



Ron Klein's 2010 Race Shaping Up As One of Country's Most Competitive

WHY THIS RACE IS COMPETITIVE

- Republican challenger **Allen West** raised **\$1.4 million in the second quarter** of 2010, expected to be the top total among non-incumbent GOP candidates.
- Ron Klein's **Primary date is August 24th, 2010.**
- **Ron Klein has \$2.9 million cash on hand at the end of the second quarter** of 2010.
- This cycle, **Allen West has raised \$3.5 million, and now has more than \$2.1 million cash on hand.**
- **This is one of the most expensive districts in the country**, and a *Palm Beach Post* headline earlier this year said, "Klein-West Congressional Race Could Be One of the Nation's Costliest." Running consistent TV advertising in the Miami/Fort Lauderdale and Palm Beach markets in Fall 2010 is projected to cost up to \$1 million a week.
- During **Ron Klein's initial and successful congressional race in 2006, he and Republican Clay Shaw Jr. combined to spend over \$9.3 million and the 2010 race is on that trajectory.**

KLEIN RACE HEATING UP

"An increasingly favorable environment for Republicans and strong GOP fundraising has prompted **CQ Politics to revise several race ratings, moving two Florida House districts — the 2nd and 22nd — out of the Safe Democratic category and into the more competitive Likely Democratic position.** [CQ Politics, 4/9/10]

"**West raised \$1.4 million in the second quarter of 2010—an astonishing number that puts him in the same league as Minnesota Rep. Michele Bachmann,** the inflammatory conservative who raked in \$1.7 million over the same period." [Politico, 7/9/10]

WHY RON KLEIN WILL WIN

"**It's not clear, though whether West's money will be enough to propel him** into close contention with Klein in a district that leans Democratic — especially given that the incumbent is no slouch when it comes to fundraising." [Politico, 7/9/10]

"In this terrible national environment, **Klein's ace in the hole will be West's glaring flaws...** Klein and Democrats will no doubt paint West as a fringe candidate who espouses unorthodox views and brought disgrace upon himself during his military service...Klein has other fodder for ads in the form of provocative comments West has made at speeches and conservative rallies." [Cook Political Report, 2/25/10]

ABOUT FL-22

FL- 22 has historically been a competitive district. During his first House race in 2006, Ron defeated a popular 26-year incumbent Clay Shaw in a Republican-leaning district. In the 2008 election, Ron's opponent Allen West, earned nearly 46 percent of the vote at a time when Democrats won by landslide margins across the country.