

# Danzinger

## Actions as Surfside mayor

As mayor since 2022, removed without notice, the town manager, assistant town manager and police chief, replaced the town manager with a public works employee, the public works employee's pay was \$93,000, it is now \$220,000, undertook a remembrance ceremony for the 98 who died, promised the Champlain collapse families that a respectful memorial would be built, but sided with the billionaire developer of the site to place garbage facilities at the site of the memorial, secretly met with the billionaire developer, keeping the families in the dark, relaxed significant zoning code provisions which would allow the billionaire developer to increase his profit, had residents removed by armed police at meetings that spoke out, denounced residents and other elected officials as antisemites, failed to honor the wishes of the residents who voted to put the powerlines underground, failed to undertake the project planned by the last commission to stop the flooding on Abbott Avenue, spoke out and voted for ballot questions which would have undone the protections instituted by the previous commission to prevent elected officials from burying the town in debt without voter permission, spoke out and campaigned to double elected terms from two to four years, spoke out and campaigned against a ballot question that would allowed a runoff in the mayor's race, placed a prominent real estate speculator/house-flipper in the position of chairman of the Planning and Zoning board, engaged in secret meetings, outside of the sunshine (Sunshine laws prevent elected officials from meeting and discussing matters they will vote on) with a majority of the town commission and a majority of the planning and zoning board, continued with the construction of the 96th Street park put in place by the last commission, did not reduce water bills, allowed weekly beach parties at town expense costing tens of thousands of dollars each benefiting few attendees, relocated the police gym from the town hall building to a garage in order to provide a private office for himself, but none for any other elected official, recently gave a key to the city to a county official, promoted a Surfside police captain to chief and celebrated/honored a state elected official responsible for a law that could flood our town with huge high-rises which residents would be powerless to stop, who all then went on to provide an endorsement for his current campaign, failed to implement the promised walkability improvements, provided town funds to Israel, obtained a state grant to put the powerlines underground in the alley between 94th and 96th Street, made massive changes to our zoning code benefiting speculators and developers, purchased a police pickup truck, gave large raises to many town employees and did little to address speeding and cut through traffic in our town.

# Burkett

## Action as Surfside mayor

As Surfside mayor starting in 2006, never raised taxes, designed and funded our community center, implemented free parking for residents, never used taxpayer funds for air-travel, designed and funded the 96th Street Park project, defeated efforts to pay elected officials, settled lawsuits that were bankrupting our town, ran commission meetings where everyone was welcome to speak, on every subject, without fear of being removed by armed police, wrote, supported and got passed charter amendments which force politicians to obtain permission from residents to borrow money or to sell, or lease town property, instituted radar speed control on Harding and Collins, hired qualified and professional staff, including a qualified and certified town manager, demanded adherence to our zoning codes, advocated for and achieved resident support to place the powerlines underground, fought against and won the effort to prevent politicians from doubling their terms from two to four years, approved and funded flood relief for Abbott Avenue, proposed, supported and won commission support to close Byron Avenue and Bay Drive to the cut-through traffic, guided our town through its two worst disasters in Surfside's history - Covid and the Champlain Towers South collapse, honored and respected the requests of the families of the 98 who died in the Champlain collapse, instituted the very first televised commission meeting, advocated for, wrote and won the residents support for the charter amendment limiting building height to 12 stories and always prioritized kids, seniors, parks and after-school funding.