



FL9 Darren Soto

Alice Park



2008-2018 Representatives and Election Results

2008

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote %</u>
Gus Bilirakis (incumbent)	62.8
Bill Mitchell	36.6
Other	0.6

2010

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote %</u>
Gus Bilirakis (incumbent)	71.4
Anita de Palma	28.6

2012

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote %</u>
Todd Long	37.5
Alan Grayson	62.5

2014

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote %</u>
Carol Platt	43.1
Alan Grayson	54.0
Marko Milakovich	2.9
Leon Leo Ray (write-in)	0.00

2016

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote %</u>
Wayne Liebnitzky	42.5
Darren Soto	57.5

2018

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Vote %</u>
Wayne Liebnitzky	42.0
Darren Soto	58.0

- red indicates Republican rep
- blue indicates Democratic rep
- grey indicates Independent rep/Other



Literature Review

- Wong 2017: Republican legislators are significantly more likely than Democratic representatives to vote for restrictive immigration policies; Republican legislators are significantly less likely than Democratic representatives to vote for permissive immigration policies.
- Casellas and Leal 2013: Growing partisan divide- party voting is consistently predictive of bill support or opposition.
- Wong 2014: Republican partisanship is the most consistent predictor of support for strict immigration bills. As the Latino population of an area goes up, the likeliness of the representative to vote for strict immigration bills goes down.



Policymaking Predictions

- As a Democratic representative, Soto is less likely to vote for restrictive immigration policies and more likely to vote for permissive immigration policies.
- Because 46.5% of his district's population is Latino, he is less likely to vote for strict immigration policies.



Soto's Voting and Bill Sponsorship Record

- Bill sponsorships/co-sponsorships: 2 bills and 3 co-sponsored bills were immigration-related.
- Voting record: Soto voted against restrictive immigration bills in 8 out of 11 votes and for permissive immigration bills in 3 out of 3 votes between 2017 and 2018.
- Soto's official website: Priorities include "comprehensive immigration reform," "protecting DREAMers," and "modernizing the guest worker and visa systems... for our agriculture and tourism industries."
- Twitter: Only 4 tweets between Jan 1, 2019 Mar 1, 2019 were related to immigration, specifically the border wall.