

# LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2021

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# CITY OF BURBANK MAP

## BURBANK IS A CITY BUILT BY PEOPLE, PRIDE, AND PROGRESS

Burbank is a city built upon the fundamentals of People, Pride, and Progress. Over the years, these guiding principles have cultivated a safe, beautiful, and thriving community and transformed a rural town into the “Media Capital of the World”. Located just north of downtown Los Angeles, Burbank is home to Warner Bros. Entertainment, The Walt Disney Company, ABC, Cartoon Network Studios, Nickelodeon, and Netflix. As a destination of choice for leisure and business travelers, the Hollywood Burbank Airport provides convenient and reliable transportation services for all. While Burbank is the site of much entertainment activity, it is also known for its strong sense of community and civic pride.

Due to Burbank’s central location in the region, convenient accessibility, and continued economic vitality, Burbank has evolved from a rural town into a thriving urban city of more than 106,000 residents, with a daily workforce population of more than 200,000. The residents of the City take pride in having reliable, sustainable, and affordable municipal electric and water utilities, police and fire services, recreational facilities and other high quality municipal programs and services. Burbank is known for its exceptional schools, tree lined neighborhoods, and a diverse business community.

As a full service City, Burbank recognizes the need for active legislative engagement at the local, state, and federal levels to protect and enhance the interests of its residents and businesses. Accordingly, City officials maintain close relationships with Burbank’s state and federal representatives to advocate, influence, and monitor pertinent legislation.

Harkening back to its ideals of People, Pride, and Progress, the City of Burbank is committed to preserving local control and decision-making authority, along with state and local funding sources, and opposes unfunded or inadequately funded mandates, especially those that may be injurious to the character of its neighborhoods, the provision of community services, or the success of its business community.

The last year has presented unique legislative challenges and opportunities for the City. Impactful legislation ranged from bills that would accelerate housing production and impose workplace mandates to measures that would preserve local revenue streams, mitigate wildfires, and institute police reforms. COVID-19 has brought advocacy to the forefront for many local jurisdictions, as cities and counties have found themselves on the frontlines of the pandemic response, with a need for state and local funding to aid the social and economic recovery of their communities. Looking ahead to 2021, this Legislative Platform clearly outlines the position of the City of Burbank on priority issues in the coming year, from responsible development to sustainability measures, as well as resources for local recovery and direct funding for municipalities. Drafted in consultation with the City’s state and federal advocacy firms, the Legislative Platform is intended to assist the Mayor, Council Members, and staff to proactively and appropriately address legislation that may impact the City’s ability to operate effectively, while allowing the consideration of additional legislative and budgetary issues that arise during the legislative session. With the Legislative Platform as a guiding document, the City will continue to work with its constituents, consultants, and elected representatives to promote and preserve the City’s interests at the local, state, and federal level.



Map displays the Top 10 Burbank Employers as reported in the Burbank Business & Economic Development Annual Report 2018-2019

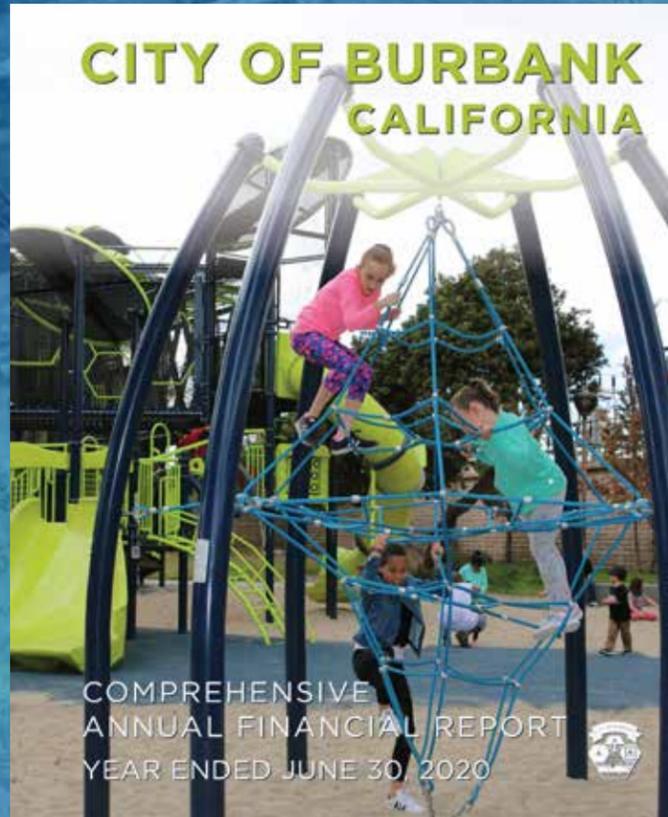
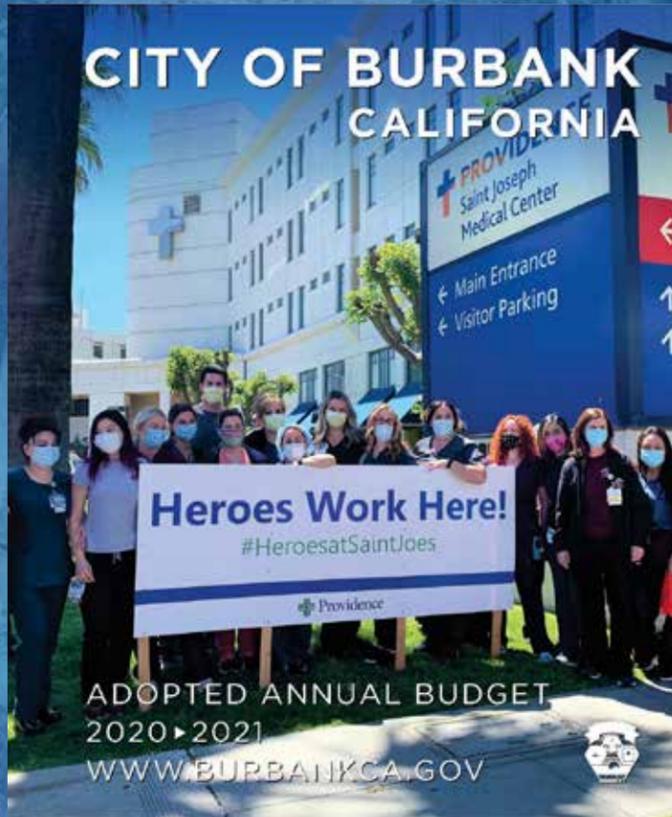
# AIRPORT

## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Noise Relief** Pursue and engage in legislative and regulatory initiatives and processes that secure meaningful noise relief, including nighttime noise relief such as curfew, at the Hollywood Burbank Airport for the City of Burbank and surrounding communities.
- 2. Helicopter Noise Regulation** Support legislative efforts to monitor, regulate, and enforce helicopter noise in residential areas while being respectful of law enforcement and emergency first responder operations.
- 3. Public Safety** Support legislation that promotes and improves public safety and counter-criminal measures at and around the airport grounds.
- 4. Unmanned Aircraft Systems** Encourage the Federal Aviation Administration to develop clear rules and regulations for governing the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), while preserving local control to regulate the use and application of UASs for industry and City services.



# BUDGET/MUNICIPAL FINANCE

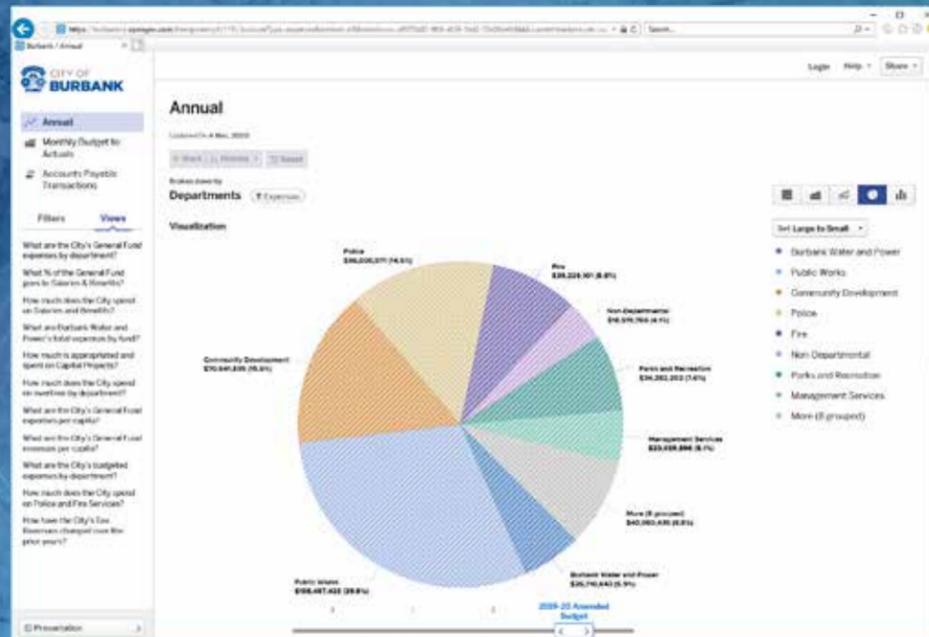


## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Local Government Funds** Engage in and advocate for legislation or ballot measures to prevent the State from borrowing, raiding, or otherwise redirecting local government funds (i.e. – local taxes, sales tax, property taxes, etc.).
- 2. Municipally Generated Revenue** Continue to promote increased flexibility for the utilization of municipally generated revenues (i.e. – Public Education and Government fee, Utility Users Tax, Development Impact Fees, etc.).
- 3. Online Purchases Sales Tax** Support legislation that changes the allocation of sales tax for online purchases from the County pool and reallocates it to the city where the purchase is made.

## WE OPPOSE

- 4. Online Transient Occupancy Tax Bypass** Oppose efforts by online travel companies to circumvent remittance of Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) from hotel reservations purchased on the internet.
- 5. Municipal Bond Tax** Oppose any effort to eliminate, or cap, the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, one of the few tools left for local governments to finance large capital projects.



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Workforce Training and Development** Promote training and development initiatives that support the collaboration between community partners (including, but not limited to non-profits, Board of Education, and the Workforce Development Board) and seek additional funding to train and develop youth, veterans, and underemployed individuals for 21st century jobs relevant to the City's workforce.
- 2. Entrepreneurship** Support legislation that provides a funding mechanism to accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship in the region.
- 3. Tourism Funding** Support legislation that protects and enhances funding for tourism marketing and infrastructure to support the strong, growing tourism industry in California.
- 4. Successful Local Businesses** Advocate for measures that support the City's continued efforts to retain and promote local businesses and for removal of regulations that impose excessive requirements or restrictions that hinder the success of these enterprises.
- 5. New Redevelopment Funding** Seek, promote, and implement any new or alternative approaches that may replace redevelopment funding mechanisms that deliver positive benefits to Burbank.
- 6. Business Attraction** Support measures that seek to preserve and maintain the entertainment, technology, medical, and other growing industries within the City and state, while continuing efforts to diversify the local economic base.
- 7. Filming** Support incentives that promote filming within the City and state.
- 8. Economic Development** Continue efforts to secure legislation that will restore funding mechanisms to promote continued economic development, including initiatives to provide financing for business assistance loans, façade improvements, and infrastructure improvements.
- 9. Telecommunication and Broadband** Support federal and state legislation preserving the City's interest in telecommunication, broadband, and infrastructure operations. Seek grant opportunities for expanding local broadband options.
- 10. Business Funding Opportunities** Advocate for funding opportunities for small business assistance, loan programs for business improvements, and tax credits for businesses.





## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Flexible Energy Resources** Promote legislation that allows flexibility to choose which resources reliably and best fit the City's needs, with an emphasis and prioritization of the use of renewable resources to meet energy goals in a cost-effective manner.
- 2. Fire Mitigation** Support legislation that promotes prevention and mitigation of wildfires by mandating responsible power management.
- 3. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets** Support a comprehensive economy-wide approach for developing greenhouse gas reduction targets under SB 100 (De Leon, Statutes 2018) and support the goal to achieve 100% greenhouse gas-free electric power by 2040 (or sooner), while continuing to provide reliable power and maintaining electric rates at or below the long-run rate of inflation.
- 4. Protecting Public Benefit Programs** Seek legislation that protects funding for community owned utilities' public benefits programs within the local community.
- 5. Net Energy Metering Programs** Support City Council authority over local net energy metering programs and policies that protect all customers from cost-shifting.
- 6. Regionalization of Electrical Markets** Support legislation and regulation that would allow for the cost-effective and environmentally effective regionalization of electrical markets in the Western United States.
- 7. Cyber Security Reform** Support legislation, regulation, and compliance regarding cyber-security and information sharing reform (i.e. cyber security to protect power plants).
- 8. Electric Vehicles** Support legislation and funding for the procurement of mandated electric vehicles and, more importantly, the necessary supporting infrastructure.

# HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Access to Healthy Eating** Support legislation and local funding opportunities to increase access to subsidized meal programs for older adults and youth.
- 2. Access to Healthy Foods** Advocate for community garden programs that expand access to people of all ages to grow fresh fruits and vegetables.
- 3. Active Living** Encourage community design to integrate walking, hiking, and cycling paths and opportunities to recreate.
- 4. Aging in Place** Support strategies and legislation to foster independence, well-being and access to resources for older adults.
- 5. Access to Childcare** Advocate for state and federal funding for opportunities to increase access to childcare for the community.
- 6. Affordable Health Care** Support legislation that creates options and opportunities for access to affordable healthcare.



# HOMELESSNESS



## WE SUPPORT

- 1. A Balanced Approach** Support a balanced approach to address homelessness that considers expanded funding opportunities for project-based transitional and permanent affordable housing for homeless families and the creation of special needs housing for those suffering from mental illness, all of which include support services to ensure a continuum of care for this vulnerable segment of the population.
- 2. Street Outreach Teams** Support new funding from the county, state, and federal government for expanded Street Outreach Teams in collaboration with law enforcement, first responders, and the County's health and mental health departments for those affected by homelessness and mental health issues.
- 3. Homelessness Services** Advocate for Regional initiatives and solutions to reduce and prevent homelessness through social welfare, recuperative care facilities for those suffering from mental illness, and interim housing at the county, state, and federal levels.
- 4. Measure H Funding** Advocate for direct Measure H formulaic funding on an annual basis for cities like Burbank that are required to contribute additional sales tax.
- 5. Funds for Burbank's Homelessness Plan** Advocate for county, state, and federal funds to implement City or sub-region homelessness plans.
- 6. Funding to Remove and Clean Homeless Encampments** Support new funding from county, state, and federal sources for the legal removal and storage of homeless belongings and cleaning of areas used by the homeless.
- 7. Conservatorships for the Gravely Disabled in Los Angeles County** Advocate for initiatives that ensure the safety and care of the gravely disabled in becoming wards of the state.



# HOUSING



## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Accessible Housing Affordable at All Income Levels** Support legislation and programs that assist in providing housing at all income levels, including extremely-low and very-low income households within mixed-income residential developments in the City, along with the supportive services necessary for households to sustain their housing.
- 2. Workforce Housing** Support legislation and programs that assist the public and private sectors in funding and developing housing for all levels of affordability, including affordable housing for the Burbank workforce, to meet the City Council's goal of building 12,000 units during the next 15 years.
- 3. Section 8 Program** Support increased funding of the Section 8 Program and allow for the increase of rental subsidies within urban areas with high rental cost. Support programmatic changes to focus the program on the elderly, disabled, and other needy and vulnerable households. Provide additional flexibility to determine appropriate rent limits per jurisdiction to accommodate more expensive urban areas.
- 4. Transitional and Supportive Housing** Support legislation and programs to increase funding for transitional housing units and permanent supportive housing units to house homeless households.
- 5. Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program** Support legislation that would amend both federal and state Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Programs to support and deem competitive a mix of units in an affordable housing project, to promote sustainable and integrated communities.
- 6. Owner Occupancy** Support homeownership, and by extension, owner occupancy, which builds personal wealth and pride of ownership while protecting and building neighborhoods.
- 7. Building Neighborhoods** Support ongoing engagement between state and local governments to ensure local control is maintained and responsible housing development is promoted in a collaborative effort to address the local and statewide housing crisis, while protecting and building neighborhoods.
- 8. Responsible Development** Support responsible development and zoning regulations to help ensure the building of neighborhoods.
- 9. Limitations on Accessory Dwelling Units** Support the addition of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior ADUs with limitations upon floor area ratio (FAR), location, parking replacement, and ADU sizes that result in ADUs and Junior ADUs that are appropriate in scale to the existing single family home and the surrounding neighborhood. Support for ADUs and Junior ADUs is further contingent on allowing owner-occupancy requirements.
- 10. Lower Parking Requirements** Consider lowering parking requirements for new and renovated development in areas near transit to encourage forgoing single-occupancy vehicle trips.
- 11. CEQA Reform** Support sensible California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Reform that will enable new housing production.
- 12. Transit Infrastructure that Supports Development** Support and highly encourage state funding that links the development of housing with an improved public transit system, local infrastructure, and associated public services.

# HOUSING

## WE SUPPORT (cont'd.)

- 13. Redevelopment 2.0 Legislation** Support new “Redevelopment 2.0” legislation.
- 14. Inclusion** Seek a seat at the table with the state legislature and the federal government on issues that impact the City of Burbank.
- 15. Housing Security** Support state and federal legislation that protects property ownership for single family and small multifamily property owners and prioritizes small property owners over institutional investors, as well as state and federal subsidies for rental assistance programs to ensure housing security for residential tenants.

## WE OPPOSE

- 16. Loss of Local Control and Irresponsible Development** Oppose state initiatives that would remove local control, allow for irresponsible housing development in Burbank, and interfere with protection of residential neighborhoods.
- 17. Rent Control** Oppose any further rent control measures as a solution to addressing housing affordability because it only masks the bigger problem of facilitating more housing production, which leads to greater choice, competition and affordability. However, the City does support current state rules regarding relocation costs (Civil Code Section 1946.2).
- 18. Unrealistic Timeframes** Support new housing but oppose mandates for unrealistic processing timeframes for larger housing development projects.



# MANDATES



## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Timely Reimbursements** Support initiatives to ensure timely reimbursements from the county, state, and federal government.
- 2. Community Care Facilities** Advocate for legislation amending state community care facility mandates to be mindful of the secondary impacts to neighborhoods where these facilities are located and take into account a public safety perspective. Seek state licensing of sober living facilities, provide standards of operation for all group homes, allow reasonable distance provisions to avoid overconcentration in single-family neighborhoods, and provide a clear direction between protected group homes and boarding houses. Advocate for the State Department of Housing and Community Development to suspend enforcement of its mandated language relating to transitional housing and unlicensed care facilities until such issues are better defined.
- 3. Stormwater Funding** Seek additional county, state and federal funding to help meet mandated stormwater requirements.
- 4. Exemption of Stormwater Capture Facilities** Support legislation that exempts stormwater capture facilities from California Department of Fish and Wildlife review and permitting process, including requirements to permit debris basin clean out, which significantly delays the process and endangers residents in the event of storms.

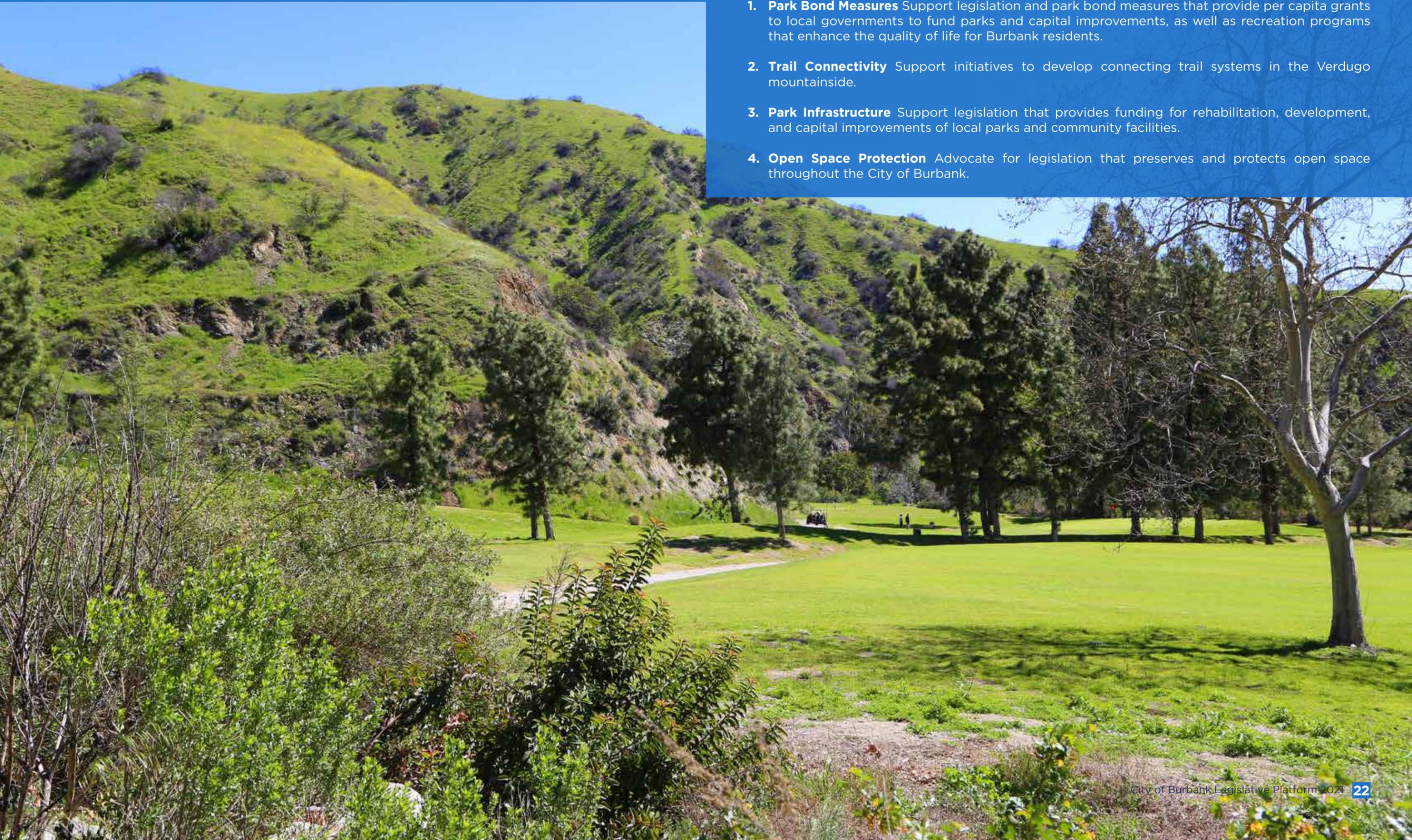
## WE OPPOSE

- 5. Imposition of Unfunded Regional, State, and Federal Mandates** Oppose mandates that do not include funding for associated personnel costs and technical support for jurisdictions to ensure compliance with mandates.

# PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Park Bond Measures** Support legislation and park bond measures that provide per capita grants to local governments to fund parks and capital improvements, as well as recreation programs that enhance the quality of life for Burbank residents.
- 2. Trail Connectivity** Support initiatives to develop connecting trail systems in the Verdugo mountainside.
- 3. Park Infrastructure** Support legislation that provides funding for rehabilitation, development, and capital improvements of local parks and community facilities.
- 4. Open Space Protection** Advocate for legislation that preserves and protects open space throughout the City of Burbank.



# PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT



## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Disclosures and Accountability** Support legislation that enhances appropriate disclosure and provides accountability of public funds.
- 2. Good Faith Negotiations** Promote legislation that strengthens good faith negotiations between employee organizations and local agencies.
- 3. Competitive and Valuable Employment** Advocate for legislation that supports the City's ability to provide competitive and valuable employment opportunities.
- 4. Sustainable Pensions** Continue to influence, where necessary and applicable, any future efforts that may impact local government's ability to achieve and/or maintain sustainable pensions.
- 5. Control Workers' Compensation** Support legislation that would control medical and legal costs related to workers' compensation.
- 6. Workers' Compensation Reform** Continue to support workers' compensation reform that is inclusive of both safety and non-safety employees.

# PUBLIC SAFETY



## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Supportive Programs and Solutions** Support legislation that assists in preventing and reducing crime, such as drug prevention programs, mental health initiatives, enhanced protective equipment, and solutions for homelessness.
- 2. Traffic Safety** Support Office of Traffic Safety grant funding related to all aspects of traffic safety.
- 3. Reimbursement for Presidential Visits** Pursue law enforcement funding and/or reimbursement from federal agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security or Federal Emergency Management Agency for Presidential and/or high profile visits.
- 4. Public Safety Realignment Program** Proactively monitor and influence the implementation process of the state mandated “Public Safety Realignment Program” including reimbursement for monitoring compliance and enforcement, to ensure public safety and successful re-entry into the community.
- 5. Funding for AB 109, Prop 47, and Prop 57** Seek continued financial assistance to deal with the impacts of the Public Safety Realignment Act, Proposition 47 (Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative), and Proposition 57 (Public Safety and Rehabilitation), particularly lowered thresholds and penalties for theft-related crime. Support legislation that addresses wrap-around services such as substance abuse counseling, mental health services, and employment, medical, and housing assistance.
- 6. Criminal Justice Reform** Support reasonable criminal justice reform measures that are inclusive of concerns from prosecutors, victims’ rights groups, and law enforcement agencies and do not hinder law enforcement’s ability to protect the community.
- 7. Mental Health Programs** Promote programs that help ensure public safety through the assistance and rehabilitation of individuals challenged with mental and/or substance abuse illnesses and increase awareness and training opportunities.
- 8. Latest Technology** Advocate for legislation and funding that would take advantage of the latest technology to prevent and resolve crimes, such as the ability to use surveillance cameras, automatic license plate recognition, and DNA testing.
- 9. Emergency Preparedness** Seek measures that encourage disaster preparedness and emergency planning, including funding to develop a permanent Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to further emergency management preparedness efforts. Seek direct and flexible funding to localities to sustain core services and provide community recovery programs while responding to public health emergencies and natural disasters.
- 10. Fire Vegetation Management** Support well balanced legislation that allows vegetation management to be done in a timely manner by responsible parties to reduce risk of fire.
- 11. Local Control of Marijuana Operations** Maintain local control over the ability to regulate the sales location of retail and medical marijuana operations.

# PUBLIC SAFETY



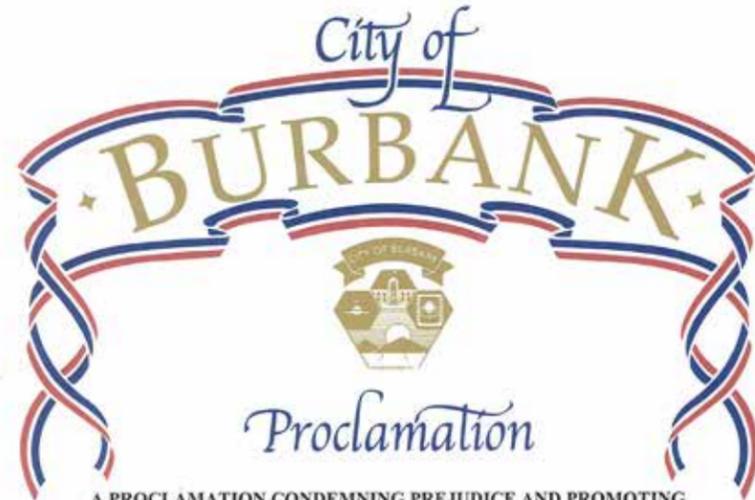
## WE SUPPORT (cont'd.)

- 12. Funding to Regulate Recreational Marijuana** Seek state financial assistance for enforcement and regulation due to the passage of Proposition 64 and legalization of recreational marijuana.
- 13. Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) System** Support legislation to repeal the current law that mandates the Federal Communications Commission to auction the T-band spectrum. Advocate for Federal assistance to aid the ICI System, including relief for communities that will lose their public safety radio communication spectrum when the federal government mandates reallocation of the T-Band spectrum in 2021, which is currently utilized by first responders in Burbank and surrounding communities.
- 14. Body-Worn and In Car Cameras** Support the funding and use of an integrated video recording system for police officers (body cameras and in-car) and associated personnel and storage costs.
- 15. Non-Traditional Crime Prevention Activities** Encourage funding for non-traditional crime prevention activities, homeless assistance, and mental health initiatives at the county, state, and federal level.
- 16. Seismic Safety** Pursue and engage in legislation and regulation that increases the seismic safety of buildings including seismic retrofit, retrofit funding, or higher levels of structural resiliency of buildings.
- 17. Wildfire Safety** Pursue and engage in legislation and regulation that increases the safety of buildings during a wildfire including fire protection measures, retrofit funding, or higher levels of wildfire structural resiliency. Advocate for funding for wildfire prevention and mitigation.
- 18. Equestrian Safety** Advocate for legislation that supports equestrian safety.
- 19. Reducing Gun Violence** Support state and federal measures that have the effect of reducing gun violence.
- 20. Cybersecurity Protection** Advocate for legislation and funding that would prevent and reduce cybercrime that would impact municipal services and support efforts to protect against cyber security attacks and prevent and resolve breaches; for example, the ability to use cyber-attack and intrusion detection, automated Artificial Intelligence attack response solutions, and recovery programs.
- 21. Regulation of Tobacco Products (Including E-Cigarettes)** Support legislative authority to add tools for local law enforcement of tobacco product possession, including e-cigarettes, by minors, such as confiscation and mandated educational programs for youth.
- 22. Speed Limits** Advocate for legislation that enables local jurisdictions to use alternate methods other than those currently stipulated in the California Vehicle Code to set enforceable speed limits.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY

## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Equitable Access** Support legislation and funding that helps the City of Burbank provide residents with equitable access to City programs and services.
- 2. Eliminating Barriers** Support legislation and funding that will allow the City and its community partners to provide disadvantaged residents with the tools necessary to grow and thrive.
- 3. Community Engagement** Support legislation and funding for the City and its community partners to proactively engage with residents on issues of prejudice, discrimination, and social justice to promote education, understanding, expanded opportunity, and acceptance between diverse groups in the community, making all feel welcome and safe in Burbank.



### A PROCLAMATION CONDEMNING PREJUDICE AND PROMOTING INCLUSIVITY, EQUALITY, AND DIVERSITY IN THE CITY OF BURBANK

**WHEREAS,** the City of Burbank is a thriving community built upon the fundamentals of People, Pride, and Progress, whose citizens come from all ages, socio-economic backgrounds, and ethnicities and where all deserve to feel safe and welcome regardless of race, sexual orientation, gender identity, origin, creed, abilities or disabilities; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Burbank recognizes that prejudices such as racism, sexism, ageism, classism, ableism, homophobia, and xenophobia are often based on unfounded social constructs and can result in discrimination and persistent economic, educational, and environmental disparities; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Burbank is actively addressing disparities and promotes equity, inclusion, and diversity in City government, programs, and services; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Burbank seeks to help residents overcome barriers resulting from societal prejudices by, amongst other things, increasing access to learning and information resources through the Burbank Public Library; subsidizing recreational activities and educational classes for low income residents through the Burbank PASS Program; and addressing the needs of those suffering from mental illness and homelessness through the MHET Evaluation Team; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Burbank also recognizes the efforts of other stakeholders in the Burbank community, including the Burbank Unified School District, who through its Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee works to establish an anti-racism policy for Burbank schools; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Burbank acknowledges the trauma of longstanding racial and societal prejudices and that deep-seated change often begins with youth empowerment. Therefore, the City of Burbank realizes the need to foster an environment for current and future generations of Burbank's youth to feel comfortable to grow, thrive, and be who they are; and

**WHEREAS,** various community organizations play a pivotal role in addressing the needs of Burbank's diverse residents, including the Burbank Human Relations Council, Burbank Ministerial Association, Burbank Housing Corporation, Burbank Temporary Aid Center, Burbank Noon Lions, Kids Community Dental Clinic, BCR "A Place to Grow", Burbank Coordinating Council, YMCA, Salvation Army, Armenian Cultural Foundation, Armenian Relief Society, Family Promise of the Verdugos, Family Services Agency, Boys & Girls Club of Burbank, Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG), and many other non-profit and civic and civil rights groups; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Burbank seeks to establish a dialogue with the community, most recently exemplifying this commitment in City Council's direction to the Burbank Police Department to create a roadmap for community engagement; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Burbank wants to assure all residents of its dedication to preserving and upholding the rights of all persons and commitment to fairness, progress, and accountability;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Sharon Springer, Mayor of the City of Burbank, do hereby proclaim:

1. The City of Burbank, as a "world class city", condemns all forms of prejudice and embraces inclusivity, equality, and diversity; and
2. The City of Burbank will work to progress as an equity and justice-oriented organization; and
3. The City of Burbank will collaborate with community organizations to actively and authentically engage on issues of racism, sexism, ageism, classism, ableism, homophobia, and xenophobia in the community to make Burbank a place that is welcoming of all.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November 2020.



*Sharon Springer*  
SHARON SPRINGER, MAYOR  
CITY OF BURBANK, CALIFORNIA



# STATE & FEDERAL FUNDING



## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Legislation to Increase Funding for Burbank** Support legislation that would increase funding for Burbank's community services including funding for local law enforcement Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI), forensic science, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), public libraries, affordable housing, employment services, senior citizen and youth programs, maintenance and infrastructure improvements, public schools, and park and open space development, among others.
- 2. Burbank at a Competitive Advantage** Proactively seek continued and alternative funding sources (i.e. grants) that will benefit the City's ability to provide valuable community services. Advocate for funding criteria that puts Burbank at a competitive advantage.
- 3. Tri-City Efforts** Leverage current Tri-City efforts to obtain state and federal funding for mutually beneficial projects, facilities, and shared resources.
- 4. Relocate US National Guard** Work with the US National Guard to relocate, close, or consolidate the Burbank Armory with the Glendale Armory, thus enabling the City to expand Maxam Memorial Park by using the land and facility for programming and open space needs.
- 5. HOME Program Programmatic Changes** Support programmatic changes to the HOME Investment Partnership Program by removing the two-year commitment deadline for the creation of affordable housing by community housing development organizations.
- 6. Decrease in State Administrative Fee Withholding** Advocate for a decrease in the State Administrative Fee withholding on federal grants. Less fee withholdings from federal grants, such as Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants, would allow more funds to be allocated to the region.
- 7. Funding for Recycling Programs** Support legislation that would increase funding for state mandated Solid Waste, Recycling and Organics programs.

# SUSTAINABILITY



## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Local Sustainability Policies** Influence state legislation and regulatory initiatives that would impact local government's ability to set local policies relating to environmental "sustainability," including, but not limited to building standards and land use planning.
- 2. Streamline California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Provisions** Support efforts to streamline CEQA provisions that would result in meaningful reform to reduce out-of-date noticing provisions, allow CEQA documentation to be filed electronically with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and with the County, and permit the online payment of fees.
- 3. Community Values Balances with Environmental Needs** Pursue state and federal legislation that prioritizes the environment and balances the needs of the community.
- 4. Zero Emission Vehicles** Support the state's goals for increased use of zero emission vehicles and support funding that goes towards the refueling infrastructure necessary for alternative fueled vehicles, with emphasis on Plug-in Electric Vehicles. Allow flexible standards for certain emergency and fleet vehicles that require traditional fuel due to technology, range, and terrain issues.
- 5. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Initiatives** Support EPR initiatives to place a shared responsibility for end-of-life product management on the producers and all entities involved in the product chain, instead of the general public, while encouraging product design changes that minimize a negative impact on human health and the environment at every stage of the product's lifecycle.
- 6. Recyclable Pre-Processed Material Incentives** At the state level, incentivize manufacturers to bring in facilities to recycle pre-processed materials, particularly for plastics from recycling processors (e.g. Burbank Recycle Center). Promote the development of new markets for bulk recyclable materials to ensure long term stability of the industry and viability of municipal curbside recycling.
- 7. Reduction of Disposable Products** Support plans and programs to reduce disposable products and packaging and promote reuse.
- 8. Recycling and Organics Recovery** Seek county, state and federal funding and permitting support to help comply with Solid Waste mandates for recycling and organics recovery/processing.
- 9. Revised Sustainability Mandate Deadlines** In light of COVID-19, postpone sustainability mandate deadlines, such as those set forth by SB 1383, until all metrics are back to pre-COVID levels, thus averting potentially negative impacts and further regulations on public entities and local businesses due to skewed data collection resulting from the pandemic and allowing agencies time to financially recover from the pandemic.

## WE OPPOSE

- 10. Wireless Facilities** Oppose any federal or state legislation or regulatory policy that would further erode the ability of local governments to regulate wireless facilities.

# TECHNOLOGY



## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Data and Technology Initiatives** Support legislative initiatives and pursue funding to promote the use of data and technology to create efficiencies, promote economic development, enhance public safety, improve transportation and mobility, improve sustainability, enhance municipal quality of life factors and help solve other civic challenges.
- 2. Initiatives to Prevent Negative Impacts of Way-Finding Apps** Support legislative initiatives that grant local governments the ability or tools to prevent way-finding apps from negatively impacting local neighborhood streets (congestion, wear and tear, and traffic safety).
- 3. Records Digitization** Support and advocate for funding for technological advances for the proper digitization and archival of vital City records to ensure transparency, accessibility, and posterity of records.

# TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

## WE SUPPORT

- 1. Burbank Infrastructure Funding Opportunities** Support legislation that allocates additional state funding for the upgrade, replacement, and construction of needed infrastructure at the state and local level. Pursue and preserve regional, state, and federal funding opportunities, including but not limited to Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program and Congestion Management Air Quality Funds; State Cap and Trade, High Speed Rail, Gas Tax, and Active Transportation funds; and Regional Measure M, Measure R, Proposition A, and Proposition C (Transportation Sales Tax) funds, to mitigate traffic congestion and maintain/improve Burbank's infrastructure.
- 2. Interstate 5 North HOV / Empire Interchange Unmet Needs** Support state and regional funding for unmet project needs related to the I-5 North HOV/Empire Interchange project to ensure that Caltrans and Metro complete the project as planned.
- 3. Burbank's Interest to Influence California High Speed Rail Project** Influence and monitor legislation regarding the California High Speed Rail (HSR) project. Ensure that alignment minimizes impacts to homes and businesses and maximizes opportunities to improve existing rail crossing safety. Advocate for HSR funding to be directed towards the Antelope Valley Line study improvements that will increase the frequency of today's Antelope Valley Line service. Maximize opportunities for development focused on employment and housing within a short distance of any proposed station.
- 4. New Transit Projects** Engage with Metro, Metrolink and others to secure funding for double-track and other improvements on the Antelope Valley line needed for 15-minute, all day, bi-directional Metrolink service. Ensure the Metro NoHo-to-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Project serves Burbank's residential and employment centers, minimize impacts to adjoining neighborhoods, and connects properly to Metrolink and other connecting transit.
- 5. Innovative Financing Programs** Advocate for transportation policies that seek to regenerate funds that support maintenance and development of Burbank's infrastructure projects, including infrastructure finance districts and other innovative financing programs to support construction as well as maintenance long term (i.e. - Public Private Partnerships).
- 6. New Transit Connections** Engage with Metro, Metrolink, and others to advocate for and ensure completion of new transit connections to help connect the Burbank workforce with employment centers and the airport, including the NoHo-to-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Project, Metrolink double-track and other improvements on the Antelope Valley Line, and the Red Line extension to the Hollywood Burbank Airport.
- 7. Citywide Quiet Zone** Support legislation that provides additional funding to install safety improvements at the City's remaining at-grade crossings to make them quiet zone ready.





## WE SUPPORT (cont'd.)

- 8. Metrolink Double Track and Other Capital Projects** Support further funding efforts for Metrolink double-track and other capital projects that will improve frequency and reliability of service, critical to alleviating the City's commute traffic. Ensure the Metro No-Ho-to-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Project serves Burbank's residential and employment centers, minimizes impacts to adjoining neighborhoods, and connects properly to Metrolink and other connecting transit.
- 9. Freeway Cap Transit Center in Burbank Media District** Seek funding for the creation of a new transit center in the Burbank Media District to anchor the major bus transit lines that provide transit service to this employment center and to support the future NoHo-to-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Project.
- 10. Olive and Magnolia Boulevard Bridge Rehabilitation Projects** Seek funding to improve bicycle and pedestrian access and safety on the Olive and Magnolia bridges over the I-5 and UPRR/Metrolink rail line.
- 11. BurbankBus Transit Capital** Advocate for federal, state, and regional transit capital funding for the BurbankBus to replace aging vehicles in its fleet.
- 12. Amtrak Surfliner** Advocate for a stop at the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station for the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner.

# VETERANS

## WE SUPPORT

1. **Veteran Funding and Initiatives** Proactively support and advocate for initiatives, partnerships, funding, and programs to ensure veterans and their families have access to holistic services and resources including, but not limited to, physical and mental health, affordable housing, employment, and education.





## WE SUPPORT

- 1. California Water Fix** Support administrative and legislative plans that foster the Delta Conveyance Project, a comprehensive ecosystem restoration and protection plan for the Delta, as the best alternative to meet California's co-equal goals of water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem restoration.
- 2. Cost-Effective Water Ecosystem Projects** Support state and federal funding for water ecosystem projects that are cost-effective. Advocate for direct beneficiaries and cost causers to fund their fair share of infrastructure project costs that provide long-term benefits to the state and its inhabitants.
- 3. Local Water Use Control** Support efforts to maintain and strengthen local control of water use and encourage water recycling and the many benefits of sustainability to Burbank's water supply, conserving the vital resource of potable water, and reducing our dependence on imported water.
- 4. Water Conservation** Actively pursue legislation and funding that support water conservation measures including, but not limited to, awareness, water storage, and efforts to mitigate and plan for droughts, such as drought-resistant landscaping and permeable surfaces.
- 5. Direct Potable Reuse** Support continued work on developing regulations for the implementation of Direct Potable Reuse.

## WE OPPOSE

- 6. Redistribution of Public Benefits** Oppose efforts by the state that would impose Public Benefit requirements on water utilities that transfer funding to the state for redistribution. Retain funding for Local Benefits efforts for exclusive local use.

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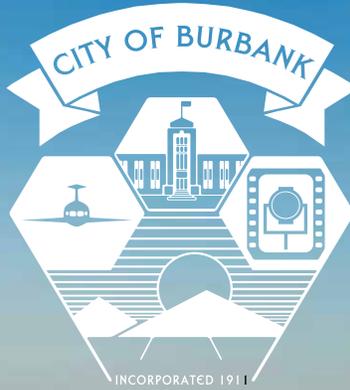
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