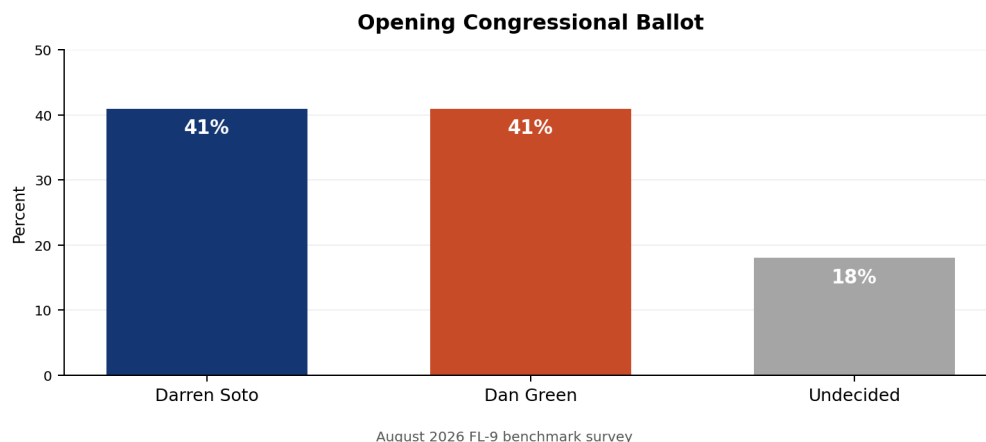


To: Interested Media
From: Darren Soto for Congress
Date: September 2026
Re: Florida's 9th Congressional District Benchmark Poll Findings

Recent benchmark polling in Florida's 9th Congressional District finds Darren Soto in a highly competitive position, tied with Republican Dan Green at 41% on the opening ballot. There is a clear path to victory for Soto: He has the stronger personal image; his bipartisan record resonates across the district; Green remains largely undefined; and the data show that key contrasts on corruption, veterans, healthcare cuts, Social Security, Medicare, and affordability can move persuadable voters. FL-9 voters don't want another rubber stamp in Congress like Green.

Key Findings:

- **The race begins tied, with a large persuadable universe.** Soto and Green each receive 41% on the opening ballot, with 18% undecided.



- **Soto is better known and more positively defined than Green.** Soto is viewed favorably by 29% of voters surveyed and unfavorably by 19%, while Green is at 17% favorable and 14% unfavorable. More than half of voters do not yet recognize Green, signaling that Green will have an uphill battle 2 months out from the election with introducing himself to voters
- **Soto's bipartisan record resonates across the district.** His work to ban members of Congress from trading stocks is convincing to 66% of voters, including 40% who find it very convincing. His bipartisan work securing burn-pit benefits for veterans reaches 67%, federal investments in jobs, transportation, and environmental protection reach 65%, and assistance for local farmers reaches 62%.
- **Green has significant vulnerabilities on economic security and veterans.** Nearly 3 in 4 voters surveyed express doubts about Green after hearing about his support for cuts to veterans' services and Social Security. Over 2 in 3 voters expressed doubts about

Green when presented with his support for policies that drove up health insurance, food, and energy costs. Over 6 in 10 expressed doubts about Green over his support for Medicare and Social Security cuts, when paired with his support for tax giveaways to the wealthiest.

Messages That Move Voters:

- Affordability: 65% of voters say the cost of living has worsened this year, including 43% who say it has become much worse – Voters strongly oppose Green’s support for tariffs and Republicans’ cost raising Big Beautiful Bill
- An overwhelming majority of voters respond extremely positively to Soto’s support for a congressional stock-trading ban and his personal refusal to trade stocks
- Soto’s bipartisan work securing burn-pit benefits is convincing to 67% of voters compared with 74%% who are concerned about the threat that Green’s agenda poses to veterans’ services and Social Security.
- Around 2/3rds of voters express concern over Green’s policies that favor foreign beef imports at the expense of Florida cattle producers while nearly the same margin are encouraged by Soto’s support for local farmers.

Methodology

These results are based on a survey of 400 likely general election voters plus an oversample of 100 NPA voters in FL -09 conducted from August 24 to August 30, 2026. The survey was conducted via live phone and text-to-web interviews. The margin of error is +/- 4.9% at a 95% confidence interval. The 2024 recall vote is Trump +14, in a district he won by over 17 points.