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ADAM ROBERTI-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE XAVIER CORTADA FOUNDATION

Thursday October 10, 2024, 7pm-8:30pm Virtually



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Adam Roberti serves as executive director of the Xavier Cortada Foundation, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to use socially engaged art to create meaningful experiences that inspire people to take collective action against our climate and ecological crises. Working closely with Cortada, a renowned Cuban American artist who belongs to the Florida Artists Hall of Fame, Roberti manages large-scale, interactive eco-art initiatives such as the Reclamation Project and The Underwater – two projects featured in Cortada’s 2022 TED Talk. Through these public art interventions, he spearheads the foundation’s collaborations with local schools, parks, libraries, businesses, and governments to engage and educate vulnerable communities, helping them prepare for the climate crisis and motivating them to get involved in local policymaking.

Roberti is a double alumnus of the University of Miami, where he currently serves on an interdisciplinary research team specializing in climate migration and retreat. In 2023, he was recognized by the university as a 30 Under 30 honoree, selected as an Aspen Institute Future Leader Climate Fellow, and invited to Washington, D.C. as a delegate at the Local Conference of Youth USA.

5th Annual Broward Sierra Group Award Winners

1. Susan Steinhauser – Pannaman Award

For your continuous assistance whenever called upon to volunteer.

2. Abigail “Abby” Kohl – Dune Sunflower Award

For your fearlessness and dynamism in stepping forward as Vice Chair of the Junior Team to help lead and grow the Team.

3. Linda Thompson Gonzalez – The Florida Panther Award

For your spirit, courage, and tenacity in surmounting complex challenges as our new Political Committee Chair with exceptional grace and professionalism.

4. Elisa Jones – Gopher Tortoise Award

For joining the team at a pivotal time as Vice Chair and digging in with enthusiasm, confidence, and care to provide support and stability to our team.

5. Mae Smith – Live Oak Award

For your amazing strength and support in advancing environmental sustainability education and organizing vital community outreach.

Environmental Champion Award

For your exceptional courage and dedication in protecting our environment by advancing sustainable and equitable solutions to address climate change.

- **Debbi Hixon – School Board**
- **Christine Hunschofsky – Florida State House Representative, Dist. 96**
- **Robin Bartleman – Florida State House Representative, Dist. 103**
- **Nancy Metayer-Bowen – Coral Springs Commissioner**
- **Sandra Welch – Coconut Creek Mayor**
- **Josh Rydell – Coconut Creek Commissioner**
- **Caryl Shuham – Hollywood Commissioner**
- **Idelma Quintana – Hollywood Commissioner**
- **Jennifer Andreu – Plantation Council Member**
- **Cat Uden – Hollywood’s Candidate for Mayor**
- **Beam Furr – Broward County Vice Mayor**
- **Nick Sortal – Mayor Plantation**
- **Mike Ryan – Mayor Sunrise**

National Sierra Club Award

• **Adriene Barmann – Outings for Action**

Honors a Sierra Club volunteer who combines outings with education and/or advocacy work to connect people to local and/or national environmental issues.

• **Anagha Iyer – Emerging Changemaker**

Recognizes a young Sierra Club volunteer who represents the next generation of environmental leaders. Award includes \$500. to further the work of the Broward Sierra Group-Junior Team’s work.

To see our Awards Photos, go our [Facebook page](#).

2024 Listing of Sierra Group's Endorsed Candidates

<p>President and Vice President - Kamala D. Harris and Tim Walz</p> <p>United States Senator - Debbie Murcasel-Powell</p> <p>Representative in Congress Jared Moskowitz (FL District 23) Frederica Wilson (FL District 24) Debbie Wasserman Shultz (FL District 25)</p> <p>State Senator Jason Pizzo (District 37)</p> <p>State Representative Dan Daley (District 96) Daryl Campbell (District 99) Michael Gottlieb (District 102) Robin Bartleman (District 103) Marie Woodson (District 105)</p>	<p>City of Fort Lauderdale Commissioners Norby Belz (District 1) Steven Glassman (District 2) Ben Sorensen (District 4)</p> <p>City of Hallandale Beach Mayor Joy F. Cooper</p> <p>City of Hollywood Mayor, At-Large Catherine "Cat" Uden</p> <p>City of Hollywood Commissioner Idelma Quintana (District 6)</p> <p>City of Lauderhill Commissioners Melissa P. Dunn (Seat 2) S. "Ray" Martin (Seat 3) Mae Smith (Seat 4)</p> <p>City of Margate Commissioner Anthony N. Caggiano (Seat 1)</p>	<p>Oakland Park Commissioners Aisha Gordon Letitia Newbold</p> <p>City of Parkland Commissioner Cindy Murphy Salomone (District 3)</p> <p>City of Plantation Councilmember Louis Reinstein (Group 5)</p> <p>City of Sunrise Mayor Mike Ryan</p> <p>City of Sunrise Commissioner Natalia Allen (Seat A)</p> <p>No. 2 Constitutional Amendment Article I, Section 28 Right to Fish and Hunt - Vote NO</p>
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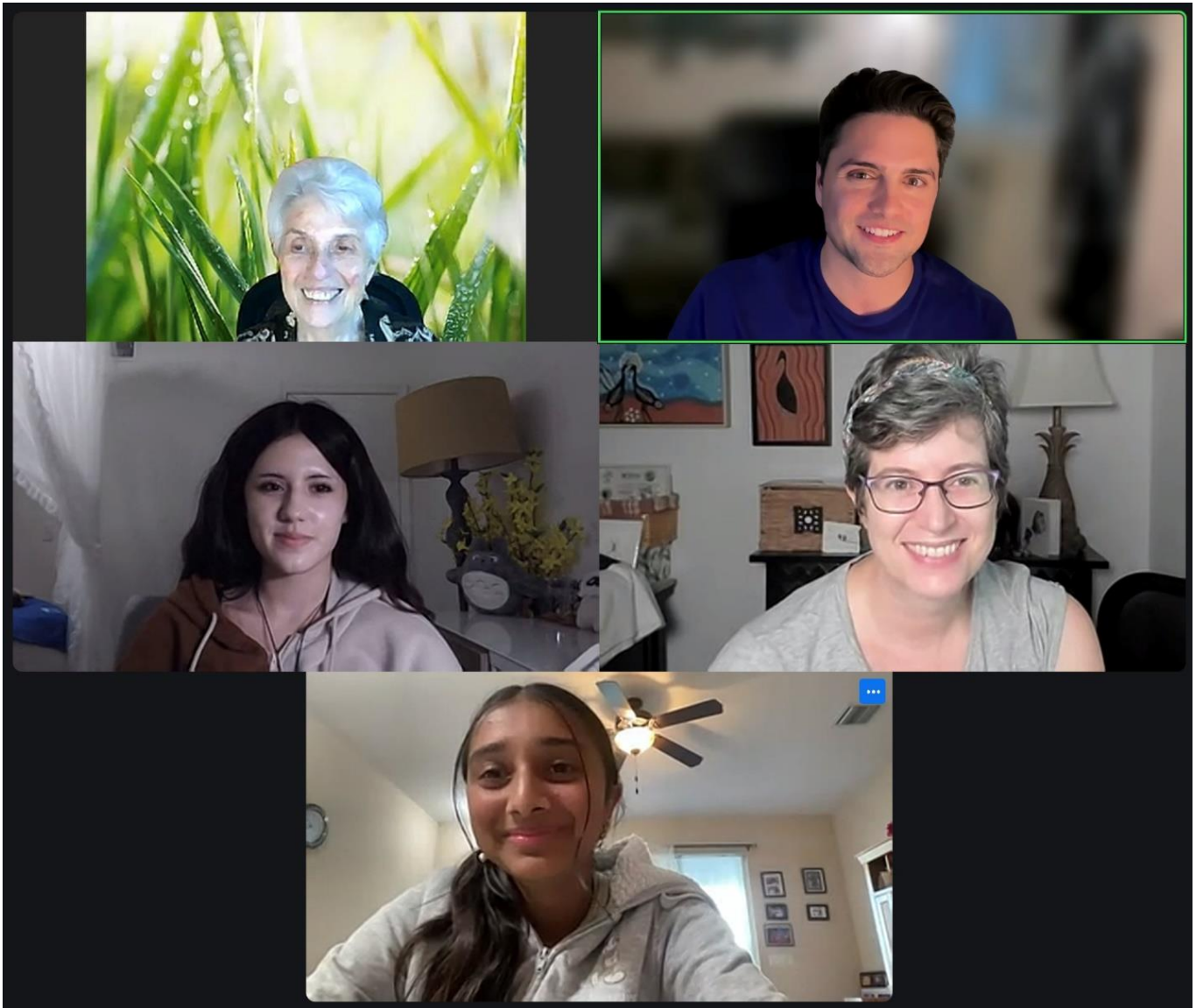
Urgent Voting Deadlines

- **Call your friends now** to make sure they are registered to vote and know their vote-by-mail status.
- **By next week** - Absentee (vote-by-mail) ballots will start arriving.
- **October 7 is the deadline** in Florida to register to vote in the General Election on November 5.
- **October 21 - Early Voting** - Begins in Broward.
- **October 24 at 5:00 pm is the deadline** to request again that your ballot be mailed (Absentee or Vote-by-mail). If you last voted by mail before 2023, Florida's Governor and Legislature purged your absentee request.
- **Broward Supervisor of Elections [BrowardVotes.gov](https://www.browardvotes.gov)** helps with voting issues, or go straight to "**Voter Info**" to check your registration, address, vote-by-mail status, polling place, download a sample ballot, make some changes such as request a vote-by-mail ballot, or find out where and when to drop off an Absentee ballot or call **(954) 357-8683**
- **Vote-By-Mail ballots cannot be forwarded** - If you want your Vote-by-mail ballot sent to an address different from the one on file with the Elections Office, follow directions: <https://www.browardvotes.gov/Voter-Information/Vote-By-Mail-Voting>
- **Vote on Tuesday November 5** at your polling place - if you did not vote Early or Absentee (Vote-by-mail).

Any questions on voting, go to <https://www.vote411.org/>

THE UNDERWATER TEAM

The Broward Sierra Group-Junior Team is collaborating with the Xavier Cortada Foundation to bring an exciting sea level rise initiative to schools across Broward County. “The Underwater” is a community-led climate action campaign that uses interactive art installations to reveal South Florida’s elevation, spark conversations, and urge civic engagement.



Leah Weisburd, Broward Sierra Group Chair

Adam Roberti, Xavier Cortada Foundation Executive Director

Abigail “Abby” Khol, Junior Team Vice Chair,

Elisa Jones Broward Sierra Group Vice Chair

Anagha Iyer, Junior Team Chair.

VOTE NO ON 2

In 1994, Florida's residents **voted against gill nets** being allowed in the State of Florida by 72%.

Commercial fishing corporation are trying to overturn this law by tricking Floridian's into thinking their right to fish and hunt is in jeopardy.

Do not be fooled by these claims.

There is NO proposal anywhere within Florida to take away your right to hunt or fish.

Vote #NoTo2 on
November 5

<https://noto2.org/>



SUPPORT THE BROWARD GREEN SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN

All students, parents, teachers, elected officials, and community members:
sign today transition Broward County Public Schools to 100% clean energy

SCAN





Florida Voters: [Florida's Right to Clean Water](https://www.floridarighttocleanwater.org) is gathering petitions to get an amendment to the state constitution on the 2026 ballot. They need to collect 900,000 signatures. A summary of the proposed amendment is below, and you can find details on how to sign a petition here: <https://www.floridarighttocleanwater.org/petition>

"This amendment creates an enforceable, fundamental right to clean and healthy waters, authorizing a person to sue for equitable relief when a State executive agency, by action or inaction, allows harm or threat of harm to Florida waters. This amendment provides for strict judicial scrutiny of such action or inaction; adds to available remedies; identifies affected constitutional provisions; provides for enforcement; defines terms; and requires attorney's fees and costs to prevailing plaintiffs."

Don't Leave Easy Climate Money On The Table!

Presented by:

Wednesday, October 9, 2024
1:00-2:00 PM | Zoom

Florida Chapter Webinar

Wednesday, October 9, 1:00 – 2:00 PM

The Florida Chapter of the Sierra Club will hold a webinar with Alex Kate Halvey from the Department of Energy's Office of Policy.

Halvey will share how entities that don't pay taxes can recoup 30 percent of their clean energy investment—equal to the clean energy tax credits businesses receive. Through this provision, the money comes as a direct cash payment.

Every organization exempt from paying income taxes under §501-530—including §501(c) and §501(d) organizations—is eligible for this direct cash payment. This includes, but is not limited to, county and city governments, school districts, hospitals, colleges, charities, Native tribal agencies, and religious organizations. The credit covers numerous clean energy investments, from clean energy generation and storage, to clean commercial vehicles, certain EV chargers, and much more.

During the webinar, we will describe how easy it is for organizations and local governments to take advantage of this program to get back 30 percent of their clean energy investment. Unlike IRA/IIJA grants, there is no application or selection process; as any project meeting criteria for the specific credit is eligible to earn the tax credit after the project is complete. Even better, these credits can be combined with other sources of federal financial assistance.



BROWARD SIERRA GROUP JUNIOR TEAM



Awarded by the Broward
County Commission

The Broward Sierra Group - Junior Team is a group of 14-18-year-old high schoolers who are passionate about

- sustainability and preservation
- climate and wildlife advocacy
- environmental education

JOIN TODAY!



Lobbied representatives and senators in Tallahassee



Collected petitions for the Right to Clean Water in Florida



Written and published letters to the editors in newspapers



Spoken at commission meetings



Tabled at events and reached 1000+ community members



Supported candidates in their campaigns through canvassing



School service hours are available, and active members get free Sierra Club membership!



For More Information
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