

CENTRAL FLORIDA ELECTIONS TRACKER

SUPPORT OPO!

OPO INTELLIGENCE

WHO READS OPO?

GOT A STORY?

ABOUT FRANK TORRES

# Orange County Government stands-up Solar Co-op

AUGUST 8, 2016 BY [FRANK TORRES](#) — [LEAVE A COMMENT](#)

Orange County homeowners looking to add solar power to their homes have an opportunity to do so at a discount through a new solar co-op program. The initiative is spearheaded by Orange County Government, the League of Women Voters of Florida and Florida Solar United Neighborhoods, which is a local nonprofit working to organize solar co-ops across the state.

According to the Florida Public Service Commission, 11,626 utility customers (less than 1 percent) in Florida have rooftop solar installed. In Florida, these co-ops have worked with nearly 340 homes and businesses across the state.

Solar co-ops provide bulk discounts – up to 20 percent – for a group of homeowners who are interested in purchasing solar panels. As part of a solar co-op, citizens benefit from the educational process and each participant signs his or her own contract with the installer, and everyone gets the discount. All homeowners who reside in Orange County are eligible to participate in the co-op.

Orange County Mayor Teresa Jacobs officially signed up for the co-op and she's hoping other residents will consider joining as well.

"This technology is an excellent long-term investment and we're delighted to invite our residents to participate. The Orange County Solar Co-op is a powerful way to leverage our collective buying power and go solar together," said Mayor Jacobs. "Florida's outlook is bright for solar and Orange County's Co-op can help lead the way."

The solar co-op supports Jacobs' goals in her Sustainability Initiative, "Our Home for Life," which seeks to reduce barriers to alternative energy and increase renewable energy production by 10 percent in 2020 and 25 percent by 2040.

Joining the co-op does not obligate members to purchase panels. After the co-op receives bids from solar installers in the area, members will select one or two companies to perform the installations at a group discount.

The exact price of a PV (photovoltaic) system is dependent on homeowners' preference in system size and their home's energy consumption. Additionally, there is a federal tax credit of 30 percent towards installation costs. Homeowners have the option to install the size PV system that fits their budget.

"Experts tell us Florida's sunshine gives it the potential to be among the top three states in America for solar power, and by joining in solar co-ops Floridians can start planning for the sun to help pay their electric bills," said Pamela Goodman, president of the League of Women Voters of Florida. The League of Women Voters of Florida has partnered with FL SUN and various markets in Florida, including Orange County and St. Petersburg, to promote solar initiatives.

Orange County has a goal to obtain 500 participants in the co-op program with 30 percent of the residents opting to Go SOLAR. The co-op deadline to sign up is December 2016. Orange County is sponsoring Community Power Network and FL SUN, 501(c)(3) non-profits, to provide technical assistance to neighborhood solar co-ops at no charge to participants.



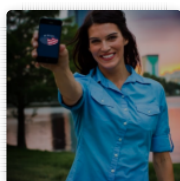
## Readers who read this, also read these



Orange County League of Women Voters hold Orientation ahead of busy 2016



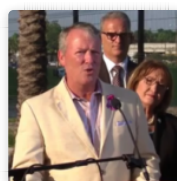
Orange County League of Women Voters come out against Lake Pickett Developments



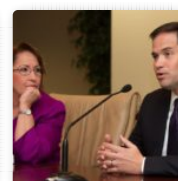
Florida League of Women Voters announce 2016 legislative priorities



Teresa Jacobs and Florida Hospital announces property donation for housing initiative



Buddy Dyer and Teresa Jacobs open Family Assistance Center for Pulse Night Club shooting victims



Marco Rubio and Teresa Jacobs breakdown Heroin and Zika challenges in Orlando

FILED UNDER: [LOCAL POLITICS](#), [ORLANDO POLITICAL ANALYST](#), [ORLANDO POLITICAL NEWS](#), [ORLANDO POLITICS](#), [TERESA JACOBS](#), [THE FEED](#)

TAGGED WITH: [FLORIDA POLITICAL ANALYST](#), [FLORIDA POLITICAL BLOGGER](#), [FLORIDA POLITICAL NEWS](#), [FRANK TORRES](#), [ORLANDO](#), [ORANGE COUNTY LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS](#), [ORANGE COUNTY SOLAR CO OP](#), [ORLANDO POLITICS](#), [TERESA JACOBS](#), [THE FEED](#)

# Profile

Sign in with Twitter Sign in with Facebook

or

Comment

Name

Email

Not published

Website



- ☐ Notify me of follow-up comments by email.
- ☐ Notify me of new posts by email.

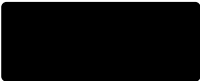


THE LATEST

# Campaign Releases Third TV Ad, “Special” in CD 10 race

OPO INTELLIGENCE SUBSCRIPTION

Email \*



---

## INTELLIGENCE

---

*and*  
**Stephanie Murphy**  
*Democratic Candidate, Florida Congressional District 7*

**Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
**6:30pm - 8:00pm**

Dubsdread Clubhouse  
549 West Par Street  
Orlando, FL 32804

\$1,000 Co-Host | \$500 Supporter | \$250 Friend | \$50 Young Professional

To contribute online, please visit:  
<https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/demingsmurphy2016>

**Nancy Pelosi to fundraise for  
Stephanie Murphy and Val  
Demings in Orlando**

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi will be in town on Thursday for a fundraiser ...  
[\[Read More...\]](#)

[More Posts from this Category](#)

#FLABIZ TWEET TICKER



>

**Justine unSafe:** RT [@franktorresnet](#):  
Video: Valleri Crabtree latest CD 9  
candidate to produce TV commercial:

#flapol #sayfie #flabiz <https://t.co/tuVTKWCDV1>  
about 27 minutes ago



&gt;

Doreen Overstreet: RT

@franktorresnet: Orange County  
Government stands-up Solar Co-op:  
#flapol #flabiz #sayfie <https://t.co/InxtzWyJBr>  
about 40 minutes ago



&gt;

Frank Torres: Video: Bob Poe  
Campaign Releases Third TV Ad, "Special"  
in CD 10 race: #flapol #flabiz #sayfie  
<https://t.co/urGyXgTYfy>  
about 57 minutes ago



&gt;

Frank Torres: Video: Valleri Crabtree  
latest CD 9 candidate to produce TV  
commercial: #flapol #sayfie #flabiz  
<https://t.co/tuVTKWCDV1>  
about 1 hour ago



&gt;

Frank Torres: Orange County  
Government stands-up Solar Co-op:  
#flapol #flabiz #sayfie <https://t.co/InxtzWyJBr>  
about 1 hour ago



&gt;

Frank Torres: Nancy Pelosi to  
fundraise for Stephanie Murphy and Val  
Demings in Orlando: #flapol #flabiz #sayfie  
<https://t.co/SRzPrLKoCQ>  
about 2 hours ago



>

Dean Asher: RT @franktorresnet:

Video: Nick Primrose "We can make Orange County a competitive Republican County": #flapol #flabiz #sayfie

<https://t.co...>

about 2 hours ago

.....

FOLLOW US!



Copyright 2015 All Rights Reserved