

2021 Employee of the Year Nominee, Daniel Villa

Daniel Villa is a Senior Planner who is dedicated to his duties and customer service. Since day one of his career in Burbank, he has assisted customers at the front public counter with inquiries, planning entitlement permits, and plan check.

He is known for his knowledge and professionalism presenting a variety of planning projects and topics to Boards, Commissions, and City Council. He is truly a team player helping on long-range planning efforts and planning entitlement projects, which has resulted in major achievements and accomplishments during his career in Burbank. He has helped lead the Planning Division team with the Assistant Community Development Director, Fred Ramirez, and Deputy City Planner, Scott Plambaeck. His true leadership and innovative efforts were exemplified in the beginning of COVID-19 where he helped staff adjust and move forward with planning projects and services to the public. While he continues to work on major development projects and supervise staff, Daniel has voluntarily chosen to also lead virtual Planning Board meetings online; create an internal process to intake planning applications online; work on Information Technology (IT) projects to build online tools for the public; apply for grants; and has picked up a long-range planning project known as the Golden State Specific Plan.

Due to Daniel's work, the Community Development Department has made significant progress to ensure the City services and large entitlement projects continue to move forward with improved customer service. Therefore, the Department would like to acknowledge the work that he has done and accomplished for the City. Daniel has demonstrated both the technical abilities of a planner as well as the communication and leadership skills that have been valuable to the Burbank community.