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“I don’t mince my words. If we’re going to change an urban district like this, there’s going to have to be a whole lot more tenacity and a lot less glad-handing.”

LESSONS FROM A LEADER

>> Lead Without Fear
Tell the truth, even when it’s controversial or people don’t want to hear it.

>> Have Conviction
Be inclusive, but be fully prepared to stand alone.

>> Use the Data
Data tell the story and present the strongest argument for changing policy and practice.