



**Miami-Dade County, Florida**

# **Mayoral Candidate Transit Report Card**

**For the 2020 General Election, With Candidate Responses and Sources at the End**

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**“When Alejandra and I set out to plan and create the Candidate Report Card, we decided the best approach was one where we let the voters decide who the best candidate is for them. We simply aggregate information about each candidate and display it for the public.”**

**- Kevin Amezaga, Executive Director**

This is the second iteration of our Candidate Report Card for the 2020 Primary and General Elections, concluding November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020. We published the Candidates' Views for the primary, though some of those stances have changed and those changes have been reflected on this version of the CRC.

**Esteban Bovo Jr.**

**Daniella Levine Cava**

The system is simple. We asked the mayoral candidates a series of questions relating to transportation in Our County. Each candidate responded and their stance was recorded. If the stance matched with our policy, they got a point. If the candidate did not answer the question, they were not evaluated on it.

If a stance aligns with our policy, they got a thumbs up. If a stance did not align, they got a thumbs down. Simple.

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# Esteban “Steve” Bovo

# 60%

Alignment with Riders Alliance’s Platform

## Important Factors

-  Supports Increasing SMART Corridor Density to Support Transit
-  Supports Expanding Highways
-  Sponsored New Tax Zones to Fund Transit Expansion
-  Voted to Privatize Transit Services
-  Encouraged Open Street Development for COVID-19 Recovery
-  Voted to Use Transit Taxes for Unaffordable Private Transportation Options

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-  Does not Support an Independent Miami-Dade Transportation Authority
-  Supports Expanding or Creating Highways
-  Voted For the SR 836 Kendall Parkway Extension
-  Against the Bus Rapid Transit Plan for Flagler
-  Voted for the Miami Beach Monorail Boondoggle (BeachLink Extension)
-  Voted to Privatize Transit Services
-  Voted Against Metrorail Extension to South Dade
-  Supports Expansion of Bicycle/Pedestrian Infrastructure
-  Supports Creating Pedestrian Plazas
-  Sponsored Expanding Density Along Current/Planned Rapid Transit Routes
-  Sponsored a Resolution Encouraging Open Streets Amid COVID-19
-  Supports Tri-Rail/Commuter Rail Access to the Brightline Aventura Station
-  Supports Investing in Transit Infrastructure to Mitigate the Effects of Climate Change
-  Supports at Minimum a Bench at Every County Bus Stop
-  Supports a Fare-Free or a “Fair Fare” Transit System
-  Voted to Support Expanding Road Impact Fees to Other Modes of Transportation
-  Supported Expanding Bicycle Parking Programs Countywide
-  Sponsored New Tax Zones to Fund Transit Expansion
-  Supported Rail to North Dade

# Daniella Levine Cava






-  Does not Support an Independent Miami-Dade Transportation Authority
-  Voted Against Expanding Density Along Rapid Transit Routes
-  Does not Support Expanding or Creating Highways
-  Voted Against Using Transit Taxes for Unaffordable Private Transportation Options
-  Voted Against the SR 836 Kendall Parkway Extension
-  Supports the Bus Rapid Transit Plan for Flagler
-  Voted Against the Miami Beach Monorail Boondoggle (BeachLink Extension)
-  Voted Against Privatizing Transit Services
-  Voted For Metrorail Extension to South Dade
-  Supports Expansion of Bicycle/Pedestrian Infrastructure
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-  Supports a Fare-Free or a “Fair Fare” Transit System
-  Voted to Support Expanding Road Impact Fees to Other Modes of Transportation
-  Supported Expanding Bicycle Parking Programs Countywide
-  Voted for New Tax Zones to Fund Transit Expansion
-  Supported Rail to North Dade



# 90%

Alignment with Riders Alliance's Platform

## Important Factors

-  Against Expanding Highways
-  Supports Flagler BRT
-  Does Not Support an Independent Transportation Agency
-  Voted Against Using Transit Taxes for Unaffordable Private Transportation Options
-  Voted Against Expanding Density Along Rapid Transit Routes

# The Candidates' Responses (So Far)

## **Daniella Levine Cava**

“This was a great process and I’m grateful for the recognition of my positions. Unfortunately some of these did not allow for nuanced answers. I support increased density along corridor but not everywhere, such as towering over homes where the zoning should be more “feathered”.

I believe my more nuanced answers are also posted & reflect support for preservation of open agriculture lands as well as bicycle concerns. Remember some answering don’t have a recent voting record to be judged, just a past history to explain.

An independent transportation authority would be wonderful but would be extremely difficult if not impossible to achieve under our laws so I will seek a transportation alliance to link all with a shared plan.

I prefer train & also am realistic it would take many more years to accomplish it, & would be price prohibitive on Kendall & East-West. I did support it South, to Beach, North & Northeast. BRT is as fast and easy as train but doesn’t offer a 1-seat ride making it less desirable.”

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## Esteban “Steve” Bovo

Many of these stances came from our interviews, but they also came from:

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3. Expansion of Bicycle Parking: <http://www.miamidade.gov/govaction/commminute.asp?cmbmeetdate=4127&file=true>
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5. Against Independent Transportation Authority: NBC 6 Mayoral Debate, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LZKNQSw3p4>
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