

# The Delray Democrat

## Letters By Our Members<sup>1</sup>

Writing to local papers can influence NPAs and gives aid, comfort, and information to Democrats. Here is the latest crop from the board of *The Delray Democrat* and members of Democratic Club of Delray Beach.

### **Consistency Is a Virtue, but Not When You're Always Wrong**

Gov. DeSantis rejected \$377 million in federal funds from the successful Inflation Reduction Act that would have benefited Florida residents by giving them energy-efficiency funding, even as we experience record-setting heat.

This is unusual even for an ultra right-wing Republican because they usually accept the money and claim the credit while opposing the bill that provided it. It's really the same thing as the Republican opposition to expanding Medicaid, which would have saved lives and the health of low-income Floridians using federal funds. Consistency is a virtue but not when you're always wrong."

David Kulick, *Palm Beach Post*, August 23, 2023

### **'Safe Place' Designation Has Historical Precedent**

Thanks to Scott Maxwell for his excellent, to-the-bone, report on the Republicans' hypocritical response to the kindness of strangers (Aug. 30). The Mount Dora businesses' use of rainbow stickers to alert the LGBTQ+ community to emergency shelter is to be applauded.

The use of symbols as beacons of shelter goes back to biblical times. When Pharaoh ordered the Israelites' first-born to be slaughtered, the Jews were told to mark their door posts with lamb's blood so the Angel of Death would pass over their homes and spare their children.

The stickers are also reminiscent of the Underground Railroad, when people put out "signs," including quilts stitched with codes, to alert runaway slaves to places of shelter.

It's President Donald Trump, Gov. Ron DeSantis and their acolytes, forging division and hate, who created the need for such stickers in the first place."

June S. Neal, *Orlando Sentinel*, August 30, 2023

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## **Biden Impeachment Inquiry? Bring It On**

Donald Trump has given congressional Democrats many gifts. The clear and present danger he posed to our republic helped Democrats flip the House in 2018, seize the Senate in 2020 and prevent a red wave in 2022.

As Trump's minions force the hapless and craven House Speaker Kevin McCarthy to launch an impeachment investigation, Trump is now helping Democrats to flip the House and hold the Senate in 2024.

How? Even if Republicans have the votes to impeach, something Trump will demand, they will lack the votes to convict.

Moreover, Republicans in swing congressional districts will be put in an impossible position. They can vote to impeach despite what is certain to be the lack of any credible evidence, in which case they will lose all but the crazy vote next November. Or they can vote against impeachment and suffer the same fate as former Rep. Liz Cheney. Senate Republicans will face a similar Hobson's choice if Biden is impeached. As a result, Democrats will hold the Senate and pick up enough seats to flip the House. Thank you in advance, Mr. Trump.

Michael K. Cantwell, *Sun Sentinel*, September 20, 2023