

To: The Honorable Tom Perez, Chair
Democratic National Committee

Terrie Rizzo, Chair
Florida Democratic Party

Lisa King, Chair
Duval County Democratic Executive Committee

It is with deep regret that I offer my resignation, effective immediately, as the State Committeeman of the Duval County Democratic Party and as a member of the Democratic National Committee.

The past several weeks have been a challenging time as mistakes and a misstatement I made, and apologized for, have been misunderstood and give the impression I am something I am not.

I have worked tirelessly over the past 35 years to advance our Party and the causes of all working people. I have a record of accomplishment I am proud of; one that has made positive impacts in our community, state and country. I misspoke and used language that was hurtful. I apologized and pledged that I would learn from my mistake. I understand my error perpetuates divisiveness and does not allow us an opportunity for the important types of meaningful discourse - a conversation our party must engage in sooner rather than later - that help us grow as individuals and a party protecting the dignity of all people.

I take responsibility for my mistake and as such is the impetus of my decision. I resign for the good of my Party and all those who are fighting so hard for a better world than the one we are in now. I am confident that a full investigation would have shown that I erred with my mouth, not my heart. I am not what some are portraying me to be, and although I would have preferred the opportunity for due process, I have decided it is best to put our party and overarching goals ahead of this. I will continue my fight for working people - all working people - for the rest of my life.

Sincerely,
John Parker