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Dear Friends and Neighbors in Surfside - and beyond,

I'm writing today to stand up for what is right.

We, and all of our Brothers and Sisters throughout this Country are currently living through a very tough time, and for many, it's much worse than that.

Our Black Community is suffering, and has suffered far too much, pain and death, at the hands of those police, those prosecutors and those lawmakers who have, under the color of law, targeted, railroaded and even murdered – and all without trepidation or redress.

We must resolve to work together – now - to repair the damage that has been done and seek out new and progressive solutions going forward towards a better future.

There are probably none in our Country who haven't seen or heard of the horrific killing of George Floyd.

Mr. Floyd was murdered, and those responsible, particularly the police officer with his knee on Mr. Floyd's neck for 8 minutes and 46 seconds, must be brought to justice for their crimes.

Tragically, we cannot undo what has been done, but there are things we can do to ensure that we honor Mr. Floyd's memory and those who have suffered a similar fate.

We can recommit ourselves to the enablement of social justice for all people.

- 1) We can peacefully assemble and protest to make our voices heard.
- 2) We can demand that leaders in all areas, demand that racism & hate be condemned.
- 3) And we can each come up with our own unique contributions to make Black Lives Matter.

With great hope for a better future,

Mayor Charles W. Burkett