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*News and Views from Surfside, Florida*

## Edge of Turmoil: Surfside's Precarious Future



In the ever-tumultuous political landscape of Surfside, we currently sit on a knife-edge. It's like watching a suspense thriller, but instead of popcorn, we're munching on our fingernails.

Imagine, dear readers, the harrowing possibility of **Former Commissioner Tina Paul, Commissioner Nelly Velasquez, and Former Mayor Charles Burkett** seizing control again.

*Shudder with me.*

**Surfside Tomorrow is here to share some important truths about what's going on in our town. Got a tip? Send your news and gossip to [surfsidetomorrow@gmail.com](mailto:surfsidetomorrow@gmail.com)**

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## **Missed Opportunities: Surfside's \$4M Blunder**

In another episode of '**How to Ruin a Town 101**,' we have the tale of the \$4 million property next to the park. This was a golden opportunity to expand our green spaces, but of course, our '**Terrible Trio**' had other ideas. Perhaps these self-serving politicians were too busy [patting themselves on the back](#) to notice the deal of a lifetime slipping through our fingers that would improve our quality of life?

Don't forget their stance on the new Resident Gym and Pickleball Center on 88th Street. Deemed 'a waste of money' by these naysayers, this attitude starkly contrasts with our community's history as a healthy, walkable beach town. This terrible trio seem to believe that an investment in our collective wellness and communal spaces is not just unnecessary, but frivolous. They say what we have is good enough, and not an inch more - *even when talking about our parks and public amenities!*

**Why bother with more public parks when you can have, well... more of the same until it's as [run down as Mr. Burkett's properties](#)?**

It's almost poetic, in a tragically comedic way. Our former leaders, in their infinite wisdom, decided that Surfside didn't need more greenery or breathing room, and now they point their fingers at our current leadership for choking us in a concrete jungle.

Fact Check: It's our current leadership that expanded public parks and made sure our neighborhoods have the resources we need.

We *can't* afford reversal of these important gains and a regression to a time when Surfside's vibrancy and community were stifled by their narrow-minded policies.

Take our Greenspaces Mini-Survey!

## **Return of the Chaos Crew: An Unfenced, Unpoliced, Unbelievable Future**

Picture this: **Nelly 'I Don't Even Live Here' Velasquez** and her cohorts back in the driver's seat. Imagine a Surfside where the essence of law and order is as elusive as a mirage. Under their rule, brace yourselves for a town where the police might as well be a myth. We will reminisce about the days when we could walk down the sidewalk without tripping over a new vindictive town policy. Commissioner Velasquez's ideal Surfside might have more in common with a lawless dictatorship 90 miles to the South than a beach paradise that attracts wonderful neighbors from throughout the world.

And the concept of personal security? **Former Mayor Charles Burkett's** 'fenceless' vision for Surfside is as shaky as a house of cards, much like his

[notorious property management track record](#). Envision a town where safety and privacy are luxuries, and the only robust structures are those nestled securely in Burkett's portfolio!

His acrimonious feuds with **Commissioner Eliana Salzhauer**, and now with **Mayor Shlomo Danzinger** and **Vice-Mayor Jeff Rose**, serves only to underscore the sense of discord we face.

His contentious role in commission disputes and inappropriate conduct are marked by serious accusations of scandalous conduct, including [inappropriate sexual comments to a female police officer](#). His wacky beliefs and troubling behavior paints a picture of a troubled and divisive leadership style that will only add to the chaos.

## **A Community's Path Forward.**

In the midst of these turbulent times, our community's resilience remains unwavering. While the past has been marked by division and disaster, we truly believe that the **Surfside of Tomorrow** holds the promise of unity and progress. That is why we continue to stand up to the bullies and expose the misdeeds and hold our town leaders accountable. The role of each community member, from elected officials to everyday residents, in shaping this future cannot be understated.

**There are no sacred cows or political favorites at Surfside Tomorrow. We will shine a light on each of our town leaders as Surfside stands at this critical juncture.**

The choices made today will define our town for years to come. The specter of a return to the contentious and divisive politics of the past looms large, but the power to chart a different course lies within the community's hands.

Stay vigilant, folks and email me your tips at [surfsidetomorrow@gmail.com](mailto:surfsidetomorrow@gmail.com)

The journey ahead for Surfside is fraught with challenges, but also ripe with opportunities for growth and renewal - more green spaces for our neighborhoods, increased community safety, and a better quality of life for our families and young children.

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