

## **2021 Employee of the Year Nominee, Leonard Bechet**

Leonard Bechet started his career in Burbank as an Associate Planner, and is now a Senior Planner. Leonard is successful in managing day-to-day operations where his teamwork around the clock to review plan checks, public counter hours, and planning entitlement projects.

Leonard has over 10 years of experience in planning and has a wealth of knowledge in Burbank's Zoning Code, procedures, and the Burbank2035 General Plan. He has managed complex development projects like the 777 Front Street mixed-use project and is currently managing a team to update the City's Downtown Burbank Metrolink Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Specific Plan. Leonard leads the discussion on this 662- acre Plan Area located in the central southeastern portion of the City, with key specific goals to promote economic development, introduce much needed housing, including housing affordable to all income levels, and encourage station area development with pedestrian friendly environments. On top of leading his team and major projects, Leonard oversees the Historic Preservation Commission where he is reviewing the City's Mills Act contract.

Leonard is someone who always shows a willingness to help and to be a team player in finding solutions and helping the public. Leonard's leadership and experience have been valuable to the Burbank community.