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Charles Burkett: Was He Lying Then, or Is He Lying Now?

In the swirling vortex of Surfside politics, the figure of Charles Burkett stands out – not just for his high-profile role as the former mayor but for the glaring inconsistencies and controversies that have emerged in his public statements.

The burning question echoing through the streets of our town is stark and unnerving: **Was Charles Burkett lying then, or is he lying now?**

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

A Tale of Two Burkett's



Burkett's tenure as Mayor of Surfside was marred by a pattern of behavior that raises serious doubts about his honesty and integrity. Consider the issue of community safety – a vital concern for every resident. During his reign, the Burkett-Do-Nothing Commission discussed defunding the police, an idea so outrageous it beggars belief!

Was this the real Burkett, showing a shocking disregard for the safety of our community?

Flashback to September 14, 2021 – the Surfside Town Commission meeting. Here, we see a Mayor Burkett steeped in pragmatism, acknowledging the challenges and impracticalities of a land swap for the Champlain Towers South memorial. His words, "He knows the land swap will not happen and suggested for them to come up with a different idea", resonated with a sense of practicality and reality.

Fast forward to his post-mayoral era, and Burkett's fiery blog paints a starkly different picture. Suddenly, he's the ardent critic of the town's leadership for not pursuing the very land swap option he once dismissed as mayor. His blog bleeds with accusations of betrayal and neglect, positioning

himself as a lone warrior against a corrupt and insensitive local government.

Yet he vehemently criticizes the very decisions and stances he once supported or initiated!

This stark contradiction between his actions as mayor and his current rhetoric is not just baffling; it reeks of opportunism and deceit. Was he lying to us then, when he made those decisions, or is he lying to us now in his scathing criticisms?

The Burkett Contradiction

So, which is it? The pragmatic mayor who understood the limitations and challenges, or the post-mayoral blogger crusading against the decisions he once deemed impractical? Burkett's narrative flip-flop is not just confusing – it's deeply concerning. It suggests a political chameleon, changing colors to suit his audience and circumstances.

This duality in Burkett's political persona is a classic tale of political opportunism. It's a tale as old as politics itself – a leader who says one thing and does another, changing stances like changing clothes, depending on what suits him best at the moment and who he is speaking to. Burkett's flip-flopping paints the picture of a politician more concerned with personal gain than with the genuine needs and safety of the Surfside community.

Political Opportunism or Genuine Change of Heart? Surfside Deserves the Truth

Burkett's political career has been a rollercoaster, with two short-lived tenures as mayor before the voters decisively removed him. Is this a case of

political opportunism, where Burkett is rebranding himself to cater to public sentiment and regain favor? Or perhaps a genuine change of heart?

The residents of Surfside deserve clarity. They deserve leaders who are consistent, transparent, and genuine. The Burkett paradox leaves us with more questions than answers. Was he compromising on his true beliefs as mayor, or is his current advocacy a strategic move to undermine his successors?

Given his long history in this town and his rejection by voters, you can decide his motivations and credibility...

Surfside Tomorrow Readers: Sound Off!

This week, we're passing along a link we recieved about Mr. Burkett's attack on kosher resturaunts in town. According to our reader JJ, Burkett said "I believe we should have long ago had a majority of downtown restaurants that do not close for half the weekend."

No wonder the Jewish community of Surfside feels like this is the most important election of our lifetime.

[Read more at JJ's blog about the Burkett plan to ban Kosher restaurants in Surfside!](#)



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