MSNBC Forum and Other Activities on Nov. 6 to Create a Political Hub

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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA - MSNBC will be live from the South Carolina Democratic Party’s “First in the South Democratic Candidates Forum” at Winthrop University on Friday, Nov. 6.

Coverage will begin at 6 p.m. ET with a special edition of “Hardball” hosted by Chris Matthews with Steve Kornacki live from Winthrop University.

The “First in the South Democratic Candidates Forum” will be moderated by Rachel Maddow and will air live on MSNBC beginning at 8 p.m. ET. Maddow will speak with Democratic presidential candidates Hillary Clinton, Martin O’Malley and Bernie Sanders separately on a variety of topics including the economy, policing in America, the state of the Democratic Party in the South and the 2016 campaign.

Chris Matthews will be joined by Rachel Maddow for post-forum analysis after the main event.

In addition to the forum, S.C. Democratic Party Chair Jaime Harrison and S.C. Rep. Gilda Cobb-Hunter will host events in the afternoon before the forum.

"I'm glad we are able to provide additional opportunities for Democrats to be a part of our First in the South Candidates Forum. November 6 will be filled with informative discussions on the importance of the South and how Democrats in the South are building state parties that will change the narrative on how the Democratic Party is viewed," said Harrison. "All of these events will lead up to a forum in which our presidential candidates will have substantive conversations on how our party is best suited to address the issues confronting middle class and working families in the South, and across our country."

The additional afternoon events are:

"The New South: Shifting Cultural Norms" town hall meeting

Rev. William Barber, organizer of North Carolina's Moral Monday movement
Rev. Raphael Warnock, Ebenezer Baptist Church
Laura Cahue, a member of Somos SC and Young Immigrants in Action
Nekki Shutt, a prominent South Carolina attorney active in the equality movement
Louis Eirod, president of Young Democrats of America
Scott Huffmon, professor of political science and director of the Winthrop Poll
Michael Williams, vice president for Strategic Development, BlueGreen Alliance
Marsha Bollinger, head of the Environmental Sciences and Studies Program, Winthrop
**When:** Friday, Nov. 6 from 1:15-3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Dina's Place, DiGiorgio Campus Center

Members of the public interested in attending can register online at [Eventbrite](https://goo.gl/bjPd3y) or visit [https://goo.gl/bjPd3y](https://goo.gl/bjPd3y).

**Chair Chats with Southern Democratic State Party Chairs**

**Who:** Jaime Harrison, South Carolina Democratic Party Chair and host of "Chair Chats"  
Allison Tant, Florida Democratic Party Chair  
DuBose Porter, Georgia Democratic Party Chair  
Patrick Hughes, Kentucky Democratic Party Chair  
Karen Carter-Peterson, Louisiana Democratic Party Chair  
Rickey Cole, Mississippi Party Chair  
Patsy Keever, North Carolina Party Chair  
Mary Mancini, Tennessee Democratic Party Chair  
Susan Swecker, Virginia Democratic Party Chair  
Belinda Biafore, West Virginia Democratic Party Chair

**When:** Friday, Nov. 6 from 4-5 p.m.  
**Where:** Dina's Place, DiGiorgio Campus Center

In conjunction with the candidate forum, the S.C. Democratic Women's Council will host the **Southern Regional Meeting** of the **National Federation of Democratic Women** on Saturday, Nov. 7, in Whitton Auditorium.

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