

Why I'm running



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I have 15 minutes of free time this morning, Steve. It may not sound like much – but I've been working long hours in Congress to pass President Biden's agenda, and a gap in my schedule like this is rare.

So, as I'm sitting with my husband, Jerry, and drinking my coffee, I'm reflecting on this historic campaign – and I've decided I need to tell you a little bit more about my decision to run for U.S. Senate.

Back when I was growing up in Jacksonville, I went to segregated schools, washed dishes and worked at McDonald's. But my mom saw something special in me. She'd tell me I was destined for something bigger.

So, when I thought about 2022 and what our country needed to build back better after a disastrous presidency, I thought about her everlasting words to me: "Never tire, Val." I thought about the hardworking families like mine who deserve a leader that understands their lives, their struggles and their dreams. I thought about our country's need to expand our Democratic Senate majority to protect our democracy. And, in the background of all of this, I heard my mother's voice in my head telling me I could win.

So, I decided to run. And now, I'm two points away from Marco Rubio in a race that can decide Senate control, and the stakes are higher than ever: We have a 50-50 split in the Senate. If we lose just one seat, Mitch McConnell regains Senate control – and three Democratic seats are already rated toss-ups.

It's critical we win in Florida – and this race is tight right now, Steve. I'm proud that our movement has an average donation of just \$28.45, but building a people-powered movement means it's going to take all hands on deck to compete against the GOP's millions in dark money already pouring into Florida.

[My 15 minutes are almost up: I hate to ask this, but if you believe in this campaign and want to help me defend our Democratic Senate majority, will you split a \\$10 donation between Dirt Road PAC and my campaign today?](#)

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— Val Demings

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