



FROM THE DESK OF
SHLOMO DANZINGER
FMR SURFSIDE MAYOR

Thursday, April 25, 2024

Daniella Levine Cava for Miami-Dade County Mayor
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Miami, FL 33135

To the Honorable Mayor Cava,

I hope this letter finds you well. It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you of my decision to withdraw my endorsement for your 2024 re-election campaign. Recent events and actions have left me profoundly disappointed in your leadership, and I am unable to continue supporting your candidacy.

Throughout my tenure as mayor of the Town of Surfside, one of the 34 municipalities in your jurisdiction, I have witnessed a concerning pattern of unwillingness to engage with local and State leadership in an effort to address the issues facing the municipalities within Miami-Dade County. Miami-Dade municipalities contribute 74% of their property taxes towards the County's revenue, and I believe we deserve a leader who actively seeks to understand and tackle the diverse array of challenges that our communities are facing.

Furthermore, your handling of the tragedy at Champlain Towers has been deeply troubling. The misinformation provided to the family members of the victims, along with attempts to shift blame onto the Town of Surfside regarding right-of-way requirements for the Memorial location, demonstrate a lack of accountability that is unacceptable in a leader. The families deserve honesty and transparency, not political maneuvering.

In the aftermath of the events of October 7th, your failure to take a resolute and unequivocal stance against anti-Semitism, without diluting the message by grouping it with other forms of bigotry, is upsetting. In times marked by increasing hostility and discrimination against the Jewish community, strong leadership demands a clear and unwavering stance.

Moreover, the recent proposal to raise taxes against a \$2.5 billion bond for social programs, without clear evidence of benefit to the residents, raises serious questions about your priorities. While social programs are important, they must be balanced with the financial well-being of our community and the prosperity of our residents. Increasing taxes without clear evidence of benefit to the community is irresponsible and could have detrimental effects on the county's economy which is already in peril due to rising insurance costs.

Additionally, the ongoing crisis of homelessness in Miami-Dade County, despite the allocated \$46 million budget for the Homeless Trust, highlights a failure to effectively address a pressing issue. The intervention by the State and Governor DeSantis with House Bill 1365 underscores the urgency of action and the need for effective leadership.

Therefore, I kindly request that you remove my name and any associated endorsements, such as photographs, from your campaign materials, including your website and marketing materials. While I wish you luck in the upcoming election, I must inform you that I have made the decision to run for the position of Miami-Dade County Mayor.

It is my sincere belief that we need a mayor who will prioritize the safety and prosperity of all residents, and I am committed to being that leader. I look forward to engaging with the community and addressing the pressing issues facing our county.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Shlomo Danzinger', with a stylized, cursive script.

Shlomo Danzinger
Fmr Mayor, Town of Surfside