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Common and YelloPain to Headline FRRC's March and Rally to Free the Vote in Orlando, Florida

The event will feature the stories of returning citizens and encourage all Floridians to get involved as part of the largest vote early day in the State

ORLANDO, FL — On Saturday, October 24th, the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRC) is marching to the polls, starting at Sed Lawn at 2pm and culminating at The Amway Center in Orlando, Florida. FRRC is inspiring returning citizens to vote and celebrate their participation in Democracy across the state. Special guests include music artists Common, YelloPain, Sevyn Streeter, and DJ Nasty, as well as Senator Bracy, Desmond Meade, and other local officials and activists. The event will be emceed by Roland Martin and follow all CDC and local guidelines. Accordingly, to enter the Amway Center, in-person attendees must pre-register for the event.

“Vote Early Day is a day, where all across Florida, we rally, march and vote to protect democracy from those who have tried to deny us our inalienable right to participate in Democracy.” said **Desmond Meade, Executive Director of FRRC**. “On Saturday, we rally in the face of adversity and celebrate our collective struggle to use our voice and improve our community.”

“Those of us who have struggled for the right to vote are coming together to use our voice and we will be heard,” said **Common, Rapper and Activist**, “each of us has the power to make a difference, with our votes, with our ballots, and with our bodies. I am proud to stand with the people of Florida and FRRC to rally the people power of the State.

“Last month, I released *My Vote Will Count* to encourage Amerians to exercise their right to vote” said **YelloPain, Rapper and Voting Rights Activist**. “But for people with felony convictions in Florida, the rules keep shifting to keep them from the polls . Vote Early Day is about fighting for the right to vote for everyone without financial restrictions.”

FRRC's National Vote Early Day events are part of a [state-wide bus tour](#) to energize registered returning citizens to vote this election. FRRC is partnering with [When We All Vote](#) and [More Than A Vote](#) to rally returning citizens in 24 counties across the state of Florida to stand up against voter suppression in the state. National Vote Early Day and [When We All Vote Together Early Vote Weeks of Action](#) will mobilize returned citizens, non-voters, and lapsed voters to cast their ballot and ensure their voices are heard.



About Desmond Meade

As President and Executive Director of FRRC, Desmond Meade is recognized for his work on voting and criminal justice reform issues. Desmond led the FRRC to a historic victory in 2018 with the successful passage of Amendment 4, a grassroots citizen's initiative which restored voting rights to over 1.4 million Floridians with past felony convictions. For more information, visit <https://floridarrc.com/desmond-meade/>.

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About When We All Vote

When We All Vote is a national, nonpartisan, nonprofit launched by Co-Chair Michelle Obama in 2018 on a mission to change the culture around voting by bringing together citizens, institutions, brands, and organizations to increase participation in every election. They are also on a mission to close the race and age voting gap and empower all eligible voters to cast their ballot by harnessing grassroots energy, establishing strategic partnerships, and implementing digital organizing strategies. Learn more [here](#).

About More Than A Vote

More Than A Vote is a nonprofit social justice organization founded by Black athletes and artists dedicated to Black political empowerment. In 2020, More Than A Vote is focused on educating, energizing, and protecting Black voters and fighting the lies and systemic, racist voter suppression that stands in the way of Black voices being heard at the ballot box.

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About The Florida Rights Restoration Coalition

FRRC is a grassroots, membership organization run by Returning Citizens (Formerly Convicted Persons) who are dedicated to ending the disenfranchisement and discrimination against people with convictions and creating a more comprehensive and humane reentry system that will enhance successful reentry, reduce recidivism, and increase public safety. For more information, visit <https://floridarrc.com/>.