chains."
For more about these candidates, see https://jerrydemingsforgovernor.org and https://angienixon.com



