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Subject: Your inquiry on my message regarding the recent commission meeting
Date: Thursday, December 14, 2023 6:52:00 PM

Dear Marina,

My message is in big, bold print on my site for everyone to read - and take away from it what they wish.

It was very clear on where I stand on the subject and I can't really think of anything I'd like to add at this moment.

I would however like to note that I too, as you have stated, *truly hope* Marianne and Nelly are not antisemitic.

I also *truly hope* they are not pedophiles, child traffickers, drug dealers, murders, rapists, misandrists, husband beaters, terrorists, racists, animal abusers, Nazis, cannibals, sadists, serial killers, sexists, homophobes, child abusers, satanists, mass murders, abusive parents, school shooters or gangsters.

I've lived here a long time too, 27 years to be exact. I love the town and also vote.

My job as mayor is to unite and serve all our residents, not divide them and then pour gasoline on the fire as the current mayor has done.

Let's agree that the banner, following Mr. Danzinger's very regrettable performance the other night, is fast becoming a flash point.

Rather than being used, as it was intended, to communicate the love and support that Israel and the hostages need, it's been turned into, by our mayor of all people, a litmus test to determine whether or not one is an antisemite.

A you're with us, or you're against us proposition.

An incredibly divisive good-will destroying tactic that Mr. Danzinger has seen fit to unleash upon our town, a despicable tactic, which I for one, *very* much resent.

It didn't have to be this way, and I've addressed why in my online message.

As I get near closing, it's important to note that this mayor's irresponsible penchant for carelessly tossing around explosive, unproven, and terribly hurtful accusations and labels, does not mean Surfside is overrun with antisemites, antisemitism or disrespect for any religious belief.

On the contrary, It simply means [Mr. Danzinger thinks that Surfside residents continue to be antisemitic.](#)

While Mr. Danzinger is entitled to his opinion, he's not entitled to gratuitously malign residents, create problems where they do not exist or damage strong community bonds.

Finally, to answer your question; I would have voted to allow the banner to stay on the fence.

Be well,

Charles

From: Ma [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, December 14, 2023 5:06 PM
To: Charles Burkett <charles@surfside2024.com>
Subject:

Charles, yes I do want to continue and hope you would 2 by replying to me from your direct email address.

Here is what you wrote by making clear that it's Mayor personal issue.

Surfside's mayor ***should*** have raised his issue and said the following:*

* I want everyone to know **how distressed I am about Israel, the war and our hostages.** I've become aware that some residents have noted that the banner hung on private property on Harding Avenue is a code violation. Personally, I believe that the banner raises awareness in our town which I believe is vital to the success of Israel's operations, especially as it pertains to the hostages.

* I know that the banner is not consistent with our codes, and I know some residents have asked that it be taken down, but **I would like to ask our commission and our residents for a special favor.**

* I know that all our residents do not have to support Israel, but I'm hoping some, or more than some, may change their minds. Moreover, I would be willing to meet with anyone that wants to meet with me, **so I can make the case for Israel and the cause I so fervently support.**

Although I truly hope that neither Marianne nor Nelly are antisemitic, I still

don't understand why did they vote "No" to keep displaying banners showing hostages on private property.

If you are a Mayor what will be your vote? Will you initiate a survey on that topic?

My husband & I are residents of Surfside for more then 30 years. We voted for you in your first & second election when you became a Mayor.

Our votes do count.

Regards,

A solid black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of the sender.