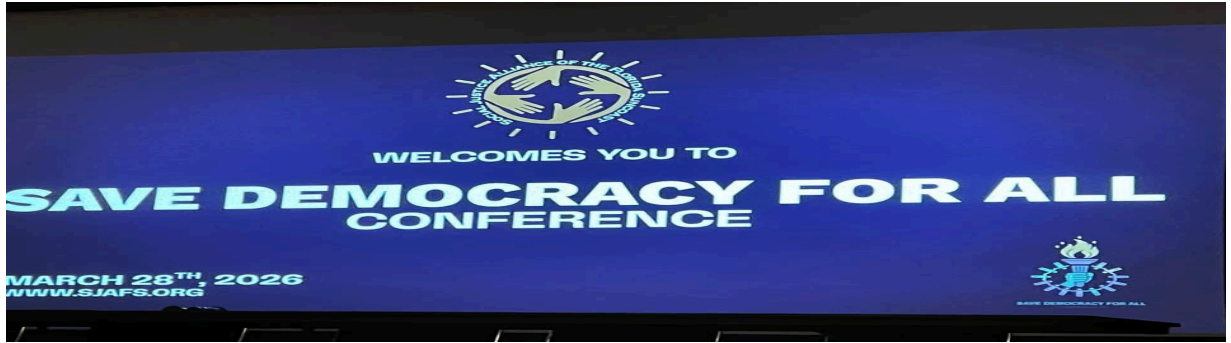




	The Suncoast Jewish Alliance is a member of the Social Justice Alliance of the Florida Suncoast (www.sjafs.org), a consortium of 27 faith-based and lay nonprofit organizations and individuals. On March 28th, over 500 people participated in the SJAFS sponsored the SAVE DEMOCRACY FOR ALL conference at the Venice Community Center. Katherine Stewart, internationally known author (<u>Money, Lies and God: Inside the Movement to Destroy American Democracy</u>) and commentator was our keynote speaker.
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Conference participants developed action plans at five major public policy issue workshops facilitated by many of Alliance programming collaborators:

 Norman Olshansky (Suncoast Jewish Alliance) and Richard Cannarelli (Suncoast Citizens for Separation of Church and State) - Religious Freedom and Democracy.

 Jessica Lowe-Minor (Florida League of Women Voters) - Free and Fair Elections.

 Michelle Jewell (Sarasota United for Responsibility & Equity) and Bill Woodson (Conversation Across the Aisle) - Civil Discourse.

 Maria Ines Robayo (Immigration Justice Coalition of Sarasota) and Dale Anderson (Racial Justice Advocate) – Humane Immigration.

 Carol Lerner (Support our Schools) and Zander Moricz (See Our Power, SEE Alliance) – Protect our Public Schools.

Julie Friedman, Alliance Vice President, coordinated the conference security (happily no incidents, even with the Venice No Kings Rally taking place 4 blocks away), 35 exhibitors (SJAFS members, other nonprofit organizations and Radio WSLR), registration and continuous food and beverage. We are delighted that many of our Alliance members volunteered and participated in the conference.