



Maria Elvira Salazar Urges Donna Shalala to Cancel Her Event With Castro Supporter Congresswoman Barbara Lee

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Miami-Dade, FL – October 17, 2018 – During yesterday’s debate in Univision, Donna Shalala lied to voters saying she had no knowledge of the event her campaign is hosting today with Congresswoman Barbara Lee, a long-time supporter of the Castro regime.

In 2016, upon the death of Fidel Castro, Congresswoman Lee said: “we need to stop and pause and mourn his loss...He [Castro] led a revolution in Cuba that led social improvements for his people.” Also, in 2015, Congresswoman Lee asked Obama to stop sanctioning the Maduro regime in Venezuela.

“It is shameful that a candidate from District 27 would bring a supporter of the Castro regime to campaign with her,” declared Maria Elvira. “This is not only disrespectful for the Cuban exile, but also for the millions of Venezuelans and Nicaraguans, many who live in this district, who are suffering as a result of the Castro regime. That is why I urge my opponent to reconsider and cancel her event with Congresswoman Lee.”

The event is said to take place today at 3:00 PM.

Read the press release from Donna Shalala’s campaign here: <https://donnashalala.com/leader-pelosi-and-congresswoman-lee-join-donna-shalala-and-debbie-mucarsel-powell-in-south-florida/>

About Maria Elvira Salazar:

Maria Elvira Salazar is a five-time Emmy award-winning broadcast journalist. She has established her reputation as a leading expert on Latin American affairs and the U.S. Hispanic community by covering major breaking-news events in the past 35 years. Until recently, Salazar was the sole anchor of the MEGATV nightly newscast and she previously hosted her own daily prime-time political news show called “Maria Elvira Live.” She was the first and only U.S. Spanish-language television journalist to obtain a one-on-one interview with Fidel Castro during his 50 years in power. Salazar began her career in broadcasting in 1984 as a local reporter for the Univision Network flagship station Channel 23 in Miami, Florida.

Salazar was born in Miami to Cuban parents who fled in 1960, upon the arrival of the Cuban communist revolution. She holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Communications from the University of Miami and a Master’s Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University’s John F. Kennedy School of Government.

She lives in Coral Gables, Florida, with her two daughters.

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