

Tina Paul, Ruben Coto & Gerardo Vildostegui



Tina Paul is a veteran Surfside elected official who has demonstrated poise, elegance and smarts in her years on the commission. She values honesty, good government and transparency. She cares about people, and it shows. Tina is a team-player and will add much to the new commission.



Ruben Coto is a proven commodity. He has lived in Surfside long enough to raise his entire family here. Ruben is a successful business man and has already served as a Surfside commissioner in the past. He is ready to go with solid judgement, intellect and personality. Ruben cares for people and is very well known and liked in town.



Gerardo Vildostegui grew up in Surfside and knows our town like the back of his hand. He is a kind, caring and very smart person. He graduated from Yale, and when you listen to him at town meetings, that fact is quickly confirmed. Gerardo wants Surfside to flourish and succeed, but knows that can only happen with open, honest and responsible leaders, a critical point he consistently highlights.

Nelly Velasquez Charles W. Burkett



Nelly is a 10-year resident of Surfside & a political veteran passionate about making sure residents come first. However, as opposed to most candidates in the race, she has taken a clear and vocal stance on the issues that affect Surfside residents. Nelly loves our residents and will fight hard (sometimes noisily) for them when needed. She's championed the undergrounding, Abbott flood relief and 96th Street Park. The past two years have seen her bullied and pushed around, but Nelly has never lost sight of her most important job - You.

Charles has lived in Surfside for 27 years, owns a national investment firm, which owns, debt free, property in eight US States.

He's the proud father of William Burkett, 20, a proud Surfside resident himself. He's a three-time Surfside mayor, has always been and continues to be committed to protecting our Town's uniquely rare (and delicate), small town way of life. He's delivered low taxes, fought for, but lost, the 'lower the water bill' fight (I'll be back again trying to get that done), originated free downtown parking for residents, protected our zoning code against greedy developers, allowed sensible, compatible development & the freedom for all residents to speak as they wish at meetings.



Under a Mayor Burkett, there will be...

Happy, helpful town staff greeting residents at Town Hall

Undergrounding and flood elimination promises will be honored

Police will patrol and answer your call immediately

No giveaways or special treatment for developers

No persons on our boards with financial conflicts or who make their living brokering, flipping or speculating in our residential district

All new board appointments consisting of residents who value our charming and cozy town, and who want the best for our residents - not themselves

Leaders and staff in government that you can trust

A completed 96th Park

Well-funded programs for our kids and our seniors

New laws that address the abuses that our condo owners are suffering from, including, rapacious developers trying to take their homes away

A leader who tells you the truth and treats everyone with respect

THE CANDIDATES & WHAT THEY STAND FOR

Jerold Blumstein, Ruben Bravo, Jared Brunnabend, David Forbes & Victor May



Jerold Blumstein

Jerold Blumstein is the brother of a former Surfside commissioner, Mark Blumstein. He has worked for the School Board and has never held elected office in Surfside. He did not return a call to discuss his run, however I suspect it is to be an independent voice - however we cannot be sure of that.



Ruben Bravo

Ruben Bravo is a genuinely nice person. He is a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, and there he has established his reputation as a get along, go along voice for the other very questionable board members, including a felon, recommended by Jeff Rose, and the chairwoman, Carolyn Porter Baumel, who is probably the most prolific house-flipping, money making speculator in Surfside. Sadly, Ruben has done nothing to address the conflicts on that board and has voted with speculators and the house-flipper almost every time. His vote to put the garbage dump on the Champlain Memorial added insult to injury.



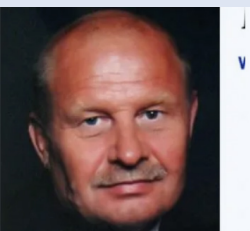
Jared Brunnabend

Jared Brunnabend is new to Surfside's political scene, but wasted no time joining forces with the Danzinger, Rose & Landsman Bloc. According to his website, he is a real estate dealmaker with experience in acquisition and financing. It's no mystery why the Bloc of Three would pick a real estate dealmaker to complement their exploitive, influence peddling operation, where unscrupulous developers win, and our residents lose.



David Forbes

Meet David Forbes, he's the Planning and Zoning Board member with the board's Chairwoman - in his lap. Mr. Forbes falls into the same category as all the other "Bloc of Three" appointments on that board, in that they are programmed to only say YES to all developer requests and giveaways. Mr. Forbes' claim to fame, is his comment when confronted with the picture of the P&Z chairwoman in his lap, famously saying, we weren't there talking about anything to do with Surfside, the secret meeting was strictly about **"hugs and drinks."** (Note: those hugs and drinks were had, just days before Mr. Forbes' board was set to vote on the one-billion-dollar Champlain project)



Victor May

Victor May is a perennial candidate, who has to date, not been successful in his efforts to get elected. Mr. May's intentions are unclear at this time, although he did express interest in becoming the town manager in years past, and also expressed interest in the budget committee.

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Shlomo Danzinger, Jeff Rose & Fred Landsman

These three are well known as "The Bloc of Three," given they vote in lockstep on virtually every issue in Surfside for the last two years. Pictured: The Bloc in their usual environment - secretly meeting & using terrible judgement, likely violating the law.



Shlomo Danzinger

Shlomo Danzinger is a budding autocrat. He's turned town meetings into an ordeal for residents, pretending to be all about decorum, while weaponizing the rules to shut down opponents. He's disrespectful of female colleagues. Has fundamentally redesigned our zoning code for the worse. Caters only to developers & donors. Has divided our community & has bragged to political allies about "upzoning" Surfside, while telling Surfside residents the exact opposite. He has fired competent staff, spent hundreds of thousands on projects without resident buy-in and uses our Gazette as a personal PR tool. He **can** be credited with meetings that don't run too late, but that's likely because all of the issues, which require three votes, have been worked out ahead of time.



Jeff Rose

Look up the word conflicted in the dictionary, and Jeff Rose's name will likely pop up. Rose has virtually co-opted Surfside's building department, turning it into a private processing unit for his company and the identical, box-style homes he builds on every block. Rose now happily sits on both sides of the table, and enjoys all the financial goodies of essentially being both the regulator, and the regulatee. Residents won't forget his empty promise to recuse himself from self-serving votes, which continue to benefit him, and his company.



Fred Landsman

The best that can be said for Fred Landsman is that he does not exhibit thuggish tendencies like the other two, but nonetheless gives them his vote almost every time! Landsman had a chance some time ago to stand against unscrupulous decisions and votes, but the best he could do was split the baby. Otherwise, he was voting right along with the other two to give away the store. Fred is respectful and a nice guy, but is a failure as an elected official and has only aided and abetted Danzinger and Rose's giveaway of our town.