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# Press Release

## FLORIDA AFL-CIO RELEASES ENDORSEMENTS FOR THE 2010 ELECTIONS

Jacksonville – Approximately 200 delegates representing over 500 local unions from across Florida gathered in Jacksonville, Florida this weekend for the Florida AFL-CIO 2010 COPE (Committee on Political Education) Endorsing Convention. The three-day event culminated in a series of votes on Sunday, May 23rd to determine which candidates in Florida's federal and state races would receive the backing of the 500,000 member labor federation. The meeting also determined labor's position on ten proposed constitutional amendments that will appear on the ballot. Endorsed candidates will receive both financial backing and the support of one of the largest and most successful grass roots activist programs in Florida politics.

### **Endorsements made in Florida's federal and state wide races are as follows:**

**United States Senate:** Kendrick Meek

**Governor:** Alex Sink

**Attorney General:** Endorsement for the winner of the Democratic Primary. Local unions will be able to work for the primary candidate of their choice. The winner of the Democratic Primary will then have the full-support of the Florida AFL-CIO and the rest of the labor movement.

**Chief Financial Officer:** Lorraine Ausley

Endorsements for the Florida House and Senate and the Florida AFL-CIO's position on the proposed constitutional amendments will be released later in the week.

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