



Florida State Fair Dem Presidential Straw Poll

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The Florida State Fair was held in Tampa from February 8th to the 19th. Our Hillsborough County Democratic Executive Committee had a booth at the Fair, and our treasurer, Tom Squires, worked very diligently for months to organize a Democratic presidential straw poll as the theme at our booth. We allowed registered Democrats from around the country to vote. We had a tremendous response to the poll and got lots of positive comments about our presence at the Fair.

Kudos to Tom, the volunteers who worked the booth, the attendees who participated in the poll, and to the candidates who responded to our pleas for literature and campaign information.

More on the flipside...

Here are the results:

Hillary Clinton - 1517 - 55.00%
Barack Obama - 466 - 16.80%
John Edwards - 335 - 12.00%
Al Gore - 211 - 7.60%
Joe Biden - 52 - 1.90%
Bill Richardson - 44 - 1.60%
Dennis Kucinich - 38 - 1.40%
Wesley Clark - 30 - 1.00%
Howard Dean - 18 - 0.60%
Tom Vilsack - 15 - 0.50%
Christopher Dodd - 10 - 0.40%
Barbara Boxer - 7 - 0.30%
Write-Ins/Other - 7 - 0.30%

Those of us working the booth were very surprised (maybe even shocked) at the support for Hillary Clinton.

There was a certain militancy about that support, and it held up among men as well as women. We had to reorder Hillary campaign buttons and bumper stickers and have them express shipped several times over the 11 days. We also had to reorder Obama buttons and bumper stickers.

As unscientific as it was, it gave us a good snapshot of the anger and determination of Democratic support going into 2008.