

Dear Friends,

*I have tough skin, but the attack ads against me are becoming absurd, both in substance and in style besides being mean-spirited.* If I were half as bad as portrayed in the negative campaign pieces being poured out, I would not have been elected for a second term as Miami Beach Commissioner in 2009 and in fact, I would not have run. I am proud that the Miami Herald recommends me for State Senator in District 38, just as I was recommended by the Miami Herald in my mayoral race in 2013. The questionnaire and interview are tough and I am extremely proud and appreciative to be recommended.

*I looked at this opportunity to serve and was and am excited about the possibilities as your State Senator for District 38.* So, I'm speaking up. To the best of my ability with the funds I have available, from family and friends and others who believe I am the best choice for State Senator, I will stand up and be counted as one who protests the ridiculousness of my opponent's desperate attempts to disparage my character. As much as I enjoy meeting people and take advantage of every opportunity possible, I need help to get my positive message out to the many residents who do not know me. I am thrilled so many of you have contributed to my campaign to help me win. If you can help me with a new or additional contribution, I will greatly appreciate it, but even more, I will appreciate your vote. I will appreciate your telling your friends and family why you are voting for me.

*My resume and community service stand strong against all of my opponents, but one in particular is obnoxious in his campaign style.* If he had any substance to stand on, he would not need to run this desperate type of campaign. It will come to an end on August 30th and with your confidence and support, I will prevail to serve as your State Senator. Thank you for your continued confidence and support.

Your friend and neighbor,

Michael

**PS: If you have been tossing out the attack ads, thank you. Please see the Miami Herald reporting below.**

Attack ads are cascading into mailboxes across coastal Miami-Dade in the District 38 state Sen. race--and the financier of the operation is the father of one of the candidates.

State Sen. candidate **Jason Pizzo's** father, **Kenneth Pizzo**, is using a brand new political action committee to attack former Miami Beach commissioner **Michael Góngora** and former North Miami mayor **Kevin Burns**.

Pizzo funneled \$150,000 into the PAC, dubbed A Stronger Florida, on August 5, state records show. The only reported expenditure for the PAC so far is a \$101.45 for a check order, but the PAC has been running mailers for weeks.

The PAC was registered on July 25 in Coral Gables and lists its chairperson as **Steve Ross** and treasurer as **Jose Riesco**, but Pizzo, a New Jersey real estate developer, is the sole contributor to the PAC's coffers.

"I don't have anything to share, I just get the checks," Riesco said.

Kenneth Pizzo did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Jason Pizzo is one of [six Democrats](#) running in District 38, a heavily Democratic district that runs from the MacArthur Causeway to the Broward County line. He has loaned \$500,000 to his campaign.

Góngora has been the target of three separate mailers, which accuse the candidate of skirting ethics laws and failing to report campaign contributions. A fourth mailer accuses Burns of mismanaging his finances.

[http://miamiherald.typepad.com/nakedpolitics/2016/08/father-of-state-senate-candidate-funds-attack-mailers-against-his-sons-opponents.html?utm\\_source=twitterfeed&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://miamiherald.typepad.com/nakedpolitics/2016/08/father-of-state-senate-candidate-funds-attack-mailers-against-his-sons-opponents.html?utm_source=twitterfeed&utm_medium=twitter)