## STAFF REPORT





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TO: Planning Board

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SUBJECT: 2021-2029 Housing Element, Safety Element, and Environmental

Justice General Plan Updates

## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Planning Board:

Adopt A RESOLUTION (EXHIBIT A) OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF BURBANK RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK APPROVING THE 2021-2029 (6th CYCLE) HOUSING ELEMENT, SAFETY ELEMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GENERAL PLAN UPDATES.

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Government Code Section 65580 recognizes that the availability of housing is a matter of statewide importance and that local governments play an important role in facilitating the development of housing for all income levels. As a result, the Housing Element of the City's General Plan is required to be updated and certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) every 8 years. The City is in the process of updating the Housing Element of the Burbank2035 General Plan, which began in July 2020 and is due for adoption by the City and State Certification by October 15, 2022. Per State Housing Law (Government Code Sections 65580-65589.8), the updated Housing Element, which will cover the planning period of October 2021 through October 2029 known as the 6th Cycle, provides policies and housing programs to enable housing development to meet the City's fair share of housing, identify potential opportunity sites for accommodating future housing growth, accommodate a diversity of housing affordable to all economic segments of the community, and remove regulatory constraints in development of housing by streamlining the processing of residential building permits. Furthermore, the Housing Element update process includes concurrent State-required updates to the Safety Element to ensure safe ingress and egress for emergency services and the general public from existing and proposed housing, and revisions to the General Plan to incorporate goals and policies that relate to Environmental Justice in the City.

The purpose of this report is to provide the Planning Board and the public with an overview of the State-required 2021-2029 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update and related General Plan updates (the Project) to obtain Planning Board's recommendation on the Project to the City Council. Per Burbank Charter section 215 and Government Code section 65354, the Planning Board is tasked with review and recommendation of the proposed General Plan amendment to update the Housing and Safety elements and incorporation of statemandated environmental justice policies and programs. The Project will be presented to the City Council at a noticed public hearing on September 27, 2022, to meet the State's Housing Element adoption deadline. The updated Housing Element is attached as Exhibit B and the associated Appendices are attached as Exhibit C.

## **BACKGROUND**

State housing element statutes (Government Code sections 65580-65589.8) mandate that local governments adequately plan to meet the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community. Additionally, all local governments are required to adopt land use plans that remove regulatory constraints and provide opportunities for new housing development. Moreover, State law requires HCD to review local Housing Elements to determine compliance with Housing Element law.

Over the past two years the City of Burbank team of staff and consultants has been working to update its Burbank2035 General Plan Housing Element for the 2021-2029 planning period in compliance with State statutes. The process of updating the City's Housing Element began on July 21, 2020, with a City Council study session. The City released the first draft of the 2021-2029 Housing Element for public review in April of 2021, and as required under State law, submitted the Element to HCD for their review. HCD provided initial comments on the draft Housing Element on August 17, 2021. The City worked on revising the draft Housing Element to address comments from HCD and released a second draft of Housing Element for public review and HCD submission in November of 2021. The City then received comments from HCD on the second draft on February 1, 2022. The City made additional revisions to the Housing Element to address comments from HCD and released a third draft of the Housing Element in March of 2022. Following receipt of the third comment letter from the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on June 3, 2022, HCD offered technical assistance to staff and the consultant to incorporate additional language in the Element to address the few outstanding issues. On July 6, 2022, HCD contacted the City's consultant to confirm the City's revised Draft Housing Element was now fully compliant with state Housing Element statutes.

Per State law, the City's updated Housing Element was initially required to be approved by the City Council and certified by HCD within 120 days of the October 15, 2021 statutory deadline, with any necessary rezonings required to be completed by October 15, 2022. On June 30, 2022, the State adopted SB 197 which extended the rezoning deadline to February 2025 for Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) jurisdictions that adopted a compliant Housing Element by October 15, 2022.

Localities that fail to adopt a compliant 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element by this deadline are subject to a range of penalties or consequences, including potential litigation from housing rights' organizations, developers, and HCD. Courts have the authority to take away the local government's permitting authority and can impose fines of up to \$100,000 per month until the Element is brought into compliance. Additionally, in absence of an HCD approved Housing Element, jurisdictions are required to provide ministerial review and approval for any new housing project, which includes affordable housing on a site that is zoned (or will be zoned in future) for multi-family residential development. And finally, jurisdictions with non-compliant Housing Elements are no longer eligible for any housing grants or other State administered grant and loan programs.

## **DISCUSSION**

The proposed 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update builds on the City's existing 2014-2021 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element by maintaining many of the current goals, policies, and programs where appropriate, while making updates for addressing new applicable State laws and to reflect identified City Council housing goals and strategies that have been developed. Additionally, the document makes use of the most recently available demographic information prescribed by State housing law to analyze housing needs in the City. The Housing Element addresses detailed statutory requirements that collectively form a plan for identifying and meeting the City's existing and future housing needs during the proposed Housing Element's 2021-2029 planning period.

The key components of the Housing Element Update include evaluation and update of previous Housing Element programs; the housing needs assessment including the City's Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) obligation; evaluation of constraints to housing; identification of opportunity sites to address the RHNA; the 2021-2029 Housing Plan; and the new Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) component. The contents of the updated Housing Element are discussed in greater detail in the following sections.

## Evaluation and update of previous Housing Element programs ("Housing Plan")

The policies and Housing Programs listed in the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle of (2014-2021) of Housing Element – known as the Housing Plan – are implementation measures that are required to achieve the City's identified housing needs to comply with the statutory requirements of State housing law. The 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element must evaluate the accomplishments and effectiveness of each housing program in the 2014-2021 Housing Element. Appendix C of the Housing Element, attached as Exhibit C with this report, evaluates the housing programs listed in the 2014-2021 Housing Element, and their continued appropriateness in the updated Element.

## Housing Needs Assessment - Burbank 6th Cycle RHNA

The RHNA is a component of California's Housing Element law requiring that each city and county in the state to develop local housing programs and strategies to meet its "fair share" of existing and future housing needs for all income groups, as determined by the State of California and the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the Council of Government for the Southern California region. The RHNA quantifies the need for housing by affordability level in each jurisdiction during the housing element planning period based on factors such as household growth, job and transit accessibility, and presence of high-resource neighborhoods. Each jurisdiction in the State is assigned a RHNA allocation. The RHNA does not necessarily promote growth but allows communities to anticipate growth so that the region can grow in ways that collectively enhance quality of life, improve access to jobs, promote transportation mobility, and address social equity and fair share housing needs.

The 6<sup>th</sup> cycle RHNA allocation for the City of Burbank is 8,772 new homes throughout the planning period of October 2021 through October 2029, broken down by housing affordability levels as shown in Table 1. Furthermore, the State requires jurisdictions to also plan for a buffer in the Housing Element sites inventory to ensure availability of adequate site capacity throughout the planning period. Burbank's draft Housing Element provides a total sites capacity of 10,011 units, a buffer of approximately 14% above the City's RHNA (Exhibit B, Pgs. 1-43 – 1-46).

Table 1: The 6 <sup>th</sup> cycle RHNA allocation for the City of Burbank			
Income Level	Percent of Area Median Income	Total RHNA	Percentage of Units
Very-Low Income	<50%	2,553	29.1%
Low Income	50-80%	1,418	16.2%
Moderate Income	80-120%	1,409	16.1%
Above Moderate	>120%	3,392	38.7%
Income			
Total		8,772	100.0%

Source: SCAG 6th Cycle Final RHNA

## **Housing Constraints**

This section assesses various governmental constraints such as zoning regulations, local ordinances and development fees; market constraints including price of land, cost of construction, and availability of financing; infrastructure and environmental factors such as flood & seismic hazards, that could possibly act as constraints to housing development and improvement in the City (Exhibit B, Pgs. 1-47 to 1-72).

#### Housing Site Inventory - Opportunity Sites

State housing law requires local housing elements to include an inventory of land known as the "Site Inventory" to address the RHNA allocation. The Site Inventory is a list of sites suitable for new residential development according to affordability levels included in the RHNA allocation. The opportunity sites must have realistic potential to be developed with new housing based on factors such as possibility of lot consolidation, underutilization of

the site, economic obsolescence of the existing use, adequacy of infrastructure, and site proximity to various resources. The 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element identifies nineteen (19) opportunity sites to accommodate the projected growth in housing needed to meet the City's RHNA allocation for the 2021-2029 planning period. Twelve (12) of the opportunity sites are in the Downtown Specific Plan area and seven (7) opportunity sites are located in the Golden State Specific Plan area. The opportunity sites have been identified based on the realistic conditions that supported development of housing as more likely than commercial space in the identified site based on the Downtown TOD and GSSP market studies and recent development projects. Additionally, the opportunity sites are located near the City's major employment and transit hubs. Moreover, facilitating the proposed opportunity sites would help in addressing Burbank's 3 to 1 jobs-to-housing imbalance. Appendix D of the Housing Element, (attached as Exhibit C to this report), provides information on the 2021-2029 Housing Element opportunity sites.

## Housing Plan for the 2021-2029 Housing Element

The final section of the 2021-2029 Housing Element (Exhibit B) includes twenty-seven housing programs that are intended to address the City's identified housing needs, goals, and policies. Housing programs are specifically intended to be measurable activities, actions, or ongoing efforts for implementation during the 8-year planning cycle. Some programs are existing and will be ongoing – such as the City's federal housing choice voucher program, while others are proposed and have not been initiated yet – such as streamlining opportunities for Code-compliant housing development through new and updated specific plans and multifamily development standards as well as a lot consolidation program to facilitate lot mergers to facilitate the development of housing. The proposed housing plan also includes State-required programs such as promoting the creation of affordable Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), per Government Code section 65583. The twenty-seven programs within the proposed Housing Plan have been divided into five categories:

#### i. Existing Housing and Neighborhood Conditions

Programs under this category are targeted towards investing in local neighborhoods and maintaining and preserving properties to create housing opportunities for all economic segments of the community. Specifically, the programs under this category include *Neighborhood Revitalization/Community Building; Committed Assistance Community Preservation Program; Preserve and Protect Existing Housing and Tenants; and Rental Assistance Vouchers.* These programs focus on maintaining existing residential neighborhoods, while providing affordable housing opportunities for lower income households. (Exhibit B: Housing Element Plan, Pgs. 1-104 to 1-106)

## ii. Adequate Housing Sites

Adequate housing sites includes programs that will ensure provision of sites for housing development to meet the City's RHNA requirements for the 2021-2029 planning period. The programs under this category include *Housing Opportunity Sites and Rezone Program; Promotion and Monitoring of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs); Monitoring No Net Loss and development on sites from prior planning* 

period; and Public-Private Partnerships on the City land. These programs include policies to streamline housing project review and that incentivize construction of ADUs and implement tracking system for monitoring of housing development, specific plan updates to rezone the identified housing opportunity sites, and collaboration with private developers to create opportunities for new housing development. (Exhibit B: Housing Element Plan, Pgs. 1-106 to 1-109)

## iii. Development of Affordable Housing

The programs under the Affordable Housing category are directed towards creating policies that incentivize development of affordable housing of various types and sizes. The City will update its inclusionary housing ordinance and density bonus ordinance to incentivize development of affordable units for large families and disabled people, as well as to create a streamlined process for implementation of density bonus incentives, concessions, and waivers. Furthermore, the City will strive to provide affordable housing opportunities by seeking funding to develop transitional and supportive housing, engaging with major employers in the City for provision of housing, incentivizing infill housing development, and exploring possibility of establishing an impact fee on non-residential development to support construction of affordable housing. The programs included in this category are Facilitate Development of Affordable Housing on Non-Vacant Sites; Inclusionary Housing Ordinance; Density Bonus Ordinance; Affordable Homeownership Program: Employer Assisted Housing: Development Impact Fees for Affordable Housing; Sustainability and Green Building Design; and Transitional and Supportive Housing. (Exhibit B: Housing Element Plan, Pgs. 1-109 to 1-113)

#### iv. Remove Constraints to Housing

The programs under this category are directed towards streamlining the housing approval process by removing regulatory constraints and incorporating objective development standards to facilitate development of a variety of affordable housing, while protecting and preserving existing neighborhoods. The programs under this category include *Objective Development Standards; Updated Multi-family Development Standards; Development Fee Waivers; Lot Consolidation Program; Zoning Text Amendments for Special Needs Housing; Updated Project Appeal Procedures.* (Exhibit B: Housing Element Plan, Pgs. 1-114 to 1-116)

## v. Equal Housing Opportunities and Special Needs

The programs under this category include Fair Housing/ Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing; Landlord - Tenant Services and Mediation; Homeless Housing and Services; Housing for Persons with Disabilities; Housing for Extremely Low-Income Households. These programs include policies that are intended to create awareness to promote fair housing practices through increased public notification and outreach that includes distributing fair housing brochures, conducting workshops and trainings. Additionally, the programs include policies that focus on expanding the range of housing options available and accessible to persons with disabilities and extremely low-income households. For example, the City has initiated Tiny Home Village project that will provide 26 modular homes to house 51

residents on public land. Furthermore, programs that include landlord-tenant counseling and implementation of homelessness plan will prevent displacement and potential homelessness and address homelessness within the City. (Exhibit B: Housing Element Plan, Pgs. 1-106 to 1-109)

## Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)

As required by Government Code section 65583, the 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element Update includes as assessment of fair housing that is consistent with the analysis required by the federal Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Final Rule. The AFFH component of the Project (Appendix B of Exhibit C) analyses the racial and economic patterns of segregation at the regional and local level, analyses access to economic, environmental, and educational opportunities, and identifies areas of high concentration of persons with disabilities and disadvantaged communities in the City. Additionally, the AFFH component identifies and prioritizes fair housing issues in the City and presents City's planned actions and programs to address these issues. The following key contributing factors or impediments to fair housing were identified – availability of affordable housing of various types for Burbank's residents, lack of awareness of fair housing services and fair housing rights, fair housing for the special needs population, availability of accessible housing, and neighborhood revitalization.

In addition to the programs included within the Element's Housing Plan, the AFFH establishes quantifiable action items to address the five contributing factors/impediments to fair housing. These action items include implementation of streamlined approval process for affordable housing projects that qualify for tax credits and/or other grants, development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) prototypes plans to streamline approval process, updating Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and Density Bonus Ordinance to effectively integrate affordable units in market rate projects, and providing rapid-rehousing and transitional housing to assist extremely low income individuals or households using Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds. Table B-11 in Appendix B of Exhibit C provides a complete summary of the fair housing issues, contributing factors, and the City actions to address these issues.

#### Concurrent General Plan Updates:

Additional General Plan updates are triggered per State law upon revising one element of the General Plan. Because the Housing Element is being updated, these additional updates are therefore also required. This includes revising the Safety Element and updating General Plan document to include Environmental Justice policies and goals where appropriate.

## <u>Safety Element -</u>

Key areas of the Burbank Safety Element to be updated include maps and data identifying flooding and fire hazards, city's goals and policies for emergency response and preparedness, especially as they relate to the City's projected climate change exposure, vulnerability, and environmental justice issues. The following revisions are proposed to the Safety Element to maintain compliance with the State law:

- Inclusion of climate adaptation planning pursuant to Government Code section 65302 (SB 379 (2015));
- Inclusion of information identifying residential developments in hazard areas that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes pursuant to Government Code section 65302 (SB 99 (2019));
- Evaluation of evacuations route capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios pursuant to Government Code section 65302.15 (AB 747 (2019));
- Incorporation of a local hazard mitigation plan approved by FEMA and Office of Emergency Services pursuant to Government Code section 65320.6 (AB 2140 (2006)); and
- Address the risk of fire in State responsibility areas and very high fire hazard severity zones pursuant to Government Code sections 65302 and 65302.5 (SB 1241 (2012)).

Additionally, as the City already has a Climate Change Element, several climate change policies are proposed to be incorporated into the Climate Change Element and referenced in the Safety Element. Exhibit D provides an overview of all the updates that have been included in the Safety Element.

#### Environmental Justice -

In addition to revising the Safety Element, the City is required to adopt or review Environmental Justice Element or the environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives in other elements of the General Plan pursuant to SB 1000. Government Code section 65040.12(e), which defines environmental justice as "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies." The California EPA uses CalEnviroScreen mapping tool to determine a score for each U. S. Census tract to identify disadvantaged communities throughout the State. The CalEnviroScreen score for each census tract is determined by combining indicators for pollution burden (the average of exposures and environmental effects) and population characteristics (the average of sensitive populations and socioeconomic factors) for each census tract within the City, as indicated in Figure 1 of Exhibit D. Seven census tracts in central, northwest, and southeast Burbank (see Figure 1 and Table 1 in Exhibit D) have a combined DAC score of 75% or higher, thus exceeding the minimum criterion for DAC designation.

As mandated under Government Code section 65040.12(e), the proposed Safety Element and Environmental Justice policy updates include strategies to create economic and fair housing opportunities and avoid discrimination for all socio-economic groups.

The proposed Environmental Justice goals, policies, and objectives are targeted to reduce health risks to disadvantaged communities (DACs), promote civil engagement, reduce pollution exposure, promote public facilities, and prioritize the needs of these communities. Exhibit D provides an overview of all the updates that have been included in the Safety Element as well as the Environmental Justice policy updates.

## Public Participation:

Consistent with the requirements of State housing law, the Housing Element and related General Plan update process included public outreach to solicit input from the public throughout the Housing Element process. Public outreach efforts included study sessions with the City Council and Planning Board, community workshops, a community survey, and creation of a webpage with access to project related updates and resources.

#### Public Outreach

The City's Housing Element update process was initiated with the Burbank City Council teleconference study session on July 21, 2020, which provided information to the Council members and the Burbank community of the current and proposed update of the Housing Element. On August 27, 2020, the City conducted community workshops for stakeholders including developers, housing service providers and housing advocacy groups. Furthermore, on October 3, 2020, and February 27, 2021, the City conducted an additional community workshop with the public including residents and businesses to provide opportunities for public input and questions. A study session was also conducted with the Planning Board on January 25, 2021, to provide information on the Housing Element and other General Plan updates. Moreover, the City conducted a Housing Element online survey in three different languages (Armenian, English and Spanish) from September 30, 2020 to January 4, 2021. The survey provided for input on the potential areas for future housing within the City, ranking of priority housing programs, and identifying disadvantaged communities. There was a total of 227 respondents to the survey.

Additionally, the Draft Housing Element and other General Plan elements were available for public review on the City's website starting on April 27, 2021. Finally, as required by CEQA, the City also released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on its website for public review on January 26, 2022, and reached out to all the stakeholders including developers, residents, housing advocacy groups, and Housing Element and CEQA interest list providing information on the EIR for the Project. The Environmental Assessment sub-section in the following pages provides additional details regarding the public outreach effort that was done for the EIR associated with the Project.

#### Public Noticing

Notification of project events were provided through the City's e-notify email system, publication in the LA Times, emails to a Housing Element interest list including stakeholders and workshop participants, posts on the City's social media accounts, and announcements at Landlord Tenant Commission and Senior Board meetings. Additionally, approximately 20,000 flyers were distributed to households in census tracts with most of Burbank's lower and moderate-income areas.

#### Public Feedback

The City has received five comment letters on the Draft Element (included in Appendix F-6 of Housing Element – attached as Exhibit C), and has addressed these comments in the Element. Some of the key comments that were received focused on questions

regarding redevelopment of non-vacant sites within the planning period 2021-2029, projection of future accessory dwelling units (ADUs), recommendations for addressing fair housing and promote integrated neighborhoods, and programs and policies that are being included to address major constraints to redevelopment in the City.

The City has added evidence to the site analysis that indicates the redevelopment of non-vacant sites within the City in the recent past (Appendix D of Housing Element – attached as Exhibit C). Furthermore, evidence in the form of ADU building permits in the recent past, combined with programs and policies facilitating ADU production have been included in the Housing Element to justify ADU production over the eight-year planning period (refer Exhibit B). Additionally, the City has done analysis on the regional and local patterns of segregation, access to opportunity, and displacement risk and included concrete actions and milestones to address and identify contributing factors to fair housing issues (Appendix B of Housing Element – attached as Exhibit C). Finally, programs have been included in the Housing Element — including, establishing streamlined processing and approval, objective development and design standards, and updating multi-family development standards to better enable well design urban infill development, establishing incentives for the consolidation of individual parcels into larger development sites — to address major constraints to redevelopment within the City (refer Exhibit B).

## **ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

The Project will result in changes to the City's General Plan and are subject to the applicable environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA). To satisfy the disclosure requirements as prescribed under CEQA, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared to identify, analyze, and mitigate, to the extent feasible, the potential environmental effects associated with implementation of the Project. The EIR was prepared pursuant to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the Guidelines for the Implementation of CEQA (State CEQA Guidelines) (Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3, Sections 15000 et. seq.).

A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for the Project was circulated in March of 2021, notifying the community and relevant agencies that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was being prepared for the project. On March 31, 2021, during the 30-day NOP period, staff hosted a community scoping meeting to receive public input on the project description.

The City prepared a Draft EIR for the Project pursuant to CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The DEIR evaluated the environmental effects that could result from implementation of the Project. The following environmental topical areas were found to have no impacts, less than significant impacts, or less than significant impacts with mitigations incorporated:

Aesthetics Agriculture Resources Hydrology and Water Quality Land Use and Planning

Air Quality
Biological Resources
Cultural Resources
Energy
Geology/Soils
Greenhouse Gas Emissions
Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Mineral Resources
Noise
Population/Housing
Public Services
Recreation
Tribal Cultural Resources
Wildfire

For the environmental topic areas with impacts that can be mitigated, the mitigations have been compiled into a mitigation monitoring and reporting program (MMRP), which outlines the procedures for the implementation of mitigation measures to reduce the environmental impacts as well as the responsible parties and an approximate timeline for such mitigations. Exhibit H provides the draft MMRP for the Project.

The Draft EIR identified potentially significant and unavoidable impacts within the *Transportation/Traffic, and Utilities/Service Systems* environmental topic areas, even with the implementation of feasible mitigation measures.

## Transportation/Traffic

The Housing Element Update will establish goals, policies and programs that focus on increasing new housing opportunities near major transit and job centers within the city, facilitating an increase in the housing supply that would result in a reduction in the vehicle miles of travel (VMT) for several trip purposes. The Project would reduce VMT per capita (i.e., the amount of VMT generated relative to the City's population) by allowing more people to live closer to the large number of existing jobs in Burbank thereby shortening the trips of future residents that live and work in the City, while also improving the jobsto-housing balance within the City, which is currently at three jobs to everyone one housing unit. It would also reduce VMT per capita by allowing more people to live closer to high-quality transit, and therefore greater opportunities for residents of this new housing to have access to alternate modes of transportation to the single occupancy vehicle including public transit, walking and biking to work both within and outside the City.

In addition to VMT per capita, the Project would result in a minor reduction in total VMT per service population (i.e., the amount of VMT generated relative to all people in Burbank including residents, employees, students, customers, and visitors) because adding more housing reduces VMT generated by these other non-resident trips, but to a lesser extent. This is because some of these other trip types are not affected by the addition of new housing supply. Finally, the Project would result in a slight reduction in VMT per employee (i.e., the amount of VMT generated relative to the City's employees) because while adding housing near jobs reduces employee VMT by those who live and work in the City, this reduction is minor because a large proportion of employees do not live in the City.

Because the Housing Element update is projected to reduce VMT for all three metrics, the Draft EIR measured its effect on all three types of VMT. The VMT model calculated whether the plan's goals and policies will cause a reduction in total VMT -- per capita, per service population, and per employee -- that is at least 15 percent or more as compared

with the 2021 VMT baseline values for the SCAG region. This 15 percent or more threshold of significance was chosen to be in line with State CEQA guidance and greenhouse gas reduction goals. Based on the analysis in the Draft EIR, adopting the Housing Element and implementing its goals and policies would reduce VMT across all three metrics. However, because housing affects different types of VMT differently, the Draft EIR showed that it would reduce VMT per capita below a level of 15 percent but would not reduce VMT per service population and VMT per employee enough to fall below this threshold. Thus, the Housing Element Update would result in significant and unavoidable impacts for total VMT per service population and VMT per employee (Impact TRA-3).

Mitigation measures were considered to address the VMT impacts. These included measures to reduce and/or shorten vehicle trips, thereby reducing VMT. Examples include requiring the provision of transit passes to employees by new development, providing bicycle parking at employer and multi-family residential locations, improving transit accessibility to homes and jobs, and implementing parking cash-out programs that do not require households to pay for parking if they do not own a car. These measures can be required by the City for individual development projects to reduce the VMT impacts, but they are challenging to implement at the plan level without committing to subsequent implementation steps such that they apply to all projects. Therefore, requiring these mitigation measures at the program EIR level is not considered feasible and therefore cannot be considered to mitigate these VMT impacts. Thus, the Draft EIR identifies these impacts as significant and unavoidable because there is no feasible mitigation measure available to reduce the VMT impacts below the required thresholds.

#### *Utilities/Service Systems*

The Utilities/Service Systems section of the Draft EIR analyzes environmental impacts associated with the provision of infrastructure for water supply, wastewater conveyance, treatment, and disposal, solid waste disposal, and stormwater management, as well as telecommunications facilities, energy, and natural gas. All potential impacts, except wastewater conveyance, were found to be less than significant.

Wastewater generated in Burbank is collected and conveyed by approximately 230 miles of underground pipelines and flows to the Burbank Water Reclamation Plant (BWRP), which has a design capacity of 12.5 million gallons per day (mgd) and currently treats 8.5 mgd. The housing development projected under the Project has the potential to increase wastewater generation beyond the existing capacity of the BWRP, causing a significant and unavoidable impact on the City's wastewater conveyance system.

The analysis found that Mitigation Measure UTIL-1 should be implemented to reduce the significant impact by requiring a fee study by the Public Works Department to identify the connection fees that facilitate the recovery of the City's costs of future upgrades that are attributed to the type of development being proposed and proportional to the individual projects' impacts to the City's wastewater system. However, Mitigation Measure UTIL-1 would not address potential impacts associated with the exceedance of the available wastewater treatment capacity at BWRP associated with full buildout of the Housing

Element Update. Therefore, this impact remained significant and unavoidable even with implementation of Mitigation Measure UTIL-1.

## Public Review of DEIR

The DEIR was released for a 65-day public review period in January of 2022 to receive public comments. Link for DEIR and related appendices are included in Exhibit E, which was provided to the Planning Board members on August 11, 2022. In addition to the 65-day review period, the public was also given an opportunity to provide comments on the DEIR during the March 14, 2022, Planning Board hearing. The City received comments from the public on the DEIR, including comments on the Project's potential impact on the City's wastewater conveyance system and biological resources. Public comments received on the DEIR and responses to the public comments have been attached as Exhibit F with this report.

## Public Review of Recirculated DEIR

## Recirculated DEIR -

The City revised the Draft EIR to address comments received in the Draft EIR. Per CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, the City is required to recirculate the revised sections of the Draft EIR to provide an opportunity to the public to comment on the Recirculated Draft EIR (Exhibit G). The Recirculated Draft EIR includes revisions to Biological Resources section and Utilities/Service Systems section, as discussed below.

## • Revisions to Biological Resources section

Biological Resources section of the Recirculated Draft EIR has been revised to address the comments provided by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), which indicate that development under the proposed Project may result in adverse impacts to the least Bell's vireo, bat species, and monarch butterflies through vegetation and tree removal. The City has incorporated mitigation measures in the Recirculated Draft EIR to reduce any potential adverse impacts to the endangered/sensitive species as identified in California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) and iNaturalist maps. These mitigation measures include initial site assessment for biological resources, focused biological survey, and establishment of avoidance buffer if construction activities occur within 500 feet of identified habitat or observation and/or construction activities or other disturbances occur during nesting period.

## • Revisions to Utilities/Service Systems section

Consistent with the Draft EIR, the impacts associated with the City's wastewater conveyance system are noted as significant and unavoidable in the Recirculated Draft EIR. However, the Recirculated Draft EIR includes revised analysis that provides additional mitigation measures to reduce the significant and unavoidable impacts to the City's the Utilities/Service Systems. The revised mitigation measures include short-term and long-term measures to address sewage capacity issues attributed to the new housing units under the Project. Short term measures include: diversion of sewage to Los Angeles sewer system, specifically the Hyperion Sanitary Sewer System, to alleviate capacity concerns for certain

sewage conveyance pipelines; temporarily lowering the influent flows to the BWRP; and identification of sewer infrastructure upgrades that can be implemented by developers when a nexus and rough proportionality is established between proposed development project(s) and impact on City sewer infrastructure. Long-term measures include: expansion of BWRP facilities including addition of new primary clarifiers; increasing capacity in the equalization basins, and other parts of the sewage treatment process; preparation of a new Sewer System Master Plan in Fiscal Year 2022/23 to evaluate the City's sewer conveyance and treatment system over the next twenty years; and, developing the appropriate sewer facility impact fee rate increase to ensure that developers pay their fair share of the cost to expand and upgrade the capacity of the BWRP treatment facilities.

#### Environmental Determination

This resolution only involves a recommendation, which will not result in any direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. (CEQA Guidelines, §15378(b).) As such, no further review is necessary for the resolution.

After the 47-day public review period for the Recirculated Draft EIR ends on September 6, 2022, staff and the City's environmental consultant will review and respond to the public comments. These responses will be incorporated in the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR). As required by CEQA Guidelines section 15093, the Final EIR will include Findings of Fact and Statement of Overriding Consideration for the City Council's consideration, which provides findings relating to accepting adverse impacts of the Project due to overriding considerations after balancing the economic, legal, social, technological, and other benefits of the Project against unavoidable environmental risk associated with the Project. Included as part of the Final EIR and overall environmental assessment, the City Council will consider the Project's MMRP, which outlines the procedures for the implementation of mitigation measures to reduce the environmental impacts associated with the Project as identified in the Draft EIR and Recirculated Draft EIR (Exhibit H).

Prior to approving the Project, the City Council is required review the Project and to certify the EIR. As part of the EIR certification process, the City Council will consider approving and adopting the Findings of Fact, the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and the MMRP to address the environmental effects associated with the Project, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15092. The Final EIR will be made available at least 10 days prior to City Council's consideration of a request to approve the Project and certifying the EIR, consistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15088(b).

## FISCAL IMPACT

The timely approval and adoption of the proposed 2021-2029 Housing Element General Plan updates will ensure compliance with all previously noted State laws. A State compliant Housing Element will allow the City to maintain its eligibility to obtain Federal and various State housing funds, including the LEAP grant that was recently awarded to the City for the ongoing Downtown and Golden State specific plan update. Moreover,

implementation of the policies and programs contained in the 2021-2029 Housing Element will facilitate a streamlined review of housing development, which is anticipated to result in additional building permit fees, and property taxes post construction. Any programs noted in the Housing Plan that require funding and could result in impacts to the City's general fund will be addressed as part of the report to the City Council.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Once the Planning Board makes a recommendation on the Project, it will be scheduled for a noticed public hearing before the City Council to make a determination on the Project and the certification of the EIR, consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15088(b). The Final EIR will be made publicly available at least 10 days prior to the City Council hearing, with additional notification provided to all prior commenters on the Project and Draft EIR. At the public hearing, the City Council will consider the staff report, Planning Board recommendation, public testimony and decide whether or not to approve the Project and certify the Final EIR.

## October 15, 2022, Adoption Deadline:

If the City fails to adopt a compliant 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element by October 15, 2022, it will be subject to a range of penalties or consequences, including potential litigation from housing rights' organizations, developers, and HCD. The Courts will also have the authority to take away the City's permitting authority for building permits and can impose fines of up to \$100,000 per month until the Element is brought into compliance. Additionally, in absence of an HCD approved Housing Element, the City will be required to provide ministerial review and approval for any new housing project, which includes affordable housing on a site that is zoned (or will be zoned in future) for multi-family residential development. And finally, the City will no longer eligible for any housing grants or other State administered grant and loan programs.

## CONCLUSION

The General Plan update process, most notably the Housing Element, sets the table for the City's ongoing efforts to address the community's three-to-one jobs to housing imbalance and related housing needs. Additionally, adoption of the 2021-2029 Housing Element in combination with the City's ongoing specific plan updates will create a consistent long-range planning and policy efforts that advance the Council's housing production goal of facilitating the building of 12,000 housing units over the next 15 years. Further, by maintaining a compliant and State-certified Housing Element, the City will remain eligible and competitive for State grant funding opportunities that ultimately help the City in implementing its housing strategy. Therefore, staff recommends that the Board adopt the attached Resolution (Exhibit A) recommending to the City Council adoption of the Housing Element, Safety Element, and Environmental Justice policies and program updates to the General Plan.

## **EXHIBITS**

Exhibit A	Resolution
Exhibit B	2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element
Exhibit C	Housing Element Appendices
Exhibit D	Safety Element and Environmental Justice Policies
Exhibit E	Memo to Planning Board on Recirculated EIR
Exhibit F	Responses to public comments on DEIR
Exhibit G	Recirculated Draft EIR
Exhibit H	Draft Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

## RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF BURBANK RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL ADOPT A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURBANK APPROVING THE 2021-2029 (6th CYCLE) HOUSING ELEMENT, SAFETY ELEMENT, AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GENERAL PLAN UPDATES.

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65300 et seq. requires each city to prepare and adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for the physical development of the city with state mandated elements. The Burbank2035 General Plan, which was adopted in 2013 is made up of chapters or elements, many of which are required by State law. These elements include - Air Quality and Climate Change; Land Use; Mobility; Noise; Open Space and Conservation; Safety; and Plan Realization.

WHEREAS, California Government Code Sections 65580-65589.9, requires local jurisdictions to update their Housing Element on a schedule set forth in the law to evaluate the appropriateness of housing goals and policies as well as assess the progress made in meeting their share of regional housing needs in Southern California.

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65583(c)(9), requires that local jurisdictions make a diligent effort to achieve public participation of all economic segments of the community in the development of the Housing Element, and the program shall describe this effort. To satisfy this requirement the City conducted community workshops, a community survey, study sessions with the City Council and Planning Board, and created a webpage with access to project related updates and resources.

WHEREAS, as required by the State housing law, the 2021-2029 Housing Element update was submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for their review. The City received comments from HCD on August 17, 2021, February 1, 2022, and May 11, 2022. The 2021 – 2029 Housing Element update addresses all HCD comments and is compliant with the statutory requirements of State general plan and housing law.

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Government Code Section 65302.5(a), the California Geological Survey of the Department of Conservation was notified of the availability of the draft Safety Element and associated Environmental Justice policies for their review to determine if all known seismic and other geological hazards are addressed.

WHEREAS, Government Code section 65354 authorizes the Planning Board to make a recommendation on amendments to general plans to the city council.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board of the City of Burbank at its meeting of August 22, 2022, held a public hearing on the 2021-2029 Housing Element, Safety Element, and Environmental Justice General Plan Updates (herein referred to as "Project"), included as Exhibits B through D in the August 22, 2022, Staff Report, to consider a Board recommendation to the City Council to approve the Project as required by the State law.

WHEREAS, said hearing was properly noticed in accordance with the provisions of Burbank Municipal Code, which establishes procedure that meets or exceeds the public noticing requirements for adoption of such updates as set forth in Government Code section 65353.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board considered the report and recommendations of the City Planner and the evidence presented at such hearing.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board considered the evidence presented in the updated 2021-2029 Housing Element to accommodate the City's unmet fair share of housing and finds that the identified housing opportunity sites can accommodate the projected housing development for the 2021-2029 planning period.

WHEREAS, the City determined that the Housing Element Update, Safety Element Update and incorporation of Environmental Justice policies into the Burbank2035 General Plan, was a project requiring review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), Public Resources Code 21000 et seq. and that an Environmental Impact Report shall be prepared to evaluate the potential environmental effects of the Project.

WHEREAS, the Planning Board concurs with the City staff's assessment that the Project requires an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in order to assess the impacts of the Project pursuant to Section 15081 of the CEQA Guidelines.

WHEREAS, the documents and other materials that constitute the record of proceedings, upon which the decision to recommend approval of the Project, are in the Planning Division of the City of Burbank and the custodian of the record is the City Planner.

## THE PLANNING BOARD OF THE CITY OF BURBANK RESOLVES:

1. TO RECOMMEND TO THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE PROJECT, which includes the 2021-2029 Housing Element, Safety Element, and Environmental Justice General Plan update that will cover the planning period of October 2021 through October 2029 - known as the 6th Cycle, provides policies and housing programs to enable housing development to meet the City's fair share of housing, identify potential opportunity sites for accommodating future housing growth, and remove regulatory constraints in development of housing by streamlining the processing of residential building permits. Additionally, these updates are required to maintain compliance with the statutory requirements of State law, which also consider life and safety measures associated with the project's implementation in the Safety Element and Environmental Justice policy and program updates within the City General Plan to ensure that the needs of the disadvantaged segments of the community are taken into consideration in the City's housing, sustainability and economic development goals.

This recommendation is based upon the Planning Board's adoption of the following findings:

## A. FINDING FOR CONSISTENCY WITH THE BURBANK2035 GENERAL PLAN:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65300.5, the proposed updates to Burbank2035 General Plan, inclusive the Housing and Safety Element Updates and the additional Environmental Justice policies and programs are consistent with the other elements of the Burbank2035 General Plan as follows:

The Burbank2035 General Plan, which was adopted in 2013 is a State-required policy document that provides guidance in shaping the future physical growth and development of the City. Burbank2035 is made up of chapters or elements, many of which are required by State law. These elements include - Air Quality and Climate Change; Land Use; Mobility; Noise; Open Space and Conservation; Safety; and Plan Realization. The Housing Element update is consistent and compatible with the long-range growth goals, objectives, and policies of other elements within the Burbank2035 General Plan, as discussed in the following sections.

#### Air Quality and Climate Change Element

The Air Quality and Climate Change Element addresses ways to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, protect people and places from toxic air contaminants (TACs) and odors, comply with statewide GHG emission reduction goals, and adapt to changed environmental conditions caused by a changing climate.

The 2021-2029 Housing Element, Safety Element, and Environmental Justice General Plan updates (the Project) are consistent with the applicable goals and policies contained in the General Plan Air Quality and Climate Change Element as noted in Attachment 1: Burbank2035 General Plan Consistency Table to this resolution. The applicable General Plan Air Quality and Climate Change Element goals and policies include the following:

- Air Quality and Climate Change Element Goal 1, Policy 1.6
- Air Quality and Climate Change Element Goal 2, Policies 2.2 and 2.4
- Air Quality and Climate Change Element Goal 3, Policies 3.1, 3.2, 3.4, 3.6 and 3.8

The Safety Element update is consistent and compatible with the following long-range growth goals, objectives, and policies of Air Quality and Climate Change Element.

• Air Quality and Climate Change Element Goal 4, Policy 4.1

#### Land Use Element

The Land Use Element guides the future development in the City by designating appropriate locations for different land uses including open space, parks, residences, commercial uses, industry, schools, and other public uses. Additionally, the Land Use Element establishes standards for residential density and non-residential building intensity for land located throughout the City.

The Project is consistent with the applicable goals and policies contained in the General Plan Land Use Element as noted Attachment 1: Burbank2035 General Plan Consistency Table to this resolution. The applicable General Plan Land Use Element goals and policies include the following:

- Land Use Element Goal 1, Policies 1.1, 1.3, 1.6 and 1.7
- Land Use Element Goal 2, Policies 2.2, 2.3, 2.5, 2.6 and 2.7
- Land Use Element Goal 3, Policies 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4
- Land Use Element Goal 5 Policies 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4 and 5.5
- Land Use Element Goal 6, Policies 6.1, 6.2 and 6.6
- Land Use Element Goal 7, Policies 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4 and 7.5
- Land Use Element Goal 8 Policies 8.1, 8.5 and 8.7

The Safety Element update is consistent and compatible with the following long-range growth goals, objectives, and policies of Land Use Element.

• Land Use Element Goal 2, Policy 2.2

#### Mobility Element

The Mobility Element defines the transportation network and describes how people move throughout the city, including the streets, railways, transit routes, bike paths, and sidewalks. The transportation network is a major determinant of urban form and land use. Factors such as, but not limited to, traffic patterns and congestion, access to transit, and ease and safety of walking and biking may determine where people choose to live, work, and visit.

The Project is consistent with the applicable goals and policies contained in the General Plan Mobility Element as noted Attachment 1: Burbank2035 General Plan Consistency Table to this resolution. The applicable General Plan Land Use Element goals and policies include the following:

- Mobility Element Goal 2, Policies 2.1, 2.4 and 2.5
- Mobility Element Goal 4 Policies 4.7 and 4.10
- Mobility Element Goal 5 Policies 5.1, 5.4 and 5.5
- Mobility Element Goal 8 Policy 8.3
- Mobility Element Goal 9 Policy 9.3

#### Noise Element

The Noise Element describes the existing noise environment in Burbank, identifies noise sources and problems affecting community safety and comfort, and establishes policies and programs that limit community exposure to excessive noise levels. The Noise Element sets standards for acceptable noise levels by various land uses and provides guidance for how to balance the noise created by an active and economically healthy community with the community's desire for peace and quiet.

The Project is consistent with the applicable goals and policies contained in the General Plan Noise Element as noted Attachment 1: Burbank2035 General Plan Consistency Table to this

resolution. The applicable General Plan Noise Element goals and policies include the following:

- Noise Element Goal 1 Policies 1.1, 1.2, 1.3 and 1.4
- Noise Element Goal 2 Policies 2.1 and 2.2
- Noise Element Goal 3 Policies 3.3, 3.5, and 3.7
- Noise Element Goal 4 Policy 4.2
- Noise Element Goal 5, Policies 5.1 and 5.2
- Noise Element Goal 6 Policy 6.1
- Noise Element Goal 7, Policies 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3

The Safety Element update is consistent and compatible with the following long-range growth goals, objectives, and policies of Noise Element.

• Noise Element Goal 5, Policies 5.1 and 5.2

#### **Open Space and Conservation Element**

The Open Space and Conservation Element describes the conservation, development, and use of natural resources and addresses Burbank's parks and recreation opportunities. The element also addresses preservation of renewable and non-renewable natural resources; managed production of resources, such as energy and groundwater; outdoor recreation; and trail-oriented recreation.

The Project is consistent with the applicable goals and policies contained in the General Plan Open Space and Conservation Element as noted Attachment 1: Burbank2035 General Plan Consistency Table to this resolution. The applicable General Plan Open Space and Conservation Element goals and policies include the following:

- Open Space and Conservation Element Goal 6 Policy 6.1
- Open Space and Conservation Element Goal 7 Policy 7.2
- Open Space and Conservation Element Goal 8 Policy 8.1
- Open Space and Conservation Element Goal 9 Policy 9.1
- Open Space and Conservation Element Goal 10, Policies 10.1 and 10.2

The Safety Element update is consistent and compatible with the following long-range growth goals, objectives, and policies of Open Space and Conservation Element.

Open Space and Conservation Element Goal 10, Policy 10.1

#### Plan Realization Element

Plan Realization Element describes the means for implementing the core values expressed in Burbank2035's goals and policies, and presents ways to ensure that the plan remains current and relevant. The Housing Element Update includes twenty-seven housing programs that address the City's identified housing needs, goals, and policies, and provide measurable activities, actions, or ongoing efforts for implementation during the 8-year planning cycle.

The GPA proposes provides goals and implantation programs to address the City's ongoing efforts to address the community's three to one jobs to housing imbalance and related housing needs, and is required to maintain compliance with State housing law. Additionally, adoption of the 2021-2029 Housing Element in combination with the City's ongoing specific plan updates will create a consistent long-range planning and policy efforts that advance the Council's housing production goal of facilitating the building of 12,000 housing units over the next 15 years.

A full General Plan consistency analysis is provided in Attachment A to this resolution.

# B. FINDINGS FOR NON-VACANT SITES IDENTIFIED TO ACCOMMODATE THE RHNA:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65583.2, the Planning Board finds, based on the facts described in Staff Report on file dated August 22, 2022, that the existing uses on the sites identified in the site inventory to accommodate the lower income RHNA are likely to be discontinued during the planning period, and therefore do not constitute an impediment to additional residential development during the period covered by 2021-2029 Housing Element. The City has included findings/substantial evidence that supports the likelihood of residential development in the housing opportunity sites. The findings include market study for specific plans indicating a strong support for residential development in the opportunity sites, trend data showing redevelopment of commercial uses to residential, likelihood of discontinuation of existing uses that are economically and physically underutilized, and outreach effort by the City to market the opportunity sites to promote residential use. The findings/substantial evidence for each opportunity site is provided in Appendix D of Exhibit C attached to the August 22, 2022, Staff Report.

- C. The Planning Board finds that the 2021-2029 Housing Element complies with the duty to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing
- 2. ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW. The Planning Board exercises its independent judgment and finds that this resolution only involves a recommendation for a General Plan Amendment inclusive of changes to the General Plan's Housing and Safety Elements' goals, policies and programs and the incorporation of Environmental Justice policies and programs throughout the General Plan as required by State law. These recommended changes to General Plan's goals, policies and programs, which are being forwarded for Council consideration at a later date will not result in any direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. However, the Planning Board concurs with the City staff's assessment that the Project requires an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) in order to assess the impacts of the Project pursuant to Section 15081 of the CEQA Guidelines. That environmental assessment will be considered by the City Council as part of their consideration of the Project.
- 3. **REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL.** The Secretary of the Planning Board shall forward a signed copy of this Resolution with the Planning Board's report and decision to the City Council.

## <u>Attachment 1:</u> <u>Burbank2035 General Plan Consistency Table</u>

Air Quality and Climate Change Element		
Policy	Justification	Consistency
Goal 1 Reduction of Air Polluti Basin are improved by plannii reduce fossil fuel co and promoting conservation a both	ts. Policies that reled	
Policy 1.6: Require measures to control air pollutant emissions at construction sites and during soil- disturbing or dust-generating activities (i.e., tilling, landscaping) for projects requiring such activities.	As a part of the Project, the City will require development projects that propose grading or demolition beyond a certain threshold to prepare an Air Quality Impact Analysis to analyze	Consistent
_	urbank is committed to reducing the expo to toxic air contaminants and odors.	sure of sensitive
Policy 2.2: Separate sensitive uses such as residences, schools, parks, and day care facilities from sources of air pollution and toxic chemicals. Provide proper site planning and design features to buffer and protect when physical separation of these uses is not feasible.  Policy 2.4: Reduce the effects of air pollution, poor ambient air quality, and urban heat island effect with increased tree planting in public and private spaces	A majority of the housing opportunity sites are located within the proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan areas. As a part of the specific plans, the City will establish objective development standards that will help create project design features and conditions of project approval for individual developments — such as maximizing physical separation of units from pollutants through site design, planting of trees, and installation of MERV-13 filters — to protect sensitive uses from sources of air pollution and toxic chemicals.	Consistent

energy-efficient future and complies with statewide greenhouse gas reduction goals.		
	The Housing Element Update would	
		Consistent
a binding, enforceable	help reduce reliance on the automobile	
reduction target and mitigation	and increase use of alternative	
measures and actions to	transportation modes including biking	
reduce communitywide	and walking. By increasing the overall	
greenhouse gas emissions	population density of the community	
within Burbank by at least 15%	and encouraging mixed land uses,	
from current levels by 2020.	implementation of the Housing	
<b>Policy 3.2:</b> Establish a goal	Element Update would largely reduce	Consistent
and strategies to reduce	per capita automobile trips/vehicle	
communitywide greenhouse	miles travelled and travel distances as	
gas emissions by at least 30%	compared to existing conditions or	
from current levels by 2035.	lower density development more	
Policy 3.4: Reduce	widely distributed throughout the	Consistent
greenhouse gas emissions	community. Furthermore, the design of	
from new development by	future buildings and promoting Transit	
promoting water conservation	Oriented Development projects	
and recycling; promoting	consistent with State Green Building	
development that is compact,	Code requirements and the City's	
mixed-use, pedestrian-	Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan	
friendly, and transit-oriented;	would also reduce per capita air	
promoting energy-efficient	pollutant and greenhouse gas	
building design and site	emissions associated with vehicle use	
planning; and improving the	and new developments.	
jobs/housing ratio.	'	
Policy 3.6: Reduce	The City requires all development	Consistent
greenhouse gas emissions by	projects to comply with the applicable	Controlocom
encouraging the retrofit of		
older, energy inefficient	Regulations Title 24, Part 11 that	
buildings.		
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bulluli igs.	establishes planning and design standards for sustainable site development, energy efficiency, water conservation, reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, and internal air	
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Goal 3 Reduction of Green House Gas Emissions: Burbank seeks a sustainable,

	technically feasible under applicable	
	building and development regulations.	
<b>Policy 3.8:</b> Transition all	One of the programs — Sustainability	Consistent
economic sectors, new	and Green Building Design program —	
development, and existing	in the 2021-2029 Housing Element,	
infrastructure and	Housing Plan requires green building	
development to low- or zero-	practices for new construction as well	
carbon energy sources.	as for qualifying residential	
Encourage implementation	rehabilitation/home improvement	
and provide incentives for	projects. This program will also be	
low- or zero-carbon energy	aligned with the City's Greenhouse	
sources.	Gas Reduction Plan (updated in 2022)	
	to ensure that new housing	
	development envisioned in the	
	Housing Element Update implements	
	sustainable construction practices to	
	extent technically possible.	
Goal 4 Climate Change: Prepa	are for and adapt to anticipated effects of	climate change.
Policy 4.1: Evaluate the	The proposed updates to Safety	Consistent
potential effects of climate	Element includes policy that requires	
change on Burbank's human	the City to consider climate change	
and natural systems and	vulnerability in planning decisions,	
prepare strategies that allow	including those involving new public	
the City to appropriately	facilities and private development.	
respond.		

Land Use Element		
Policy	Justification	Consistency
Goal 1 Quality of Life: Burb	ank maintains a high quality of life by care	fully balancing
the needs	of residents, businesses, and visitors.	
mix of residential and non- residential land uses in	opportunity sites, will be rezoned to allow a variety of uses including high density residential, retail, service	Consistent
Policy 1.3: Maintain and protect Burbank's residential neighborhoods by avoiding	are located within the Downtown TOD	Consistent

encroachment of incompatible land uses and public facilities.	and were selected due to their proximity to job centers and major transit stations, which are also in areas that facilitate the necessary infrastructure facilities to support the type of infill development needed to meet the State and City housing development goals while providing for new objective development standards that help preserve and protect the character of existing residential neighborhoods within the City.	
Policy 1.6: Adapt economically underused and decaying buildings, consistent with the character of surrounding districts and neighborhoods, to support new uses that can be more successful.	Many of the housing opportunity sites are non-vacant sites with structures and/or uses that are either physically or economically underutilized. The specific plan updates currently underway includes rezoning of opportunity sites and development of objective development standards that will help the City meets its RHNA and Council housing production goals by allowing the development of sites to a higher economic use and ensure consistency with the surrounding districts and neighborhoods.	Consistent
Policy 1.7: Ensure that building height and intensity near single-family residential neighborhoods is compatible with that permitted in the neighborhood. Use graduated height limits to allow increased height as distance from single-family properties increases.	The development of the Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plans will establish objective development standards to allow denser development away from the existing single-family residential neighborhoods and facilitate gradual transition in height between existing residential neighborhoods and proposed development.	Consistent
that meets today's needs w	nk is committed to building and maintainin hile providing a high quality of life for futur spects the environment and conserves nat	e generations.
Policy 2.2: Preserve the undeveloped portion of the Verdugo Mountains as open space. Guide new development to infill locations in other parts of the city.	The Housing Element opportunity sites are existing sites that are located near major employment and transit centers within the proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan. The Project will encourage infill development on existing parcels with urbanized areas	Consistent

	of the City and away from the open space of the Verdugo Mountains. The undeveloped portion of the Verdugo mountains is located within very high fire hazard severity zone. Additionally, to preserve the undeveloped portion of the Verdugo Mountains, the Safety Element update includes policy requiring all development in high fire hazard severity area to comply with 2019 California Building Code and meet or exceed hardening requirements in Chapter 7A of the California Building Code or other applicable codes.	
Policy 2.3: Require that new development pay its fair share for infrastructure improvements. Ensure that needed infrastructure and services are available prior to or at project completion.	To accommodate the projected increase in housing for the planning period 2021-2029, the Housing Element Update includes mitigation measure as part of the Environmental Impact Report that provides for all future development projects to pay their fair share of development impact fees and/or construct new or upgraded infrastructure based on a nexus and rough proportionality between the project housing development infrastructure needs and the fair share impact to City's infrastructure. These mitigation measures as conditions of future housing development approval will ensure that needed infrastructure to support the project upon completion.	Consistent
Policy 2.5: Require the use of sustainable construction practices, building infrastructure, and materials in new construction and substantial remodels of existing buildings.	One of the programs — Sustainability and Green Building Design program — in the 2021-2029 Housing Plan requires green building practices for new construction as well as for qualifying residential rehabilitation/home improvement projects. This program will also be aligned with the City's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (updated in 2022) to ensure that new housing development envisioned in the Housing Element Update implements sustainable construction practices.	
<b>Policy 2.6:</b> Design new buildings to minimize the	The City requires all development projects to comply with the applicable	Consistent
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consumption of energy, water, and other natural resources. Develop incentives to retrofit existing buildings for a net reduction in energy consumption, water consumption, and stormwater runoff.

requirements of California Code of Regulations Title 24, Part 11 that establishes planning and design standards for sustainable site development energy efficiency, water conservation, material conservation, and internal air contaminants. Between new construction and adaptive reuse of existing buildings, the City's plan check review process will ensure that new and upgraded buildings minimize consumption of energy, water and natural resources to the extent technically feasible under applicable building regulations.

Policy 2.7: Make and enforce land use policy in an equitable fashion to protect all people equally from adverse environmental effects.

The 2021-2029 Housing Element, Housing Plan includes programs to provide housing opportunities for all economic segments of the community. Specifically, programs such as Fair Housing/Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), Homeless Housing and Services. Landlord-Tenant Services and Mediation, and Housing for Extremely Low Income Households, focus on provision of housing for homeless, disabled, low and very-low income households. Additionally, the AFFH component of the Project identifies and prioritizes fair housing issues in the City, and presents City's planned actions to address these issues. Consistent with actions specified in the AFFH, the City will provide educational information on fair housing to the public through distribution of fair housing brochures, training sessions, workshops, and press releases/public service announcements to promote fair housing practices in the City. Furthermore, the proposed Environmental Justice updates, that are included within various elements of the Burbank2035 General Plan, include policies that prioritize the needs of disadvantaged communities as well as consideration promote of climate change vulnerability in planning Consistent

	decisions. The Environmental Justice	
	updates to the General Plan coupled	
	with other programs that seek to	
	facilitate new housing for all economic	
	segment of the community, which meet	
	the highest applicable standards for	
	resource conservation and objective	
	development standards that focus on	
	not just building new buildings but	
	integrate those buildings into existing	
	neighborhoods will help to further all	
	residents of future building and existing	
	neighborhoods from adverse	
	environmental affects.	
Goal 3 Community Design an	d Character: Burbank's well-designed neig	ghborhoods and
	ts and public spaces contribute to a strong	
and "sm	all town" feeling reflective of the past.	
<b>Policy 3.1:</b> Recognize	The Housing Element includes	Consistent
neighborhoods and districts	programs, including <i>Neighborhood</i>	
as the building blocks of the	Revitalization/Community Building;	
community.	Committed Assistance Community	
_	Preservation Program; Preserve and	
	Protect Existing Tenants and Housing,	
	within the 2021-2029 Housing Plan that	
	are directed towards investing in local	
	neighborhoods and maintaining and	
	preserving properties to create housing	
	opportunities for all economic segments	
	of the community. The associated	
	specific plans and resulting objective	
	development standards are being	
	developed to implement Housing	
	Element RHNA production goals while	
	also recognizing that neighborhoods	
	and districts are the building blocks of	
	the community.	
Policy 3.2: Preserve unique	A majority of the housing opportunity	Consistent
neighborhoods and use	sites are located within the proposed	
specific plans to distinguish	Downtown TOD and Golden State	
neighborhoods and districts	specific plan area that will include	
by character and appearance	policies and objective development	
and address physical and	standards that seek to preserve unique	
visual distinction,	neighborhoods while enabling new	
architecture, edge and entry	housing and commercial development	
treatment, landscape,	that is well-designed mixed-use infill	
streetscape, and other	developments that create new open	
elements.	space areas in the form of pocket parks	
S.S.Morito.	Spass areas in the form of pooket parks	

Industrial tree lined streets as linear parks, hysical upgrades to streets and that the safe for all modes of transportation the renewed emphasis on pedestrian and bicycle safety in order to building from the City's emphasis on protecting and preserving neighborhood character hile allowing the necessary housing oduction to meet the City's RHNA oligation and City housing production	
oals.	
ne projected housing growth for the anning period 2021-2029 will be cused primarily within the Downtown DD and Golden State specific planeas, in order to facilitate urban-scale ensities that support the economy of ale to build out the needed workforce and affordable housing for all economic agments of the community while also assuring that denser development occurs near transit and employment enters and preserves and protects to be extent feasible the existing singlemily residential neighborhoods within the City.	Consistent
ne projected housing development will be focused within the proposed owntown TOD and Golden State recific plan areas, which includes reded rezoning of existing sites and relementation of objective evelopment standards to ensure ban-scale development with attention wen to gradual transition in density, rensity, scale, and height between referent development types, while reserving the protecting the existing agle-family residential neighborhoods.	Consistent
es housing options for people and famil	lies with diverse
ne 2021-2029 Housing Element, busing Plan includes programs that e directed towards creating policies at incentivize development of fordable housing of various types and	Consistent
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	includes programs for provision of adequate housing sites to create housing development with varying densities and types that create new opportunities for workforce and affordable housing for all economic segments of the community. These programs include — Housing Opportunity Sites and Rezone Program; Promotion and Monitoring of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs); Public-Private Partnerships on the City land; Facilitate Development of Affordable Housing on Non-Vacant Sites; Inclusionary Housing Ordinance; Density Bonus Ordinance; Affordable Homeownership Program; Employer Assisted Housing; Development Impact Fees for Affordable Housing; Sustainability and Green Building Design; and Transitional	
	and Supportive Housing.	
Policy 5.2: Encourage areas of mixed-density and mixed-housing types in commercial corridors to allow people with diverse housing needs to live and interact in the same neighborhood.  Policy 5.3: Provide more diverse housing opportunities, increase home ownership opportunities, and support affordable housing by encouraging alternative and innovative forms of housing.	The majority of the housing opportunity sites are located within the proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan areas as ways to facilitate the development of mixed-use and infill housing developments near the City's job centers and major transit stations. The 2021-2029 Housing Element, Housing Plan includes programs to provide housing opportunities for all economic segments of the community. Specifically, programs such as Fair Housing/Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), Homeless Housing and Services, Landlord-Tenant Services and Mediation, and Housing for Extremely Low Income Households, focus on provision of housing for homeless, disabled, low and very-low income households. Additionally, the AFFH component of the Project identifies and prioritizes fair housing issues in the City, and presents City's planned actions to address these issues. Consistent with actions specified in the AFFH, the City will provide educational information on fair housing	Consistent

to the public through distribution of fair housing brochures, training sessions, workshops, and press releases/public service announcements to promote fair housing practices in the City. Moreover, 2021-2029 Housing Element, Housing Plan incorporates programs such as Facilitate Development of Affordable Housing on Non-Vacant Sites; Inclusionary Housing Ordinance; Density Bonus Ordinance: Affordable Homeownership Program; Employer Assisted Housing; Development Impact Fees for Affordable Housing; and Transitional and Supportive Housing to promote new affordable housing and ownership opportunities. home such Furthermore, programs Housing Opportunity Sites and Rezone Program; Promotion and Monitoring of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): Monitoring No Net Loss and development on sites prior from planning period; and Public-Private Partnerships on the City land, have been included in the Housing Plan to ensure provision of a variety of housing types that include new workforce and affordable housing opportunities for all economic segments of the community.

Policy 5.4: Allow residential units in traditionally nonresidential areas. and support adaptive reuse of non-residential buildings for residential and live-work units in Downtown Burbank and appropriate other locations.

The majority of the housing opportunity sites in the 2021-2029 Housing Element are focused within the proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan areas. As a part of the proposed specific plans, the City will rezone some existing sites located near employment centers and major transit stations to facilitate urban-scale development at various residential densities in traditionally non-residential areas in order to facilitate new workforce and affordable housing opportunities to make inroads addressing the City's jobs to housing imbalance that currently exists at approximately 3 jobs for every existing housing unit within the City.

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Policy 5.5: Provide options for more people to live near work and public transit by allowing higher residential densities in employment centers such as Downtown Burbank and the Media District.	The majority of the housing development envisioned for the 2021-2029 Housing Element's planning period will be focused to occur within the proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan areas, which will more urban scale, mixed-use and infill development at higher densities in close proximity to the City's major employment and transit centers. The resulting new mixed-use and infill development is intended to allow new housing production to meet the City's RHNA and City Council housing production goals while also preserving and protecting the City's existing single-family residential neighborhoods.	Consistent		
Goal 6 Economic Vitality and Diversity: Burbank has a healthy and diverse economy and provides for a full range of retail, commercial, office, and industrial uses.  Businesses contribute to community character and economic vitality by supporting neighborhood, community, and regional needs and providing diverse employment options.				
Policy 6.1: Recruit and attract new businesses. Use these businesses to act as catalysts to attract other businesses. Continue to utilize public-private partnerships and other incentives to enhance economic vitality.	The 2021-2029 Housing Element, Housing Plan includes a program — Public-Private Partnerships on the City land that includes pursuing partnership with private developers for the provision of housing on publicly owned lands, which is intended to attract other retail and commercial service businesses into the neighborhood to serve the proposed residential areas on City owned lands, resulting in improved economic vitality.	Consistent		
Policy 6.2: Recognize and maintain Downtown Burbank as the city's central business district, providing a mix of commercial, civic, cultural, recreational, educational, entertainment, and residential uses.	The proposed Downtown TOD specific plan will accommodate a substantial portion of the projected housing development for the 2021-2029 Housing Element planning period. The Downtown TOD specific plan includes a rezoning of some existing sites, including some of the housing opportunity sites, to meet RHNA and Council housing production goals while also facilitating a mix of commercial, civic, cultural, recreational, educational, entertainment, and residential land uses.	Consistent		

Policy 6.6: Require new large commercial and office projects to provide services, proportionate to their size, that benefit employees, including child care, fitness facilities, rail and bus transit facilities, and personal services.	As a part of implementing the <i>Employer Assisted Housing</i> program (contained within the 2021-2029 Housing Element, Housing Plan), the City will convene a series of meetings with major employers in the City to provide information on employer assisted housing (EAH) programs and available resources to support local workforce and affordable housing programs. The program intent is to facilitate an ongoing conversation and identify opportunities for developers and businesses to provide amenities for employees that include but are not limited to child care services, fitness, rail and bus transit facilities as well as other personal services that help to retain and	Consistent	
	attract the most talented to local business that help ensure the City's long term sustainability as a regional		
Goal 7 Community Participa	employment center.  ation: Burbank encourages community enc	gagement and	
Goal 7 Community Participation: Burbank encourages community engagement and provides a wide range of opportunities to participate in the planning process.			
Burbank2035 remains relevant by involving the public in planning decisions and by closely monitoring implementation of the plan.	Consistent with the requirements of State housing law, the Housing Element and related General Plan update process included public outreach to solicit input from the public throughout the Housing Element update process. Public outreach efforts included study sessions with the City Council and Planning Board, community workshops, a community survey, stakeholder meetings, and the creation of a Housing Element Update webpage since the projects inception that provides the public with access to project related updates and resources.		
Policy 7.2: Provide clear, easily understandable, and accessible information to promote community involvement in the planning process.	To promote ongoing community involvement in the Housing Element Update and related General Plan updates process, the City conducted two virtual community workshops that included Armenian and Spanish translators. Additionally, the City conducted a Housing Element online survey in three different languages	Consistent	

	(Armenian, English and Spanish) from September 30, 2020 to January 4, 2021, to obtain community input on the potential areas for future housing within the City, ranking of priority housing programs, and identifying disadvantaged communities. Furthermore, the Draft Housing Element and other General Plan elements have been available for public review on the City's website starting on April 27, 2021, and continue through the present day as the City has been working with State	
Policy 7.3: Consistently seek direct public involvement in the planning process for new projects and	HCD to address State requirements for the HE Update.  Consistent with the requirements of State housing law, the Housing Element and related General Plan update process included public outreach to	Consistent
plans, as well as for everyday planning matters.  Policy 7.4: Hold community meetings, workshops, charrettes, etc., and provide	solicit input from the public throughout the Housing Element process. Public outreach efforts, which was initiate in July 2020, included study sessions with the City Council and Planning Board,	Consistent
other opportunities for input on different days and times and at various locations throughout the city to maximize opportunity for public input.	community workshops, and a community survey that were conducted by the City at different points in time during the Housing Element update process. Additionally, the City facilitated public input by creating a webpage with access to project related updates and resources, and information of the City staff for responding to questions and comments related to the Project.	
Policy 7.5: Continually expand the use of technology to disseminate planning information and solicit input from the public. Use technology and other methods to provide opportunities for the planning process to become less formal and more inclusive.	Notices for the two community workshops were published in the Burbank Leader, posted on the City website and project webpage, and on the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Notice of public hearings were posted in the LA Times. Additionally, direct invitation letters and emails were sent to local housing service providers and stakeholders that	Consistent
Tormal and more inclusive.	participated in the stakeholder meetings. Moreover, over 20,000 flyers were distributed to residents in census tracts with a majority of low- and	

	moderate-income households.	
	Furthermore, announcements regarding	
	the workshops were	
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	made at City Council, Planning Board,	
	Senior Board, and Landlord Tenant	
	Commission meetings, and the Burbank	
	Housing Corporation (BHC) directly	
	notified residents in their properties of	
	the community meetings, representing	
	predominately low- and moderate-	
	income households. Additionally, to	
	provide access to the non-English	
	speaking population, Armenians and	
	Spanish-language interpreters were	
	available during the presentation and	
	public comment sessions.	
Goal 8 Low Density Reside	ntial Land Use: Low Density Residential n	eighborhoods
	n feeling and provide the basis for the qua	
	e following policies apply to Low Density F	
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Policy 8.1: Limit	The projected housing development for	Consistent
development in the Low	, ,	Consistent
· ·	the 2021-2029 planning period will be	
Density Residential land use	primarily focused within the proposed	
designation to detached	Downtown TOD and Golden State	
single-family homes, with the	specific plan areas to allow higher	
exception of areas with R-2	density residential development near	
zoning where development is	the City's major employment transit	
limited to single-family	centers, which allow the necessary	
homes and duplexes.	urban scale and higher density to create	
	new opportunities for workforce and	
	affordable housing to address the City's	
	3 to 1 jobs to housing imbalance, while	
	providing objective development	
	standards for new housing projects that	
	are appropriate to facilitate new	
	workforce and affordable housing	
	opportunities while also preserving and	
	protecting the City's existing single-	
	family residential neighborhoods.	
Policy 8.5: Ensure that	The City updated its zoning regulations	Consistent
second dwelling units, child	to allow development of ADUs,	
day-care facilities, and group	transitional and supportive housing, and	
living facilities are allowed,	emergency shelters in its residential	
as required by and consistent	zoning districts, as required by the State	
with state and federal laws.	housing law. The City undertook this	
	effort and tailored new regulations so as	
Regulate such uses to the		
extent allowed by law to	to meet state requirements while also	

prevent unintended effects on the neighborhood and to avoid a proliferation of such uses in one neighborhood.	preserving and protecting existing neighborhoods to the extent permitted by state housing laws.	
Policy 8.7: In general, limit new development to previously subdivided lots in existing neighborhoods. Any new subdivisions or development in previously undeveloped natural areas is not desired and will be carefully reviewed in light of possible impacts on the natural hillside environment.	are existing sites that are located near major employment and transit centers within the proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific Plan areas. The Project will encourage mixed-use and infill development on existing parcels that create new opportunities for	Consistent

Mobility Element			
Policy	Justification	Consistency	
and	Goal 2 Sustainability: Burbank's transportation system will adapt to changing mobility and accessibility needs without sacrificing today's community values.		
Policy 2.1: Improve Burbank's alternative transportation access to local and regional destinations through land use decisions that support multimodal transportation.	The 2021-2029 Housing Element Update will encourage mixed-use and infill development, which will create new opportunities for workforce and affordable housing for all economic segments of the community on existing parcels with greater density in high-resource areas around the city already serviced by public transit, improving residential transit access, and enabling increase in multimodal transportation including transit by bikes and foot, as well as facilitate increase in transit mode share.	Consistent	
Policy 2.4: Require new projects to contribute to the city's transit and/or non-motorized transportation network in proportion to its expected traffic generation.		Consistent	

	fees based on nexus and rough proportionality to mitigate any future impacts on the City's infrastructure, including any potential impacts on the City's transportation system consistent with the City's Mobility Element and the Complete Our Streets Plan.	
Policy 2.5: Consult with local, regional, and state agencies to improve air quality and limit greenhouse gas emissions from transportation and goods movement.	Most of the projected housing growth for the 2021-2029 Housing Element planning period will be focused near employment centers and major transit centers to promote alternative modes of transportation as part of transit-oriented housing development and mixed-use projects. The proximity to jobs and better accessibility to transit services will further reduce the reliance on vehicles by creating new opportunities for ease of access to alternate modes of transportation and reduce single vehicle occupancy trips and potentially total vehicle miles travelled all of which have the potential reduce greenhouse gas emissions from transportation.	Consistent
	venient, efficient public transit network paternative to the automobile.	rovides a viable
nodes and connection points	The housing opportunity sites for the 2021-2029 Housing Element planning period are being focused within the proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan areas, which are public transit rich areas with three railway stations and a regionally significant airport to encourage workforce and affordable housing development near the City's major job transit centers. The proposed specific plan updates which are tailored to be consistent with the City's 2021-2029 Housing Element Update will establish objective development standards to facilitate new workforce and affordable housing and commercial developments that	Consistent

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Policy 4.10: Actively promote public-private partnerships for transit-oriented development	integrate with the existing transit nodes and connections and pedestrian spaces to make alternative modes of transit more convenient and accessible.  As a part of the 2021-2029 Housing Element, Housing Plan Public-Private Partnerships on the City land	Consistent
opportunities.	program, the City will engage with private developers for provision of mixed-use, infill and transit-oriented housing development projects on private and publicly owned lands in Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan areas both of which include major public transportation infrastructure in the form of commuter	
	buses, railway stations, and a regional	
	airport facility.	
	Mobility: Burbank fosters pedestrian and	_
healthy, environmentally sound	methods to reduce vehicle trips and imp	prove community
	character.	
Policy 5.1: Maximize	Most of the projected housing growth	Consistent
pedestrian and bicycle safety,	envisioned as part of the 2021-2029	
accessibility, connectivity, and	Housing Element planning period will	
education throughout Burbank	be focused on creating new workforce	
to create neighborhoods where	and affordable housing opportunities	
people choose to walk or ride	near major employment and transit	
between nearby destinations.	centers to improve transit accessibility	
	for residents and employees alike.	
	Additionally, the City will adopt	
	objective development standards that	
	will help create project design	
	features and conditions of project	
	approval for individual developments	
	that are focused on directly improving	
	the City's pedestrian and biking	
	networks to offset any potential traffic	
	related impacts resulting from the	
	Project.	
Policy 5.4: Ensure that new	All future development projects are	Consistent
commercial and residential	required to comply with the applicable	
developments integrate with	local, state, and federal design	
Burbank's bicycle and	standards, including provisions for	
pedestrian networks.	bicycle and pedestrian transportation	
Policy 5.5: Require new	connections and compliance with	Consistent
development to provide land	standard width requirement for	
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necessary to accommodate pedestrian infrastructure, including sidewalks at the standard widths specified in Table M-2.

sidewalks as envisioned in the City's Burbank2035 Mobility Element and the City's Complete Our Streets Plan.

# Goal 8 Transportation Demand Management: Burbank manages transportation resources to minimize congestion.

**Policy 8.3:** Require multifamily and commercial development standards that strengthen connections to transit and promote walking to neighborhood services.

The housing opportunity sites for the 2021-2029 Housing Element planning period are focused within proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan areas to encourage workforce and affordable housing development near the City's job centers and major transit stations. The proposed specific plans are envisioned to include objective development standards to strengthen connections and accessibility to transit services and new mixed-use and infill development and promote alternative modes of transit such as using public transit, biking walking.

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Goal 9 Safety, Accessibility, Equity: Burbank's transportation network is safe, accessible, and equitable.

**Policy 9.3:** Provide access to transportation alternatives for all users, including senior, disabled, youth, and other transit-dependent residents.

The housing opportunity sites for the 2021-2029 Housing Element planning period are located within the proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan areas to encourage workforce and affordable housing development near employment centers and major transit stations. The proposed specific plans will establish objective development standards to strengthen connections accessibility and between new housing developments to transit services as required by Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and promote alternative modes of transit such as use of public transit, biking and walking for all users including disabled, senior, and other transitdependent residents. Moreover, in addition to the Housing for Persons

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with Disabilities program in the 2021-	
2029 Housing Element, Housing	
Plan, which focuses on expanding the	
range of housing options available	
and accessible to persons with	
disabilities, the City will continue to	
coordinate housing near transit	
centers and door-to-door transit	
services for persons with disabilities	
as a part of the action items in the	
AFFH component of the Housing	
Element.	

Noise Element			
Policy	Justification	Consistency	
	Goal 1 Noise Compatible Land Uses: Burbank's diverse land use pattern is compatible with current and future noise levels.		
<b>Policy 1.1:</b> Ensure the noise compatibility of land uses when making land use planning decisions.	A majority of the housing opportunity sites are located within the proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan areas. As a part of the	Consistent	
Policy 1.2: Provide spatial buffers in new development projects to separate excessive noise generating uses from noise-sensitive uses.	specific plans, the City will establish objective development standards that will help create project design features and conditions of project approval for individual developments — including installation of sound attenuation glass, walls or other barriers where appropriate, and/or spatial buffers in new development to further protect residential and other sensitive uses from noise generating uses.	Consistent	
Policy 1.3: Incorporate design and construction features into residential and mixed-use projects that shield residents from excessive noise.  Policy 1.4: Maintain	The City requires all residential buildings to incorporate design features with appropriate sound insulation (such as storm windows) to comply with the 2019 California Building Code, Title 24, Part 2,	Consistent  Consistent	
acceptable noise levels at existing noise-sensitive land uses.	Section 1206.4, which limits the interior noise levels in residences to 45 CNEL.	Consistent	
Goal 2 Sustainability: Burbank's transportation system will adapt to changing mobility and accessibility needs without sacrificing today's community values.			

Policy 2.1: Require the design and construction of buildings to minimize commercial noise within indoor areas of residential components of mixed-use projects.	The City requires all residential buildings to incorporate design features with appropriate sound insulation to comply with the 2019 California Building Code, Title 24, Part 2, Section 1206.4, which limits the interior noise levels in residences to 45 CNEL.	Consistent
Policy 2.2: Locate the residential portion of new mixed-use projects away from noise-generating sources such as mechanical equipment, gathering places, loading bays, parking lots, driveways, and trash enclosures.	A majority of the housing opportunity sites are located within the proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan areas. As a part of the specific plans, the City will establish objective development standards that will help create project design features and conditions of project approval for individual developments — including installation of sound attenuation glass, walls or other barriers where appropriate, and/or spatial buffers in new development to further protect residential and other sensitive uses from noise generating uses and other sources of noise.	Consistent
	e: Burbank's vehicular transportation ne vels affecting sensitive land uses.	twork reduces
Policy 3.3: Advocate the use of alternative transportation modes such as walking, bicycling, mass transit, and non-motorized vehicles to minimize traffic noise.	The housing opportunity sites for the 2021-2029 Housing Element planning period are primarily located within the proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan areas to encourage housing development near major employment and transit centers. The proposed specific plan updates will establish objective development standards to promote alternative modes of transit such as use of mass transit, biking and walking by strengthening connections between transit-oriented development sites and improving accessibility to nearby transit services.	
Policy 3.5: Monitor noise levels in residential neighborhoods and reduce traffic noise exposure through	A majority of the housing opportunity sites are located within the proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plan areas. As a part of the specific plans, the City will establish	Consistent

Policy 3.7: Where feasible, employ noise-cancelling technologies such as	will help create project design features and conditions of project approval for individual developments — including installation of sound attenuation glass, walls or other barriers where appropriate, and/or spatial buffers in new development to further protect residential and other sensitive uses from noise generating uses and other sources of noise.  The City requires all residential buildings to incorporate design	Consistent
rubberized asphalt, fronting	· · · ·	
homes to the roadway, or	California Building Code, Title 24,	
	Part 2, Section 1206.4, which limits	
effects of roadway noise on sensitive receptors.	the interior noise levels in residences to 45 CNEL.	
	's train service network reduces noise le	evels affecting
	areas and noise-sensitive land uses.	
Policy 4.2: Require noise-	The City requires all residential	Consistent
reducing design features as		
part of transit-oriented, mixed-	· · · ·	
use development located near rail corridors.	insulation to comply with the 2019 California Building Code, Title 24,	
Tall corridors.	Part 2, Section 1206.4, which limits	
	the interior noise levels in residences	
	to 45 CNEL.	
	achieves compatibility between airport-	
	reduces aircraft noise effects on residen	tial areas and
	noise-sensitive land uses.	Consistent
<b>Policy 5.1:</b> Prohibit incompatible land uses within	The Project requires any residential development that is located within	COHSISICHIL
the airport noise impact area.	the Airport Influence Area to comply	
Policy 5.2: Work with	with the Burbank2035 General Plan	Consistent
regional, state, and federal	policies, the Los Angeles County	
agencies, including officials at	Airport Land use Plan, and 2019	
Bob Hope Airport, to	California Building Code, Title 24,	
implement noise reduction measures and to monitor and	Part 2, Section 1206.4, which collectively govern excessive noise	
reduce noise associated with	from airport operations and require	
aircraft.	that sensitive uses achieve an	
	interior noise level of 45 dBA or less	
	in any habitable room by	
	incorporating noise insulation	

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	features per State and local	
	standards.	
	Additionally, the proposed updates to	
	Safety Element incorporates policy to	
	ensure that land uses, densities, and	
	building heights within Airport Land	
	Use Compatibility Zones, including	
	those in disadvantaged communities,	
	are compatible with safe operation of	
	Hollywood Burbank Airport (formerly	
	Bob Hope Airport).	
Goal 6 Industrial Noise: Noise	generated by industrial activities is reduc	ed in residential
	and at noise-sensitive land uses.	
Policy 6.1: Minimize	The City requires all residential	Consistent
excessive noise from industrial	buildings to incorporate design	
land uses through	features with appropriate sound	
incorporation of site and	insulation to comply with the 2019	
building design features.	California Building Code, Title 24,	
	Part 2, Section 1206.4, which limits	
	the interior noise levels in residences	
	to 45 CNEL.	
Goal 7 Construction, Maintena	ance, and Nuisance Noise: Construction	, maintenance,
and nuisance noise is reduce	d in residential areas and at noise-sensi	tive land uses.
Policy 7.1: Avoid scheduling	Construction hours for development	Consistent
city maintenance and	projects shall comply with Burbank	
construction projects during	Municipal Code Section 9-1-1-105.10,	
evening, nighttime, and early	which prohibits any construction work	
morning hours.	between the hours of 7:00 p.m. to	
	7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday,	
	and between 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m.	
	on Saturdays, or at or at any time on	
	Sundays or national holidays.	
Policy 7.2: Require project	The City has incorporated mitigation	Consistent
applicants and contractors to	measures as a part of the Project's	
minimize noise in construction	Environmental Impact Report process	
activities and maintenance	to offset noise emanating from	
operations.	construction related activities. The	
	mitigation measures include	
	temporary sound barrier such as walls	
	or sound blankets, mobile	
	construction equipment with smart	
	back-up alarms, equipment enclosure	
	or screening, and construction	
	equipment with noise shielding and	
	silencing devices. Moreover, project	
	applicants will be required to	
	designate an on-site construction	

	project manager who shall be	
	responsible for responding to any	
	complaints about construction noise.	
Policy 7.3: Limit the allowable	The City has incorporated mitigation	Consistent
hours of construction activities	measure to reduce any potential	
and maintenance operations	noise impact due to construction	
located adjacent to noise-	activities near noise-sensitive land	
sensitive land uses.	uses, which includes requirement of a	
	Construction Noise Study for housing	
	development projects located within	
	500 feet of noise-sensitive land uses.	
	The Construction Noise Study will	
	identify available noise reduction	
	devices or techniques to reduce noise	
	levels to acceptable levels and/or	
	durations including through reliance	
	on any relevant federal, state, or local	
	standards or guidelines or accepted	
	industry practices such as use of	
	silencers, sound barriers, and	
	enclosures.	

Open Space and Conservation Element		
Policy	Justification	Consistency
Goal 6 Open Space Resource	es: Burbank's open space areas and mou	ntain ranges are
protected spaces supporting	important habitat, recreation, and resourc	e conservation.
<b>Policy 6.1:</b> Recognize and maintain cultural, historical, archeological,	The City has incorporated mitigation measures in the Project's Environment Impact Report prohibiting any direct/indirect physical changes to	

	Burbank Historic Resource	
	Management Ordinance, Program LU-	
	4: Historic Preservation Plan, and	
	Burbank2035 General Plan Policies, to	
	preserve any archeological and cultural	
	resource. Furthermore, the City has	
	included additional mitigation	
	measures including cessation of work	
	and retention of a qualified archeologist	
	in the event of discovery of any cultural	
	or archeological resources at a project	
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Goal / Visual and Aestrietic F	Resources: Prominent ridgelines and slope	es are protected
D. II	as visual resources.	
Policy 7.2: Minimize the	The projected housing development for	Consistent
visual intrusion of	the 2021-2029 Housing Element	
development in the hillside	planning period will be located within	
area.	the proposed Downtown and Golden	
	State Specific plan areas to encourage	
	mixed use and infill development on	
	existing vacant, and underdeveloped	
	sites, while preserving the existing	
	hillside area within the City.	
Goal 8 Biological Resources:	Burbank's high-quality natural biological o	communities are
	sustained.	
Policy 8.1: Prohibit	The City has incorporated mitigation	Consistent
development that jeopardizes	measures as a part of the	001101010111
or diminishes the integrity of	Environmental Impact Report to reduce	
sensitive or protected plant	any potential impacts to sensitive or	
and animal communities.	· ·	
and animal communities.	protected plant and animal species	
	including nesting birds, bats, raptors,	
	and their habitats due to the projected	
	housing development. The mitigation	
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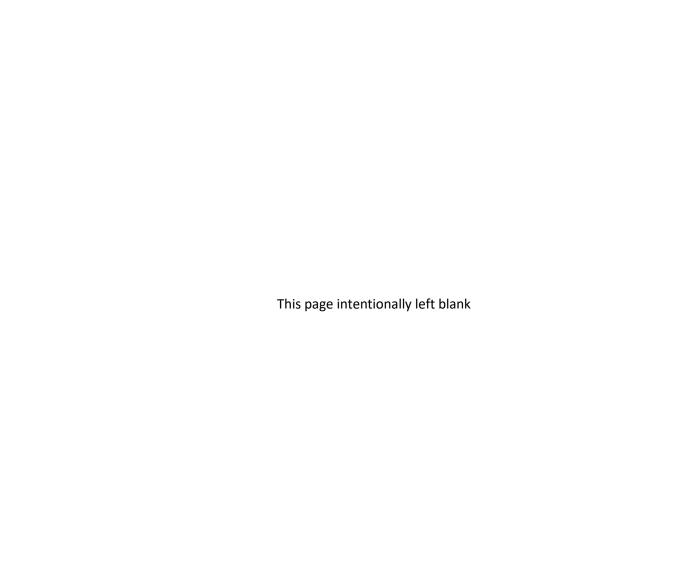
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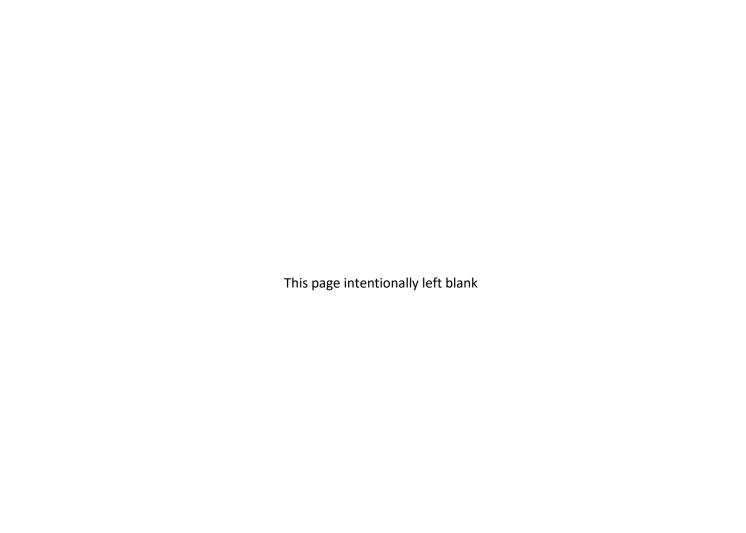
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# INTRODUCTION

# **Housing Our Residents**

Housing is a basic human need, and the suitability of one's housing with regard to size, location, cost and special need requirements is a critical component of a person's quality of life. It is the City of Burbank's intent to ensure that all residents can find suitable housing in the community. Furthermore, the City is committed to preserving and enhancing the quality of existing residential neighborhoods in the community. This Housing Element identifies the housing needs in the community and outlines a strategy for meeting these needs through creative programming and funding. The 2021-2029 City of Burbank Housing Element is a policy document that identifies the City's housing goals, objectives and programs throughout the planning period of 2021 to the year 2029 and provides direction for the expenditure of funds and City resources. This Element is an update of the 2014-2021 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element.

# **Purpose and Statutory Requirements**

This Housing Element covers the Southern California Association of Government (SCAG) region's planning period of October 15, 2021 to October 15, 2029. The Element identifies strategies and programs that focus on preserving and improving housing and neighborhoods, providing adequate housing sites, assisting in the provision of affordable housing, removing governmental and other constraints to housing investment, and promoting fair and equal housing opportunities.

# **Element Organization**

The 2021-2029 Burbank Housing Element is comprised of the following major components:

- An introduction to review the requirements of the Housing Element, recent State laws, and public participation process
- The City's housing goals and policies
- A housing needs assessment evaluating Burbank's demographic, household and housing characteristics, and related housing needs
- A review of available resources to facilitate the production and maintenance of housing, including land available for new construction, financial and administrative resources available for housing, and opportunities for energy conservation
- An analysis of potential constraints on housing production and maintenance, including market, governmental, infrastructure and environmental limitations to meeting the City's identified needs
- The Housing Plan for addressing the City's identified housing needs, constraints and resources;
   including housing programs and quantified objectives

A series of appendices provide additional documentation. Appendix A provides a glossary of terms and abbreviations used in the Element. Appendix B addresses the new housing element requirement to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing (AFFH). Appendix C provides an evaluation of accomplishments under Burbank's 2013-2021 Housing Element. Appendix D presents the parcel-specific Housing Element sites inventory, and Appendix E provides the Adequate Sites Alternative Checklist. And finally, Appendix F provides a summary of public input received from the variety of community participation opportunities provided throughout the Housing Element update process.

# **Changes in State Housing Law Since Previous Update**

In response to California's worsening affordable housing crisis, in each of the last several years the State legislature has enacted a series of bills aimed at increasing production, promoting affordability and creating greater accountability for localities in addressing their housing needs. The following items in Table 1-1 represent substantive changes to State housing law since Burbank's last Housing Element was adopted and certified in 2014.

Table 1-1		
New State Housing Laws Relevant to Housing Element Update Housing Bills Bill Overview		
Expedited Rezoning AB 1398 (2021)	For local jurisdictions that fail to adopt a legally compliant housing element within 120 days of the statutory deadline, shortens the adequate sites rezoning deadline from three years to one year from the start of the planning period. For SCAG jurisdictions, the rezoning deadline for the 6th cycle Housing Element would be October 15, 2022.	
Housing Element Sites Analysis and Reporting AB 879 (2017); AB 1397 (2017; SB 6 (2019)	Requires cities to zone more appropriately for their share of regional housing needs and, in certain circumstances, require by-right development on identified sites. The sites analysis must also include additional justification for being chosen, particularly for sites identified to address lower income housing needs. Starting in 2021, an electronic spreadsheet of the sites must be submitted to HCD.	
No Net Loss Zoning SB 166 (2017)	Requires cities to identify additional low-income housing sites in their housing element when market- rate housing is developed on a site currently identified for low-income housing in the jurisdiction's sites inventory.	
Streamlined Approval for Small-Scale Developments of Duplexes and Lot Splits SB 9 (2021)	Requires ministerial approval of a housing development of up to two units (a duplex) in a single-family zone or the subdivision of a parcel zoned for residential use into two equal parcels (an urban lot split), or both. The bill allows jurisdictions to impose objective zoning and design standards on SB 9 projects. An ordinance adopted under these provisions is not considered a project for purposes of CEQA.	
CEQA Exemption for Upzoning for Residential Density SB 10 (2021)	Authorizes jurisdictions to pass an ordinance to zone any parcel for up to 10 units of residential density, at a height specified by the local government in the ordinance, if the parcel is located in a transit-rich area or an urban infill site. An ordinance adopted under these provisions is not considered a project for purposes of CEQA.	
Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing AB 686 (2017)	All Housing Elements due on or after January 1, 2021 must contain an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH), consistent with the federal Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Final Rule of July 16, 2015. This AFFH section must include (1) a summary of fair housing issues in the jurisdiction; (2) a summary of available fair housing data including contributing factors to fair housing issues; (3) analysis of Housing Element sites in relation to AFFH; and, (4) an AFFH program that includes meaningful action.	

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New State Housing Laws Relevant to Housing Element Update		
Housing Bills	Bill Overview	
Accessory Dwelling Units and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units AB 494 (2017), SB 229 (2017), AB 68 (2019), AB 881 (2019), AB 587 (2019), SB 13 (2019), AB 670 (2019), AB 671 (2019), AB 3182 (2020), AB 345 (2021)	The State has continued to enact legislation to further assist and support the development of ADUs, including "by right" approval for studio and one-bedroom units 850 square feet or less, two-bedroom units 1,000 square feet or less, and Junior ADUs less than 500 square feet. Where a primary house and ADU are developed by a non-profit housing provider, such as the Burbank Housing Corporation or Habitat for Humanity, separate conveyance of the two units is permitted so long as they are sold to a low income household, with any subsequent sale also required to be to a low income household.	
Density Bonus AB 1763 (2019), AB 2345 (2020), SB 290 (2021)	Permits 100% affordable projects to be built denser and taller through modifications to current Density Bonus Law. AB 2345 creates additional incentives and also requires the annual progress report to document if any density bonuses have been granted.	
Housing Crisis Act of 2019 SB 330 (2019), SB 8 (2021)	Expedites approvals for code-compliant housing development. Prevents jurisdictions from decreasing a site's housing capacity through downzoning if that would preclude meeting RHNA targets. Requires projects that include removal of housing units to replace or exceed that number of units and any removed units occupied by lowincome households must be replaced with units affordable to the same income level.	
Streamlined Approval for Certain Housing Developments SB 35 (2017)	For jurisdictions that have not meet their RHNA by income level, requires jurisdictions to offer a ministerial approval process for residential developments that meet detailed criteria, including specified levels of affordable housing, payment of prevailing wage and adherence to local objective design and development standards.	
Surplus Land for Affordable Housing SB 1486 (2019), AB 1255 (2019)	Expands definition of surplus (City-owned) land and puts additional restrictions on the disposal of surplus land. Jurisdictions must include information about surplus lands in the Housing Element and Annual Progress Reports. A central inventory of surplus lands also must be submitted to HCD.	
Emergency and Transitional Housing Act AB 139 (2019)	Amends assessment method to show site capacity, including using the most up-to-date point-in-time count. Additionally, the bill modifies parking requirement for emergency shelters. The Housing Element must include all of this information as well as analysis of the jurisdiction's special needs populations.	
Supportive Housing Streamlined Approval AB 2162 (2018)	Requires supportive housing to be a use by-right in zoning districts that allow residential use, and eliminates parking for supportive housing if located within 0.5 miles of a public transit stop.	
Safety Element Changes SB 1035 (2018), SB 99 (2019), SB 747 (2019)	Updates requirements for the General Plan Safety Element including expanded information on environmental hazards facing jurisdictions and analysis of emergency evacuation routes. These updates must occur at the same time as the Housing Element updates.	

# Relationship to Burbank Housing Strategy

In 2017, the Burbank City Council approved the Burbank Housing Analysis and Strategy Plan, which highlighted patterns of rapid employment growth and the rising cost of housing in the City. The combined factors of employment growth and limited new housing production have contributed to a widening gap between jobs and housing known as a jobs-to-housing imbalance, where the ratio of jobs available in the City far exceeds the available housing for the workforce. Recognizing the need for housing affordable to the Burbank workforce while preserving existing residential neighborhoods in the City, the City Council in 2019 addressed a major component of this multi-faceted affordable housing "puzzle" by setting a goal to facilitate the building of 12,000 residential units through 2035 (in line with the timeframe of the Burbank2035 General Plan), primarily within the proposed Downtown Burbank Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Specific Plan and proposed Golden State Specific Plan areas.

The housing strategies and the level of housing growth as described in the Housing Analysis and Strategy Plan, have been integrated within the Housing Element Update. Through its identification of sites for future development and implementing housing programs, the Housing Element will lay the foundation for achievement of the City's goal of facilitating the development of 12,000 new housing units, as well as address the City's fair share housing needs as quantified in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

# **Relationship to Other General Plan Elements**

The Burbank2035 General Plan (the "General Plan") is comprised of the following Elements:

- Air Quality and Climate Change
- Land Use
- Mobility
- Noise
- Open Space and Conservation
- Safety
- Housing
- Plan Realization

This 2021-2029 Housing Element builds upon the other General Plan elements and is consistent with the policies and programs set forth by the General Plan. For example, Housing Element policies promoting transit-oriented housing in a mixed use setting, development of quality affordable and market rate housing are consistent with and build upon the Land Use and Mobility Elements. The City will ensure that future updates of other General Plan elements will include review and, if necessary, modification of the Housing Element, within the parameters of State housing law, in order to maintain consistency within the General Plan.

# **Public Participation**

The City of Burbank has made an effort to involve the public in the update of its Housing Element and has solicited input from the public throughout the Housing Element process. As required by State law, all economic segments of the community were provided an opportunity to review and comment on the Housing Element. As part of the development of the Housing Element, which also requires revisions to the Safety Element and an analysis of environmental justice issues in the General Plan, the City implemented the following public outreach program.

# **Study Sessions**

#### Public Outreach & COVID-19

Much of the Housing Element update process occurred during the COVID-19 pandemic. Restrictions on public gatherings prevented the City from holding traditional public workshops. Instead, City utilized the online engagement tools, including community survey, virtual community workshops and stakeholder meetings, and online documents to provide opportunities for the community to share their feedback.

The City's Housing Element update process was initiated with the Burbank City Council teleconference study session on July 21, 2020 which informed the Council members and the Burbank community of the current and proposed update of the Housing Element. The study session also included: information on the current Housing Element programs and their effectiveness in addressing the housing needs of Burbank; the recent changes in State housing laws; and, an assessment of current requirements to the Safety Element and environmental justice components of the General Plan. A study session was also conducted with the Planning Board on January 25, 2021 to provide information on the Housing Element and other General Plan updates.

# Workshops

The Housing Element public participation program also included workshops with stakeholders and the community. On August 27, 2020, the City conducted a virtual stakeholder workshop for housing developers, with a second workshop was conducted for housing service providers and housing advocacy groups. Additionally, two virtual community-wide workshops were conducted for all residents and businesses in the City. The October 3, 2020 workshop included an informational presentation and discussion of housing and environmental justice issues facing the City, in addition to opportunities for public input and questions on the Housing Element update. The February 27, 2021 community workshop focused on the results of the online Housing Element survey and discussion of the RHNA goals, future housing opportunity sites, and potential housing programs. Both community workshops were available for viewing on the Burbank YouTube Channel and local cable channel. Feedback from the workshop's online polling and questions and answers during the workshops are available for viewing in Appendix E.

The following summarizes key comments and questions from the community workshops, followed by how each comment has been considered:

- Housing needs for Burbank's workforce, seniors, persons with disabilities and homeless. (Addressed in following programs: Opportunity Sites and Rezone Program, Promote Accessory Dwelling Units, Transitional and Supportive Housing, Homeless Housing and Services, Housing for Persons with Disabilities, Housing for Extremely Low Income Households).
- Will new accessory dwelling unit (ADU) requirements accommodate disabled residents? (To encourage ADUs to incorporate accessibility features, the City will establish and promote a program to reduce building permit and planning fees by up to 50%).

- What are the impacts of proposed housing increase on: water and power demand, traffic and parking; and schools and child care? (The EIR prepared for the Housing Element update evaluates the impacts to water and power demand, transportation, and schools, and concludes, with two exceptions, that all are less than significant, or can be mitigated to a less than significant level. The impact to transportation, which under the new Vehicle Miles Travelled (VMT) metric, would have significant impacts. Mitigation measures may be implemented as part of each opportunity site's mitigation program aimed at further reducing VMT and vehicular trips to each project site through transportation services. However, mitigation measures are not feasible at the program level for a Housing Element; therefore, the VMT impacts are significant and unavoidable. In addition, the EIR analyzed the potential impacts associated with utilities and service systems and found that impacts associated with wastewater generation would also be significant and unavoidable.
- Will large companies in Burbank provide employer-assisted housing? (The City added a new Employer Assisted Housing Program to the Housing Element, as well as an affordable housing impact fee on commercial/industrial development).
- Where will the new housing be located? (The Housing Element opportunity sites are located near major employment and transit centers within the proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan and proposed Golden State Specific Plan, depicted in Exhibit 1-5 in the Element).

Planning staff also met with the board of Armenian National Committee of America (Burbank Chapter) on May 27, 2021 to answer questions and receive input on the draft Housing Element.

# **Public Noticing**

Notices for the two community workshops were published in the *Burbank Leader*, posted on the City website and project webpage, and on the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Direct invitation letters and emails were sent to local housing service providers and stakeholders that participated in the August stakeholder meetings. In addition, over 20,000 flyers were distributed to residents in census tracts with a majority of low and moderate income households. Announcements regarding the workshops were made at City Council, Planning Board, Senior Board, and Landlord Tenant Commission meetings. The Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC) directly notified residents in their properties of the community meetings, representing predominately low and moderate income households. Additionally, to provide access to the non-English speaking population, Armenians and Spanish-language interpreters were available during the presentation and public comment sessions.

#### **City Website**

A City website specifically for the Housing Element update was established to provide an overview of the Housing Element process, FAQs, online comments to the City, and to announce future events (i.e., workshops, survey). Videos of public outreach meetings were available for viewing, and documents related to the Housing Element were linked to the website. <a href="https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/">https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/</a>

#### **Housing Element Survey**

Another component of the outreach effort was the Housing Element/Environmental Justice online survey (administered through MetroQuest), which was available in three languages (Armenian, English and Spanish) from September 30, 2020 to January 4, 2021. The survey provided for input on the potential areas for future housing within the City; ranking of priority housing programs (stabilizing neighborhoods, planning for production, affordable housing by design, removing constraints, and environmental justice);

and identifying disadvantaged communities. There were a total of 227 respondents to the survey. Results of the survey are provided in Appendix E. A summary of the key survey results included:

- Potential areas for new housing: 1) Downtown Burbank-Metrolink Station area; 2) Downtown Burbank-North San Fernando area; 3) Golden State/Airport District area
- Priority housing programs by topic:
  - Stabilizing Neighborhoods Local preference for Burbank residents and employees
  - Planning for Production Affordable housing on surplus public land
  - Affordable Housing by Design Incentives for ADUs
  - Removing Constraints to Housing Streamline housing development approval process
  - Environmental Justice Pollution is the most significant environmental justice concern
- Majority of survey participants agreed with the State's identified disadvantaged communities, which include the area east of Hollywood Burbank Airport, and the area in southeastern Burbank bordering the City of Glendale.

## **Public Review of Housing Element**

The Draft Housing Element and other General Plan elements were available for public review on the City's website starting on April 27, 2021. The City has received five comment letters on the Draft Element (included in Appendix F), and has considered and as deemed appropriate, addressed these comments in the Element.

The following summarizes some of the key comments received and how they are addressed in the Element:

- The Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Analysis (AFFH) doesn't provide adequate recommendations on how the City will address contributing factors to fair housing issues, or provide sufficient reforms to promote integrated neighborhoods. (Further analysis has been conducted with regards to the following: Patterns of Segregation and Integration; Racially or Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Affluence; Access to Opportunity; and Displacement Risk. Additional concrete actions with specific metric and milestones have been added to address identified contributing factors, including implementation of SB 9 that will open up single-family zoned neighborhoods to up to four units on an existing parcel).
- The Element needs to provide additional evidence as to why non-vacant sites can be expected to redevelop within the planning period, along with why sites allowing for mixed use can be expected to be developed with residential uses. (Additional supporting evidence has been added to the sites analysis to justify these conclusions, including market studies conducted for the specific plans showing strong support for residential; trend data showing redevelopment of commercial uses to residential; and an adjustment in site capacities to reflect potential non-residential development. Furthermore, the Element includes a commitment to conduct a mid-cycle review to evaluate housing production levels in comparison to the RHNA, and if falling significantly short, to rezone additional sites to increase capacity).
- The Element's projections of future accessory dwelling units exceed past performance and should be revised downward. (Based on trend data from 2019 – 2021, the City has issued building permits for an average of 181 ADUs over the most recent three-year period. Program actions set forth in the Housing Element to reduce ADU fees, reduce processing times for smaller ADUs, and create

pre-approved ADU plans will further bolster ADU production, making the City's projections for 200 ADUs/year for a total of 1,600 ADUs over the eight-year planning period realistic and achievable. Additionally, the Element includes a specific commitment to conduct a mid-cycle review of ADU production and affordability).

The Housing Element does not propose adequate reforms to address major constraints to redevelopment in Burbank. (The Housing Element includes meaningful programs to address identified constraints, including: establishing objective development standards and by right review processes; updating multi-family development standards to better enable compact development; establishing incentives for the consolidation of individual parcels into larger development sites; updating the Inclusionary Housing and Density Bonus Ordinances to be aligned with one another; and amending the City Zoning Code to facilitate a variety of housing types for special needs populations).

The City received the State Department of Housing and Community Development's (HCD) written comments on the draft Housing Element on August 17, 2021, and made substantive revisions to the Element in response to the State's comments. The revised Element was made available to the public through direction notification of individuals previously providing written comments and other stakeholders and posting the Element on the City's website and social media platforms beginning on November 18, 2021, providing the public an opportunity to comment prior to resubmitting the revised Element to HCD on December 3rd.

The City received a second review letter from HCD on the revised draft Element on February 1, 2022. The City made further revisions to the Element to address the remaining issues, and made the revised Element available on its website beginning on March 23<sup>rd</sup> for a period of ten days prior to resubmitting the Element to HCD. HCD issued a third comment letter on June 3, 2022 identifying one remaining comment pertaining to affirmatively furthering fair housing and offered technical assistance to staff and the consultant to incorporate additional language in the Element to address this issue and bring the Element into compliance with state Housing Element law.

The public will continue to have opportunities to provide comments on the revised draft Housing Element, EIR, and other General Plan elements at the Burbank Planning Board and City Council public hearings, scheduled for August – September 2022.

# **Citywide Housing Goals and Policies**

The California Legislature has declared that: "The availability of housing is of vital statewide importance, and the early attainment of decent housing and a suitable living environment for every Californian, including farmworkers, is a priority of the highest order." A number of State objectives originate from this major goal and give further direction to cities in how to attain the State Housing Goal. In light of the above-stated Housing Goal, and Burbank's identified housing needs and conditions in this Element, the following goals and policies are presented as part of the City's comprehensive housing program.

### GOAL 1 EXISTING HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS

Burbank seeks to enhance the quality of existing housing and neighborhoods.

- Policy 1.1: Enhance the quality of established residential neighborhoods, including those in disadvantaged communities, through responsible development that facilitates the creation of a safe, beautiful, and thriving community.
- Policy 1.2: Sustain and strengthen Burbank neighborhoods through partnership with the Burbank Housing Corporation, as well as other housing providers, in the acquisition and rehabilitation of deteriorated properties and provision as long-term affordable housing.
- Policy 1.3: Undertake a comprehensive community preservation program encompassing code enforcement along with outreach and education to property owners on property maintenance issues.
- Policy 1.4: Encourage residential and mixed use developments that not only build buildings but focus on building neighborhoods by incorporating outdoor features that complement the living spaces, as well as providing a mix of amenities that benefit the surrounding neighborhood.
- Policy 1.5: Minimize residential displacement, especially in disadvantaged communities, through requirements for just cause evictions, limitations on rent increases, and replacement housing requirements if any existing residential units would be removed.
- Policy 1.6: Maintain the quality of life within neighborhoods by providing adequate maintenance to streets, sidewalks and alleys, parks, and other community facilities.

#### **GOAL 2 ADEQUATE HOUSING SITES**

Burbank seeks to provide housing sites that accommodate a range of housing types to meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents.

- Policy 2.1: Direct the majority of new residential development into Downtown Burbank, the Media District and the Golden State/Airport Area to support the building of neighborhoods where people can live, work, shop, and benefit from access to public transit services including Metrolink train service, Metro bus and BurbankBus lines, as well as a network of bike trails and pedestrian walks.
- Policy 2.2: Update land use regulations that facilitate new opportunities for developing a variety of housing types that include, but are not limited to, small lot development, condominiums,

- townhomes, live-work units, micro-units and accessory dwelling units (ADUs), to accommodate the City's diverse housing needs.
- Policy 2.3: Encourage the development of residential projects that support a balance of ownership and rental opportunities and provide variety in dwelling unit type and size.
- Policy 2.4: Allow residential units in traditionally non-residential areas including mixed use areas, and allow for adaptive reuse of non-residential buildings for residential and live-work units, including potential ground-floor opportunities.
- Policy 2.5: Continue to facilitate the provision of accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and junior accessory dwelling units (JADUs) in all residential districts as a means of creating new opportunities for appropriated-scaled and affordable units throughout the community.
- Policy 2.6: Pursue public-private partnerships that can create opportunities for affordable and mixed income housing.
- Policy 2.7 Pursuant to AB 1397, allow housing developments with at least 20 percent affordable housing by-right, consistent with objective development standards, on lower-income housing sites that have been counted in previous housing element cycles.

#### GOAL 3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Burbank will continue to facilitate the development of housing affordable to all economic segments of the community.

- Policy 3.1: Encourage production of a variety of housing types to address the needs of lower, moderate, and upper income households, including housing for Burbank's workforce and disadvantaged communities, to maintain an economically diverse and balanced community.
- Policy 3.2: Facilitate the development of community-serving uses, such as childcare and family resource centers, within housing developments.
- Policy 3.3: Provide regulatory incentives and concessions, and/or financial assistance to facilitate the development of affordable housing. Proactively seek out new models and approaches in the provision of affordable housing.
- Policy 3.4: Pursue expanded financial resources to support in the production of housing for Burbank's workforce, disadvantaged communities, and special needs populations.
- Policy 3.5: Facilitate a mix of household income and affordability levels in residential projects to achieve greater integration of affordable housing throughout the City.
- Policy 3.6: Facilitate and encourage the development of affordable housing for large families and people with disabilities by providing specific incentives and concessions within the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance for building this housing type.
- Policy 3.7: Explore collaborative partnerships with major employers, health care institutions, educational institutions, and other employers within Burbank to encourage and facilitate the provision of workforce housing.

- Policy 3.8: Seek out opportunities to partner with affordable housing developers/investors to extend expiring affordability covenants and to preserve older "naturally occurring affordable housing" as long-term affordable housing.
- Policy 3.9: Encourage use of sustainable and green building design features in new and existing housing, such as working with Burbank Water and Power, and other partners, on energy retrofit programs.

#### **GOAL 4 CONSTRAINTS TO HOUSING**

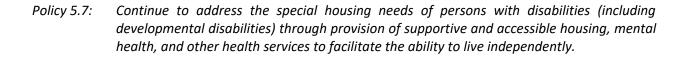
Burbank will focus on removing governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing.

- Policy 4.1: Facilitate use of regulatory incentives, concessions and waivers, including through density bonuses and inclusionary housing requirements that result in modified development standards, which offset or reduce the costs and/or reduce the physical impediments to the development of affordable housing.
- Policy 4.2: Establish objective development standards to create greater certainty for developers on community expectations for the building of new housing that helps to build neighborhoods and streamline the development review and permitting process.
- Policy 4.3: Update and simplify the City's multi-family development standards to better facilitate housing through responsible development that helps to build neighborhoods.

# **GOAL 5 EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES**

Burbank will promote non-discrimination and fair and equal housing opportunities for all persons.

- Policy 5.1: Take positive steps to ensure all segments of the population are aware of their rights and responsibilities regarding fair and equal housing opportunities.
- Policy 5.2: Assist in settling disputes between tenants and landlords.
- Policy 5.3: Implement Burbank's Homelessness Plan and work with local agencies to provide a continuum of care for the homeless that includes interim/emergency housing, permanent affordable housing, and access to services.
- Policy 5.4: Continue to seek out and provide funding support to local service agencies to provide emergency housing and prevention/diversion services to the homeless and at-risk homeless population.
- Policy 5.5: Collaborate with faith-based and other grassroots community efforts to provide interim/emergency housing and supportive services to the homeless and those at-risk of homelessness through a comprehensive strategy.
- Policy 5.6: Support development and maintenance of affordable senior rental and ownership housing and supportive services to facilitate maximum independence and the ability of seniors to remain in their homes and/or in the community.



# HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

The Housing Needs Assessment discusses the characteristics of Burbank's population and housing stock to better understand the nature and extent of unmet housing needs. The information illustrates how Burbank has grown and changed, and identifies patterns and trends that serve as the basis for defining the City's housing policies and programs. Projections are also provided to show how the community is expected to change over the next decade.

# **Demographic Profile**

Demographic changes such as population growth or changes in age can affect the type and amount of housing that is needed in a community. This section addresses population, age, and race and ethnicity of Burbank residents.

# **Population Growth and Trends**

As part of the post-war population boom that spurred rapid growth and development throughout Southern California, the vast majority of Burbank's population growth occurred prior to 1960. As illustrated in Exhibit 1-1, between 1940 and 1950 the City's population more than doubled from 34,000 to 79,000 residents; this rapid growth resulted from expanding economic opportunities in the media and aerospace industries and associated high levels of post-World War II housing construction. Following this boom period, population growth began to slow and eventually began to decline. In 1960, Burbank's population peaked at 90,000 then declined steadily over the next two decades, falling to 85,000 residents in 1980 as the City approached residential build-out. Over the next two decades, however, Burbank experienced renewed growth and in 2000 reached a population of 100,000 residents. As a result of the recession that began in 2007, the City's population increased by only 3,000 residents to a total of approximately 103,000 residents between 2000 and 2010; and, according to the State Department of Finance (DOF) another 3,000 people were added to the total population during the last decade (2010-2020). In 2020, the City's population was estimated at approximately 106,000 people.

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Exhibit 1-1
Burbank Population Growth 1920-2020

Source: U.S. Census 1920-2010, and State DOF 2020 Estimate

Burbank's population growth is influenced by its employment opportunities, high quality public schools, ready access to regional transportation routes and location within metropolitan Los Angeles. As presented in Table 1-2, Burbank's population growth of the last decade (2010-2020) of 2.4 percent was relatively small in comparison to its neighboring cities and the county as a whole. Over the same period, Glendale experienced a population increase of 7.1 percent, Pasadena of 5.6 percent, City of Los Angeles of 5.7 percent, and Los Angeles County as a whole of 3.6 percent. Only the City of La Cañada-Flintridge had a smaller growth than Burbank of 1.1 percent over the last decade.

Table 1-2
Regional Population Growth Trends

				Percent Change	
Jurisdiction	2000	2010	2020 (Est.)	2000-2010	2010-2020
Burbank	100,316	103,340	105,861	3.0%	2.4%
Glendale	194,973	191,719	205,331	-1.7%	7.1%
Pasadena	133,936	137,122	144,842	2.4%	5.6%
La Cañada-Flintridge	20,318	20,246	20,461	-0.4%	1.1%
City of Los Angeles	3,695,364	3,792,621	4,010,684	2.6%	5.7%
Los Angeles County	9,519,338	9,818,605	10,172,951	3.1%	3.6%

Source: U.S. Census 2000 and 2010, DOF 2020 Estimates.

According to the SCAG Connect SoCal, also known as the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy that was adopted in September 2020, the population of Burbank is forecast to increase to 115,400 by 2045, a 9.0 percent increase over existing conditions.

#### **Age Characteristics**

Housing need is often affected by the age characteristics of residents in the community. Different age groups have different lifestyles, income levels, and family types that influence housing needs. These housing choices evolve over time, and it is important to examine the changes in the age structure of Burbank residents in order to identify any potential impacts on housing needs.

Table 1-3 displays the age distribution of the City's population in 1990, 2000, 2010, and 2018 and illustrates several trends which have occurred over the past three decades. While the proportion of school-age children (ages 5 to 17) evidenced a noticeable increase from 1990 to 2010, this age group showed a significant decrease during the 2010-2018 period. From 2010 to 2018, the proportion of children declined from 17.9 to 13.0 percent, representing a decrease of 4,874 school-aged children in the community. This is consistent with reports from Burbank Unified School District of declining enrollment over the past several years.

As shown in Table 1-3, the two age groups that experienced the largest decline in Burbank between 1990 and 2018 were college-age adults (ages 18 to 24) and young adults (ages 25 to 44). In 1990, Burbank's college-age population represented 9.8 percent of the total residents, but by 2018, this age group decreased to 8.3 percent of the total population. While young adults comprise the largest share (30.4%) of all residents in 2018, this age group has steadily declined since 1990, when it comprised 36.0 percent of the general population.

Table 1-3
Age Distribution

	19	1990 2000		00	2010		2018	
	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent	Persons	Percent
Preschool (0-4 years)	5,805	6.2%	5,759	5.7%	5,134	5.0%	6,030	5.8%
School Age (5-17 years)	12,967	13.8%	16,578	16.5%	18,454	17.9%	13,580	13.0%
College Age (11-24 years)	9,216	9.8%	7,732	7.7%	8,893	8.6%	8,669	8.3%
Young Adults (25-44 years)	33,670	36.0%	35,504	35.4%	32,513	31.5%	31,669	30.4%
Middle Age (45-64 years)	18,329	19.6%	21,884	21.8%	24,552	23.8%	28,710	27.5%
Senior Adults (65 + years)	13,656	14.6%	12,859	12.8%	13,794	13.3%	15,617	15.0%
TOTAL	93,643	100%	100,316	100%	103,340	100%	104,275	100%

Source: U.S. Census 1990, 2000, and 2010. Census ACS 2014-2018.

In recent decades, both the middle age (45-65 years) and senior (65+ years) populations have shown steady proportional increase in overall population. The middle age group's proportion of the total population increased from 19.6 percent in 1990 to 27.5 percent in 2018, while seniors experienced a decline during the 1990-2000 period, but steadily increased from 12.8 percent of the total population in 2000 to 15.0 percent in 2018. From 2000 to 2018, the actual number of seniors increased by 2,758 residents.

#### **Race and Ethnicity**

Table 1-4 displays the racial/ethnic composition of Burbank's population in 2000, 2010, and 2018. Increasing diversity often brings changes in terms of different income levels, family types and languages that may affect housing needs and opportunities. While non-Hispanic White residents continue to comprise the majority of the City's population, this proportion has decreased from 59.4 percent in 2000 to 56.7 percent in 2018. The City's share of Hispanic residents also decreased slightly over the past 18 years, declining from 24.9 percent in 2000 to 23.7 in 2018.

In contrast, the non-Hispanic Asian residents, which represent a relatively smaller segment of the population, increased from 9.1 percent in 2000 to 12.3 percent in 2018. The non-Hispanic Black/African American population also increased its proportion of Burbank's total population, from 1.9 percent in 2000 to 2.6 percent in 2018. While the Census does not identify persons of Armenian descent as a separate ethnic category, it is important to note that a significant number of Armenians live in the City. According to the Armenian National Committee of America, an estimated 16,000 Armenian reside in Burbank or 15 percent of the City's total population.

Table 1-4
Racial and Ethnic Composition

Racial/Ethnic Group <sup>1</sup>	2000 2010			2018		
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	Population	Percent
White	59,590	59.4%	60,265	58.3%	59,122	56.7%
Hispanic	24,953	24.9%	25,310	24.5%	24,720	23.7%
Asian	9,166	9.1%	11,753	11.4%	12,786	12.3%
Black/African American	1,915	1.9%	2,443	2.4%	2,676	2.6%
Native American	314	0.3%	196	0.2%	329	0.3%
Other	4,378	4.4%	3,373	3.3%	4,642	4.5%
TOTAL	100,316	100%	103,340	100%	104,275	100%

Source: U.S. Census 2000 and 2010, Census ACS 2014-2018.

# **Employment**

Burbank has long been a major employment center in the San Fernando Valley and the Los Angeles region. The City's estimate of daytime employment is over 130,000 jobs. When compared to the approximately 45,000 housing units in the City, the resulting jobs-to-housing ratio is nearly 3:1, making Burbank an employment-rich community. According to SCAG's Connect SoCal, Burbank's employment is forecast to increase to approximately 138,700 jobs by 2045.

The City has a large and varied economy that is supported by a core of motion picture and entertainment-related industries, including The Walt Disney Company and Warner Brothers Entertainment. As shown in Table 1-5, six of the top ten major employers within the City are in the entertainment industry. In addition, major public and quasi-public employers in Burbank include Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, Hollywood Burbank Airport, Burbank Unified School District, and the City of Burbank.

Table 1-5
Major Burbank Employers

No.	Name	Employees	Туре
1	The Walt Disney Company	4,010	Entertainment
2	Warner Bros. Entertainment, Inc.	3,940	Entertainment
3	Providence St. Joseph Medical Center	2,438	Medical
4	Hollywood Burbank Airport	2,300	Aviation
5	Burbank Unified School District	1,928	Education
6	City of Burbank	1,454	Government
7	ABC Inc.	1,160	Entertainment
8	Deluxe Shared Services	971	Entertainment
9	Entertainment Partners	687	Entertainment
10	Nickelodeon Animation	602	Entertainment

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$ White, Asian, Black/African American, Native American, and Other racial/ethnic groups denote non-Hispanic.

With regard to occupational characteristics of Burbank residents, as presented in Table 1-6, education, health, and social services account for the largest occupational category at 18.6 percent. This is followed by information-related occupations at 13.8 percent, and arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation and food services occupations at 13.7 percent of the total working residents.

According to information from the California Employment Development Department (EDD), Burbank's annual average unemployment rate was 5.0 percent in 2019, higher than unemployment rates in Los Angeles County (4.4%) and the State of California, as a whole (4.0%).

Table 1-6
<b>Occupations of Burbank Residents: 2018</b>

Occupation	Jobs	Percent
Agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining	167	0.3%
Construction	1,849	3.4%
Manufacturing	3,511	6.5%
Wholesale trade	1,194	2.2%
Retail trade	4,753	8.8%
Transportation and warehousing and utilities	1,943	3.6%
Information	7,423	13.8%
Finance, insurance, real estate, and rental and leasing	3,752	7.0%
Professional, scientific, management, administrative, and waste management	6,937	12.9%
Educational, health, and social services	9,995	18.6%
Arts, entertainment, recreation, accommodation, and food services	7,356	13.7%
Other services except public administration	3,047	5.7%
Public administration	1,923	3.6%
Total	53,850	100.0%

Source: Census ACS 2014-2018.

#### **Household Profile**

Household type and size, income levels, and the presence of special needs populations all affect the type of housing needed by residents. This section details the various household characteristics affecting housing needs in Burbank.

#### **Household Type**

A household is defined as all persons living in a housing unit. Families are a subset of households, and include all persons living together that are related by blood, marriage, or adoption. A single person living alone is also a household, but a household does not include persons in group quarters such as convalescent homes or dormitories. Other households are unrelated people residing in the same dwelling unit, such as roommates.

As shown in Table 1-7, in 2018 there were 41,505 households residing in Burbank, with an average household size of 2.50 persons and an average family size of 3.22 persons. The majority of Burbank households are comprised of families (60.3%), and there are now more families without children (59%)

than with children (41%), a continuation of the trend since 2000. After experiencing a decline in single-person households between 2000 and 2010, single-person households now account for 31.6 percent of total households in the City. Other non-families consisting of roommates and other unrelated individuals account for 8.1 percent of the total households in City. In addition, households with persons 65 years and older represent over one-quarter (26.8%) of Burbank's households, a significant increase from 19.7 percent in 2000.

Table 1-7
Household Characteristics

	2000		2010		2018	
Household Type	Households	Percent	Households	Percent	Households	Percent
Families	24,362	58.6%	25,422	60.6%	25,016	60.3%
With children (% of Families)	11,843	48.6%	11,386	44.8%	10,264	41.0%
With no children (% of Families)	12,519	51.4%	14,036	55.2%	14,752	59.0%
Singles	13,977	33.6%	12,823	30.6%	13,127	31.6%
Other non-families	3,269	7.9%	3,695	8.8%	3,362	8.1%
Total Households <sup>1</sup>	41,608	100.0%	41,940	100.0%	41,505	100.0%
Households with persons 65 years and older	8,179	19.7%	10,545	25.1%	11,119	26.8%
Average Household Size	2.39		2.45		2.50	
Average Family Size	3.14		3.13	3	3.22	

Source: U.S. Census 2000 and 2010, Census ACS 2014-2018.

#### **Household Income**

Household income is one of the most important factors affecting housing opportunity and determining a household's ability to balance housing costs with other basic necessities of life.

## **Income Definitions**

The State and federal governments classify household income into several groupings based upon the relationship to the County area median income (AMI), adjusted for household size. The State utilizes the income groups presented in Table 1-8. However, federal housing programs utilize slightly different income groupings and definitions, with the highest income category generally ending at 95 percent of AMI. For purposes of the Housing Element, the State income definitions are used throughout, except for the data that have been compiled by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) where specifically noted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The household count is lower than the count of housing units as it reflects occupied housing units only.

	Table	1-8
State	Income	<b>Categories</b>

Income Category	% County Area Median Income (AMI)	2021 Los Angeles County Income Limits (3 person household)	
Extremely Low	0-30% AMI	\$31,950	
Very Low	0-50% AMI	\$53,200	
Low	51-80% AMI	\$85,150	
Moderate	81-120% AMI	\$86,400	
Above Moderate	120%+ AMI	>\$86,400	

Source: Section 50093 of the California Health and Safety Code.

California Department of Housing and Community Development, 2021 Income Limits.

#### **Income Characteristics**

Between 2010 and 2018, the median household income in Burbank grew from \$63,356 to \$73,277, an increase of 15.7 percent. The median income level in Burbank has been consistently higher than that of Los Angeles County, which was \$64,251 in 2018 -- a difference of approximately \$9,000.

While median household income in Burbank increased between 2010 and 2018, poverty levels among individuals also increased during the same period. As shown in Table 1-9, between 2010 and 2018, the percentage of Burbank individual residents living in poverty increased from eight percent in 2010 to 11 percent in 2018. The number of families living in poverty also increased from six percent of total families in 2010 to seven percent in 2018.

Table 1-9
Poverty Status

	2000		2010		2018	
Groups in Poverty	Persons/ Families	Percent	Persons/ Families	Percent	Persons/ Families	Percent
Individuals	10,484	10%	8,402	8%	11,250	11%
Children (under 18)	2,895	13%	1,909	10%	1,953	10%
Families	1,998	8%	1,578	6%	1,664	7%
Female-Headed with Children	551	19%	474	21%	316	21%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, 2010, and Census ACS 2014-2018.

# Income by Household Type and Tenure

Table 1-10 shows household income levels in Burbank by household type and tenure. Based on the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2011-2015 data, approximately 44 percent of Burbank households were considered lower income in 2015.

Table 1-10 Income by Household Type and Tenure

	Extremely Low Income	Very Low Income	Low Income	Total Lower Income
Household Type	0-30% AMI	31-50% AMI	51-80% AMI	0-80% AMI
Renter Households				
Elderly	47%	17%	19%	82%
Small Family	13%	13%	20%	47%
Large Family	16%	13%	25%	53%
Total Renters	22%	14%	20%	56%
Owner Households		·		
Elderly	14%	12%	20%	46%
Small Family	4%	5%	8%	17%
Large Family	1%	5%	17%	24%
Total Owners	67%	7%	13%	27%
All Households		<u>.</u>		
Total	16%	11%	17%	44%

Source: HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), 2011-2015.

While renters were more likely to earn lower incomes than owners, there were significant variations by household type. Elderly renter households had the highest percent (82%) in the lower-income category, and therefore, were particularly vulnerable to rent increases and other changes in living expenses. With the majority (53%) of large family renter households also in the lower-income category, this household group often have difficulty finding affordable units that have an adequate number of bedrooms. The primary housing needs of the household types in Table 1-10 are related to affordability, which include the need for rent subsidies and housing supportive services.

Extremely low-income (ELI) households (<30% AMI) comprise sixteen percent of Burbank's households and have significant housing needs. According to the CHAS Data compiled by HUD, 82 percent of the City's ELI households are renters, a group particularly vulnerable to rising rents, with 81 percent of ELI renters spending more than half their incomes on rent. Burbank has included a new program in the Housing Element to assist in the provision of housing for ELI households through such means as rental assistance, homeless prevention, and incentives for the inclusion of ELI units in new development.

# **Special Needs Populations**

State law recognizes that certain households have more difficulty in finding decent and affordable housing due to special circumstances. Special needs populations include the elderly, persons with disabilities, female-headed households, large households, and people experiencing homelessness. In addition, many often have lower incomes as a result of their situation. Table 1-11 summarizes the special needs populations in Burbank. Each of these population groups, as well as their housing needs, is described below.

Table 1-11
Special Needs Populations

Persons/Household Type	Persons	Households	Percent
Seniors (65+)	15,617		15.0%
With a Disability (% of Seniors)	6,179		(39.6%)
Senior Headed Households		9,220	22.2%
Owner (% of Senior HHs)		5,130	(55.6%)
Renter (% of Senior HHs)		4,090	(44.4%)
Seniors Living Alone		4,315	10.4%
Large Households		2,738	6.6%
Owner (% of Large HHs)		1,377	(50.3%)
Renter (% of Large HHs)		1,361	(49.7%)
Persons with Disability	11,216		10.8%
Employed -age 16+ (% of Disabled)	2,362		(21.1%)
Female-Headed Households		4,246	10.2%
With Related Children under 18 (% of Female Headed HHs)		1,714	(40.4%)
Homeless (2020)	291		
Total Persons and Households	104,275	41,505	

Source: Census ACS 2014-2018, LAHSA 2020 Point-In-Time Homeless Count.

#### **Senior Households**

As presented in Table 1-11, there were 15,617 seniors (ages 65 years and over), accounting for 15.0 percent of Burbank's total residents in 2018. Also, 22.2 percent of all households were headed by seniors. A majority of seniors own their home (55.6% of total senior headed households), and the remaining proportion (44.4%) rent. Also, over one-quarter (27.6%) of the 15,617 senior residents live alone. Over one-third (39.6%) of seniors have some type of disability and are defined as frail elderly.

The elderly have a number of special needs including housing, transportation, health care, and other services. Housing is a particular concern due to the fact that many of the elderly have limited incomes. As housing expenses rise, they may have less money available for medical costs and other vital services. The frail elderly have special needs apart from those of other elderly persons. These may include additional health care needs, modifications to housing, or more specialized housing in a 24-hour care environment.

Rising housing costs are a major concern since a majority of Burbank's senior households have lower incomes (<80% AMI), with ten percent living below the poverty level. Moreover, more than two-thirds of Burbank's elderly renter households and almost one quarter of the City's elderly owner households are spending more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs, the definition of housing overpayment. As presented in the later section on assisted rental housing, Burbank has nine senior housing projects, providing nearly 1,000 units affordable to low and moderate income seniors. As available and appropriate to the community, staff will apply for additional funding sources to develop programs to assist seniors and disabled households in the community.

Licensed residential care facilities for the elderly, also referred to as assisted-living facilities, offer housing to frail elderly who are unable to live independently. They provide care, supervision and assistance with activities of daily living. According to the California Department of Social Services (DSS), Burbank has 24 licensed elderly residential care facilities with capacity to serve 714 elderly residents.

### **Large Households**

Large households consist of five or more persons and are considered a special need population due to the limited availability of affordable and adequately sized housing, particularly for lower-income large households. Burbank has a total of 2,738 large households, representing 6.6 percent of the City's total households. Large household renters and owners are almost evenly split with renters at 50.3 percent and owners at 49.7 percent, with over half of large renter households earning lower incomes. Almost one-half of the City's lower-income large family renters experience a housing cost burden (spending more than 30% of their income on rent).

The CHAS (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) Databook documents the mismatch between the need for larger rental units and the City's supply of smaller units. There are approximately 2,500 rental units in Burbank with three or more bedrooms which are generally the appropriately sized units for large households of five or more members. In contrast, there are approximately 3,600 large households in the City. The disparity in the supply and demand for large rental units is even more pronounced among lower-income households, with 940 lower-income large family renter households and only 590 adequately sized and affordable units. This imbalance between supply and demand contributes to nearly one-fifth of the City's renter households residing in overcrowded conditions, and demonstrates the need for larger apartment units consisting of three or more bedrooms. In response to this need, the Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC), Burbank's non-profit housing developer, has a policy to provide three-bedroom units within its acquisition/rehabilitation projects whenever economically feasible. In addition, the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance provides a credit of 1.5 units for every one (1) unit provided where a greater number of affordable units are provided for large families (three (3) or more bedrooms) than required by the project (BMC Section 10-1-646(C).

#### Female-Headed Households

Female-headed households with children in particular tend to have lower incomes, which limits their housing options and access to supportive services. The Census ACS 2014-2018 data estimates 4,246 female-headed households in Burbank and 40.4 percent of these households had a related child under the age of 18. Also, almost two-thirds of female-headed households lived below the poverty level. According to the last Census (2010), data indicated that nearly one-fifth of the total female-headed households with children lived in poverty. These households need assistance with housing subsidies, as

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> HUD defines "overcrowding" as greater than 1.01 persons per room, excluding kitchens, porches and hallways.

well as accessible and affordable day care. Without access to affordable housing, many of these households may be at risk of becoming homeless.

#### **Persons with Disabilities**

A disability is defined as a long lasting physical, mental, or emotional condition that impairs an individual's mobility, ability to work, or ability for self-care. The special housing needs of disabled persons result from limited, often fixed incomes; shortage of accessible housing; and higher health care costs associated with the disability.

According to the ACS 2018 data, an estimated 11,216 persons (10.8%) of Burbank's population have some type of disability, and of the total disabled population, 21.1 percent were employed and 55.1 percent were seniors. Many of the seniors were served by the City's nearly 1,225 units of affordable senior rental housing.

The living arrangement for persons with disabilities depends on the severity of the disability. Many persons live at home in an independent environment with the help of other family members. To maintain independent living, disabled persons may require assistance. This can include special housing design features for the physically disabled, income support for those who are unable to work, and in-home supportive services for persons with medical conditions.

In addition to accessible housing, persons with disabilities may require supportive housing and assistance. For those persons who may require or prefer assistance with care and supervision, licensed community care facilities offer special residential environments for persons with physical, mental, and/or emotional disabilities. According to DSS, there are 14 licensed adult residential facilities that serve disabled persons located within Burbank that have a total capacity of serving 60 disabled residents.

#### **Developmentally Disabled**

According to Section 4512 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, a "developmental disability" means a disability that originates before an individual attains age 18 years, continues, or can be expected to continue, indefinitely, and constitutes a substantial disability for that individual, which includes mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and autism. This term also includes disabling conditions found to be closely related to mental retardation or to require treatment similar to that required for individuals with intellectual disability, but does not include other handicapping conditions that are solely physical in nature.

Many developmentally disabled persons can live and work independently within a conventional housing environment. More severely disabled individuals require a group living environment where supervision is provided. The most severely affected individuals may require an institutional environment where medical attention and physical therapy are provided. Because developmental disabilities exist before adulthood, the first issue in supportive housing for the developmentally disabled is the transition from the person's living situation as a child to an appropriate level of independence as an adult.

The California Department of Developmental Services provides data on the developmental disabilities by age and type of residents. According to 2019 DDS data for Burbank, there are over 2,500 residents with developmental disabilities, with approximately two-thirds under the age of 18 years. Based on the available data, over 80 percent of persons with developmental disabilities reside at home of parents, families, or guardians<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The California Department of Developmental Services provides data collected at the ZIP-code level and joined to the jurisdiction-level by the SCAG. The information presented are approximations.

The Department of Developmental Services currently provides community-based services to approximately 243,000 persons with developmental disabilities and their families through a statewide system of 21 regional centers, four developmental centers, and two community-based facilities. The Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center is one of 21 regional centers in California that provides point of entry to services for people with developmental disabilities. The Frank D. Lanterman Regional Center is a private, not-for-profit corporation contracting with the State of California for the provision of services to persons with developmental disabilities pursuant to the Lanterman Act. The Center serves over 7,000 children and adults with developmental disabilities, who have or are at risk for a developmental delay or disability, and who are at high-risk of parenting an infant with a disability.

Several resources are available to developmentally disabled residents. Easter Seals of Southern California is assisting with housing services, education and learning programs, and employment opportunities under WorkFirst. WorkFirst provides one-on-one, customized employment support services to individuals who are interested in finding and maintaining paid work or starting their own business. The Easter Seals Residential Services, which helps move individuals out of development centers and into local communities, The Easter Seals Residential Services, which helps move individuals out of development centers and into local communities, has four licensed adult residential facilities located in Burbank to serve individuals with physical and developmental disabilities. The Atwater Park Center in Los Angeles (Atwater Village) provides full-day childcare, extended hours, and half-day preschool services.

## **Homeless Population**

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) coordinates the biennial Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count for the Los Angeles County/City Continuum of Care (LA CoC) as part of the national effort required by HUD to enumerate the homeless population. The LA CoC includes all of Los Angeles County, except the cities of Glendale, Pasadena, and Long Beach, who administer and operate their own respective Continuum of Care systems and conduct their own homeless counts. The January 2020 "point in time" count enumerated 66,439 homeless individuals in Los Angeles County, reflecting an increase of 13 percent over the previous 2019 count. Of the total homeless in the County, over about one-quarter were sheltered and about three-quarters unsheltered.

Within Burbank, LAHSA's 2020 point in time count identified a total of 291 homeless individuals (207 unsheltered and 84 sheltered homeless). The City's sheltered homeless included the following: 65 individuals in transitional housing; 19 individuals in the emergency shelter who reported they were from Burbank; 47 persons living in the street; 146 homeless persons living in a car, van, or RV/camper; and nine persons living in a makeshift shelter.

#### **Burbank Homeless Plan**

Working together with local, County, and City of Los Angeles partners, the City of Burbank adopted a comprehensive Homeless Plan for 2011-2021, scheduled to be updated for the 2022-2027 period. The Homeless Plan provides a proactive approach to homelessness by: 1) creating action-oriented solutions that address the ongoing systemic social issues of homelessness impacting our community; 2) coordinating efforts to address homelessness with City Departments, public and private entities, businesses, and community involvement; and 3) identifying funding, barriers, and measurable outcomes. The City has implemented multiple strategies identified in the Homeless Plan, including:

- Preparing a feasibility study for interim or permanent housing;
- Preparing a feasibility study for the acquisition and conversion of a commercial space into an access center and interim/emergency housing;

- Conducting a study of City-owned plots of land for potential use as a safe storage facility;
- Hiring a Homeless Services Liaison to educate the public regarding the City's Homelessness efforts and engaging with the homeless; and
- Extending the partnership with Hope of the Valley to provide a winter shelter pick-up/drop-off.

## Sheltering the Homeless

Burbank Housing Corporation Transitional/Supportive Housing. The Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC), in partnership with service providers including Family Services Agency (FSA) and Family Promise of the Verdugos, owns and operates five transitional/supportive housing facilities within Burbank (see Table 1-12). Residents are identified, assessed and placed in these programs by the property service provider. Once housed, the residents will remain in these affordable homes for up to two years while they work to prepare themselves for independent living. Puerta Nueva provides five units of transitional housing for women and children who are surviving domestic violence and abuse. The Home Front program provides seven units of housing and support to homeless families with children, and Linden House provides four units of transitional housing for homeless, at-risk or emancipated young persons between the ages of 18 and 22. As previously discussed, two recent transitional/supporting housing projects operated by BHC include the three-unit Jerry's Promise for homeless families with children and the 11 deed-restricted Very Low Income unit Veteran's Bungalow for homeless veterans. BHC's program now has 30 transitional/supportive housing units.

Table 1-12
Burbank Housing Corporation Transitional/Supportive Housing

			Households w/	Beds/Units		
	Households w/out	Households w/at least 1 adult & 1	children under 18 (unaccompanied	for use by individuals	Winter Shelter or	
Development	Children	child (families)	youth)	or families	Seasonal	Total
Home Front – He	ouseholds with (	Children				
Units	0	7	0	0	0	7
Beds	0	49	0	0	0	49
Puerta Nueva –	Single Females a	and Households with	Children			
Units	0	5	0	0	0	5
Beds	0	22	0	0	0	22
Linden House – :	Single Males and	l Females				
Units	3	0	0	0	0	3
Beds	6	0	0	0	0	6
Homeless Veter	ans¹– 1101 Verd	ugo Avenue/1108 An	ngeles Avenue			
Units	0	0	0	11	0	11
Beds	0	0	0	11	0	11
Jerry's Promise j	for Homeless Fai	milies with Children -	- 1932 N. Ontario St	reet		-
Units		3				3
Beds		6				6

Source: City of Burbank, Housing & Economic Development Division; Burbank Housing Corporation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The City of Burbank, Burbank Housing Authority, and Burbank Housing Corporation acquired this project in 2013. Homeless Veterans project provides permanent supportive housing units.

**Burbank Housing Authority**. The Burbank Housing Authority (BHA) and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority offer federal Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) (a form of tenant-based rental assistance) through the Homes, Equality and Links to Programs (HELP) program. These vouchers are dedicated to chronically homeless individuals and families as defined by HUD. BHA coordinates the delivery of supportive services and program expenses for administration of the HELP Program. PSH is targeted to individuals and families with chronic illnesses, disabilities, mental health issues, or substance use disorders who have experienced long-term or repeated homelessness. In addition, BHA administers the Homeless Incentive Program (HIP) that encourages landlord acceptance of tenants with a Section 8 voucher issued by BHA.

**Tiny Home Village.** The Community Development Department has allocated \$500,000 in FY 2021-02 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to perform a feasibility planning study and design for the use of a City-owned property for interim housing for the homeless. The Tiny Home Village is proposed to consist of 26 modular homes, including two ADA-accessible units, which will house up to 51 residents. The project is anticipated to come on line in mid-2024.

**Motel Vouchers for Homeless.** The City supports the motel voucher assistance program administered by Burbank Temporary Aid Center (BTAC) through an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) funds. Under BTAC's motel voucher program, homeless persons receive a limited stay at local motels. According to the Homeless Plan, no motel vouchers were issued in 2020-2021; however, depending on funding, the current motel voucher program could be improved by offering the motel voucher to homeless individuals and families on a path to permanent housing.

**Family Promise of the Verdugos**. Family Promise of the Verdugos provides temporary shelter and supportive services to families that are "situationally" homeless. Family Promise serves homeless and atrisk families through three major components: outreach and screening; transitional housing through local congregations; and counseling/case management focused on obtaining full-time employment.

**Ascencia Emergency Housing.** Located in Glendale, Ascencia provides Burbank homeless with 60-90 days of emergency and transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, case management, supportive and access center services such as showers, laundry facilities, advocacy, employment and referral services for mental health, addiction treatment and veteran services. The facility has a 40-bed capacity, two of which are in a private room for persons with special needs.

Los Angeles Family Housing (LAFH). This organization serves as the lead supportive service agency for individuals and families experiencing homelessness for Service Planning Area 2. LAFH operates an access center, permanent supportive housing, and a Transitional Living Center in North Hollywood, providing 260 beds of emergency and transitional housing for families with supportive services. Once accepted into a program, homeless families are permitted to remain at the Transitional Living Center for up to two years.

**Transitional Aged Youth.** Services and housing are provided to homeless transitional aged-youth (18 to 24 years of age) by Village Family Services for Service Planning Area 2. Village Family Services provides case management, supportive services, shelter, and trauma-informed behavioral health services. Village Family Services in partnership with Hope of the Valley, provide 38 beds of interim housing for homeless youth in Burbank. The site is known as the Landing.

**Countywide Interim Housing.** City supports the County-wide interim housing programs for people experiencing homelessness by our homeless outreach teams registering Burbank homeless into the regional Coordinated Entry System (CES). CES facilitates the coordination and management of resources and services through the crisis response system. Matching to available beds is coordinated through CES.

**Winter Shelter Program.** The regional Winter Shelter Program is operated by Hope of the Valley in Pacoima from December-March. This program provides temporary winter shelters, a shuttle van pick-up and drop-off at the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station, and access to supportive services and housing assistance. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority coordinates the Winter Shelter Program in partnership with the County of Los Angeles and the City of Los Angeles.

#### **Homeless Services**

In an ongoing effort to continue to address the needs of the homeless and those at-risk of homelessness, the City will continue its partnerships with experienced service providers capable of leveraging other funding; the ability to create or secure affordable housing; perform homeless case management; and engage the homeless through a street outreach component in order to connect them to available services.

Street Plus - Downtown Burbank Hospitality and Social Outreach Ambassador Program. In 2019, the Downtown Business Improvement District approved a 12-month contract with the Downtown Burbank Hospitality and Social Outreach Ambassador program (staffed by StreetPlus) dedicated to homeless outreach in downtown Burbank. During 2019, 31 individuals received housing, housing support, or transportation back to their families. The program also helps to provide vital social services for Downtown Burbank including identification and outreach to homeless individuals, and providing resources and assistance as needed.

**Street Outreach Program.** The year-round Burbank Street Outreach Program is currently provided in partnership with StreetPlus. In September 2020, the City created a Homeless Services Liaison (HSL) contracted position with Streetplus. The HSL coordinates Burbank's homeless efforts with neighbors and service providers. The Liaison facilitates the following tasks: a) Coordinated services and programs citywide with local non-profits; b) Coordinated resources with Los Angeles County and City public entities; c) Responded to City intra-departmental programs and homeless related issues; d) Directed services to homeless residents; and e) Fielded community concerns regarding homelessness in Burbank. During a twelve-month period (September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021), the HSL will connect Burbank homeless to CES, attend monthly CES meetings, and coordinate encampment clean-ups in Burbank.

Safe Storage and Help Center (SAFE). Burbank's SAFE center was completed in August 2021. As the storage facility operator, the Salvation Army assists homeless individuals with safely storing their personal belongings at the center while also providing case management and referrals to services. The program allows for up to 60 homeless individuals to use a 60-gallon container to store their items within specified time parameters. The SAFE is located on a City-owned lot on the corner of Front Street and Verdugo Avenue (401 Front Street).

**Burbank Library Services Department**. Library staff work closely with the Burbank Temporary Aid Center (BTAC), Ascencia, and the Family Service Agency (FSA) to refer people in need to services. Because many people experiencing homelessness spend extended time in libraries, staff may have the opportunity to build relationships that help people resistant to services ultimately accept help. In FY 2021-22, the Library in partnership with Parks and Recreation will be hiring a part-time social worker to assist people experiencing homelessness or people at-risk of homelessness connect to services.

**Burbank Police Department**. The Burbank Police Department and Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health have partnered to provide a mental health team to address the growing needs of those suffering from mental illness and homelessness. The two agencies created the Burbank Mental Health Evaluation Team (MHET). MHET is a co-response model comprised of a psychiatric social worker, who is paired with a sworn police officer. The MHET is deployed four days a week, and frequently responds to

calls for service when a person appears to have mental health disorders. Once on the scene, the MHET can perform an assessment and respond with further mental health treatment if required.

**Burbank Temporary Aid Center.** The Burbank Temporary Aid Center (BTAC) provides a wide variety of services to homeless individuals and low income families in Burbank, including food, rental and utility assistance, clothing, transportation assistance, laundry, showers, referrals to nearby shelters, daily lunches, and medical cost assistance.

**Salvation Army.** The Salvation Army provides a food pantry, referrals to homeless service providers, and special holiday events (dinner & gifts) for the homeless population. Staff is currently working with the Salvation Army on the programming for a Safe Storage facility on a City-owned property where the homeless can voluntarily store personal belongings for a specified time. The program would allow for each homeless person (up to 60 people) to use an approximately 60-gallon container to store their items.

**Family Service Agency.** Family Service Agency (FSA) has been serving the Burbank community since 1991. It is a non-profit social service agency dedicated to preventing homelessness, eliminating domestic violence, suicide, and quality mental health care. FSA provides counseling and preventive services on 18 Burbank school campuses, and in three residential treatment facilities. They treat youth, teens, adults, couples and families, in individual, group, and school-based environments. Services include crisis intervention, clinical counseling, transitional housing, and violence prevention services and education.

Volunteers of America of Los Angeles. Volunteers of America of Los Angeles serves the following subpopulations: children; youth and families from under—served communities; veterans struggling with reintegration; individuals and families challenged by homelessness; men and women returning from prison; and people battling addictions and substance use. The range of support services includes eviction prevention, emergency services, transitional housing, affordable housing, employment, and job training to homeless and non-homeless veterans.

#### **Victims of Domestic Violence**

Persons who are victims of domestic violence often need shelter and services such as counseling and child care. According to the U.S. Center for Disease Control's National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (2015), 43.6 percent of women (nearly 52.2 million) in the U.S. experienced some form of contact sexual violence in their lifetime, with 4.7 percent of women experiencing this violence in the 12 months preceding the survey. According to social service agencies that assist victims of domestic violence, spousal abuse has been on the increase over the past 10 years. Immigrant women are particularly vulnerable to abuse and are often reluctant to report incidences or seek assistance from local authorities. Further, the National Network to End Domestic Violence found the following housing related issues<sup>3</sup>:

- Domestic violence is the leading cause of homelessness for women and children.
- Over 90 percent of homeless women have experienced severe physical or sexual violence at some point in their lives, and 63 percent have been victims of intimate partner violence as adults.
- Over 80 percent of survivors entering shelters identified "finding housing I can afford" as a need second only to "safety for myself."

According to the 2020 Point-In-Time Homeless Count for greater Los Angeles County, 18,345 are homeless as a result of domestic violence or intimate partner violence. Of these homeless, 2,764 were from the San Fernando Valley communities, which includes Burbank. The immediate housing needs of victims of

<sup>3</sup> National Network to End Domestic Violence. "Domestic Violence, Housing, and Homelessness." https://nnedv.org/mdocs-posts/domestic-violence-housing-and-homelessness/

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domestic violence relate to shelter and transitional housing. Long-term housing needs include affordable housing for families.

The Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC) and Family Service Agency of Burbank provide transitional housing for victims of domestic violence. The Glendale YWCA provides emergency shelter and transitional housing to victims of domestic violence as well as counseling and other services. In addition, Haven House in Pasadena provides services, as well as temporary shelter and transitional housing for victims.

# **Housing Stock Characteristics**

This section evaluates the characteristics of Burbank's physical housing stock, including housing growth trends, housing conditions, housing costs and affordability.

#### **Housing Growth**

Table 1-13 presents housing production in Burbank and the region. During the last decade, Burbank's housing stock grew by just 1.5 percent, slower in comparison with Los Angeles County and the nearby communities of Glendale and Pasadena. In fact, since 1990, Burbank's ten-year housing growth rates have experienced a downward trend. The Burbank City Council is committed to reversing this trend, setting a goal to facilitate the building of 12,000 residential units through 2035, and undertaking several major specific plans to accommodate future housing growth and improve the City's jobs-housing balance.

Table 1-13
Regional Housing Growth Trends

					Percent Change		e
Jurisdiction	1990	2000	2010	2020	1990-2000	2000-2010	2010-2020
Burbank	41,216	42,847	44,309	44,978	4.0%	3.4%	1.5%
Glendale	72,114	73,713	76,269	81,019	2.2%	3.5%	6.2%
La Cañada Flintridge	6,918	6,989	7,089	7,116	1.0%	1.4%	0.4%
Pasadena	53,032	54,132	59,551	62,753	2.1%	10.0%	5.4%
LA County	3,163,343	3,270,909	3,445,076	3,590,574	3.4%	5.3%	4.2%

Source: U.S. Census, 1990, 2000, and 2010, and DOF 2020 Estimates.

#### **Housing Type and Tenure**

According to Department of Finance estimates, Burbank has a current housing stock of 44,978 housing units. As shown in Table 1-14, the total number of single-family detached and attached units has remained relatively stable over the past three decades; single-family housing has declined in relative proportion to the total housing stock, from 51.1 percent in 1990 to 48.5 percent in 2020. In comparison, multi-family units now comprise just over half of all housing units in the community, growing from 47.7 percent in 1990 to 51.2 percent in 2020. Multi-family housing growth has occurred almost entirely in larger projects with five or more units, with the introduction of larger projects in Burbank's Downtown and Media Districts.

Table 1-14
Housing Types

		1990		2000		2010		2020	
	Unit Type	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%
e ≥	Detached	19,525	47.4%	19,895	46.4%	19,977	45.1%	19,908	44.3%
Single Family	Attached	1,550	3.8%	1,744	4.1%	1,774	4.0%	1,913	4.3%
S	Total	21,075	51.1%	21,639	50.5%	21,751	49.1%	21,821	48.5%
>	2 to 4 Units	4,919	11.9%	4,737	11.1%	4,655	10.5%	4,742	10.5%
Multi- Family	5 or more units	14,735	35.8%	16,359	38.2%	17,791	40.2%	18,280	40.6%
≥ ㎡	Total	19,653	47.7%	21,096	49.2%	22,446	50.7%	23,022	51.2%
Mobile	Homes & Other	488	1.2%	112	0.3%	112	0.3%	135	0.3%
	Total Units	41,216	100%	42,847	100%	43,309	100%	44,978	100%

Source: U.S. Census 1990, 2000, 2010, and DOF 2020 Estimates.

Note: Single Family Detached includes single family units that are in zones other than single family zones.

Housing tenure refers to whether a housing unit is owned, rented or is vacant. Tenure is an important indicator of the housing climate of a community, reflecting the relative cost of housing opportunities, and the ability of residents to afford housing. Tenure also influences residential mobility, with owner units generally evidencing lower turnover rates than rental housing. According to Census ACS 2018 data as presented in Table 1-15, there were 41,505 occupied housing units in Burbank. Of this total, 58.2 percent were renter-occupied units and 41.8 percent were owner-occupied units. Since 2010, the proportion of renter occupied units have increased and owner-occupied units have decreased. This increase in renters is consistent with the focus of recent growth in higher-density, multi-family housing units.

Table 1-15
Housing Tenure

Occupied Housing	2000		2010		2018	
Units	Units	Percent	Units	Percent	Units	Percent
Owner	18,112	43.5%	18,465	44.0%	17,367	41.8%
Renter	23,496	56.5%	23,475	56.0%	24,138	58.2%
Total	41,608	100.0%	41,940	100.0%	41,505	100.0%

Source: U.S. Census 2000, 2010, and Census ACS 2014-2018.

## Vacancy Rate

A vacancy rate measures the overall housing availability in a community and is often a good indicator of how efficiently for-sale and rental housing units are meeting the current demand for housing. A vacancy rate of five percent for rental housing and two percent for ownership housing is generally considered healthy and suggests that there is a balance between the demand and supply of housing. A lower vacancy rate may indicate that households are having difficulty in finding housing that is affordable, leading to overcrowding or households having to pay more than they can afford.

As measured by the Census ACS 2018 estimate, the residential vacancy rate in Burbank was 4.8 percent for all housing units, which was lower than the 6.2 percent vacancy rate of Los Angeles County. Based on the ACS 2018 data in the SCAG city profile for Burbank show the vacancy rate for rental units at 3.3 percent

and ownership units at 2.0 percent. A two percent owner and five percent renter vacancy rates are considered ideal for sufficient resident mobility.

## **Housing Age and Condition**

The age of housing is commonly used by State and federal agencies as a factor in estimating rehabilitation needs. Typically, most homes begin to require major repairs or have significant rehabilitation (new plumbing, roof repairs, foundation work and other repairs) at 30 to 40 years of age. Table 1-16 displays the age of Burbank's occupied housing stock by renter and owner tenures as of 2018. As a mature community, approximately three-quarters (74.7%) of Burbank's occupied housing stock consists of units older than 38 years of age (housing units built before 1980). Almost two-thirds (65.4%) of Burbank's renter-occupied units were constructed after 1960 and over three-quarters (76.8%) of owner-occupied units were constructed prior to 1960. These older homes characterize the majority of Burbank's single-family neighborhoods.

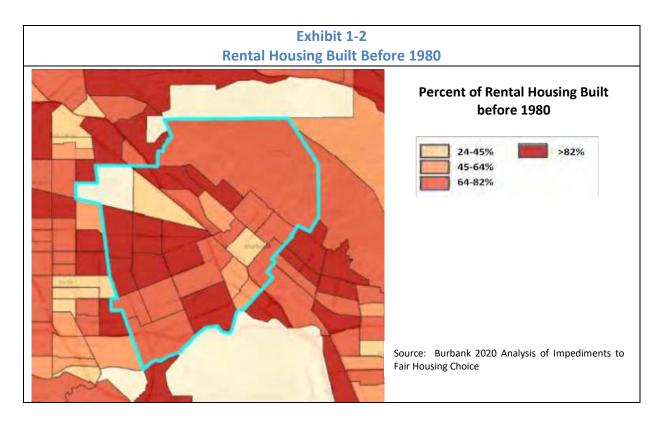
Table 1-16
Age of Housing Stock

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	Renter		Owner		Total	
<b>Year Structure</b>	Occupied	Percent	Occupied	Percent	Occupied	Percent
Built	Housing	Renter	Housing	Owner	Housing	Total
2010 or later	298	1.2%	24	0.1%	322	0.8%
2000-2009	1,672	6.9%	1,070	6.2%	2,742	6.6%
1980-1999	5,942	24.6%	1,482	8.5%	7,424	17.9%
1960-1979	7,887	32.7%	1,456	8.4%	9,343	22.5%
1940-1959	6,908	28.6%	9,374	54.0%	16,282	39.2%
1939 or earlier	1,431	5.9%	3,961	22.8%	5,392	13.0%
Total	24,138	100.0%	17,367	100.0%	41,505	100.0%

Source: Census ACS 2014-2018.

Generally, a large proportion of older homes in a community would indicate a substantial number of units may require rehabilitation or replacement. However, despite the advanced age of much of Burbank's housing stock, relatively few single-family homes have been identified by the City's Building and Safety Division as requiring major rehabilitation. With respect to multi-family housing, the City estimates that approximately 600 to 800 multi-family buildings with 3 or more dwelling units include elements of "soft story" construction in need of seismic retrofit. Of these structures, it is estimated that approximately 270 condominium units may be in need of seismic retrofit and at least 2,500 apartment units. Using soft story construction as an indicator of the condition of housing stock, it is estimated that of the City's approximately 23,000 multi-family dwelling units, 12% or 2,760 units may be in need of rehabilitation. The City will be moving forward with hiring a consultant to explore options for a seismic retrofit program for qualifying soft story multi-family buildings in the City.

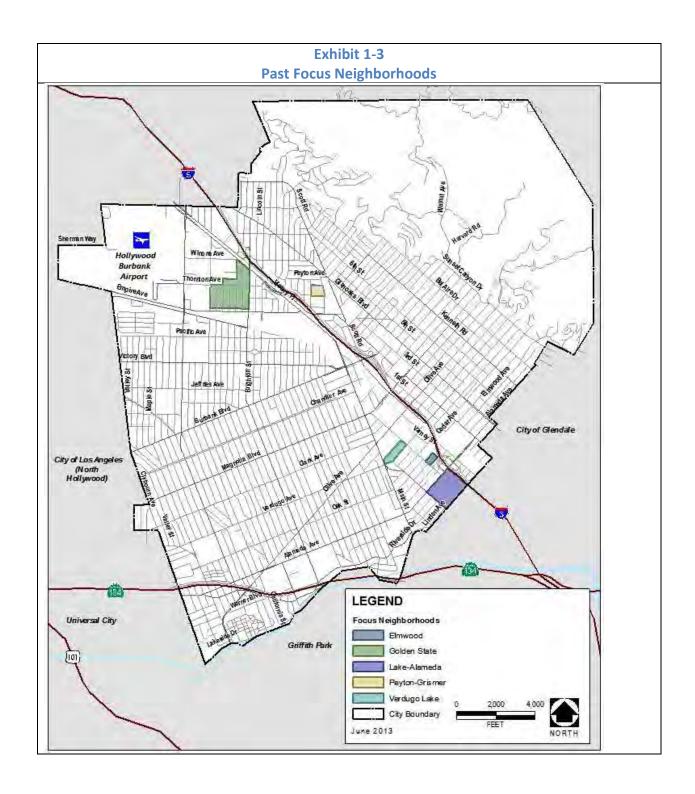
As illustrated in Exhibit 1-2, census tracts with more than 82 percent of rental housing built before 1980 are located in the darkest shaded areas. These units are principally in census tracts located in: western Burbank south of the Hollywood Burbank Airport and Vanowen Street; northwest Burbank north of the I-5 Freeway; and in the vicinity of the southeast boundaries of the City. As discussed in **Appendix B**: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH), these census tracts are areas of high resources and opportunities and relatively low areas of poverty. However, it is of interest for the City to monitor all housing built prior to 1980 for lead paint and other hazardous or structurally unsafe housing issues.



# **Neighborhood Revitalization**

Since 1997, the City has partnered with the Burbank Housing Corporation to proactively revitalize areas and develop affordable housing in five Focus Neighborhood Revitalization areas (Elmwood, Verdugo/Lake, Golden State, Peyton/Grismer, and Lake/Alameda neighborhoods) (refer to Exhibit 1-3). These neighborhoods are also located in HUD-designated Low and Moderate Income (LMI) areas and in census tracts with high minority concentration. Within the Focus Neighborhoods, the City and its former Redevelopment Agency provided funding assistance to BHC to acquire, rehabilitate, and manage rental properties as long-term affordable housing.

While the City and BHC continue to support affordable housing efforts in these needy neighborhoods, the program has now expanded beyond the boundaries of the five Focus Neighborhoods. For example, in 2016, BHC rehabilitated and furnished Veterans Bungalows (1101 W. Verdugo/1108 W. Angelino Avenue) with 11 deed-restricted very low-income units for homeless veterans. In 2019, BHC, the Family Promise of the Verdugos, and the City completed the rehabilitation of Jerry's Promise (1932 N. Ontario Street) with three transitional housing units for homeless families. BHC currently owns and operates five special needs projects that total 30 transitional or supportive housing units, and operates affordable rental housing projects in 18 locations in Burbank, totaling 299 units.



# **Housing Costs and Affordability**

The cost of housing is directly related to the extent of housing problems in a community. If housing costs are relatively high in comparison to household income, there will be a higher prevalence of overpayment and overcrowding. This section summarizes the cost and affordability of the housing stock to Burbank residents.

#### **Home Values and Sales Prices**

The real estate website Zillow.com has developed a home valuation model to estimate the market value of individual properties, and compiles this information to produce a median "Home Value Index" for any given geographic area. Table 1-16 presents the December 2019 median home value index for Burbank and nearby communities, and shows the change in median home values from 2018.

Housing prices in Burbank and the surrounding areas increased dramatically in the last decade. For instance, in 2010, Zillow estimated the home value index for Burbank at \$509,300 (inclusive of both single-family homes and condominiums), compared to an index of over \$845,000 in 2019, representing a 66 percent increase. All but one of the City's zip codes (91502 — Downtown Burbank) had a 2019 median home value in the \$800,000 range, and overall values in Burbank were just slightly below estimates for Pasadena and Glendale. Between 2018 and 2019, housing values in Burbank increased by 2.1 percent, evidencing higher value gains than the 1.65 percent increase experienced Countywide.

Table 1-17
Median Home Values
Burbank and Nearby Communities

Community	Zip Code	Median Home Value: Dec 2019	Percent Change from 2018
Burbank	91501	\$871,000	1.75%
	91502	\$641,000	0.31%
	91504	\$851,000	2.65%
	91505	\$818,000	1.87%
	91506	\$855,000	2.03%
	All	\$845,200	2.10%
Toluca Lake	All	\$912,000	1.33%
Glendale	All	\$860,100	1.43%
Pasadena	All	\$854,500	0.57%
La Cañada Flintridge	All	\$1,665,400	7.73%
LA County	All	\$679,000	1.65%

 $Source: Zillow\ Home\ Value\ Index\ from\ Zillow.com.\ \ Data\ through\ December\ 31,\ 2019.$ 

Note: LA County Area includes Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Metro Area

The following Table 1-18 breaks down home values by number of bedrooms in both Burbank and the County as a whole. As shown, median values range from \$577,500 for a one-bedroom home, up to more than \$1,325,000 for a home with five or more bedrooms. Three-bedroom homes increased the most in

value between 2011-2019 (+2.7%), while values for one-bedroom homes saw a slight decrease (-0.2%). Burbank median values for all sized homes were higher than the County as a whole.

<b>Table 1-18</b>		
Median Home Values by U	Jnit	Size

Number of	December 2018	December 2019		Los Angeles
Bedrooms	Value	Value	% Change	County
1	\$578,500	\$577,500	-0.2%	\$444,900
2	\$724,200	\$730,700	0.9%	\$547,400
3	\$855,800	\$878,700	2.7%	\$646,100
4	\$1,070,800	\$1,089,100	1.7%	\$794,700
5+	\$1,308,600	\$1,326,600	1.4%	\$1,171,000
Total	\$860,000	\$878,600	2.2%	\$679,400

Source: Zillow Home Value Index from Zillow.com. Data through December 31, 2019. Note: LA County Area includes Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim Metro Area

#### **Ownership Sales Prices**

In addition to home value estimates, it is also valuable to look at the actual sales listing price for homes. In December 2020, 49 single-family homes were listed for sale in Burbank on Zillow listing services. Table 1-19 illustrates the number of sales listings, the price range and price average by bedroom size. As shown, prices for single-family homes started at \$724,900 for a two-bedroom house and increased significantly as the homes increased in size. In comparison to the estimated home values presented in Table 1-17, listing prices for single-family homes were significantly higher.

Table 1-19
Single-family Home Sales Listings

Number of Bedrooms	Number of Listings	Sales Listing Price Range	Average Sales Listing Price
2	9	\$724,900 - \$989,000	\$842,204
3	19	\$763,999 - \$1,375,000	\$1,074,715
4	17	\$889,000 - \$2,250,000	\$1,399,516
5+	3	\$1,249,942 - \$1,949,000	\$1,664,647
Total	48	\$724,900 - \$2,250,000	\$1,086,196

Source: Karen Warner Associates. Data from Zillow Home Value Index, Zillow.com

The City's economic consultant, Keyser Marston Associates, conducted a survey of condominium sales in August 2020 as part of an anticipated update to Burbank's inclusionary housing study. Table 1-20 shows the results of the survey, including number of listings and sales prices by bedroom size. As shown, the majority of condominium listings were for two-bedroom units, commanding an average sales price of approximately \$545,000, with the lowest priced units in the low \$300,000 price range. Condominiums can potentially offer a lower cost ownership option for Burbank's workforce, the affordability of which is evaluated later in this section.

Table 1-20 Condominium Sales Survey

Number of Bedrooms	Number of Listings	Sales Price Range	Average Sales Price
1	9	\$350,000 - \$585,000	\$442,833
2	85	\$300,000 - \$805,000	\$545,158
3	24	\$524,900 - \$785,000	\$685,850
Total	118	\$300,000 - \$805,000	\$557,947

Source: Keyser Marston Associates, Inc. Inclusionary Housing Financial Analysis, August 26, 2020.

### **Rental Housing Costs**

The Burbank Housing Authority (BHA) conducts annual rent surveys as a means of assessing fair market rents. As shown in Table 1-21 below, BHA's February 2020 survey identified 223 units listed for rent in the City, with two-bedroom units comprising almost half of the units available. The average rents were \$1,530 for a studio, \$1,776 for a one-bedroom unit, \$2,187 for a two-bedroom unit and \$3,147 for a three-bedroom unit. Compared to the 2013 rent survey conducted for the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element, average apartment rents in Burbank have increased over 40 percent. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, rent levels have evidenced a modest decline.

Table :	1-21	
<b>Vacant Rental</b>	Unit	Survey

Number of	Number of		
Bedrooms	Units	Rent Range	Average Rents
Studio	23	\$850 - \$3,651	\$1,530
1	86	\$1,000 - \$4,216	\$1,776
2	103	\$1,400 - \$3,950	\$2,187
3	11	\$2,250 - \$4,000	\$3,147
Total	223	\$850 - \$4,000	\$2,160

Source: Burbank Housing Authority, March 2020

Accessory Dwelling Units. Accessory dwelling units (also known as second units or "granny" flats) are complete independent housing units that can be either detached or attached from an existing single-family residence. Based on their relatively small size, and because they do not require paying for land or major new infrastructure, accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are considered affordable by design. ADUs can provide affordable housing options for family members, seniors, students, in-home health care providers, and other small household types. ADUs can also be useful to generate additional rental income for the homeowner, making homeownership more financially feasible.

In December 2020, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) released a "Regional Accessory Dwelling Unit Affordability Analysis". SCAG conducted this analysis to "provide local

governments in the region with assumptions for ADU affordability that can be used to assign ADUs to income categories for the purpose of Sixth Cycle Housing Elements." The analysis consisted of five steps:

- 1. Calculate maximum rent limits for RHNA income categories for both one-person and two-person households by county;
- 2. Conduct a rent survey for ADUs in the SCAG region (a total of 150 existing ADUs were surveyed between April and June 2020);
- 3. Use regional survey to determine proportion of ADUs within each income category for both one-person and two-person households;
- 4. Make assumptions for what percentage of ADUs will be occupied by one-person and two-person households;
- 5. Use (D) to combine proportions from (C) into single breakdown of rented ADUs by income category.

The steps above apply to rented ADUs. However, one prevalent use of ADUs is for family members or others (such as caretakers) who are not charged rent. SCAG looked at other surveys and resources to determine the percentage of ADUs where people live rent free. Based on this review, SCAG estimated that 15 percent of ADUs are provided rent-free, and can therefore be assumed to affordable to extremely low income households (0-30% AMI).<sup>4</sup>

In order to account for differences in housing costs, the SCAG geography was divided into five subregions, including Los Angeles County which was divided into two areas – the coastal jurisdictions and the inland jurisdictions. Table 1-22 presents SCAG's affordability assumptions for ADUs in LA County's inland jurisdictions, providing the basis for assigning affordability to projected ADUs in Burbank's Housing Element Update. As shown, almost 70 percent of all ADUs and 54 percent of rented ADUs are estimated by SCAG to be affordable to lower income households. Consistent with this analysis, a February 2020 rent survey conducted of 50 ADUs in and around Burbank documented a median rent of \$1,500, providing an affordable rental option for many one- and two-person lower income households.

free or extremely low cost." Based on these surveys, SCAG conservatively assumed that 15% of ADUs will be available at rents affordable to Extremely Low-Income households.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> While there is currently no empirical data on the number of ADUs that are rented for free in the SCAG region, three studies from the Bay Area and Portland have attempted to estimate the rate of non-rented ADUs: A 2012 UC Berkeley publication entitled "Scaling up Secondary Unit Production in the East Bay" indicates that approximately half of all ADUs are unpaid. A 2018 report entitled "Jumpstarting the Market for ADUs" surveyed ADUs in Portland, Seattle, and Vancouver and found that approximately 17% of ADUs were occupied by a friend or family member for free. And a 2014 analysis entitled "Accessory dwelling units in Portland, Oregon: evaluation and interpretation of a survey of ADU owners" found that "18% of Portland ADUs are occupied for

Table 1-22
Affordability Assumptions for ADUs
Los Angeles County – Inland Jurisdictions

	Affordability Assumptions for Rented ADUs	Affordability Assumption for Non-Rented ADUs	Affordability Assumption for all ADUs <sup>1</sup>	
Category	85% of Total	15% of Total	100% of Total	
Extremely Low Income	0%	100%	15%	
Very Low Income	10%	0%	9%	
Low Income	53%	0%	45%	
Moderate Income	3%	0%	2%	
Above Moderate Income	35%	0%	30%	

Source: "SCAG Regional Accessory Dwelling Unit Affordability Analysis", December 2020.

# Affordability of Burbank's Ownership and Rental Housing

The affordability of housing in Burbank can be assessed by comparing market rents and sales prices with the amount that households of different income levels can afford to pay for housing. Compared together, this information can reveal who can afford what size and type of housing as well as indicate the type of households that would most likely experience overcrowding or overpayment.

For purposes of evaluating home purchase affordability, Table 1-23 presents the maximum affordable purchase price for moderate income households (120% AMI). Due to the high single-home median values and sales listings described earlier in this section, Table 1-23 compares the affordable purchase price with condominium sales prices in Burbank (documented earlier in Table 1-20). As illustrated below, the maximum affordable purchase price ranges from \$444,276 for a three-person household to \$533,632 for a four-person household. Average condominium sales in Burbank were \$545,158 for two-bedroom units and \$685,850 for three-bedroom units, leaving an affordably gap of \$100,000 or more. However, the lower end of the condo sales ranges started at \$300,000 for two bedrooms and approximately \$525,000 for three bedrooms. This falls within the affordable purchase price threshold and represents opportunities for moderate income households to purchase condominiums in Burbank.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Combined by multiplying rented ADUs by 85% and non-rented ADUs by 15%.

Table 1-23
Los Angeles County Maximum Affordable Housing Cost

Moderate Income	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom
Affordable Housing Cost	(3 Persons)	(4 persons)
Household Income @ 120% Median	\$83,500	\$92,750
Income Towards Housing @ 35% Income	\$29,225	\$34,462
Maximum Monthly Housing Cost	\$2,435	\$2,871
Less Expenses:		
Utilities <sup>1</sup>	(\$146)	(\$172)
Taxes (1.10% of sales price)	(\$406)	(\$488)
Insurance (0.10% of sales price) <sup>2</sup>	(\$37)	(\$44)
HOA Fees & Other Maintenance	(\$250)	(\$250)
Monthly Income Available for Mortgage	\$1,596	\$1,917
Supportable Mortgage @ 3.5% interest	\$355,421	\$426,906
Homebuyer Downpayment (20%)	\$88,855	\$106,726
Maximum Affordable Purchase Price	\$444,276	\$533,632
Burbank Average Condo Sales Price	\$545,158	\$685,850

Source: Karen Warner Associates.

In terms of rental affordability, Table 1-24 presents the maximum affordable rents for very low, low and moderate income households by household size, and compares with average apartment rents in Burbank (as documented in the rent survey presented in Table 1-20). As shown, average rents in Burbank are well above the level of affordability for very low income households. Even low and moderate income households face an affordability gap, ranging from a modest \$50-\$100 per month for a one-bedroom unit, to approximately \$300 for a two-bedroom unit and up to \$1,000 for a three- bedroom unit. While the rent survey does identify some units at the low end of the rent range at levels affordable to low and moderate income households, the supply of such units is limited. These market conditions are consistent with data from the census (see Table 1-24) which documents approximately three-quarters of Burbank's lower income renter households as experiencing overpayment (>30% income on rent), and ½ experiencing extreme overpayment (>50% income on rent).

Table 1-24
Maximum Affordable Rents - Los Angeles County<sup>1</sup>

Income Level <sup>2</sup>	1 Bedroom (2 person)	2 Bedroom (3 person)	3 Bedroom (4 person)
Very Low Income	\$999	\$1,122	\$1,236
Low Income	\$1,676	\$1,882	\$2,081
Moderate Income	\$1,728	\$1,942	\$2,147
Burbank Average Rents	\$1,776	\$2,187	\$3,147

Source: Karen Warner Associates, 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Utility costs based on 2020 HACoLA schedule and assumes gas appliances.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Estimated from quotes from Progressive Insurance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Condo prices from Keyser Marston Associates, Inclusionary Housing Financial Analysis, August 2020.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Maximum rent reflects deduction of utility allowance per LACDC 2020 utility schedule.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Income levels reflect the 2020 Official State Income Limits published by State HCD.

# **Assisted Housing At-Risk of Conversion**

State Housing Element law requires an analysis of the potential for currently rent-restricted low-income housing units to convert to market rate housing, and to propose programs to preserve or replace any units "at risk" of conversion. This section presents an inventory of all assisted rental housing in Burbank, and evaluates those units at risk of conversion during the eight-year 2021-2929 planning period.

## **Assisted Housing Inventory**

As presented in Table 1-25, Burbank has a sizable stock of 1,954 units of assisted rental housing. The inventory includes all multi-family units assisted under federal, State and local programs, including HUD, State/local bond programs, density bonus and inclusionary programs. Burbank has a large senior citizen population and nine low-rent senior housing complexes totaling 1,225 units.

As of March 2021, there were 1,372 deed-restricted affordable rental units in Burbank. The City monitors these affordable units on an annual basis by: maintaining contact with owners/management to ensure long-term affordability covenants are met; maintaining and updating the list of all assisted housing developments; communicating with Section 8 tenants regarding status of HUD contract renewal; providing tenant education for Section 8 recipients in the event of property owner withdrawal from Section 8 program; and promoting fair housing opportunities through owner/tenant workshops.

## **At-Risk Projects**

According to the California Housing Partnership Corporation At-Risk Database, prior to 2020, there were three lower-income senior rental projects (Wesley Tower, Pacific Manor, and Harvard Plaza) in Burbank at risk of converting to market rate before 2029. However, the monitoring of the three buildings in 2020 found that Wesley Tower's affordability requirements were extended to 2049 and Pacific Manor's affordability requirements were extended to 2036. Management for Harvard Plaza has also refinanced the building's loan and has extended the project's affordable units to 2040. And while the affordability controls related to the tax credit financing on Media Village expire in 2029, the local redevelopment set-aside funds contributed to this project require affordability be maintained in perpetuity.

Table 1-25
Assisted Rental Housing Inventory

Project Name	Total Units	Affordable Units (Accessible Units)	Applicable Programs	Potential Expiration
Senior Housing Projects				
Harvard Plaza	149	149 VL <i>(149)</i>	Section 202, Section 8	Aug 2040
Pacific Manor	167	166 VL <i>(166)</i>	236(j)(1), HOME, Sec 8	2036
Verdugo Towers	119	119 VL <i>(119)</i>	Sec 202, Sec 8,	Perpetuity
			RDA Set-Aside	
Wesley Towers	97	97 VL <i>(5)</i>	Section 202, Section 8	2049
Media Village/Silverwinds	144	29 VL, 115 Low <i>(144)</i>	RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
Senior Artists Colony	141	29 VL, 14 Low (141)	HOME, RDA Set-Aside,	Perpetuity
			MHP	
Olive Plaza	183	46 Mod (183)	Density Bonus	Perpetuity
Olive Court	163	162 Low (163)	RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
Park Avenue	62	62 Mod (62)	RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
Total	1,225			

Special Needs Projects (*owned by	BHC)			
Casa Providencia	18	17 VL <i>(17)</i>	Section 811, HOME, MHP	Perpetuity
CARE Cottages* Transitional Housing (women/children)	5	3 VL, 2 Low	RDA Set-Aside	2061
Linden House* Transitional Housing (at-risk youth)	4	3 VL, 1 Mod	HOME, RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
Home Front* Transitional Housing (families)	7	4 ELI, 2 VL, 1 Mod	HOME, RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
Veterans Bungalow* Supportive Housing	11	ELI, VL, Low	HOME, MHP	2069
Jerry's Promise* Transitional Housing (families)	3	1 ELI, 2 VL	HOME, RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
Total	48			
<b>Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC</b>	C) Projec	ts		
Elmwood Focus Neighborhood				
100 Block of Elmwood Ave.	65	5 ELI, 14 VL, 23 Low, 23 Mod	HOME, RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
Verdugo/Lake Focus Neighborhood				
237, 241-23, 257 W. Verdugo 220 W. Tujunga	30	2 VL, 26 Low, 2 Mod	CDBG, HOME RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
261 W. Verdugo Ave.	8	2 VL, 4 Low, 2 Mod	RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
275 W. Verdugo	34	3 ELI, 12 VL, 12 Low, 7 Mod	RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
Golden State Focus Neighborhood		•		<u> </u>
3000 Thornton	4	3 Low, 1 Mod	HOME, RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
3030 Thornton	1	1 Low	RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
2331 N. Fairview	3	3 Low	HOME	Perpetuity
2325 & 2335 N. Fairview	7	1 VL, 6 Low	HOME, RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
2321 N. Fairview & 2323 N. Catalina	14	1 VL, 6 Low, 7 Mod	Set-Aside	Perpetuity
2219 & 2329 N. Niagara	6	2 VL, 2 Low, 2 Mod	НОМЕ	Perpetuity
2234 Catalina	7	2 ELI, 2 VL, 3 Low	HOME, RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
2223-2235 Catalina	20	4 ELI, 7 VL, 7 Low, 2 Mod	RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
2300 Niagara	3	1 VL, 2 Low	HOME	Perpetuity
2300 Fairview	3	2 ELI, 1 Low	HOME, Set-Aside	Perpetuity
Peyton/Grismer Focus Neighborhood		<u> </u>	•	
1721 Elliott	7	3 VL, 1 Low, 3 Mod	CDBG, HOME	Perpetuity
1801-1815 Grismer, 1729-1735 Elliott	70	14 VL, 19 Low, 37 Mod <i>(5)</i>	RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
Keeler/Elliott -Habitat homeownership	8	8 VL	RDA Set-Aside	Perpetuity
Lake/Alameda Focus Neighborhood		I		1
157 & 159 W. Linden, 160 W. Elm Ct.	9	5 VL, 4 Low	HOME, Set-Aside	Perpetuity
Total	299	3 72, 123.4		. c.petaity
Other Affordable Rental Units				
Rental Rehabilitation (scattered site)	71	27 Low	RDA Set-Aside	15 years
1301 Hollywood Way	35	3 Low	Density Bonus	Perpetuity
Empire Landing	276	28 Low	Inclusionary	Perpetuity
Total	382		1	1 - 1
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Source: Burbank Community Development Department, Housing and Economic Development Division, March 2021.

# **Regional Housing Needs**

State law requires all regional councils of government, including SCAG, to determine the existing and projected housing needs for its region, known as the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, or RHNA process.

### **Existing Housing Needs**

#### Overcrowding

The State defines an overcrowded housing unit as one occupied by more than 1.01 person per room (excluding kitchen, porches, and hallways). A unit with more than 1.51 occupants per room is considered severely overcrowded. The incidence of overcrowded housing is a general measure of whether there is an available supply of adequately-sized housing units.

Table 1-26 shows the incidence of overcrowding in Burbank and Los Angeles County by tenure, as measured by the Census ACS 2014-2018 data. As shown in the table, overcrowding was a more serious problem for renters than owners. Of the total renter occupied households in the City, 7.4 percent were living in overcrowded conditions (more than 1 persons per room), while only 2.4 percent of total owner-occupied households were living under these conditions. Countywide overcrowding was more than both the percentage of Burbank, with 16.5 percent for renters and 5.6 percent for owners.

Table 1	26
Overcrowded I	Households

	Burb	Burbank		
	Households	Percent	Percent	
Renters				
Overcrowding (1-1.5 persons/room)	1,114	4.6%	8.9%	
Severe Overcrowding (>1.5 persons/room)	679	2.8%	7.5%	
Total Overcrowding (>1 persons/room)	1,793	7.4%	16.5%	
Owners				
Overcrowding (1-1.5 persons/room)	283	1.6%	4.1%	
Severe Overcrowding (>1.5 persons/room)	128	0.7%	1.5%	
Total Overcrowding (>1 persons/room)	411	2.4%	5.6%	

Source: Census ACS 2014-2018.

#### Overpayment

Housing affordability problems occur when housing costs become so high in relation to income that households are faced with paying an excessive portion of their income for housing, leaving less income remaining for other basic essentials. Housing overpayment occurs when a household spends more than 30 percent of its income on housing costs; severe overpayment refers to spending greater than 50 percent of income on housing. As presented in Table 1-27, of the total renter households in the City, 56.4 percent

were paying over 30 percent of their total household income on housing. This compares to 58.3 percent countywide. The table also identifies one-quarter (25.3%) of renters in Burbank as spending between 30-50 percent of their total income on housing, with almost an additional one-third (31.1%) spending more than half their income (severe overpayment) on housing.

**Table 1-27 Housing Overpayment** 

	Burb	Los Angeles Co.		
Overpayment	Households	Percent	Percent	
Renters				
Overpayment (30%-50% Household Income)	5,861	25.3%	27.3%	
Severe Overpayment (>50% Household Income)	7,207	31.1%	31.0%	
Total Overpayment-Renters (>30% Household Income)	13,068	56.4%	58.3%	
Owners <sup>1</sup>				
Overpayment (>30%-50% Household Income)	3,053	17.6%	19.8%	
Severe Overpayment >50% Household Income	2,403	13.9%	16.6%	
Total Overpayment- Owners (>30% Household Income)	5,456	31.5%	36.3%	

Source: Census ACS 2014-2018.

Housing overpayment is a critical need among lower-income households, who are disproportionately affected by this burden compared to other households. Of Burbank's renter households earning lower incomes (<80% AMI), 80 percent faced overpayment, with 50 percent of lower-income renter households facing extreme overpayment. Table 1-28 shows that the City's lower-income homeowners are also impacted, with 64 percent overpaying and 45 percent severely overpaying.

Elderly renter household also face a housing cost burden. According to Table 1-28, over two-thirds (67%) of elderly households were overpaying and 40 percent were severely overpaying. The level of overpayment among small and large family renters (37 percent and 48 percent respectively) falls slightly below the level of overpayment experienced among all the City's renter households.

Table 1-28
Housing Overpayment by Household Type and Tenure

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	Renter Ov	erpayment	Owner Overpayment		
Household Type	> 30% Income	> 50% Income	> 30% Income	> 50% Income	
% Lower Income Overpaying	80%	50%	64%	45%	
% Elderly Overpaying	67%	40%	22%	15%	
% Small Families Overpaying	37%	25%	12%	3%	
% Large Families Overpaying	48%	22%	14%	11%	

Source: HUD, CHAS DataBook, 2011-2015.

Note: >50% Household Income is a subset of >30% Household Income.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Owner households includes those with and without a mortgage.

Overpayment is most pronounced among lower income renter households. As shown in Table 1-29, a significant majority of renter households earning less than \$50,000 in Burbank face either overpayment or severe overpayment. The highest percentage of renter households paying more than 30 percent of their income on housing was the \$20,000-\$34,999 income level at 95 percent. The impact of housing overpayment on Burbank's lower income households is significant, with the community's special needs populations — seniors, persons with disabilities, and female-headed households with children - most vulnerable to losing their housing due to an inability to pay.

Table 1-29
Lower Income Renter Overpayment

	Overpayment (30-50% HH Income)		Severe Overpayment (>50% HH Income)		Total (>30% HH Income)	
Income Level	Households	% Renter Income Level	Households	% Renter Income Level	Households	% Renter Income Level
Less than \$20,000	579	13.1%	3,571	80.6%	4,150	90.7%
\$20,000-\$34,999	593	19.0%	2,374	75.9%	2,967	94.9%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,724	58.1%	854	28.8%	2,578	86.9%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,809	47.0%	408	10.6%	2,217	57.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	825	26.7%	0	0	825	26.7%
\$100,000 or more	331	5.8%	0	0	331	5.8%
Total	5,861	25.3%	7,207	31.1%	13,068	56.4%

Source: SCAG Pre-Certified Local Housing Data, August 2020; Census ACS 2014-2018.

# **Projected Housing Needs**

California's Housing Element law requires that each city and county develop local housing programs to meet its "fair share" of existing and future housing needs for all income groups, as determined by the jurisdiction's Council of Governments. This "fair share" allocation concept seeks to ensure that each jurisdiction accepts responsibility for the housing needs of not only its resident population, but also for the jurisdiction's projected share of regional housing growth across all income categories. Regional growth needs are defined as the number of units that would have to be added in each jurisdiction to accommodate the forecasted number of households, as well as the number of units that would have to be added to compensate for anticipated demolitions and changes to achieve an "ideal" vacancy rate.

The regional growth allocation process begins with the Department of Finance's (DOF) projection of statewide housing demand for the planning period, which is then apportioned by regional councils of government throughout the state. SCAG is responsible for assigning these regional housing needs, known as the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, Ventura, and Imperial counties, and the jurisdictions within each county. The main determining factors in SCAG's methodology are: household growth (based on Connect SoCal growth forecast), job accessibility, and transit accessibility. After a RHNA total is calculated, a social equity adjustment is applied to determine the four income categories (very low, low, moderate, and above moderate-incomes).

The State has allocated 1.34 million new housing units to the SCAG regions as part of the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle RHNA. This level of housing growth represents the largest allocation the region has ever received, which results

in much higher RHNA allocations for SCAG cities and counties. At its September 3, 2020 meeting, SCAG's Regional Council adopted the Connect SoCal on which the RHNA is based. On March 4, 2021, the Regional Council adopted the final RHNA allocations to local jurisdictions.

SCAG has forecast the housing needs by income category for each jurisdiction within the six-county region for the 2021-2029 Housing Element planning period of October 2021 through October 2029. The RHNA represents the minimum number of housing units each community is required to provide "adequate sites" through zoning and is one of the primary threshold criteria necessary to achieve HCD approval of the Housing Element.

Burbank's RHNA housing needs for the 2021-2029 planning period was forecast at 8,772 net units, distributed among the four income categories as shown in Table 1-30.

As presented in the Resources and Housing Plan sections of the Housing Element, Burbank will continue to provide sites for a mix of multi-family and mixed use housing, as well as accessory dwelling units, supported by a variety of programs (funding permitting) to enhance affordability, to accommodate its RHNA and contribute towards addressing the growing demand for housing in the Southern California region.

Table 1-30
Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for Burbank

	Percent of Area		
Income Level	Median Income	Total RHNA	Percentage of Units
Very-Low Income <sup>1</sup>	<50%	2,553	29.1%
Low Income	50-80%	1,418	16.2%
Moderate Income	80-120%	1,409	16.1%
Above Moderate Income	>120%	3,392	38.7%
	Total	8,772	100.0%

Source: SCAG 6th Cycle Final RHNA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Local jurisdictions must consider Extremely Low Income households as part of the Very Low Income. The Burbank Housing Element assumes 50% of the Very Low Income housing needs for Extremely Low Income households.

# HOUSING CONSTRAINTS

The provision of adequate and affordable housing can be constrained by a number of factors. This section assesses the various governmental, market, infrastructure and environmental factors that could possibly act as constraints to housing development and improvement in Burbank.

### **Governmental Constraints**

State law requires that housing elements identify and analyze potential and actual governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for all income levels, including housing for persons with disabilities. As a means of providing information and transparency to the public, all zoning and development standards and development fees are posted on the City's website.

#### **Land Use Controls**

The Land Use Element and the Zoning Code—which implements the Land Use Element—directly impacts the amount, size, type, location and thus, cost of residential development. The control over land use is designed to ensure that new housing is compatible with adjacent uses and built to the standards of quality and livability of the City's neighborhoods. Land use designations and zoning requirements affect both the construction of new units and the rehabilitation of existing dwellings.

Please refer to Table LU-3, Residential Unit Capacity Measure One Consistency for maximum density allowed for each of the residential and commercial land use designations. The Land Use Element permits a broad range of housing types and densities that address the housing needs of residents. Residential densities range from up to seven and 14 dwelling units per acre (du/ac) in the Low Density Residential land use category (R-1, R-1-H, and R-2 zones) to 43 du/ac in the High Density Residential category (R-4 zone). Residential opportunities are also in various commercial areas and specific plan areas of the City and range from 27 to 87 du/ac.

#### **Zoning Standards**

The City's Zoning Code sets forth the standards for residential development. These include density, setbacks, lot area, lot coverage, height and parking standards. Table 1-31 presents Burbank's development standards for single-family development, and Table 1-32 presents multi-family development standards. For the 2021-2029 Housing Element, the following zoning tables represent a point-in-time analysis of land use controls constraints. These zoning development standards will change over time and these tables may not reflect those changes in the future. One of the programs included in the Housing Element is to update the City's multi-family development standards to better facilitate residential development feasibility.

The City also has a Planned Development zone that permits a variety of housing and commercial uses and provides flexibility in development standards, subject to a public hearing before both the Planning Board and City Council. The City has in the past used Planned Development zoning as a tool to facilitate mixed use and residential development in its commercial zones. One of the City's primary goals in developing/updating the Downtown TOD, Golden State, and Media District specific plans is to establish clear and objective development standards that create greater certainty for developers and eliminate the need for Planned Development zoning for projects that meet these standards. Developers would however still maintain the option of going through the Planned Development process to address the unique aspects of a project.

	Table 1-31			
Single-Family Development Standards				
<b>Development Standard</b>	R-1 and R-1-H Zones			
Density				
Minimum lot area	6,000 square feet			
Minimum lot width	50 feet			
Minimum lot depth	100 feet			
Minimum dwelling unit size	850 square feet			
Maximum height				
To top plate	20 feet			
To top of roof and architectural features	30 feet			
Maximum number of stories for all structures	2; 3 stories if the third story is enclosed within a pitched roof (maximum height requirements apply)			
Maximum floor area ratio	0.4 for lot area up to 7,500 square ft. plus 0.3 for lot area over 7,500 square ft. and 0.2 for lot area over 15,000 square ft.			
Maximum lot coverage	50%			
Minimum yard setbacks				
Front	Average front yard setback on the blockface			
Rear	15 feet			
Interior side	10% of lot width - no less than 3 ft and no more than 10 ft			
Street-facing side	1 <sup>st</sup> story: no less than 10% of lot width, or between 5-10 ft 2 <sup>nd</sup> story: 20% of lot width, but between 6-20 ft			
Minimum number of off-street parking spaces				
Main dwelling = 3,400 sq ft floor area</td <td>2 spaces</td>	2 spaces			
Main dwelling >3,400 sq ft floor area	3 spaces			
Source: Burbank Municipal Code, 2020.				

As illustrated in Table 1-32, both the R-3 and R-4 zones are structured to provide incentives for combining lots, allowing for an increase in density on larger lot sizes.

Burbank's zoning makes allowances for development with fewer than four units. The zoning standards allow for the use of tandem parking for these smaller projects, which is not allowed for larger projects, and do not require any guest parking to be provided for smaller projects. These relaxed standards facilitate the development of small lots by increasing design flexibility. However, City staff report that particularly on smaller parcels, current development standards may preclude the achievement of maximum zoned densities. The Housing Element includes a program to review and update the City's multi-family development standards, including re-evaluation of parking, setbacks, height and other standards to enable compact, well-designed multi-family product types.

Table 1-32 Multi-Family Development Standards			
Development Standard	R-2	R-3	R-4
Density/minimum gross square footage of lot area per dwelling unit			
< 12,000 sq. ft. lots	<u> </u>	1 unit/2,400 sq ft	1 unit/2,000 sq. ft.
12,000 - 23,999 sq. ft. lots	1 unit/3,000 sq. ft.	1 unit/2,000 sq. ft.	1 unit/1,400 sq. ft.
>/= 24,000 sq. ft. lots		1 unit/1,600 sq. ft.	1 unit/1,000 sq. ft.
Lot size and dimensions			
Minimum lot area	6,000 square feet		
Minimum lot width	50 feet		
Minimum lot depth	100 feet		
Maximum lot coverage			
< 500' from single family zoned parcel	60%		
> 500' from single family zoned parcel	70%		
Maximum height			
< 500' single family zoned parcel	27 feet to top plate		
, ,	35 feet to top of roof and architectural features		
> 500' single family zoned parcel	35 feet to top plate		
	50 feet to top of roof and architectural features		
Maximum number of stories for all structure	res		
< 500' single family zoned parcel	2		
> 500' single family zoned parcel	3		
Minimum yard setbacks			
Front minimum	25 feet 15 feet		
Rear minimum	5 feet		
Interior side minimum	5 feet		
Street-facing side minimum	10 feet		
Upper story setback for any yard	5 additional feet		
abutting or adjacent single-family zoned parcel			
Buffer area for side or rear yard abutting	20 feet		
or adjacent single family zoned property	201000		
Parking	l		
Minimum number of off-street tenant	2 spaces per unit	1.25 spaces per efficie	ncy unit (studio unit
parking spaces	2 spaces per unit	that is 500 square feet or less)	
harming changes		1.75 spaces per 1-bedro	
		> 500 squ	
		2 spaces per unit with	2 or more bedrooms
Minimum number of off-street guest	1 guest space per 4 units, minimum of 2 spaces		
parking spaces	(projects with 3 or fewer units are exempt)		
Open space and landscaping			
Min. common open space/unit	150 square feet		
Min. private open space/unit	50 square feet		
Min. % lot area that must be landscaped	2511	25%	15%
Min. % common open space area that	20%	159	%
must be landscaped	<u> </u>		
Source: Burbank Municipal Code, 2020.			

### Specific Plans for Future Residential Growth

The *Burbank2035* General Plan Plan Realization Element calls for the City to review and update its existing specific plans through a public process to ensure they reflect the current vision for each of the areas. The General Plan also call for preparation of a new specific plan for the Golden State Commercial/Industrial Area to provide a framework for future development in the area consistent with the Land Use Element. The following three specific plans will provide for the majority of housing growth opportunities in Burbank during the Housing Element planning period and beyond.

Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station TOD Specific Plan. The City is currently updating a 20-year old specific plan for the Downtown area known as the Burbank Center Specific Plan. The existing Specific Plan currently limits the zoning and land use of this planning area and has an outdated geographic boundary. Over the 20 years since the Plan's adoption, the planning area has grown into a major transit hub and employment center that can accommodate additional housing supply while both helping to protect existing neighborhoods and building an expanding downtown neighborhood. The new "Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station TOD Specific Plan" integrates both the 1997 Burbank Center Specific Plan and 2012 North San Fernando Boulevard Master Plan, and incorporates surrounding areas of both plans into one comprehensive planning document. The approximately 662-acre Specific Plan analyzes opportunities for new housing and other in-fill development opportunities, and focuses on intensifying uses around the Downtown Metrolink Station. As shown in the Housing Element sites inventory, opportunity sites identified as part of the planning process for the Downtown TOD Plan can accommodate over 3,400 new high density housing units.

**Golden State Specific Plan.** The *Burbank2035* General Plan called for the City to prepare a new specific plan for the Golden State District to provide a framework for future development. The approximately 600-acre Golden State Specific Plan (GSSP) area is located south and east of the Hollywood Burbank Airport. It includes land zoned for industrial, commercial and residential uses, and encompasses two existing Metrolink stations, a proposed High Speed Rail station, and the Hollywood Burbank Airport. The GSSP will provide opportunities for new housing and other in-fill development, as well as improvements to the planning area's infrastructure. The draft GSSP provides sites to accommodate over 2,600 dwelling units, as reflected in the Housing Element sites inventory.

Media District Specific Plan. The Media District Specific Plan (MDSP) was adopted in 1991 in response to the development of several high-rise office buildings in the 1980s and the potential effects that similar future development could have on surrounding residential neighborhoods. The MDSP is generally located in southwestern Burbank around the intersection of SR 134 and Olive Avenue, and includes several of the City's largest employers - Warner Bros Studious, Disney Studios and Providence St. Joseph Medical Center. The City has applied for funding through SCAG's Sustainable Communities Program to update the MDSP to re-evaluate the plan's goals and policies and to identify new opportunity sites for development accessible by publicly accessible transportation. City staff estimates the area may be able to accommodate up to 2,000 housing units.

The Program EIRs that will be prepared for all three specific plans will include analysis and mitigation measures that will help accommodate future housing production and assist developers by streamlining the environmental review and permitting process for individual housing and mixed use projects. The City intends to take full advantage of the CEQA streamlining provisions in order to encourage housing production more quickly and efficiently consistent with objective development standards.

#### **Local Ordinances**

State law now requires jurisdictions to analyze in their Housing Elements any locally adopted ordinances that directly impact the cost and supply of residential development. Burbank has an inclusionary housing ordinance, density bonus ordinance, condominium conversion ordinance and growth management ordinance, all of which are analyzed in the following section.

# **Inclusionary Housing**

In March 2006, the Burbank City Council adopted an Inclusionary Housing Ordinance as a means of increasing the supply of affordable housing in conjunction with market rate housing development. The City's ordinance requires developers of housing with five or more units to provide at least 15 percent of the units as affordable to very low-, low- and moderate-income households as follows:

- For rental projects, five percent of units are required for very low-income households and 10 percent for low-income households
- For ownership projects, 15 percent of units are required for low- and moderate-income households

As a means of providing incentives to address the City's goals for lower-income and special needs housing, the City's ordinance also offers inclusionary "credits" as follows:

- If Very Low Income rental units are provided in lieu of required Low Income rental units, a credit of 1.25 units for every 1 unit is provided.
- If Low Income owner units are provided in lieu of required Moderate Income owner units, a credit of 2 units for every 1 unit is provided.
- If more than the required number of affordable rental or ownership units are provided for large families (3+ bedrooms), or fully accessible units (in excess of California Building Code Chapter 11A requirements) are provided for the physically disabled, a credit of 1.5 units for every 1 unit is provided.

Developers may elect to pay an in-lieu fee rather than provide the affordable units within the project. As shown in Table 1-33, the City's in-lieu fee structure is tiered, providing reduced fees for smaller projects where the economic impact of inclusionary requirements tends to be the greatest.

	Table 1-33 Inclusionary Housing In-Lieu F	ee
Project Size (# of Units)	Ownership Projects (per square foot)	Rental Projects (per square foot)
14+ units	\$20.07	\$10.27
10 to 13 units	\$16.46	\$8.42
5 to 9 units	\$11.24	\$5.75

The City has established an Affordable Housing Trust Fund for deposit of in-lieu fee revenues. Monies from the trust fund must be used to increase and improve the supply of housing affordable to very low, low and moderate-income households in the City. Permissible uses include, but are not limited to, assistance to housing development corporations, equity participation loans, grants, pre-home ownership co-investment, pre-development loan funds, participation leases or other public-private partnership

arrangements. The fund may be used for the benefit of both rental and owner-occupied housing.

Developers may also be permitted to fulfill inclusionary requirements by providing affordable units at an off-site location in Burbank. Off-site affordable units may be provided through new construction, substantial rehabilitation, and adaptive re-use. Donation of land to the City to construct the required affordable units is another off-site alternative. Developers are permitted to use these options by right.

To offset the potential costs associated with the provision of affordable units, Burbank's inclusionary ordinance offers a variety of development concessions to construct affordable units on-site within the proposed project. A developer may request one or more concessions, subject to the discretion of the City, and based on demonstration that the proposed project is financially infeasible without the incentives. Permitted development concessions mirror those specified within the City's density bonus ordinance, and are described in the following section. As of March 2021, there have been approximately 120 affordable units created (or entitled) through the Inclusionary Housing Program, with most recent projects also taking advantage of density bonus incentives.

The City is currently in the process of updating its Inclusionary Housing Ordinance as market conditions have changed since the original Ordinance was adopted over 15 years ago. One of the changes being contemplated is to allow apartment developers multiple options to fulfill Inclusionary Housing production requirements, including allowing moderate income units until the City has fulfilled 100% of the current unmet need for moderate income units under the RHNA. Changes to the Ordinance will be evaluated which are complementary to current state density bonus law and in-lieu housing fee amounts will also be updated.

### **Density Bonus**

In conjunction with adoption of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance in 2006, the Burbank City Council updated its density bonus ordinance to conform to the new requirements of Government Code Section 65915 and to coordinate with the incentives offered under the Inclusionary Housing Program. Density bonus law has undergone several amendments since that time, and rather than incrementally update the City's ordinance, the City's Code includes automatic incorporation by reference of future amendments to State density bonus law. In summary, applicants of residential projects of five or more units may apply for a density bonus and additional concession/incentive(s) if the project provides for construction of one of the following:

- A minimum 10% of the total units of a housing development for lower-income households; or
- A minimum 5% of the total units of a housing development for very low-income households; or
- A senior citizen housing development, or mobile home park that limits residency based on age requirements for housing for older persons; or
- A minimum 10% of the total dwelling units in a common interest development for moderate income households.

The amount of density bonus the City grants is consistent with the most current State law, but generally ranges from 20 to 50 percent above the specified General Plan density. Developers may choose to use the affordable units required by Burbank's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance to meet the minimum thresholds for the State density bonus law. However, in that case, the units must meet both requirements or the more stringent of the two requirements.

In addition to the density bonus, eligible projects may receive one to four additional development concessions/incentives, based on the applicant demonstrating that it is not financially feasible to build the

project without the concessions. Pursuant to State statutes, the number of concessions a project may be eligible for is based upon the proportion of affordable units and level of income targeting.

Burbank has had numerous projects take advantage of State density bonus law, and projects providing inclusionary housing units on-site automatically meet the affordability threshold to qualify for density bonuses under State law. Additionally, the City's Land Use Element provides for the following bonuses for transit-oriented developments:

Policy 1.2: With discretionary approval, allow for density and intensity limits specified in Burbank2035 to be exceeded for transit-oriented development projects within transit centers as identified in the Mobility Element. Density and intensity limits may be exceeded by no more than 25%.

Together with the update of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, the City is preparing an update of the Density Bonus Ordinance to reflect the most recent State law. Part of this update, for future Council consideration, will include establishing a streamlined approach to the menu of available incentives and concessions, as well as streamlining the appeals process.

#### **Condominium Conversions**

The City's condominium conversion regulations are structured both to facilitate the creation of affordable homeownership options, and to provide protections to tenants in buildings proposed for conversion. The City processes condominium conversions through an Administrative Use Permit, subject to compliance with current City Building, Housing, and Fire Codes, and additional development standards for parking and storage. Property owners are required to give tenants a minimum of 180 days written notice of the intention to convert prior to termination of tenancy and provide tenants with the first right of purchase.

Tenants are protected from unreasonable rent increases in the year before a conversion that might force them out of their apartments and thus preclude them from receiving relocation compensation. Disabled persons living in a building that undergoes condominium conversion are entitled to have necessary mobility improvements made in their new dwelling at the sub-divider's expense. Since 2008, there have been no applications for condominium conversions.

# **Growth Management Ordinance**

Burbank voters adopted a Residential Growth Management Ordinance in 1989, known as Measure One, which prohibits the City from increasing the maximum allowed number of residential units beyond the approved maximum build out in the 1988 Land Use Element without voter approval. The maximum residential unit capacity provided under the 1988 Land Use Element is 63,704 units. The purpose of the ordinance was to coordinate the rate of residential growth with the availability of public facilities, infrastructure and services planned for under the General Plan. The City Council has extended Measure One to be effective until January 1, 2030.

While the ordinance may appear to be a constraint upon future housing development, in fact, it is not. The *Burbank2035* Land Use Element identifies both maximum and estimated residential build out. Both are well below the 63,704 unit maximum established under Measure One. The *Burbank2035* General Plan, adopted in February of 2013, allows for a maximum development capacity of 61,647 units, with an estimated build out of 50,219 units<sup>5</sup>. Measure One does not place a limit on the amount or rate of housing development that can occur so long as it conforms to the General Plan. Burbank's most recent Department of Finance tally of housing units is 45,069 as of 2021. Based on this housing unit count, the City is 18,635 housing units below Measure One's upper threshold of 63,074 units. The 18,635-unit gap

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Burbank2035 General Plan Final Environmental Impact Report.

between what currently exists and what Measure One allows for is more than sufficient to accommodate the City's assigned RHNA and sites buffer. Additionally, Measure One is not an annual growth cap and similarly does not cap the rate of housing units that can be approved in any given year. The ordinance does not affect the local and state provisions of density bonuses for affordable housing, nor does it affect the development of accessory dwelling units; the latter of which the City has included as part of its multipronged housing efforts to meet the state-mandated local housing production numbers. As a result, the Measure One cap does not in any way impede the City's ability to meet the RHNA plus buffer and associated housing element goals.

# **Provision for a Variety of Housing Types**

Housing Element law specifies that jurisdictions must identify adequate sites to be made available through appropriate zoning and objective development standards to encourage the development of various types of housing for all economic segments of the population. Table 1-34 summarizes the zones in which particular housing types are permitted.

Table 1-34
Housing Types by Residential and Commercial Zone Categories

	Zones							
Housing Types Permitted	R-1/ R-1-H	R-2	R-3	R-4	C-2, C-3, C-4	M-1/ M-2		
Single-Family	Р	Р	Р	Р				
Multiple-Family		Р	Р	Р				
Residential above commercial					CUP			
Planned Residential Development	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP				
Manufactured Housing	Р	Р	Р	Р				
Accessory Dwelling Units	Р	Р	Р	Р				
Community Care Facilities ( = 6)</td <td>Р</td> <td>Р</td> <td>Р</td> <td>Р</td> <td></td> <td></td>	Р	Р	Р	Р				
Community Care Facilities (7+)				CUP	CUP (C-3, C-4)			
Transitional Housing <sup>1</sup>	Р	Р	Р	Р	CUP			
Supportive Housing <sup>1</sup>	Р	Р	Р	Р	P/CUP <sup>2</sup>			
Emergency Shelters <sup>3</sup>						P (M-2) CUP (M-1)		
Single Room Occupancy (SRO)			CUP	CUP	CUP			

Source: Burbank Municipal Code, 2020.

Notes: "P" = Permitted; "CUP" = Conditional Use Permit; and "--" = Not Permitted

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Transitional and supportive housing is subject to those restrictions that apply to other residential uses of the same type in the same zone. For example, such housing structured as single-family is permitted in the R-1 and R-1-H zones, whereas housing structured as multi-family is limited to the R-2, R-3 and R-4 zones, and housing located above commercial is conditionally permitted in the C-2, C-3 and C-4 zones.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Supportive Housing that meet specific criteria specified in Article 11 (commencing with Section 65650), within Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code are allowed by right. All other Supportive Housing not meeting the criteria specified in Government Code Article 11 Section 65650 are subject to a CUP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Emergency shelters are also allowed in the Burbank Center Commercial Manufacturing Zone (BCCM) with a Conditional Use Permit.

### Manufactured Housing/Mobile Homes

The Burbank Zoning Code defines manufactured housing as follows: "mobile home (Manufactured Home) means a dwelling unit built in a factory in one or more sections, transported over the highways to a permanent occupancy site, and installed on the site either with or without a permanent foundation." Pursuant to State law, manufactured housing is also permitted in all multiple family residential zones. The City has established design and location criteria for manufactured homes to protect neighborhood integrity and provide compatibility with surrounding uses. These criteria include:

- Homes must be manufactured after June 15, 1976 and must be manufactured to the specifications of the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974.
- Homes must be installed on a permanent foundation system approved by the Building Official.
- Exterior siding must be provided as necessary to screen an otherwise non-enclosed under-floor area. Such siding must extend to within six inches of the ground surface on all sides of the home and must be made of a non-reflective material that simulates wood, stucco, or masonry.
- Roofing materials may not consist of continuously rolled metal roofing or any reflective roofing material.

# **Accessory Dwelling Units**

Accessory dwelling units (also known as second units or "granny" flats) are attached or detached dwelling units that provide complete independent living facilities for one or more persons including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, cooking and sanitation. Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) can be a valuable addition to a community's housing stock, and can assist older homeowners to maintain independence, provide housing for extended family members, and be used as rentals to supplement the income of the primary householder. They are also a low impact way to add to the housing stock without using additional land or infrastructure.

The State legislature has passed a series of bills aimed at encouraging single-family homeowners to add ADUs to their property by requiring local jurisdictions to adopt regulations to facilitate their production and streamline their approval. The State passed legislation in 2017 and again in 2019 to further assist and support the development of ADUs, including "by right" approval for units less than 850 square feet for a one-bedroom and 1,000 square feet for a two-bedroom unit. These projects must be approved at the staff level to help streamline the permit process.

- In February 2020, the Burbank City Council adopted Ordinance 20-3,932 amending the Zoning Code to allow ADUs and Junior ADUs in all residential zones to be consistent with State laws. The Ordinance also established new development standards for both ADUs and Junior ADUs. Highlights of the ordinance include:
- New definition for Junior ADUs;
- Allowance for ADUs and Junior ADUs in all residential zones;
- On-site parking requirements and allowed exceptions consistent with new State law;
- Complete applications approved ministerially within a 60-day review period;
- New detached accessory dwelling units shall not exceed 850 square feet, except for those with more than one bedroom, which shall not exceed 1,000;

- ADUs attached to the existing primary dwelling unit shall not exceed 50% of the main dwelling size, or 850 or 1,000 square feet based on number of bedrooms;
- Additional standards for setbacks, height and application review.

The guidelines, standards and application requirements for ADUs are provided on the City's website. The website also shows a map illustrating all properties within ½ mile from public transit. ADUs on these properties are not required to provide additional parking.

The City has been successful in facilitating the production of ADUs, having issued over 380 building permits for ADUs between 2017 and May 12, 2021, and an additional 200+ applications submitted in 2020 with building permits pending. Pursuant to AB 671, the Housing Element is now required to include a program to incentivize affordable ADU rentals. Burbank's Housing Element sets forth the following ADU incentives:

- Encourage architectural design firms to submit ADU plans that can be pre-approved and customizable at minimal cost to facilitate streamlined review and permitting
- Establish a set of pre-approved ADU plans that can be downloaded from the City's website
- Provide expedited development review for ADUs smaller than 500 square feet
- Reduce development processing fees from \$2,197 to \$1,638, and by up to 50% for ADUs that incorporate accessibility features

### **Community Care Facilities**

Small community care facilities (those serving six or fewer clients) are allowed by right in all zones that allow residential uses subject to the same development standards and permit processing standards as other residential uses in those zones, pursuant to the California Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act. Large community care facilities (seven or more residents) require a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in the R-4, C-3 and C-4 zones, as is the case for similar uses of properties in these zones. The CUP establishes conditions to ensure compatibility of the use within the neighborhood context, and does not regulate the user or establish undue conditions that serve as a constraint. In their review of Burbank's Housing Element, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) has identified the City's exclusion of large community care facilities from lower density residential zone districts as a potential constraint on housing for persons with disabilities. To address this concern, the City has included a program in the Element to expand such facilities to all residential zone districts to ensure State law requirements related to fair housing and care facilities are met. Pursuant to State law, there is no distance separation requirement for community care facilities.

# **Transitional and Supportive Housing**

Transitional housing is defined in the Burbank Zoning Code as:

"Buildings configured as rental developments, but operated under program requirements that call for the termination of assistance and recirculation of the assisted unit to another eligible program recipient at some predetermined time, which shall be no less than six months." (Health and Safety Code Section 50675.2(h))

Supportive housing is defined in the Burbank Zoning Code as:

"Permanent affordable housing with no limit on length of stay that is occupied by the target population as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 53260(d), and that is linked to on- or off-site services that assist the supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving his or

her health status, and maximizing his or her ability to live, and where possible, work in the community." (Health and Safety Code Section 50675.14(b))

Target population is defined in the Burbank Zoning Code as:

"Adults with low income having one or more disabilities, including mental illness, HIV or AIDS, substance abuse, or other chronic health conditions, or individuals eligible for services under the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Division 4.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, commencing with Section 4500) and may, among other populations, include families with children, elderly persons, young adults aging out of the foster care system, individuals exiting from institutional settings, veterans, or homeless people." (Health and Safety Code Section 53260(d))

Consistent with applicable State law, the City has amended the Zoning Code to treat transitional and supportive housing as a residential use and only subject to those restrictions that apply to other residential uses of the same type in the same zone. For example, such housing structured as single-family is permitted in the R-1 and R-1-H zones, whereas transitional and supportive housing structured as multifamily is limited to the R-2, R-3 and R-4 zones, and such housing located above commercial is conditionally permitted in the C-2, C-3 and C-4 zones.

In addition, pursuant to AB 2162, the recent Zoning Code amendment includes provisions to allow supportive housing by- right in zones where multi-family and mixed uses are permitted, including non-residential zones permitting multi-family housing, if the proposed housing development meets specified criteria in Article 11 (commencing with Section 65650), within Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7 of the Government Code. Supportive housing located within one-half mile of a public transit stop is exempt from on-site parking requirements.

### **Emergency Shelters and Low Barrier Navigation Centers**

Emergency shelter is defined in the Burbank Zoning Code as:

"An establishment operated by an Emergency Shelter Provider that provides homeless people with immediate, short-term housing for no more than six months in a 12 month period, where no person is denied occupancy because of inability to pay."

To facilitate the development of emergency housing and comply with State law (Senate Bill 2), the City amended the Zoning Code in 2011 to address emergency shelters. Emergency homeless shelters are designated as a permitted use in the M-2 zone and conditionally permitted in the M-1 and BCCM (Burbank Center Commercial Manufacturing) zones. The City further amended the Zoning Code in 2021 in compliance with AB 139 to limit the required parking for emergency shelters to staff working in the shelter, and not in excess of parking required for other residential or commercial uses within the same zone.

Many of Burbank's industrial areas are characterized by light industrial, research and development, media related, and office uses. These zones are characterized by larger buildings and warehouses, many of which are suitable for conversion to a shelter, as well as numerous underutilized properties suitable for redevelopment. The availability of these buildings for adaptive reuse and the relatively lower property values in industrial areas would reduce the cost to establish an emergency shelter. The zoning map shows 99.3 acres of land zoned M-1, 481.9 acres M-2 and 122.4 acres BCCM. The industrial development standards are the least restrictive of all zones in the City, and are appropriate to facilitate emergency shelters.

Low Barrier Navigation Centers are defined as "a Housing First, low-barrier, service enriched shelter focused on moving people into permanent housing that provides temporary living facilities while case

managers connect individuals experiencing homelessness to income, public benefits, health services, shelter, and housing." AB 101 requires cities to allow a Low Barrier Navigation Center development by right in areas zoned for mixed uses and nonresidential zones permitting multifamily uses if it meets specified requirements. The requirements of this bill are effective through the end of 2026, unless extended. If the City receives an application for these uses, the City will process them as required by State law. A program has been included in the Element to develop by- right procedures for processing low barrier navigation centers.

### Single Room Occupancy (SRO)

The City defines SROs as:

"Housing composed of individual efficiency dwelling units, where each unit has a minimum floor area of 150 square feet and a maximum size of 500 square feet. To qualify as an SRO, no more than ten percent of the units may contain individual kitchens and bathrooms. Any unit not developed with individual kitchens and bathrooms must have access to common areas containing kitchen and bathroom facilities. SROs are not linked to any on-site or off-site services, including but not limited to life skills counseling, childcare, or job training and placement."

SROs are conditionally permitted in the R-3, R-4, C-2, C-3 and C-4 zones.

### Farm Employee Housing

The Census identifies 30 Burbank residents employed in agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, and mining occupations, representing only 0.03 percent of the local labor force. Therefore, given the minimal number of farmworkers in the community, the City has not identified a need for specialized farmworker housing beyond overall programs for housing affordability.

### **Reasonable Accommodation**

Both the federal Fair Housing Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act impose an affirmative duty on local governments to make reasonable accommodations in their zoning and other land use regulations when such accommodations may be necessary to afford disabled persons an equal opportunity to use a dwelling. For example, it may be a reasonable accommodation to allow covered ramps in the setbacks of properties to accommodate residents with mobility impairments. The City of Burbank allows homeowners to build ramps into single-family dwellings to allow first floor access for physically disabled residents. In both single family and multiple family zones, the Burbank Zoning Code allows such ramps to project into the required front and side yard setbacks eliminating the need to obtain a zoning variance. The City also provides \$7,500 grants to income-qualified households for accessibility improvements, such as ramps, widened doorways and lowered countertops.

The City has written Reasonable Accommodation Administrative Procedures (2014) to provide reasonable adjustments to its rules, policies, practices and procedures to enable residents with a disability or developers of housing for people with disabilities to have an equal opportunity to access housing in the City. A request for reasonable accommodation may be made by any person with a disability, his/her representative or a developer or provider of housing for the disabled when the application of a zoning law, building code provision or other land use regulation, policy or practice acts as a barrier to fair housing opportunities for the disabled. The ADA Office within the City of Burbank's Management Services Department engages residents in the interactive process under the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upon referral from the Community Development Department of an individual requesting a reasonable accommodation. The ADA Coordinator engages the

resident in the FEHA/ADA interactive process and requests a qualified medical professional to complete the City's ADA Medical Provider Form. The ADA Medical Provider Form is used to establish a qualifying disability, provide functional limitation in relation to the disability, and provide a nexus between the request and the functional limitations. Upon receipt of the completed ADA Medical Provider Form, the ADA Office conducts a site visit to take measurements and ensure conditions of the site align with medical documentation. Upon completion of the site visit, the ADA Office works with the Community Development Department to determine whether the request can be reasonably accommodated. As stated in the City's Administrative Procedures, factors to be considered in making a determination regarding the reasonableness of any request for Reasonable Accommodation shall include, but are not limited to the following:

- The need for the requested accommodation or modification, including alternatives that may provide an equivalent level of benefit;
- Whether the requested modification would impose an undue financial or administrative burden on the City;
- Whether the requested modification would constitute a fundamental alteration of the City's general plan, applicable specific plan, zoning or subdivision program, or applicable housing program (i.e., Section 8 housing);
- Whether there are preferable and/or feasible alternatives to the requested accommodation that may provide an equivalent level of benefit; or
- Any other factor that may have a bearing on the request.

In their review of the City's Housing Element and Reasonable Accommodation Procedures, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) identified inconsistencies in the City's findings for denial and the following guidance provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Department of Justice (DOJ):

 For an accommodation to be denied, the requested accommodation must cause an undue financial and administrative burden or it would fundamentally alter the nature of the provider's operations

A program has been included in the Housing Element for the City to update its Reasonable Accommodation Procedures consistent with the guidance provided by HUD/DOJ.

For new construction and substantially rehabilitated housing, the City's building code requires new housing to comply with the federal Fair Housing Act, Title 24 of the State Building Code and American with Disabilities Act (ADA) which requires a specific percentage of accessible units and specific accessibility requirements. In addition, residential projects assisted using State or federal funds must comply with more stringent accessibility requirements, depending on the specific source of funds. To encourage accessory dwelling units to incorporate accessibility features, many of which are occupied by seniors, the Housing Element includes a program for the City to establish and promote a program to waive 50 percent of building permit and planning fees for accessory dwelling units that are ADA compliant.

# **Definition of a Family**

The California courts have invalidated the following definition of "family" when included in Zoning Ordinances: (a) an individual, (b) two or more persons related by blood, marriage or adoption, or (c) a group of not more than a certain number of unrelated persons as a single housekeeping unit.

Court rulings state that defining a family does not serve any legitimate or useful objective or purpose recognized under the zoning and land planning powers of the city, and therefore violates rights of privacy under the California Constitution. In 2013, the City examined the current definition of family to determine if any modifications might be needed to ensure compliance with State and federal laws, to ensure that it is not discriminatory and to ensure consistency with the revised definitions and use allowances for various housing facility types. Following a review of the California Health and Safety Code, as well as related court cases, the City found that the existing definition is consistent with State law.

The City defines "family" as "a group of persons who maintain a single common household, but who otherwise are not a Community Care Facility as defined herein." This definition of family is broad since it covers any group living arrangements. Community Care Facilities are defined separately in the Municipal Code and are therefore excluded from the definition of family.

### Site Improvements

Burbank is a fully built-out community. All housing developments consist of infill projects in previously developed neighborhoods. These areas are fully improved with streets, alleys, sidewalks, and all public utility infrastructure. Depending upon a project's location and age of surrounding development and infrastructure, a developer may be required to provide various upgrades to serve their project.

Often, developers are required to dedicate land to the City for the purpose of widening a street or alley to the standard width. The City's standards are 20 feet for alleys, and typically 60 feet of right-of-way for local residential streets (including a 36-foot street and 12 to 15 feet on each side for parkway and sidewalk). However, the City Zoning Code allows the number of units to be calculated based on the lot size prior to any dedications. Most dedications are minimal; given the age of the City, most street rights-of-way are already at the standard width and no dedication is required. The most common types of dedications are two feet six inches from the rear of a property for the purpose of widening an alley, or corner dedications on corner lots for the purpose of increasing a corner radius. Such dedications have minimal to no effect on the design of a project and are not a constraint to housing development.

Although all parcels in Burbank have access to public utility infrastructure, in some cases the infrastructure is older and in need of replacement or insufficient to meet the needs of a particular project. Pursuant to General Plan Land Use Policy 2.3, new development is required to pay for their share of upgrading the utility infrastructure as needed to serve their project. This may include installing larger water mains, new water meters, new or larger sewer lines, and new electrical transformers, new transmission lines and/or substations. In addition, these infrastructure upgrades may include upgrades to traffic signals and other such improvements.

For larger projects requiring environmental review, developers are responsible for funding any infrastructure improvements that are required to mitigate project impacts that are not part of a capital improvement program covered by the development impact fees. Consistent with applicable State law, the City's development fees will ensure that the developers pay the cost attributable to the increased demand for the affected public facilities reasonably related to the development project in order to refurbish the existing facilities to maintain the existing level of service and achieve an adopted level of service that is consistent with the City's General Plan (California Government Code Section 66001(g)).

The additional costs associated with infrastructure upgrades are typically anticipated by developers and factored into the cost of a project from the beginning. Developers are made aware of the requirements and additional expenses early in the application process. These expenses are typical to all cities and do not pose an unwarranted constraint to housing development. Housing costs in Burbank are driven primarily by location, demand and market forces, and are not dictated by the number of improvements

that a developer is required to provide. For-profit developers will price their units as high as the market will bear regardless of the cost of constructing the project.

### **Development Fees**

The City imposes processing fees as part of its responsibility to regulate development. The fees partially cover the actual costs required for processing and providing services and facilities. In addition, developers are required to pay development impact fees on a per-unit basis. These fees fund capital improvements related to fire, police, parks, and libraries and correlate the increased demands on these services that would result from the addition of new housing units to the community. Table 1-35 identifies planning and development fees for residential development. The City's inclusionary housing and density bonus ordinances provide for development impact fee waivers on affordable units and fee deferrals on market rate units until issuance of a certificate of occupancy. Recognizing that many residents and businesses were struggling financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City did not adopt any fee increases or new fees in 2020, with the existing Fee Schedule adopted in June 2019 remaining in effect.

<b>Table 1-35</b>	
<b>Summary of Development Fees</b>	

Type of Request	Fee <sup>1</sup>
Variance	
Single-Family Residential	\$3,395.20
Multiple Family Residential	\$6,414.70
Pre-Development Review (Multi-family)	\$1,980
Development Review (Multi-family)	\$6,903.40
Conditional Use Permit	
Single-Family	\$3,640.50
Zone Map Amendment	\$10,255.40
Zone Text Amendment	\$12,502.70
General Plan Amendment	\$8,784.70
Subdivision Map	\$12,733.60
Additional per lot for Tentative Map	\$60.50
Parcel Map	\$5,108.40
Additional per lot for Parcel Map	\$60.50
Planned Development	\$8,241
Accessory Dwelling Unit Permit	\$2,197 <sup>2</sup>
Hillside Development Permit	\$3,584.70
Reversion of Acreage	\$5,864.10
Administrative Use Permit for Condominium Conversion	\$2,870.80
Certificate of Compliance	\$1,087.90
Park Facilities Fee	\$150/bedroom
Development Impact Fees	
Transportation	\$0 for residential
Community Facilities:	
Single-family	\$2,854.05/unit
Multi-family	\$2,111.65/unit

Source: City of Burbank, 2020.

<sup>1</sup>Amount includes both Planning and Public Works fees. <sup>2</sup>ADU permit fee reduced to \$1,638 in 2021.

As a means of assessing the cost that fees contribute to development in Burbank, the City has calculated the total Building, Planning and Engineering fees associated with development of a prototypical apartment project consisting of 93 units, including 6 studio units, 41 one-bedrooms, 41 two-bedrooms, and 5 three-bedrooms. As indicated in Table I-36, development fees for this project run approximately \$11,900 per unit, with School District, Development Impact and Mechanical/Electrical/Plumbing Fees representing the highest cost fees. Based on an average construction cost of \$373,000/unit for a medium density (62 unit/acre) apartment project in Downtown Burbank, Burbank's development fees constitute just three percent of unit development costs.

<b>Table 1-36</b>	
Development Fees: Prototypical Multi-family Project <sup>1</sup>	

Fee Type	Total Fee <sup>2</sup>	Per Unit Fee
Development Review Permit	\$6,903	\$74
Planned Development Permit	\$8,241	\$89
Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical Permits	\$156,872	\$1,687
Plan Check	\$39,207	\$422
Building Permit	\$57,550	\$618
Development Impact Fees (Parks, Library, Fire, Police)	\$200,508	\$2,156
Park Facility Development Fee	\$21,280	\$228
School District Fees (\$4.08/sf ft)	\$534,896	\$5,752
Sewer Facility Charge	\$62,031	\$667
Water Fees	\$19,959	\$215
Total Development Fees	\$1,107,447	\$11,905

Source: City of Burbank, 2021.

<sup>1</sup>Fees based on Phase 1 of First Street Village Project. <sup>2</sup>Amount includes both Planning and Public Works fees.

Development fees for single family development are based on development valuation. Development fees for a prototypical single- family development are approximately \$7,000. The single-family prototype is a 2,000 square foot two story home located in an R-1 neighborhood.

In summary, Burbank's planning and development fees do not serve as a constraint to the production housing. As noted above, housing costs in Burbank are driven by market forces and are not typically dependent on the cost of development. As such, application and development impact fees do not significantly increase the cost of housing. Furthermore, as an incentive for the provision of on-site affordable housing units, the City will be updating its inclusionary in-lieu fees to reflect full cost recovery, and offers deferral of development impact fees as an incentive through the density bonus ordinance. And pursuant to AB 641, the City allows developers of affordable housing projects with a minimum of 49 percent very low and low income units to defer payment of development fees until issuance of a certificate of occupancy.

# **Local Processing and Permit Procedures**

The project evaluation and review process required by the Burbank Municipal Code contributes to the cost of housing incurred by developers. Different types of projects must go through different approval

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Inclusionary Housing: Financial Evaluation, Keyser Marston Associates, Sept 2020.

processes with different time frames. The following section describes the review processes for single-family, multi-family and mixed use projects.

# Single-family Homes

In January 2017, the City Council adopted new single-family development standards and design guidelines for all R-1 (Single-Family Residential) and R-1-H (Single-Family Residential Horsekeeping) zoned properties, including the Hillside area. The primary purpose of the regulations are to: a) address concerns with bulk and mass of single-family home additions and new construction, and b) provide options for architectural variety while maintaining neighborhood compatibility. The design guidelines (also referred to as neighborhood compatibility process) have been incorporated into discretionary approval processes for: 1) Hillside Development Permits; and for 2) Single-Family Special Development Permits (Non-Hillside), now required for homes larger than .35 Floor Area Ratio (FAR) to .40 FAR; additions over 500 square feet to existing homes with an FAR less than .40; or homes over 3,000 square feet. Instead of creating a separate design review board or process, the intent is to incorporate this staff-level neighborhood compatibility review into the Single-Family Special Development Permit and/or the Hillside Development Permit review process.

Projects requiring a Single-Family Special Development Permit have been taking on average anywhere from 12-16 months for the discretionary review, impacted in large part by staff shortages and, for a period of time, a learning curve from the newness of regulations. There are relatively few new single-family homes built in Burbank, and no single-family home sites, hillside or otherwise, are identified in the site inventory. All new single-family homes are individual custom homes built on single lots in otherwise developed neighborhoods.

### **Multi-family Development**

The following outlines the steps in the Development Review (DR) process for multi-family residential projects:

- 1. Optional Pre-Development Review Application: For medium to large scale multi-family projects (or mixed use residential projects, discussed below), applicants are provided the opportunity to submit a "Pre-DR" application for preliminary review by City staff, including all City departments/divisions involved in the subsequent development review process (including Building and Safety, Public Works, Burbank Water & Power, Fire Department, Parks and Recreation, and others as needed) to provide preliminary feedback and guidance before an application is filed and to discuss the application process. This saves time once the application is filed by addressing potential problems early in the process and avoiding later delays. As of fiscal year 2021-2022 the fee for a Pre-Development Review application is \$1,822. Moreover, this fee is credited toward the cost if a development review project is subsequently submitted.
- 2. Application Submittal and Review for Completeness: Upon submittal of an application, plans, and fees, the application is reviewed for completeness within 30 days and the applicant is notified of any deficiencies in the application.
- 3. **Project Review**: Once the application is deemed complete, the project is reviewed by various City departments as part of a regularly scheduled Interdepartmental Review Committee "IDRC" meeting. Planning staff then compiles written comments and conditions from the IDRC and provides to the applicant. Subsequent meetings directly with the applicant, project planner, and other City departments, as needed, are provided at the applicant or City staff's request.

4. Community Meeting: During the project review by City staff and prior to a final decision on a project, the City hosts the Development Review community meeting where all residents and property owners within a 1,000-foot radius of the site are invited to learn about the project, ask questions, and/or voice concerns or support for the project. A project sign is posted on the property in addition to the mailed notice, and the community meeting is open to all interested members of the public. The project applicant is required to attend this meeting and present their project to the public. As noted in the Burbank Municipal Code, the purpose of these meetings is to provide information to the public about the proposed project, receive comments and hear any concerns about the project, and allow the community to communicate directly with the applicant such that the applicant can be responsive to the community's concerns and make modifications to the project as appropriate.

Unless otherwise exempt from discretionary review pursuant to State law, all new proposed multifamily dwelling units are subject to the DR process, which includes the required community meeting. A community meeting is not required for non-discretionary projects. A community meeting is typically not held until staff has determined a project's substantial compliance with applicable zoning and development standards; as such, community meetings do not have a direct impact on approval certainty. Depending on the nature of the comments provided at a community meeting, a project applicant may make design modifications to their project while still progressing through the review process. Additionally, staff may dedicate additional time following the meeting in follow up with members of the public who are still seeking more information or have further concerns. Typically, the community meeting itself adds minimal time to the overall review timeline as the meeting occurs after a public notification period of 10 business days.

Following a community meeting and once an approval is granted for a staff-level DR project, a 15-day appeal period commences in which an appeal can be filed (BMC Section 10-1-1910 and Section 10-1-1907.2). If a project reviewed at the administrative/ staff level is appealed, additional time is necessary to prepare for a public hearing at the Planning Board level. If a decision of the Planning Board is appealed, an additional hearing is required where the City Council will make the final decision. The maximum number of public hearings that could result from a project reviewed at the administrative/staff level is two hearings. Project appeals are not a direct result of the community meeting process, as the appeal provision applies to all discretionary projects generally.

Additionally, the City adheres to the requirements of Senate Bill 35 for streamlined and ministerial approval process for qualifying projects if requested by the project applicant. A checklist and submittal requirements are available on the City's website through a Notice of Intent application. Projects that pursue and qualify for the streamlined review process will be subject to a more expedited process than non-SB 35 projects consistent with Government Code section 65913.4 and associated State streamlined ministerial approval process guidelines.

**5. Director Decision:** Following the staff review and community meeting, the Community Development Director makes a decision to approve or require modifications to the multifamily project based upon the project's compliance with the Municipal Code and applicable project findings.

The multi-family review process is typically completed in 12-16 months and varies based on the complexity of the project. If the applicant submits a parcel or tract map application with the Development Review application, the two applications are processed together, saving time for the developer. Environmental review is also conducted simultaneously with application processing to further shorten processing time.

There is no formal design review or architectural review process for multi-family residential projects and no public hearing required unless the Community Development Director's decision is appealed. The Director may require design changes to a multi-family project in order for the project to be more compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. Typically, a project application is approved subject to making the required changes, which avoids delays in the approval process. These design changes are typically minor and are completed by the applicant between Development Review approval and plan check submittal.

Three key factors will provide for shortened processing times for multi-family projects in the future. First, the Planning Division is in the process of hiring additional Planning staff that will aid in dispersing the current planning case load. Additionally, the Planning Division's caseload for discretionary projects substantially increased in 2017 when development standards for the R-1, single-family residential zones were updated. This update required many single-family projects to go through a discretionary review process where it wasn't previously required, further constraining already limited staff resources. In March 2022, the City Council adopted updates to the single-family zoning standards to allow more by-right review of remodels, additions, and some new single-family construction. These updated regulations are expected to result in an approximately 40 percent reduction in single-family discretionary projects under review in the City. The decrease in single-family discretionary projects, in combination with adding more staff, will allow City staff to process other entitlements, including multi-family Development Review, more quickly.

Second, the City will be updating and simplifying its multi-family development standards to improve ease of use and enhance development feasibility (refer to Housing Element Program #17). Currently, DR review typically requires multiple rounds of revisions as staff works with the project applicant to meet zoning standards. Providing greater clarity through an update to objective development standards for new multi-family projects will help reduce the extent of back-and-forth required, leading to shorter review times.

Third, the City will be updating and streamlining the current project appeals process as established in the Burbank Municipal Code. Revisions for City Council consideration will include:

- Ending the appeal of housing decisions made by the Community Development Director on housing projects at the Planning Board, by making them the final decision-making body and not eligible for appeal to the City Council.
- Updating the appeal application form to specify that appellants need to clearly identify the findings/criteria that are the basis of the appeal, making it mandatory for an appellant to specify the applicable Code sections and reasons for the appeal.
- Adding standard language to public notices and agendas to require that the issues raised by an appellant during the hearing are limited to only those topics that are specified in the appeal form.

### **Mixed Use Projects**

For mixed use projects in commercial areas, a Conditional Use Permit is currently required in addition to Development Review. The application process is generally the same, except that a public hearing is required before the Planning Board, who then makes the decision to approve or deny the project. The Conditional Use Permit process is typically completed in 12-16 months. The Planning Board must make the typical Conditional Use Permit findings that the proposed project would be compatible with surrounding uses and would not have a detrimental impact on surrounding properties. The community meeting process described above is the same for a mixed use project.

Some mixed use projects choose to go through the Planned Development process to provide additional flexibility in development standards and address unique aspects of a particular project. The application process for a Planned Development is generally the same as that for a Conditional Use Permit, except that two public hearings are required, one with the Planning Board and one with the City Council. The Planning Board serves as a recommending body, and the City Council makes the final decision to approve or deny the project. Since projects using the Planned Development process are typically larger and more complex, the Planned Development application process is typically completed in 3 to 4 years. A Planned Development is a legislative action that creates unique zoning for a particular property.

The majority of future mixed use development will occur within the Downtown TOD, Golden State, and Media District specific plans. These plans will establish clear and objective development standards that create greater certainty for developers. The Housing Element provides program goals that seek to facilitate more affordable and workforce housing by adopting Specific Plans that allow housing developments of up to 100 units that comply with applicable City Density Bonus and Inclusionary Housing regulations and the objective development standards to be considered for by-right approval without the need for further discretionary review including a Conditional Use Permit or Planned Development permit request. Project's greater than 100 units would still be required to go through a discretionary review process and developers would still have the option of City approval of a Planned Development to address the unique aspects of a project.

# **Building Code**

The City has adopted the 2019 edition of the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) which establishes minimum construction standards necessary to protect the public health, safety and welfare. Adoption of the Code is required of all jurisdictions in California and went into effect January 1, 2020.

Certain areas in Burbank are characterized by steep hillsides, heavy vegetation and narrow streets. These geographical and topographical conditions, combined with the City's climate, exacerbate the potential for fires and other hazards to persons and property. Additionally, the City lies within an earthquake zone, and specific design and construction approaches are required to safeguard persons and structures from hazards from earthquakes. Amendments to the City's building codes (as indicated in Title 9, Division 1 of the Municipal Code) provide a higher level of safety for the public during and immediately after a major earthquake. Specifically some of the amendments adopted by the City are designed to prevent fires, girder/roof collapse, collapse from excessive deflections, failure of sheer walls, chimney failure, and structural damage to design elements, diaphragms, and concrete footings. Certain other amendments related to building materials and specifications are required due to the fact that the City is highly urbanized, has dense residential areas, and in some areas has smaller residential lots ranging in size from 2,500 to 6,000 square feet.

### **Market Constraints**

Market constraints and other non-governmental constraints to the provision of housing are primarily economy-driven and generally outside direct City control. Analyzing and understanding these non-governmental constraints enables the City to influence and offset their negative impacts through responsive programs and policies.

#### Price of Land

The availability and price of land represents a significant market constraint to housing production throughout most of Southern California. In a built-out city like Burbank, developers not only acquire the site but typically must also demolish older structures or invest in bringing an older development up to current housing standards. High land costs in Burbank are a result of the desirability of the community as a residential area and the scarcity of available land. Due to the lack of vacant land, future residential development rests upon the recycling of existing developed areas, thereby adding costs for demolition of existing structures and site clean-up to the already high cost of the land.

Based on a survey of sales of multi-family zoned land in Burbank, property acquisition costs average around \$140 per square foot, equating to over \$6 million for a one acre parcel.<sup>7</sup> Assuming development at the City's maximum R-4 density of 43 units/acre, land costs would contribute over \$140,000 per unit. While Burbank cannot control costs driven by market conditions, it can continue to offer increased densities and reduced parking requirements, such as within the proposed Downtown Burbank Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Specific Plan and proposed Golden State Specific Plan areas, to effectively reduce the per unit cost of land.

# **Cost of Construction**

In addition to land and site development costs, a major cost associated with the development of housing is the cost of building materials, which have increased faster than the rise in inflation in recent years. Over the past three years (2017-2020), the cost of raw materials (lumber, concrete, steel, etc.) have increased by 20 percent, compared to a 7.5 percent rise in inflation. This particularly impacts the cost of high-density construction, including costly non-combustible steel-frame construction materials. Labor costs have also risen dramatically, and are compounded by a shortage of qualified construction workers.

A reduction in amenities and the quality of building materials (above a minimum acceptability for health, safety, and adequate performance) can result in lower development costs. As part of the City's inclusionary housing and density bonus programs, the City allows for affordable units to be smaller in size (maintaining the same number of bedrooms) and have different features and interior finishes than market rate units, provided all project units are comparable in construction quality and exterior design. Another factor related to construction costs is the number of units built at one time. As that number increases, overall costs generally decrease as builders are able to take advantage of the benefits of economies of scale.

### **Availability of Financing**

The availability of financing affects a person's ability to purchase or improve a home, and the cost of borrowing money for residential development is incorporated directly into the sales price or rent. Interest

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Inclusionary Housing: Financial Evaluation, Keyser Marston Associates, Sept 2020.

rates are determined by national policies and economic conditions, and there is very little a local government can do to affect these rates.

The availability of financing in a community depends on a number of factors, including the type of lending institutions active in the community, lending practices, rates and fees charged, laws and regulations governing financial institutions, and equal access to those institutions. Through analysis of Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data on the disposition of residential loan applications, an assessment can be made of the availability of residential financing within a community. Table 1-37 summarizes HMDA data for both Burbank and Los Angeles County, providing information on the approval status of all home purchase, refinance and home improvement applications during 2019.

- Of the total 759 completed applications for home purchase loans in Burbank, 92 percent were approved and 8 percent were denied, exceeding the 87 percent approval rate County-wide. Review of mortgage loan denial rates by Burbank's census tracts does not identify any tract with denial rates ten points or above the 8 percent citywide average.
- The volume of applications for refinance loans in Burbank was nearly triple that of home purchase loans, with 85 percent of the total 2,133 applications receiving approval and 15 percent denied. This approval rate is significantly higher than the regional average of 73 percent approvals.
- The number of applications for home improvement loans in Burbank was 468, with 64 percent of applicants receiving approval and 36 percent being denied, a higher denial rate than County-wide. Home improvement loans typically have higher denial rates because homeowners may already have high debt-to-income ratios on their home mortgage or refinance loans.

<b>Table 1-37</b>
<b>Status of Home Purchase and Home Improvement Loans</b>

	Completed Loop	Loans A	pproved	Loans Denied					
Loan Type	Completed Loan Applications	Burbank	L.A. County	Burbank	L.A. County				
Conventional Home Purchase Loans									
# Applications	759	695		64					
% Approval/Denial		92%	87%	8%	13%				
		Refinancing							
# Applications	2,133	1,806		327					
% Approval/Denial		85%	73%	15%	27%				
Home Improvement Loans									
# Applications	468	301		167					
% Approval/Denial		64%	69%	36%	31%				

Source: Home Mortgage Disclosure Act Data, 2019. Compiled by Karen Warner Associates.

Note: Approved loans include: loans originated and applications approved but not accepted. Denial rate based on applications that went through complete underwriting process, and exclude applications withdrawn or files closed for incompleteness.

# Requests to Develop at Densities Below Those Permitted

New State Housing Element law now requires the non-governmental constraints analysis to evaluate developer requests to build at densities below the density identified in the Housing Element sites inventory. Table 1-38 below presents the developed densities in recent multi-family and mixed use projects in the City. As illustrated by this table, the City has approved and the market supports projects at the upper end of the density range, with many recent projects taking advantage of density bonus incentives.

Table 1-38
Comparison of Zoned and Built Densities

Project	Zoning	# Units	Acreage	Permitted Density	Built Density	Density Bonus
La Terra	PD	573	7.08	87 du/acre	81 du/acre	No
First Street Village	PD	275	2.99	87 du/acre	94 du/acre	Yes
624-628 S. San Fernando	BCC-3	42	0.71	43 du/acre	59 du/acre	Yes
601 E. Cedar Avenue Apts	R-4	46	0.799	43 du/acre	56 du/acre	Yes
Naomi Apartments	R-4	8	0.31	27 du/acre	25 du/acre	No

Source: Burbank Community Development Department, Planning Division, March 2021.

# Length of Time between Application Approval and Building Permit Issuance

New Housing Element law now also requires an examination of the length of time between receiving approval for a housing development and submittal of an application for building permits. The time between application approval and building permit issuance is influenced by a number of factors, including: required technical or engineering studies; completion of construction drawings and detailed site and landscape design; securing construction and permanent financing; and retention of a building contractor and subcontractors. On the City's side, staffing levels can impact the timing of building permit issuance, and particularly during Burbank's transition to online-only review processes during the COVID-19 pandemic, the learning curve resulted in longer review processes. The City intends to continue with online project reviews when City Hall reopens, which ultimately will lead to more efficient and quicker reviews. The City's Planning Division has been authorized to hire additional Planning staff to assist with application processing.

On March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency due to COVID-19. The Legislature observed that the pandemic slowed the processing of approvals, permits, and entitlements for housing development projects, resulting in the premature expiration of some entitlements. AB 1561, effective January 1, 2020 finds, "A uniform statewide entitlement extension measure is necessary to avoid the significant statewide cost and allocation of local government staff resources associated with addressing individual permit extensions on a case-by-case basis." Under this legislation, any housing entitlement that would expire between March 4, 2020 and December 31, 2021 is to be extended by 18 months.

# **Environmental and Infrastructure Constraints**

Burbank is exposed to various environmental hazards, but none that would substantially constrain the development of affordable residential units. Similarly, infrastructure issues do not pose a major constraint to new housing development in the City.

# **Seismic and Geologic Hazards**

The City's geology and close proximity to the Verdugo fault, Hollywood fault, Griffith fault, Sierra Madre fault, as well as other active regional faults, such as the San Andreas fault potentially expose residents to various seismic hazards. These include ground shaking, liquefaction, and landsliding. Much of Burbank, particularly areas west of the Golden State Freeway (I-5), is subject to liquefaction. However, if groundwater continues to be extracted in the upper Los Angeles River area and annual rainfall remains at normal levels, groundwater levels are expected to remain deeper than 50 feet. Factors contributing to landslide potential are steep slopes, unstable terrain, and proximity to earthquake faults. Landslides and mudslides are limited to properties at the base of undeveloped or unimproved slopes in the Verdugo Mountains, north of Sunset Canyon Drive.

Seismic hazards are reduced through implementation of comprehensive hazard-mitigation programs, such as the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan (2011), the *Burbank2035* General Plan Safety Element, and Municipal Code requirements regarding geologic and seismic hazards. The City has also established Hillside development standards to protect the public health and safety with regard to slope stability and to ensure that buildings are located in the most geologically stable portions of the hillside or ridgeline. The Municipal Code requires a structural analysis, inspection, and compliance with the California Building Code (CBC) for all residential buildings. Compliance with City building and seismic code requirements, which follow guidance from the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP), reduce geologic and seismic hazard risk to acceptable levels.

# **Flood Hazards**

Portions of Burbank are designated as 100-year and 500-year flood zones. These areas are primarily located along the Lockheed Channel and the Burbank Western Channel. <sup>10</sup> To ensure against damage to existing development in these areas, the City participates in the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Flood Insurance Program. In addition, Municipal Code standards prohibit new development from increasing flood hazards.

### Wildfire Hazards

According to the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire), the northeastern portion along and in the Verdugo Mountains is in a Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone and the historical record indicates that wildfire risk in and around the City is high. <sup>11</sup> The most recent fire to impact Burbank was the

<sup>8</sup> California Department of Conservation. n.d. Fault Activity Map of California. https://maps.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/fam/

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Burbank, City of. Municipal Code. Accessed March 2021.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> FEMA. Accessed February 2021. https://msc.fema.gov/portal/search#searchresultsanchor

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> California Department of Technology. California Fire Hazard Severity Zone Viewer. 2020. https://gis.data.ca.gov/datasets/789d5286736248f69c4515c04f58f414

La Tuna Fire, which started September 1, 2017. It burned approximately 7,194 acres and 10 structures in the Verdugo Mountains; spanning Burbank, Glendale, and Sunland-Tujunga neighborhood. 12

Because the City has prohibited further subdivision of land in the hillside areas of the Verdugo Mountains, future development in the hillside areas is limited to infill development on existing lots in established neighborhoods. In addition, current mitigation in place for the City includes: upgrades to fire access roads to Verdugo Mountains; increased awareness of fire safety to residents in the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone; provision of periodic brush clearance around communication towers; identification of procedures and evacuation routes; development of financial assistance programs; and implementation of fuel reduction/management, including demonstration projects in the Fire Hazard Severity Zone.

# **Airport Safety**

The Safety Element (Chapter 7) of the *Burbank2035* General Plan discusses potential air crash hazards associated with Hollywood Burbank Airport. Policies to reduce impacts include requiring the City to maintain consistency with the Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Plan, procedures for aircraft related emergencies, and coordination of disaster response with the Hollywood Burbank Airport Fire Department. The City also ensures that land uses, densities, and building heights within Airport Land Use Compatibility Zones are compatible with safe operation of Hollywood Burbank Airport. Los Angeles County Airport Land Use guidelines do not allow residences in Runway Protection Zones (RPZ) and regulation of building heights along the Approach Surface.<sup>13</sup> The RPZ's for the Hollywood Burbank Airport are located at the north, east, south, and west outer edges of the airport.

# **Airport Noise**

The Hollywood Burbank Airport is also a source of noise in portions of the City. Major airport noises include the take off and landings generally from runway locations. General aviation jet aircrafts are to use the National Business Aircraft Association's noise abatement procedures. Additionally, the Airport implemented a Residential Acoustical Treatment Program (RATP) that insulates qualified residential units in Burbank. The City will continue to register noise complaints with the airport's Noise Abatement Office to ensure awareness of noise problems.

### Infrastructure

Deficient water, sewer, storm drain, and solid waste infrastructure could also pose constraints to development. Senate Bill 1087, effective January 2006, requires water and sewer providers to grant priority for service allocations to proposed developments that include residences affordable to lower income households. Pursuant to these statutes, upon adoption of this Housing Element, the Community Development Department will immediately deliver the document to Burbank Water and Power, along with a summary of the regional housing needs allocation.

Burbank Water and Power provides both water and energy service in Burbank. In accordance with State mandates, Burbank Water and Power has developed an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), which is updated every five years. Based on current projections in the UWMP, water supply would meet

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Wildfires in Los Angeles County - Los Angeles Almanac. http://www.laalmanac.com/fire/fi07.php

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> LA County. Airport Land Use Commission Comprehensive Lan Use Plan. 2004.

https://planning.lacounty.gov/assets/upl/data/pd\_alup.pdf

14 Hollywood Burbank Airport. Noise Rules Summary. Accessed March 2021. https://hollywi

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Hollywood Burbank Airport. Noise Rules Summary. Accessed March 2021. https://hollywoodburbankairport.com/noise-environment/noise-rules-summary/

consumption demands. <sup>15</sup> However, as necessary, the Burbank City Council may choose to implement ordinances to ensure no increase in projected water demands occur. <sup>16</sup>

The Burbank Water Reclamation Plant provides wastewater treatment for the City. A 2006 study determined that the wastewater system is adequate and that the City should focus on pipeline capacity improvements. A Sanitary Sewer Management Plan has been prepared and updated in July of 2020 as an assessment of reliability and system conditions and includes a Sanitary Sewer Overflow Emergency Response Plan.<sup>17</sup> As necessary, individual residential developers may need to pay their fair share of development fees and/or implement improvements to local wastewater conveyance infrastructure.

Burbank Solid Waste Collection is responsible for serving all single-family residential units, 60% of the multi-family residential units in the City and 10% of all commercial/industrial customers in the City. The City owns and operates the Burbank Landfill, which has an expected closure date of 2150. The City currently sends its residential waste to multiple landfills and is not exclusively dependent on the City's landfill.

With respect to stormwater infrastructure, new development would be required to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirement, which prohibit peak hour increase in stormwater runoff. In addition, the city has a Municipal Storm Water and Urban Runoff Discharges Manual and Low Impact Development Standards Manual to identify Best Management Practices (BMP) for construction and Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan Requirements.<sup>18</sup>

The Environmental Impact Report which analyzed the Housing Element update found that adequate infrastructure and public service capacity are available to serve the projected residential development allowed under the Element. No specific parcels during the 2021-2029 planning horizon are constrained by infrastructure availability and all sites identified in the sites inventory can be served by existing and planned infrastructure.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> City of Burbank. 2015. Burbank Water and Power (BWP) 2015 Urban Water Management Plan. <a href="https://www.burbankca.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=35747">https://www.burbankca.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=35747</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> City of Burbank. 2015. Burbank Water and Power (BWP) 2015 Urban Water Management Plan. https://www.burbankca.gov/Home/ShowDocument?id=35747

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> City of Burbank. Sewer Maintenance and Emergency Overflows. Accessed February 2021. https://www.burbankca.gov/departments/public-works/water-reclamation-and-sewer/sewer-maintenance-emergency-overflows

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> City of Burbank. 2015. Municipal Storm Water and Urban Runoff Discharges Manual and Low Impact Development Standards Manual https://www.burbankca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument?id=35261

# **HOUSING RESOURCES**

This section describes and analyzes resources available for the development, rehabilitation and preservation of housing in Burbank. This includes the availability of land resources, financial resources available to support the provision of affordable housing, administrative resources available to assist in implementing the City's housing programs, and resources for energy conservation.

# **Availability of Sites for Housing**

A major component of the Housing Element is the identification of sites for future housing development and evaluation of the adequacy of these sites for fulfilling the City's fair share of regional housing needs, which is based on the SCAG Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). Because Burbank is a built-out community with few remaining vacant residential sites, the City plans to accommodate the level of housing growth for the City by using a combination of the methods listed below, which are further described in the following narrative:

- Pending and entitled residential projects with occupancy post June 30, 2021
- Housing Opportunity sites in the Downtown TOD Specific Plan and Golden State Specific Plan
- Accessory dwelling units
- Rehabilitation of market rate rental units and providing as long-term affordable housing using the City's committed assistance

Table 1-39 is a summary of the residential unit potential from the above methods and provides a comparison with Burbank's 2021-2029 RHNA.

Table 1-39								
Sum	mary of Poter	ntial Housing	Units					
		Income Distribution						
Areas/Projects	Total Net				Above			
	Units	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Moderate			
2021 – 2029 RHNA Targets	8,772	2,553	1,418	1,409	3,392			
Projects with Entitlements	1,845	91	6	83	1,665			
Projects Pending Entitlement	490	27	138	29	296			
Opportunity Sites (Zoning in place)	3,624	1,995	1,072	280	277			
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)	1,600	384	704	32	480			
Committed Assistance	10	10						
Site Capacity with Zoning in Place	7,569	4,4	127	424	2,718			
RHNA Surplus/(Shortfall)	(1,203)	4!	56	(985)	(674)			
Rezone Sites (Increase of units from prop	osed Specific P	lans)						
Downtown TOD sites	627	321			306			
Golden State Specific Plan sites	1,815	745		535	535			
<b>Total Rezone Sites</b>	2,442	1,0	1,066		841			
Total Site Capacity	10,011	5,4	193	959	3,559			

As shown in Table 1-39, the City has a total capacity for 7,569 units on sites with zoning in place, reflecting a shortfall in 1,203 units needed to address the RHNA. To accommodate this shortfall, the Housing Element includes a housing program to amend the General Plan and adopt the Downtown Transit-Oriented-Development Specific Plan (Downtown TOD), the Golden State Specific Plan (GSSP), and the Media District Specific Plan (does not currently include any potential opportunity sites). The adoption of these Specific Plans will provide the necessary zoning, development standards, and processing procedures to facilitate the production of housing required to accommodate the City's housing needs for all income levels during the Housing Element 2021-2029 planning period.

In terms of evaluating the adequacy of these sites to address the affordability targets established by the RHNA, Housing Element statutes provide for the use of "default densities" to assess affordability. Based on its population and location within Los Angeles County, Burbank falls within the default density of at least 30 units per acre for providing sites affordable to very low-and low-income households; sites suitable for moderate density households can be provided on sites zoned for at least 16 units per acre. The City has used these default density thresholds as a guide in allocating its sites inventory by income category, as presented in Table 1-39.

# **Projects in Process**

Several large residential projects in various stage of entitlement will contribute towards addressing Burbank's housing needs. Projects under construction with occupancy projected to occur prior to June 30, 2021 are discussed in the Evaluation of Accomplishments Under the Current Housing Element (**Appendix C**). Only those projects with occupancy in the 2021-2029 planning cycle are credited towards the sites inventory, as presented in Table 1-40. Of the total 2,335 net units anticipated, 118 will be deed restricted for very low income households, 144 for low income, and 112 for moderate income households. The affordability of these units was determined based on requirements under the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, Density Bonus provisions, Planned Development permits and SB 35 streamlined processing. Exhibit 1-4 shows the location of these entitled and pending projects.

The following provides a brief description of several of Burbank's larger projects:

- La Terra (777 First Street) is a mixed use project in downtown Burbank consisting of 573 apartment units, a 307-room hotel, and 1,067 square feet of ground floor retail space on a vacant 7-acre site. Twelve percent (69 units) of the apartments will be restricted as affordable to moderate income households as required under the Planned Development permit.
- First Street Village (315 N. First Street) will combine 16 separate parcels on three blocks in downtown Burbank to develop 275 apartment units, a combined total of up to 21,265 square feet of ground floor retail/restaurant, and subterranean parking garages. Five percent of the apartments (14 units) will be restricted to moderate income households as required under the Planned Development permit.
- **624-628 San Fernando Boulevard** is a mixed 42-unit apartment and commercial project. The project will provide four very low-income units in exchange for a 35% density bonus, with one additional low-income unit being provided pursuant the City's inclusionary housing ordinance.
- **Premier on First (103 E. Verdugo)** proposes to construct 154 new multi-family rental units, retail, restaurants, and either a hotel or office building on a 1.1-acre site in the downtown. The most recent proposal was for 154 units, with a 22.5% density bonus and 24 lower income units.
- Former Fry's Electronics site (2311 N. Hollywood Way) has received entitlements for a new mixed use development on an approximately 10.43-acre site. The project site currently includes the

- recently closed Fry's Electronics Store. The project includes 151,800 square feet of office uses, 9,700 square feet of commercial uses, and 862 residential units including 80 very low income being provided as part of a density bonus.
- Bob Hope Center (3201 W. Olive) is a proposed mixed use project consisting of ground floor retail and 123 residential units on an approximately 1.41 acre site in the Media District Specific Plan area. The project will include 15% very low income units, and is requesting a 50 percent State Density Bonus.
- **3700 Riverside Drive** will provide 49 condominium ownership units, four of which will be affordable to very low income households as part of a density bonus agreement.
- 2814 W. Empire Avenue proposes redevelopment of an existing restaurant in the Golden State Specific Plan with 148 units of 100% affordable housing. The applicant has applied for a SB 35 streamlining process as well as a preliminary application seeking vested rights pursuant to SB 330, Housing Crisis Act of 2019. Additionally, the applicant is seeking a density bonus (to allow 98 additional units which are included in the total 148 units) along with other concessions and waivers.

Table 1-40
Projects with Entitlements or Pending Entitlements
(Occupancy Post June 30, 2021)

				Incom	e Distribution					
Project Name	Total Units	Net Units	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate				
Entitled Projects (1,845 net units)										
Former Fry's Electronic Site	862	862	80			782				
La Terra	573	573			69	504				
First Street Village	275	275			14	261				
3700 Riverside Drive	49	49	4			45				
610-615 E. Cedar Avenue	46	32	3	5		24				
624-628 San Fernando Blvd	42	42	4	1		37				
Naomi Apartments	8	6				6				
530 E. San Jose Avenue	4	2				2				
565 E. Cypress Avenue	3	2				2				
214 N. Orchard Drive	2	2				2				
Pr	ojects with Pen	ding Entitlem	<b>ents</b> (490 r	net units)						
Premier on First (Site #1)	77	77	4	8		65				
Premier on First (Site #2)	77	77	4	8		65				
Bob Hope Center	123	123	13			110				
4100 Riverside Drive	44	44	3	4		37				
529-537 E. Palm Avenue	24	19	3			16				
2720 Thornton Avenue	4	2				2				
2814 W. Empire Avenue	148	148		118	29	1				
Total Net Units	2,361	2,335	118	144	112	1,961				

Source: Burbank Community Development Department, July 2022.

# Status for Projects Pending Entitlement:

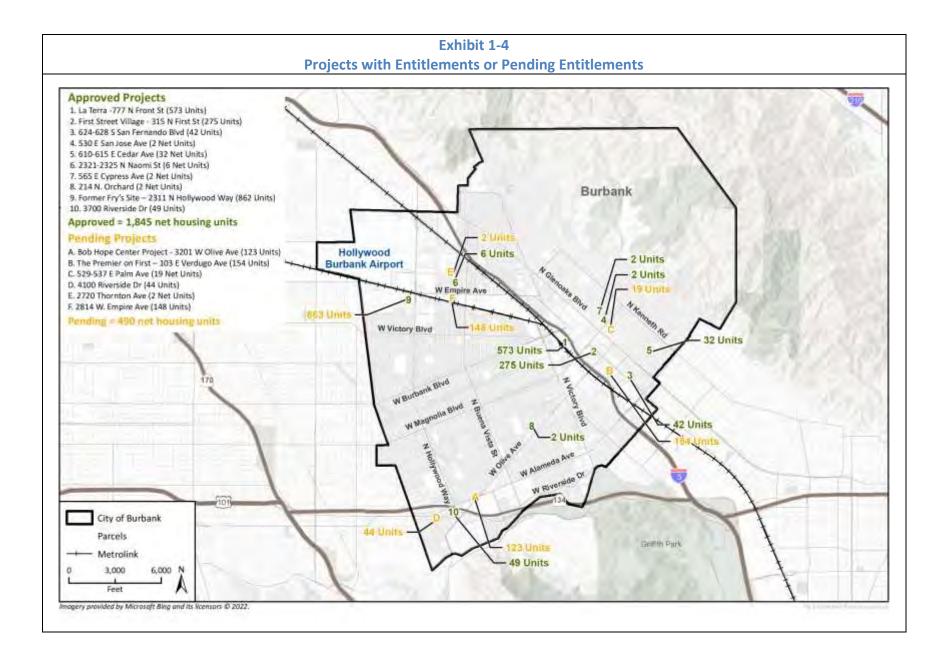
Premier on First (Sites 1 & 2): Developer working with staff to refine project to incorporate State density bonus.

Bob Hope Center: In July 2022, property owners submitted a density bonus application for development of 144 units, including 15 units designated as affordable to very low income households.

4100 Riverside Drive: Applicant working with staff to determine project scope to move forward with applicable entitlements.

529-537 E. Palm Avenue: Applicant working with staff to complete entitlement review process. Plan check review expected Q1 2022. 2720 Thornton Avenue: Project submitted for plan check in April 2022.

2814 W. Empire. Applicant submitted SB330 Preliminary Application and SB35 Notice of Intent to the City in June 2021. SB 35 Notice of Intent has been deemed complete pending completion of tribal agreement.



# **Housing Opportunity Sites**

The City has identified nineteen (19) opportunity sites that have the greatest potential to accommodate the RHNA housing growth allocated for Burbank. As presented in Table 1-41, twelve (12) of the opportunity sites are located in the proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan area and seven (7) sites are located in the proposed Golden State Specific Plan (GSSP) area. The locations of these sites are shown in Exhibit 1-5. The Housing Element update has been developed in coordination with the preparation of the proposed Specific Plans, which are scheduled for adoption in 2022 after the Housing Element update is adopted.

These opportunity sites were selected based on a combination of: property owner and/or developer interest in acquiring and assembling underdeveloped parcels into larger development sites; underutilization of the site; economic obsolescence of the existing use; adequacy of infrastructure; and site proximity to various resources. These resources include proximity to transit, grocery stores, medical facilities, jobs, and open space. The sites selected for inclusion in the Housing Element were those most suitable for residential development during the 2021-2029 planning period; other sites within these Specific Plans that were more suitable for commercial use or where factors didn't support redevelopment within the eight year planning period were not included in the Sites Inventory. Within the Golden State Specific Plan, seven housing opportunity sites have been included in the Housing Element with a realistic capacity of 2,651 housing units, in comparison to the total 4,153 units and 2.1 million square feet of commercial provided for under the draft Plan. In the Downtown TOD Specific Plan, the Housing Element includes twelve housing opportunity sites from the specific plan area with a realistic capacity of 3,415 units, in comparison to the 5,656 units and 4 million square feet of commercial provided for under the draft Plan. Each of the Specific Plans have calculated development potential based on the realistic conditions that housing is more likely than commercial space to be built on the identified mixed-use opportunity sites, as supported by the Downtown TOD and GSSP market studies and recent development projects such as the Fry's site mixed-use development and numerous other examples presented in Table I-42. And while the majority of Burbank's mixed use projects are developed with residential as the primary use and commercial as an ancillary use, the City's Zoning Code calculates residential density and commercial FAR independent of each other so that the inclusion of commercial does not diminish a site's residential capacity.

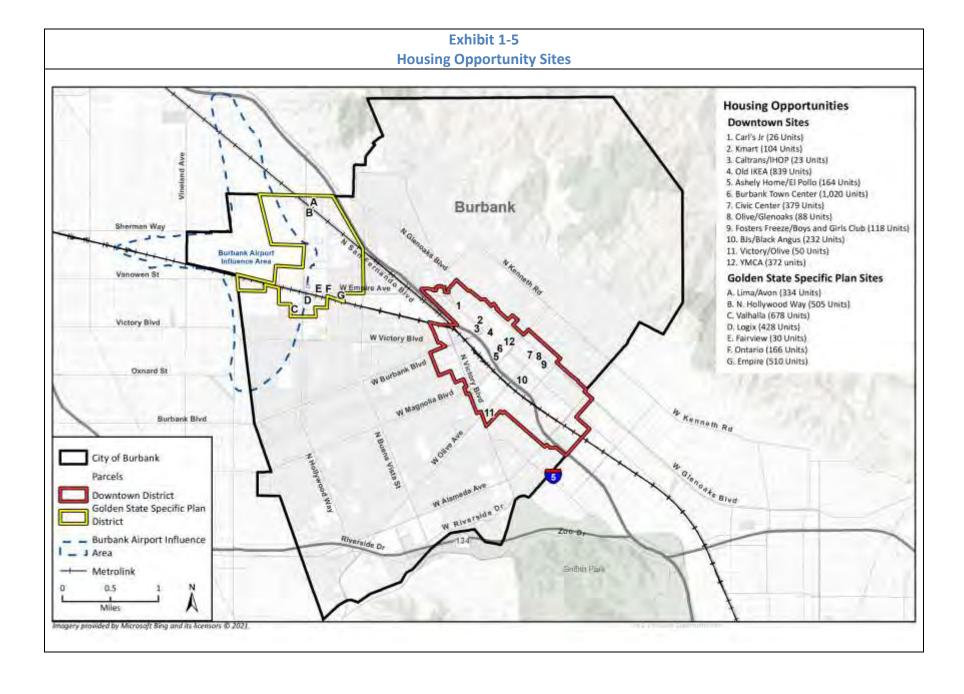
The opportunity sites also promote a key City goal to address Burbank's significant jobs-to-housing imbalance, exacerbated in recent years by rapid employment growth and limited new housing production. Recognizing the need for housing affordable to Burbank's workforce, the City Council in 2019 set a goal to facilitate the building of 12,000 residential units by 2035. Much of this housing growth will be focused in the Downtown TOD and GSSP Specific Plan areas near the City's major employment and transit hubs.

Table 1-41
Potential Housing Units on Opportunity Sites
Current General Plan and Proposed Specific Plan Rezone

Housing Opportunity Sites	General Plan Land Use	Acres	Realistic Development Capacity	Current General Plan Total Net Units	Proposed Specific Plan Total Net Units
TOD 1-Carl's Jr.	High Density Residential	1.3	70%	26	26
TOD 1-Call's Jr.	Corridor Commercial	1.5	70%	20	20
TOD 2-Kmart	Corridor Commercial	6.4	60%	104	104
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	Corridor Commercial	2.9	70%	23	23
TOD 4-Old IKEA	Downtown Commercial	13.8	70%	839	839
TOD 5-Ashley/El Pollo	Downtown Commercial	2.7	70%	164	164
TOD 6-Burbank Town Center	Downtown Commercial	16.8	70%	1,020	1,020
TOD 7-Civic Center	Institutional	6.2	70%	0	379
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	High Density Residential	1.6	70%	88	88
TOD 9-Fosters Freeze/	Downtown Commercial	4.0	700/	04	110
Boys and Girls Club	High Density Residential	1.9	70%	81	118
TOD 10-BJs/Black Angus	High Density Residential	3.8	70%	232	232
TOD 11-Victory/Olive	North Victory Com./Ind.	2.9	70%	50	50
TOD 12-YMCA	Downtown Commercial	2.7	70%	161	372
Downtown T	OD Total	63.0		2,788	3,415
	Golden State Spe	cific Plan Site	es		
GSSP 1-Lima/Avon	Golden State Com./Ind.	4.0	70%	74	334
GSSP 2-N. Hollywood Way	Golden State Com./Ind.	5.3	80%	113	505
GSSP 3-Valhalla	Golden State Com./Ind.	8.1	70%	151	678
GSSP 4-Logix	Golden State Com./Ind.	4.5	80%	96	428
GSSP 5-Ontario	Regional Commercial	1.7	80%	80	166
GSSP 6-Fairview	Regional Commercial	0.7	80%	30	30
GSSP 7-Empire	Regional Commercial	6.4	80%	292	510
GSSP To	otal	30.7		836	2,651
Total Opportu	ınity Sites	93.7		3,624	6,066

#### Note:

- 1. Current General Plan maximum densities: High Density Residential (43 du/ac.); Corridor Commercial (27 du/ac.); Regional Commercial (58 du/ac.); Downtown Commercial (87 du/ac.); Institutional (0 du/ac.); North Victory Commercial/Industrial (27 du/ac.); and Golden State Commercial/Industrial (27 du/ac.)
- Changes to maximum density resulting from proposed Specific Plans: TOD 7 (Institutional to 87 du/ac).; TOD 9 (High Density Residential to 87 du/ac.); TOD 12 (Downtown Commercial); GSSP 1, GSSP 2, GSSP 3, GSSP 4 (Golden State Commercial/Industrial to 120 du/ac); GSSP 5(Regional Commercial to 120 du/ac.); and GSSP 7 (Regional Commercial to 100 du/ac.).



# **Sites Inventory Methodology and Assumptions**

This section describes the methodology and assumptions used to develop the Housing Element Adequate Sites Inventory (**Appendix D**). It provides justification for development on non-vacant sites, an overview of proposed development standards under the Downtown TOD and Golden State (GSSP) Specific Plans, review of the factors used in estimating the realistic housing potential during the 2021-2029 planning period, and the methodology for distributing the potential housing units by income category for each selected site. The section concludes with a discussion of development on small and large sites, and use of sites from the prior Housing Element.

### **Suitability of Non-Vacant Sites**

As with many communities in highly urbanized Los Angeles County, the City of Burbank is built-out, and therefore, much of Burbank's future development will occur on non-vacant land. Because non-vacant sites comprise more than half of Burbank's site inventory, Government Code Section 65583.2(g)(2) requires that the City analyze the extent to which existing uses may constitute an impediment to additional residential development during the planning period of the housing element. Substantial evidence, such as past experience in converting existing uses to higher density residential development, market trends and conditions, and regulatory or other incentives to encourage redevelopment must show that the existing use is not an impediment and will likely discontinue during the planning period.

Table 1-42 presents residential development trends in Burbank and documents that nearly all recent development involves redevelopment of existing uses, including retail, office, parking lots, and in one instance, intensification of existing residential. Projects are being developed to their maximum densities, and in many instances pursuing density bonuses to further maximize development potential. Various incentives are being utilized which facilitate redevelopment (density bonus, SB 330 and SB 35 streamlining), with additional development incentives to be adopted as part of the Downtown TOD and GSSP Specific Plans (refer to section that follows on Specific Plan Standards). With seventeen multi-family and mixed use projects totaling over 2,300 units in the project pipeline (see Table 1-40), the market demand for housing in Burbank is such that existing uses have not impeded residential redevelopment. Two additional projects within the GSSP have submitted SB 35 applications within the last several months and would contribute 469 units of affordable housing to the area (3000 W. Empire and 3001 W. Empire).

Market studies prepared for both the GSSP and Downtown TOD Specific Plans provide further evidence of the strong demand for housing. The GSSP economic analysis<sup>19</sup> documents rising residential rents and falling vacancies, and overall higher rents in Burbank/North Glendale than most of the surrounding submarkets. The GSSP area lacks new multi-family rental housing options with modern amenities and updated features. The study concludes that Burbank's rental market has a more limited supply of rentals than the surrounding markets in the greater San Fernando Valley, and given the City's robust and growing employment base, is well positioned for absorption of new multi-family rental housing.

The market study for the Downtown TOD<sup>20</sup> reports that Burbank ranks high in terms of housing costs and has one of the lowest vacancy rates in Los Angeles County, making it difficult for Burbank's workforce of over 130,000 to find housing with just 45,000 existing residential units in the City, and resulting in significant unmet demand for housing. Within the Downtown TOD, many properties are underutilized and ripe for redevelopment, with the area exhibiting strong market fundamentals conducive to redevelopment and intensification of uses, including residential development. Real estate values in the City support construction costs for new residential product given Burbank's reasonable land costs and sufficient development intensities. And while population growth has been stagnant, current market interest, activity and planned projects suggest a healthy rate of growth is destined to occur within the Downtown TOD Specific Plan area.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> AECOM, "Golden State District Economic Analysis, Existing Conditions Report", (April 2017).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Kosmont Companies, "Burbank Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Real Estate Market Analysis", (October 2020).

Table 1-42
Burbank Development Projects and Trends

Burbank Development Projects and Trends											
				#	Proposed Residential	Max Allowable	% Proposed to Max	Current or Prior	Net	Afford-	
Recent Projects	Description	Zoning	Acres	Units	Density	Density	Density	Use	Units	ability	Notes
ENTITLED PROJECTS											
<b>La Terra</b> 777 Front St	Mixed Use (573 apt. units, 307-room hotel, 1,067 sf retail)	Rezoned from AD (Auto Dealership) to PD 17-01	7 acres	573	81 du/acre	87 du/acre	93%	Vacant, interim periodic uses	573	Mod: 69 AMod: 504	Affordable units established as part of review of Planned Development permit request
First Street Village 315 N. First St	Mixed Use (275 apt units, 21,265 sf retail/ restaurant)	Rezoned from BCC-2 to PD 14-01	2.99 acres	275	94 du/acre	87 du/acre	108%	1-story commercial/ retail buildings (plumbing service, advertising, auto body), built 1927 to 1979	275	Mod: 14 AMod: 261	16-parcel lot consolidation Affordable units established as part of review of Planned Development permit request
601-615 E. Cedar Ave.	MF residential	R-4, High Density Residential	0.8 acres	46	57 du/acre	43 du/acre	133%	14-MF resid. Units	32	VL: 3 L: 5 AMod: 24	35% density bonus
624-628 San Fernando Blvd	Mixed use (42 apt units and 14,800 sf commercial use)	BCC-3	0.71 acres	42	59 du/acre	43 du/acre	137%	2 office buildings (11,194 sq ft) and surface parking	42	VL: 4 L: 1 AMod: 37	35% density bonus and 1 low inc. unit per inclusionary housing ord. 4-parcel lot consolidation
Former Fry's Electronics Site 2311 N. Hollywood Way	Mixed Use (862 units, 151,800 sf office, 9,700 sf commercial uses)	C-3	10.43 acres	862	82 du/acre	58 du/acre	141%	Former 100,000 sq ft retail store	862	VL: 80 AMod: 782	Utilized SB330 application for streamlined review, 42.5% density bonus increase
3700 Riverside	Mixed Use (49-unit condo, 2,000 sf restaurant/ retail)	MDC-3	0.61 acres	49	80 du/acre	58 du/acre	138%	Car wash, parking lot, office	49	VL: 4 AMod: 45	35% Density bonus
PENDING ENTITL	EMENT PROJECTS	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	
Premier on First 103 E Verdugo Ave	Mixed Use (154 rental MFU, retail, restaurants, hotel or office.	Proposed rezoning - M-2/C-3 to C-2 or PD	1.1 acres	154	140 du/acre	87 du/acre	161%	Parking lot/ patron	154	VL: 8 L: 16 AMod: 130	Seeking 22.5% density bonus

Recent Projects	Description	Zoning	Acres	# Units	Proposed Residential Density	Max Allowable Density	% Proposed to Max Density	Current or Prior Use	Net Units	Afford- ability	Notes
Bob Hope Center <sup>1</sup> 3201 W. Olive Ave	Mixed Use (123 units, ground floor retail)	MDC-3	1.41 acres	123	87 du/acre	58 du/acre	150%	Vacant	123	VL: 13 AMod: 110	Seeking 50% State density bonus
4100 Riverside	Mixed Use (44 dwelling units, ground floor commercial)	MDC-3 (Media District Commercial) and MDR-4 (Media Dis. Residential)	0.70 acres	44	63 du/acre	58 du/acre & 31 du/acre	109%	Store and office	44	VL: 3 L: 4 AMod: 37	Early in review process/pre-DR stage - affordability assumption based on inclusionary ordinance.
2814 W Empire Ave	148-unit residential building	M-2 (no change to zoning, GP allows for residential use)	0.84 acres	148	176 du/acre	58 du/acre	303%	Vacant commercial building with surface parking	148	L: 118 M: 29 AMod: 1	SB 35 application, SB 330 application, Density Bonus
NOTICE OF INTEN	T TO SUBMIT AN SB	35 APPLICATION	ON								
3000 W Empire Ave	340-unit residential building	M-2 (General Industrial)	1.97	340	173 du/acre	58 du/acre (Regional Comm. GP land use)	298%	Single-story commercial/ industrial building	340	L: 271 M: 68 AMod: 1	Notice of intent filed to submit SB 35 application, Density Bonus
3001 W Empire Ave	131-unit residential building	M-2 (General Industrial)	0.68	131	191 du/acre	58 du/acre (Regional Comm. GP land use)	335%	Surface parking lot	131	L: 104 M: 26 AMod: 1	Notice of intent filed to submit SB 35 application, Density Bonus

Income categories: VL -Very Low Income; L - Low Income; Mod - Moderate Income; AMod - Above Moderate Income

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In July 2022, the property owners at 3201 W. Olive submitted a density bonus application for development of 144 units, including 15 units designated as affordable to very low income households.

The City's Economic Development team is creating Opportunity Site flyers for each of the nineteen sites with pertinent information (i.e., allowable FAR, density per acre, opportunity site designation, and future options for project streamlining) about each property that it will post on its website. The flyers are compiled into a Development Opportunities booklet, which is updated annually and actively marketed to developers and real estate brokers via trade shows, real estate publications and in-person meetings. Economic Development staff attends a variety of real estate and broker focused events throughout the year to meet with targeted developers that are interested in pursuing mixed-use housing developments in Burbank. This approach has proven to be highly successful, with projects moving forward on numerous sites as a result of the City's marketing efforts, including La Terra, Fry's site mixed use development and the First Street Village mixed use projects.

In addition to the documented strong residential market, development trends supporting redevelopment of existing uses, and the City's pro-active marketing of sites, Appendix D includes a detailed narrative describing the factors supporting redevelopment of each opportunity site and provides evidence that the existing use does not serve as an impediment to residential development over the next eight years. Moreover, it shows that there is interest among the current property owners and developers for mixed-used and residential projects in the highly-developed Downtown TOD Specific Plan and GSSP areas. For example, a major development group has recently acquired the Burbank Town Center for redevelopment purposes, and has been in ongoing discussions with City staff about the pending Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan as it relates the Town Center site. While they are still defining the scope of their project, their goal is to develop housing in line with the City's Housing Element goals, which would create opportunities for new housing well in excess of the 1,020 units identified in the Housing Element for this site.

Numerous programs in the Housing Element will facilitate residential development on non-vacant sites through concessions and incentives, expedited processing, marketing and financial assistance. These include programs #5, #8, #9, #10, #11, #17, #19, #20 and #22. The Opportunity Site exhibits in Appendix D identify, which of these program(s) will promote residential development on each individual site.

### Specific Plan Standards

The proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan and the GSSP will be the mechanism to implement the Housing Element policies and programs to promote development of the opportunity sites. Both Specific Plans are currently being developed and will include land use and development standards and incentives to encourage housing development to the fullest potential.

Although in draft form, the City is currently developing the following standards and incentives for inclusion into the proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan and with similar consideration given to the GSSP.

Land Use Standards. The preliminary Downtown TOD Specific Plan land use standards include the type of uses allowed within the various zoning designations. Eleven of the 12 opportunity sites allow live-work residential, residential above commercial, and multi-family residential uses by right for projects that provide up to 100 units. The exception is TOD 11-Victory/Olive that is located south of the I-5 and within 500 to 1,000 feet of the Burbank Power Plant, which allows residential uses subject to a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) with a covenant agreement acknowledging the presence and operation of the Power Plant.

**Development Standards.** Development standards for the Downtown TOD Specific Plan establish the requirements of lot size, maximum densities and intensity of uses, building height, floor area ratio, setback limits, number of parking spaces, open space, and other requirements. Maximum residential densities

for the opportunity sites range from 27 units per acre to 87 units per acre. Maximum building heights up to seven stories/85 feet if over 500 feet from R-1 or R-2 lots are allowed and as high as 19 stories/205 feet in the Downtown District if development incorporates additional community benefits<sup>21</sup>. Parking requirements for all sites will be based on the alternative parking standards specified under State Density Bonus law, with potential further reductions in exchange for provision of community benefits or as part of a specific density bonus program being developed as part of the specific plans.

**Incentives.** As entitled and pending projects have shown, incentives such as density bonus and streamlining the approval process under SB 35 application have encouraged housing development at affordable levels. The City will continue to promote these current incentives, as well as proposing the following incentives for the Downtown TOD Specific Plan and GSSP:

- Zoning updated so that residential uses are allowed on all parcels, except those within 500 feet of the Burbank Power Plant, where residential uses are prohibited.
- Simple, form-based, objective development standards to enable approval via ministerial review for projects with 100 units or less. Projects over 100 units subject to streamlined discretionary review.
- Property owners of parcels currently subject to Planned Development (PD) permits and/or Development Agreements (DA) that prohibit residential development are allowed to amend the PD or DA to facilitate for residential development.
- Menu of community benefits to enable developers/applicants to implement or finance community benefits in exchange for additional residential density, per City's TOD Density program (applies to parcels within the Downtown Core and within the GSSP that are within a one-half mile of the Metrolink Station) and Exceptional Project program (applies to parcels outside the Downtown Core). Upfront incorporation of community benefits streamlines the approval process, especially for projects subject to discretionary review.
- Consolidation of smaller parcels is encouraged by allowing higher density on larger, combined parcels.
- Residential density may be transferred between parcels under the same ownership or from parcels owned by the City. Undeveloped density of parcels developed under the provisions of the Specific Plan may also be transferred to other sites within the Specific Plan area.
- 100 percent residential development is allowed on all parcels within the Plan areas, except those within 500 feet of the Burbank Power Plant, on parcels fronting San Fernando Blvd., and on parcels fronting on Hollywood Way, where retail ground floors are required. All other mixed-use parcels may develop with retail ground floors or residential ground floors.
- Minimum parking requirements for residential uses will be adjusted to match standards allowed under density bonus law including new parking maximums and minimums. The updated parking standards will establish a range of parking maximums and minimums to allow developers to meet market demand for parking.
- Increasing the allowed density on properties that are within a one-half mile of existing Metrolink Stations, the proposed High Speed Rail Station, and the Hollywood Burbank Airport.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> A community benefits program is a tool to ensure that new development and growth contribute positively to Downtown's quality of life by increasing affordability; expanding access to open space; improving Downtown's streetscape; implementing bicycle, pedestrian, and improvements; and protecting Downtown's and adjacent neighborhoods.

#### **Realistic Development Capacity Analysis**

As required by Housing Element statute, local governments must analyze available sites based on their realistic residential development capacity. In other words, the development density that can actually be achieved on a site might be less than the maximum residential densities permitted by the underlying General Plan land use and Zoning. Therefore, to establish realistic capacity, jurisdictions must consider cumulative development standards such as maximum lot coverage, height, open space, parking, on-site improvements (sidewalks or easements), and floor area ratios in the calculations. In addition, Burbank also considered the current market conditions for residential development and typical densities of recent residential projects in the City. Based on these factors for realistic capacity, Table 1-41 presents the total net units for each of the 19 housing opportunity sites based on current General Plan land use and the assumed realistic densities. It shows a total realistic capacity for 3,624 housing units on the Downtown TOD and GSSP opportunity sites under the current General Plan. With the implementation of Housing Program No. 5: Housing Opportunity Sites and Rezoning Program (adopting the Downtown TOD Specific Plan and the Golden State Specific Plan), the total realistic capacity will increase to 6,066 units. Please refer to Appendix D for additional details regarding each opportunity site in the Residential Sites Inventory.

# **Capacity Assumptions**

Housing element statute (Gov. Code section 65583.2(c)(2)) requires adjustment factors be used to calculate housing capacity. Table 1-43 presents the adjustment factors used to assume the opportunity site's realistic capacity, which range from 60 to 80 percent of the maximum allowable residential densities in the proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan and GSSP areas.

Table 1-43
Capacity Adjustment Factors - Opportunity Sites

Capacity Factor	Adjustment	Reasoning
Land Use Controls and Site Improvements	95%	For net acreage due to on-site improvements (sidewalks, easements)
Realistic Capacity of Site	85%	Adjustment based on past trends for residential development in mixed use zones, and programs to incentivize development in this zone
Typical Densities	90%	Many entitled and pending housing projects are builtout to exceed maximum residential density
Infrastructure Availability	No Adjustment	No constraints, adequate infrastructure
Environmental Constraints	No Adjustment	No environmental constraints

**Applicable Land Use Controls and Site Improvements.** The current General Plan and Zoning Code allows residential uses on opportunity sites, with the exception of TOD 7-Civic Center, which is designated as Institutional in the General Plan. The Housing Element includes the Housing Opportunity Sites and Rezone

program that will develop the Downtown TOD Specific Plan and rezone the Civic Center opportunity site from Institutional to Downtown Commercial Burbank TOD Specific Plan, thus allowing residential uses to a maximum residential density of 87 units per acre. Based on an analysis of the current zoning code and anticipated development standards in the specific plans, there is no cumulative impact on the maximum development potential of the opportunity sites. However, the capacity factor was adjusted to 95 percent to account for sidewalks and easements.

Realistic Capacity of Site. Since all the opportunity sites are currently or formerly developed, the land will be redeveloped to accommodate the additional housing units. As previously discussed, the entitled or pending residential development projects on non-vacant land are considered feasible and realistic for redevelopment based on market studies for the two specific plans. The residential components of these proposed projects can be developed to 100 percent of the site. While many of the proposed mixed use sites will include both residential and non-residential uses, the proposed development standards of maximum height limits and setback requirements, as well as incentives will allow the development envelope to include the maximum residential densities on each site. In addition, as described earlier in this section, only those sites identified as most suitable for residential development within the 2021-2029 planning period have been included in the Housing Element sites inventory, providing a realistic capacity for 6,066 new housing units, compared to a total of 9,809 housing units and 6.1 million square feet of commercial provided for under the draft Specific Plans.

Table 1-44 on the following pages presents development trends on mixed use sites over the past five years. As shown, of the eighteen projects identified, eleven are either mixed use or 100% residential, and seven are 100% commercial projects. All mixed use projects contain a much higher proportion of their square footage dedicated to residential rather than commercial use. With just two exceptions (910 S. Mariposa and 3401 Empire), all 100% commercial projects are occurring on sites less than an acre in size. In contrast, the mixed use and residential projects are mostly occurring on larger sites comparable in size to the Housing Opportunity sites identified within the TOD and GSSP specific plans. According to staff, commercial projects are predominately occurring on smaller sites where there isn't an opportunity to consolidate with adjacent parcels. The Housing Opportunity sites, on the other hand, are characterized by groupings of physically and/or economically underutilized parcels well suited for consolidation into larger sites for development with mixed use or 100% residential projects.

As shown in Table 1-43, an 85 percent adjustment factor has been applied to the realistic capacity of the Housing Opportunity sites to reflect their potential for development with non-residential uses. However, as previously stated, the sites selected for inclusion in the Housing Element are those most suitable for residential development, the Downtown TOD and GSSP market studies support housing over commercial in these areas, and recent development projects on mixed use sites comparable in size to the Housing Opportunity sites are predominately developed with residential and mixed use projects.

**Typical Density.** The list of Burbank's recent housing projects presented in the previous Table 1-42 demonstrates that the use of development incentives results in the number of housing units that exceed the maximum allowable units of the underlying zone. The average residential density of entitled and pending housing projects is approximately 140 percent of the underlying zone's maximum allowable density. For example, the proposed Fry's Electronic mixed use project includes 862 residential units of which 80 units will be available to very low income households. This will ultimately result in a residential density of 82 units per acre or 141 percent of the maximum allowable residential density of 58 units per acre. In addition, the residential densities of the La Terra and First Street Village projects, which will include only moderate and above moderate income units, will reach 93 percent and 108 percent of the

allowable densities, respectively. Therefore, given the residential density patterns of entitled and pending projects, an assumed adjustment of 90 percent is considered conservative.

**Total Capacity.** Housing units for each opportunity site in the Site Inventory was first calculated on an overall realistic capacity assumption of 70 percent, which was based on the three capacity adjustment factors ( $95\% \times 85\% \times 90\% = 73\%$  and rounded down to 70%) in Table 1-42. An additional adjustment of plus or minus 10 percent was applied to the 70 percent assumption depending on the market demand for housing or commercial development at that specific location. This approach provides for a conservative estimate of development potential, as many of the identified sites can achieve significantly higher residential capacity.

Table 1-44
Development Trends on Mixed Use Sites

Residential Commercial Proposed Maximum % of										
		Parcel	Use	Use	% Building		#	Residential	Allowable	Maximum
Project	Description	Size	(Sq. Ft.)	(Sq. Ft.)	Residential	Zoning	Units	Density	Density	Density
							•	-		-
Mixed Use and R	esidential Projects	1		1	1	1		Γ		I
	Mixed Use (241									
Talaria Apts	apt. units,									
3401 W. Olive	commercial	3.86				Planned				
Ave	amenities)	acres	381,050	42,950	90%	Development	241	62.5 du/acre	58 du/acre	108%
	Mixed Use (573									
	units, 307-room									
La Terra	hotel, 1,067 sf					Rezoned from				
777 Front St	retail)	7 acres	529,727	213,417	73%	AD to PD	573	81 du/acre	87 du/acre	93%
First Street	Mixed Use (275 apt									
Village	units, 21,265 sf	2.99				Rezoned from				
315 N. First St	retail/ restaurant)	acres	247,483	17,996	93%	BCC-2 to PD	275	94 du/acre	87 du/acre	108%
	Mixed use (42 apt									
624-628 San	units and 14,800 sf	0.71								
Fernando Blvd	commercial use)	acres	56,075	14,535	79%	BCC-3	42	59 du/acre	43 du/acre	137%
Former Fry's	Mixed Use (862									
Electronics	units, 151,800 sf									
2311 N.	office, 9,700 sf	10.43								
Hollywood Way	commercial uses)	acres	647,203	161,500	80%	C-3	862	82 du/acre	58 du/acre	141%
- ,,	Mixed Use (154		,	, , , , , , ,		Proposed		,	,	
Premier on First	units, retail,					rezoning from				
103 E Verdugo	restaurants, hotel	1.1				M-2/ C-3 to				
Ave	or office.	acres	150,770	177,777	46%	C-2 or PD	154	140 du/ac	87 du/acre	161%
Bob Hope Cntr	Mixed Use (123	20.00			.3/0	0 2 0	13.	0 44,40	2. 44,46.6	
3201 W. Olive	units, ground floor	1.41								
	. •		123 000	5 000	96%	MDC-3	123	87 du/acre	58 du/acre	150%
Ave	retail)	acres	123,000	5,000	96%	MDC-3	123	87 du/acre	58 du/acre	150%

		Parcel	Residential Use	Commercial Use	% Building		#	Proposed Residential	Maximum Allowable	% of Maximum
Project	Description	Size	(Sq. Ft.)	(Sq. Ft.)	Residential	Zoning	" Units	Density	Density	Density
	Mixed Use (49-unit		, , ,	, , ,				•		•
	condo, 2,000 sf	0.61								
3700 Riverside	restaurant/ retail)	acres	80,582	2,141	97%	MDC-3	49	80 du/acre	58 du/acre	138%
									58 du/acre	
	Mixed Use (44	0.70				MDC-3 and			& 27	109% MDC-3
4100 Riverside	units, retail)	acres	62,694	22,013	74%	MDR-4	44	63 du/acre	du/acre	233% MDR-4
3000 W Empire	340-unit residential	1.97								
Ave	building	acres	233,183	0	100%	M-2	340	173 du/ac	58 du/acre	298%
3001 W Empire	131-unit residential	0.68								
Ave	building	acres	93,908	0	100%	M-2	131	191 du/ac	58 du/acre	335%
100% Commercia	al Projects									
921 W. Olive	Medical office									
Ave	building	5,000 sf	0	1,653	0%	C-2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2501 W. Olive	Gas station and	10,840								
Ave	convenience store	sf	0	1,342	0%	MDC-3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1200 N.	Restaurant drive-	16,500								
Hollywood Way	thru	sf	0	880	0%	C-2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1719 N San	Commercial	16,607								
Fernando Blvd	building	sf	0	7,400	0%	NSFC	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3100 Damon		21,301								
Way	Office building	sf	0	51,809	0%	M-2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
910 S. Mariposa		43,560								
St	Office building	sf	0	17,238	0%	M-1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
3401 Empire	Dome Media	1.95								
Ave	services facility	acres	0	28,668	0%	M-2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

# **Allocation of Housing Units by Income Category**

To evaluate the adequacy of the potential housing units in relation to the affordability targets established by the RHNA, Housing Element statutes provide for the use of "default densities" to assess affordability. Based on Burbank's population and its location within Los Angeles County, the City is within the default density of 30 units per acre or higher as appropriate for accommodating the jurisdiction's share of regional housing need for lower-income households; sites suitable for moderate density households can be provided on sites zoned for at least 16 units per acre. The City has used these default density thresholds as a guide in allocating its sites inventory by income category, as presented in the previous Table 1-38.

There are seven opportunity sites (TOD 2-Kmart, TOD 3-Caltran/IHOP, TOD 11-Victory/Olive, GSSP 1-Lima/Avon, GSSP 2-N. Hollywood Way, GSSP 3, Valhalla, and GSSP 4-Logix) and part of one site (TOD 1-Carl's Jr.) with a current maximum residential density of 27 units per acre, and thus moderate and above moderate income housing units are allocated to these opportunity sites. The distribution between moderate and above moderate income units is assumed at 50/50. The other opportunity sites have maximum residential densities ranging from 58 to 120 units per acre, well above the 30 unit per acre default density, and therefore can be designated as suitable for development with lower income units. The distribution between the very low and low income units is 65/35 respectively, to reflect Burbank's RHNA distribution among lower income units. However, in order to allocate units more consistent with the City's RHNA distribution, some of these higher density sites have been allocated to moderate and above moderate income households.

#### Site Size

Per State law, sites smaller than half an acre or larger than 10 acres are not considered adequate to accommodate lower income housing need unless it can be demonstrated that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period, or other evidence is provided that the site can be developed as lower income housing.

While the City's site inventory does not include any opportunity sites that total less than one-half acre, individual parcels that comprise several sites are less than one-half acre. The City has recent and ongoing experience facilitating small-lot consolidation, with the five projects presented in Table I-45 all involving the aggregation of multiple small parcels. In each of these instances, property owners were able to acquire adjacent small parcels that were either physically underdeveloped and/or economically underutilized to create a viable site which was then developed to a higher economic use. Four of the five projects took advantage of density bonuses and provided affordable units. As presented in the Site Exhibits in Appendix D, Opportunity Sites containing small parcels share similar characteristics of physical and/or economic underutilization (TOD sites 1,2,4,6,7,8,9,11,12 and GSSP sites 1,2,3,7), and in several instances are already under common ownership. With the increased densities and economic incentives to be provided under the TOD and GSSP specific plans, these small parcels will be ripe for consolidation and development.

Table 1-45
Examples of Small Lot Consolidation

Project Address	# Units/ Affordable Units	# / Size of Combined Parcels	Planning Entitlement	Other Incentives/Waivers
624 - 628 San Fernando Blvd	42/ 4 VLI, 1 LI	Four (1,750 sf, 4,950 sf, 6,280 sf, 18,000 sf)	CUP, DR, Lot Line Adjustment, and Density Bonus	35% increase in the allowed base density and eight other waivers
601 - 615 E. Cedar Ave.	46/ 2 VLI, 6 LI	Four (8,600 sf, 8,600 sf, 8,600 sf, 9,030 sf)	Development Review (DR) with Density Bonus	35% increase in the allowed base density and waivers from setbacks, heights and number of stories
3700 Riverside	49/ 4 VLI	Three (3,625 sf, 4,220 sf, 18,600 sf)	CUP, DR, and Density Bonus	35% increase in the allowed base density and waivers from setbacks
2321 N. Naomi	8	Two (7,000 sf and 6,700 sf)	DR and Lot Line Adjustment	None
529 - 537 E. Palm Ave.	24/ 4 LI	Two (7,750 sf and 7,750 sf)	DR with Density Bonus	50% increase in the allowed base density and waivers from heights, number of stories and landscaped open space

Source: Burbank Community Development Department, Planning Division, March 2022.

Income categories: VLI -Very Low Income; LI - Low Income

The City facilitates small-lot consolidation in several ways. First, the City's multi-family zoning districts provide for higher densities on larger, combined parcels, with the highest density tier for parcels of 24,000 square feet or larger; the GSSP and Downtown TOD Specific Plans will similarly include tiered densities to encourage lot consolidation. Second, the City provides for an expedited, administrative lot line adjustment process that property owners can complete prior to submitting a formal development application (BMC Section 11-1-109). And third, as shown in Table I-45, the City has a track record of granting both density bonuses and waivers from development standards to facilitate development. To supplement these actions, a Lot Consolidation program has been included in the Housing Element. As part of the program, the City will first conduct outreach to property owners to identify meaningful incentives to facilitate lot consolidation and redevelopment. The City will then develop specific incentives such as flexible development standards and a streamlined permit processing.

Additionally, two opportunity sites (TOD 4-Old IKEA and TOD 6-Burbank Town Center) are each over 10 acres and are included in the lower income Site Inventory. As shown in the entitled and pending projects listed in Table 1-40, the City has a current example of a 10.4-acre site south of the Hollywood Burbank Airport formerly developed with a Fry's Electronics store that was approved by the City Council in 2021 for development with 862 units, including 80 units for very low income households.

The Fry's site is similar to the Old IKEA and Burbank Town Center sites in several ways. All three represent sites where the existing retail uses were no longer economically viable due to the declining market for conventional brick and mortar retail stores throughout the region. Each of these sites have similar assets

supportive of residential use including: a) being located within ½ mile of major transit facilities that provide increased accessibility to local and regionally serving public transit connections; and b) being located in the midst of a major center of employment. Given the many existing amenities in the Downtown, the Old IKEA and Town Center sites are particularly attractive for residential development, as confirmed by both the sites' property owners pursuing development of major residential/commercial mixed use projects. And while the 13.8-acre Old IKEA and 16.8-acre Town Center sites are larger than the 10.4-acre Fry's site, the projects being proposed for each of these three sites include a mix of residential and commercial uses, so that the acreage dedicated to residential is just a portion of the total site acreage. The Fry's site is being proposed for development at 82 units/acre under a density bonus in exchange for the provision of ten percent (80) very low income units; the Old IKEA and Town Center sites are permitted to develop at densities up to 87 units/acre (though realistic capacity has been calculated at 70% of the maximum), with affordable units provided pursuant to the City's inclusionary housing requirements and potential density bonus requests. In summary, the similarities between these sites demonstrate that the Burbank housing market supports development on large, 10+ acre sites with the on-site inclusion of affordable units.

#### **Sites Identified in Previous Housing Elements**

Government Code Section 65583.2(c) specifies that a non-vacant site identified in the previous planning period or a vacant site that has been included in two or more previous consecutive planning periods cannot be used to accommodate the lower income RHNA unless the site is subject to a policy in state housing element law requiring rezoning within three years of the beginning of the planning period to allow residential use by right for housing developments in which at least 20 percent of the units are affordable to lower income households.

Two sites included in this Housing Element Site Inventory for lower-income housing were also in the previous Burbank Housing Element (5<sup>th</sup> Cycle).<sup>22</sup> These sites are identified as The Premier on First and 529-537 E. Palm Avenue. Both of these housing projects are pending entitlement and include lower-income housing units. The Premier on First includes eight very low and 16 low income units and the 529-537 E. Palm Avenue includes one very low and one low-income unit. The City will monitor the pending entitlement of these projects, and pursuant to Government Code Section 65583.2(c), if projects are not approved as indicated, will allow for by-right approval of any future projects on these sites that set-aside at least 20 percent of units as affordable to lower income households (refer to Housing Element Program 7).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> While the 2720 Thornton Avenue housing project was included in the previous Housing Element, the two new units are affordable to above moderate income households and are not included in the lower-income site inventory.

## **Accessory Dwelling Units**

Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are small, self-contained dwelling units that provide a kitchen, bathroom and sleeping area. The unit can be attached to the main home with a separate entrance or can be a small detached unit in the rear yard or above a garage. Because of their small size, ADUs typically rent for less than apartments, and can provide affordable rental options for smaller households, and can provide rental income for the homeowner.

ADUs are becoming an integral segment of Burbank's housing stock, with 542 building permits issued over the most recent three-year period 2019-2021, an average of 181 ADU permits per year, with 322 ADU permits issued in 2021 alone. The City has instituted an all-electronic submittal process and has contract staff dedicated to ADU processing and is now able to process ADU permits quickly and efficiently, in contrast to when the City initially began implementing its ADU ordinance in 2017 and 2018 and had significant backlogs and time delays. Pursuant to AB 671, the Housing Element includes *Program #6a Promote Accessory Dwelling Units* to further incentivize the production of affordable ADUs, including preapproved ADU plans, expedited review for small ADUs, and reduced development processing fees from \$2,197 to \$1,638, with further reductions for ADUs that incorporate accessibility features.

Given Burbank's strong track record in providing ADUs, combined with additional incentives, the sites inventory projects a minimum of 200 new ADUs to be produced annually, or 1,600 over the 2021-2029 planning period. The projected affordability of these ADUs is based on SCAGs Regional Accessory Dwelling Unit Affordability Analysis (December 2020), with actual affordability to be reported based on ADU rental information collected at the time of building permit issuance. Housing Element Program #6b Track and Monitor Accessory Dwelling Units commits the City to review of ADU production and affordability every two years: if actual production and affordability is far from projected trends (more than 25% below projections) and impacts the City's ability to address its RHNA, the City will rezone an additional site(s) to offset any lower income RHNA shortfall; if actual production and affordability is near projected trends, the City will conduct expanded marketing and outreach.

#### **Committed Assistance**

Government Code Section 65583.1(c) permits jurisdictions to rely on existing units to fulfill up to 25 percent of their residential sites requirement (RHNA) in the Housing Element, pursuant to specified criteria. The following activities may be eligible:

- Substantial rehabilitation of substandard rental housing
- Conversion of multi-family rental or ownership units from non-affordable to affordable
- Preservation of at-risk housing

To qualify, a community must provide "committed assistance" to specified projects within the first three years of the planning period through a legally enforceable agreement. Units must be provided at affordable rent levels to very low and/or low income households, with affordability terms ranging from 20 – 55 years. As presented in Table C-2 in Appendix C, Burbank has fulfilled a portion of its regional share for lower income households (115 units) during the prior planning period, rendering the City eligible to utilize the alternative sites program.

 $<sup>^{23}</sup>$  Between January 1 – May 13, 2022, the City received 33 new applications and issued 85 building permits for ADUs. Extrapolating this rate over a one-year period equates to 236 permits, demonstrating the continued demand for ADUs in the community.

Through the City's ongoing partnership with the Burbank Housing Corporation, the City is committed to providing in financial assistance towards the acquisition, rehabilitation, and conversion of multi-family rental units from non-affordable to affordable. Within the first three years of the housing element planning period (by October 2024), the City will commit \$5 million toward the conversion of ten market rate units to permanent affordable housing, and is seeking to apply credits towards the City's RHNA obligations. (Refer to **Appendix E** - Adequate Sites Program Alternative Checklist for documentation on compliance with the statutes).

# **Availability of Infrastructure and Public Services**

Given that Burbank is a built-out city, the necessary infrastructure is already in place to support future development. All land designated for residential and mixed use development is served by sewer and water lines, streets, storm drains and telephone, cable and electric power and gas lines. All sites are adjacent to existing public roadways and are serviceable by police and fire departments. However, as with any older community, much of the City's infrastructure is aging and will require select improvements or replacement. Upgrades and improvements are accomplished as needed on an on-going basis consistent with the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Development impact fees help offset the costs of infrastructure upgrades and the development of new infrastructure. The Environmental Impact Report which analyzed the Housing Element update found that adequate infrastructure and public service capacity are available to serve the projected residential development allowed under the Element. No specific parcels during the 2021-2029 planning horizon are constrained by infrastructure availability and all sites identified in the sites inventory can be served by existing and planned infrastructure.

State law requires water and sewer providers to grant priority for service allocations to proposed developments that include units affordable to lower income households. Pursuant to these statutes, upon adoption of this Housing Element, the Community Development Department will send the element to BWP and the Public Works Department, along with a summary of the regional housing needs allocation.

Additional family housing in Burbank—especially affordable housing—will benefit the local school district. Over the past several years, Burbank Unified School District reports they have been in a declining enrollment environment.<sup>24</sup> Expanding the supply of housing for young families will help to boost school enrollment.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Between 2016-2020, the District's resident-based enrollment decreased by approximately 5.3 percent (a decrease of 745 students); during the same period, there was an increase in the number of inter-district permits that the District issued to address the decrease and sustain necessary average daily attendance. Source: Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Burbank Housing and Safety Element Update, November 2021.

# **Financial Resources**

The extent to which the City of Burbank can achieve the housing goals and objectives set forth in the Housing Element is in large part dependent upon the availability of financial resources for implementation. Due to both the high cost of developing and preserving housing and limitations on the amount and uses of funds, a variety of funding sources will be required to achieve the City's housing goals. An important consideration in the use of these funds, however, is the requirement to pay prevailing wage, estimated to increase the costs of construction anywhere from around 10 percent to 35 percent

The primary source of funds for affordable housing activities in Burbank was previously derived from the Redevelopment Agency housing set-aside fund. The elimination of redevelopment agencies in the State of California prompted the creation of the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Burbank governed by the Oversight Board. The duties of the Successor Agency are primarily to make payments on the former Redevelopment Agency enforceable obligations and to wind down the activities of the former Redevelopment Agency. With the passage of AB 1484 in June 2012, the Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds (SERAF) borrowed by the State from Redevelopment Agencies Low and Moderate-Income Housing Funds were required to be repaid and deposited into each Successor Agency's Housing Asset Fund. As of fiscal year 2020/21, the City had a balance of \$1.6 million in the Housing Asset Fund. The last debt repayment to the Successor Housing Agency will be in 2022/23, resulting in approximately \$5 million available during the planning period to support affordable housing.

An additional source of funds available to Burbank is the Affordable Housing Trust Fund. The fund was established in conjunction with the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance adopted by City Council in 2006 for deposit of in-lieu fee housing revenues. Monies from the trust fund must be used to increase and improve the supply of housing affordable to very low-, low- and moderate-income households. The City has had one recent contribution to the Trust Fund of approximately \$90,000, with most of the recent larger projects electing to take advantage of density bonus incentives and provide inclusionary housing units onsite. The in-lieu fee amount will be updated in conjunction with the update to the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance to reflect current market conditions.

As a federal entitlement jurisdiction, Burbank also receives HOME and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds directly from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City's annual HOME entitlement is approximately \$625,000 and annual CDBG funds approximately \$1,050,000. While HOME funds are directed entirely towards affordable housing activities, CDBG funds are typically directed towards community development activities and services to Burbank's lower income populations, including emergency homeless services and rapid re-housing.

The Burbank Housing Authority receives close to \$9 million annually for implementation of the Section 8 housing choice voucher programs. Through the Continuum of Care, the Housing Authority has secured approximately \$500,000 in annual Permanent Supportive Housing Vouchers to provide rental assistance to individuals and families who meet the definition of chronic homelessness.

The Building Homes and Jobs Act (SB 2, 2017), established a \$75 recording fee on real estate documents to increase the supply of affordable housing through creation of a Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA). Burbank has submitted its PLHA Plan to HCD, and is projected to receive \$2.8 million in PHLA funds between 2020-2023, with additional funding allocations in future years. The City anticipates allocating a majority of PLHA funds to assist in providing emergency, transitional and supportive housing, consistent with the priorities established in Burbank's Homelessness Plan.

Table 1-46 below identifies a variety of funding programs <u>currently available</u> on a competitive basis to leverage local funding for affordable housing activities including new construction, acquisition/rehabilitation, preservation of at-risk housing and homebuyer assistance, among others.

Table 1-46 Financial Resources Available for Housing Activities						
Program Name	Description	Eligible Activities				
Metro Affordable Transit Connected Housing (MATCH) Program www.matchfundla.com	Loans for development projects within 1/2 mile of high frequency transit node:  1. Predevelopment loans for affordable housing providing 100% of units at or below 60% AMI (min. 49 unit project size)  2. Loans for 20+ unit apartments with market rents affordable to low-income households with capacity to be redeveloped with at least double the existing units.	<ul> <li>New construction</li> <li>Substantial rehabilitation</li> <li>Land Purchase</li> <li>Acquisition of Existing Housing</li> </ul>				
Low-income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)  www.treasurer.ca.gov/ctcac	Tax credits to enable developers of low-income rental housing to raise project equity through the sale of tax benefits to investors. 4% and 9% credits available, with 4% credits often coupled with tax-exempt bonds.	<ul><li>New construction</li><li>Acquisition/</li><li>Rehabilitation</li></ul>				
CalHFA Residential Development Loan Program www.calhfa.ca.gov/ multifamily/special/rdlp.pdf	Loans to cities for affordable infill, owner-occupied housing developments. Links with CalHFA's Downpayment Assistance Program to provide subordinate loans to first-time buyers.	<ul><li>Site acquisition</li><li>Pre-development costs</li></ul>				
Workforce Housing Program  cscda.org/Workforce-Housing- Program	Government bonds issued to cities to acquire market-rate apartments and conversion to affordable for moderate/ middle income households, generally households earning 80% to 120% of AMI.	<ul> <li>Acquisition of market rate apartments and conversion to affordable</li> </ul>				
Golden State Acquisition Fund (GSAF) www.goldenstate-fund.com	Short term loans (up to 5 years) to developers for acquisition or preservation of affordable housing.	<ul><li>Preservation</li><li>Site acquisition</li></ul>				
State HCD Funding Sources						
Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program	Provides grants and/or loans to projects that achieve Greenhouse Gas reductions and benefit Disadvantaged Communities through increasing accessibility of:	<ul> <li>New construction</li> <li>Acquisition/Rehabilitation</li> <li>Preservation of affordable housing at-risk</li> </ul>				
www.hcd.ca.gov/grants- funding/ active- funding/ahsc.shtml	<ul><li>✓ Affordable housing</li><li>✓ Employment centers</li><li>✓ Key destinations</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Conversion of non- residential to rental</li> </ul>				

Table 1-46
Financial Resources Available for Housing Activities

Program Name	Description	Eligible Activities
CalHome  www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/calhome	Grants to cities and non-profit developers to assist individual homeowners with homebuyer assistance and rehabilitation and ADU/JADU assistance (construction, repair, reconstruction, or rehabilitation). Program also includes loans to developers for homeownership projects.	Homebuyer assistance: Downpayment assistance Rehabilitation Acquisition/Rehabilitation ADU/JADU Developer assistance: Site acquisition, development
Infill Infrastructure Grant Program  www.hcd.ca.gov/fa/iig/ www.hcd.ca.gov/grants- funding/ active- funding/iigp.shtml	Funding of public infrastructure (water, sewer, traffic, parks, site clean-up, etc.) that supports higher-density affordable and mixed-income housing in infill locations.	<ul> <li>Parks and open space</li> <li>Utility service improvements</li> <li>Streets, parking structures, transit linkages</li> <li>Traffic mitigation features</li> <li>Sidewalks and streetscape improvements</li> </ul>
Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) Program  www.hcd.ca.gov/grants- funding/active- funding/lhtf.shtml	Matching grants (dollar for dollar) to local housing trust funds that are funded on an ongoing basis from both private and public contributions or public sources.	<ul> <li>Rental &amp; ownership hsg.</li> <li>Transitional housing</li> <li>Emergency shelters</li> <li>Min. 30% of allocation required to assist ELI</li> </ul>
Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)  www.hcd.ca.gov/grants- funding/active- funding/mhp.shtml	Deferred payment loans with 55-year term for cities, for-profit and nonprofit corporations, limited equity housing cooperatives and individuals, and limited partnerships. Three percent simple interest on unpaid principal balance.	<ul> <li>New construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition/rehab of permanent or transitional rental housing</li> </ul>
National Housing Trust Fund Program www.hcd.ca.gov/grants- funding/ active- funding/nhtf.shtml	Deferred payment and forgivable loans for non-profit and for-profit developers and local public entities to support development of housing for extremely low-income households.	■ New Construction
Predevelopment Loan Program www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/ active-funding/pdlp.shtml	Provides predevelopment short term loans to cities and non-profit developers to finance the start of lower income housing projects.	<ul> <li>Predevelopment costs to construct, rehabilitate, convert or preserve assisted housing</li> </ul>

Table 1-46
Financial Resources Available for Housing Activities

Program Name	Description	Eligible Activities
Supportive Housing Multi- Family Housing Program (SHMHP) www.hcd.ca.gov/grants- funding/ active- funding/shmhp.shtml	Deferred payment loans to local governments, non-profit and for-profit developers for new construction, rehabilitation and preservation of permanent affordable rental housing that contains a min. 35% supportive housing units.	<ul> <li>New construction</li> <li>Rehabilitation</li> <li>Acquisition/Rehabilitation</li> <li>Conversion of non-residential to rental</li> <li>Social services within project</li> </ul>
Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Housing Program  www.hcd.ca.gov/grants- funding/active - funding/tod.shtml	Low-interest loans available to developers as gap financing for rental housing developments near transit that include affordable units. Grants also available to cities for infrastructure improvements necessary for the development of specified housing developments.	<ul> <li>Rental housing development</li> <li>Infrastructure necessary to support specified housing development, or to facilitate connections between development and transit stations.</li> </ul>
Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Program (VHHP) http.hcd.ca.gov/grants- funding/active- funding/vhhp.shtml	Loans for development multi-family rental housing with min. 55 years affordability restrictions. Projects must include permanent supportive housing units and affordable units for Veterans and their families.	<ul> <li>Multi-family rental housing that provides at least 25% or 10 units (whichever is greater) to Veterans. Min. 45% of these units for ELI Veterans.</li> </ul>

Source: Karen Warner Associates, 2021.

# **Administrative Resources**

In addition to the financial resources available for the creation and maintenance of affordable housing, several public and non-profit agencies are devoted to the task of addressing Burbank's affordable housing needs. These agencies play an important role in meeting residents' housing needs and are integral in implementing activities for acquisition/rehabilitation, preservation of assisted housing and the development of affordable housing.

City of Burbank Community Development Department: The Community Development Department is made up of five divisions: Administration; Building & Safety; Housing & Economic Development; Planning; and Transportation. The Burbank Housing Authority administers the City's Section 8 rental assistance program and former Redevelopment Agency housing assets. The Burbank Housing Authority and federal housing grants functions are all staffed within the Community Development Department, facilitating coordination among these agencies.

**Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC):** BHC is a non-profit housing developer actively involved in the purchase and management of affordable housing in the community. Chartered in 1997 with past assistance of the Burbank Redevelopment Agency, the Corporation's mission is twofold: 1) to develop, upgrade and preserve affordable housing opportunities for lower- and moderate-income Burbank households, and 2) to provide services to enrich the quality of life for residents, especially for children and youth. BHC owns and manages 300+ rental units, four activity centers, and two nationally accredited child development centers.

**Nonprofit Developers and Service Providers:** The City has a history of collaborating with affordable housing developers and service providers to accommodate the housing needs of Burbank residents. The following are housing developers and service providers with prior or current involvement in Burbank.

- Meta Housing Corporation is a Southern California-based developer of affordable and market-rate apartments for both families and seniors, developing more than 10,000 units since the firm's inception in 1969. The former Burbank Redevelopment Agency worked with Meta as the developer for the 141-unit, mixed-income Senior Artists' Colony. This project has won several national awards, including the National Association of Home Builder's gold award for multi-family housing and the National Endowment for the Arts Creativity and Aging award.
- Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit, (faith-based) organization that builds and repairs homes for very low-income families with the help of volunteers and homeowner/partner families. Habitat homes are sold to partner families at no profit with affordable, no interest loans. The former Burbank Redevelopment Agency worked with the San Fernando Valley Chapter of Habitat for Humanity to develop eight new homes for first-time homebuyers in the Elmwood neighborhood; and with the Greater L.A. Habitat Chapter to build seven new housing units and rehabilitate one unit in the Peyton Grismer focus neighborhood.
- Family Promise of the Verdugos (FPV) operates interim/emergency housing programs in Burbank and Glendale for homeless families and leases a housing unit from BHC to offer a Day Center to their program participants. FPV implements the Lifting People Up program to provide supportive services that assist with financial and career goals to the residents living in BHC Communities. In February 2019, BHC and FPV completed the rehabilitation of a three-unit property, Jerry's Promise, to provide transitional housing to homeless families in the FPV Shelter Program.
- Family Service Agency (FSA) provides professional mental health care, counseling and family support services. FSA operates and provides support services to residents in BHC's transitional

- housing facilities for victims of domestic abuse, homeless families with children, and homeless young adults and emancipated youth.
- New Directions for Veterans (NDVets) offers veterans comprehensive services and housing, including transitional & permanent supportive housing, job assistance, substance abuse treatment, and mental health services. NDVets serve residents in BHC's newly completed project, the eleven unit Burbank Veteran Bungalows.
- The Burbank YMCA serves over 14,000 community members with programs focusing on youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Targeted programs reach very low income and marginalized youth who do not pay any fee to participate. The YMCA has submitted a preapplication review to the City for a new YMCA Community Center facility at its current location in downtown Burbank to include 308 apartment units, including at least 66 affordable family units.

# **Opportunities for Energy Conservation**

The *Burbank2035* General Plan includes numerous goals, policies and programs to address sustainability and promote energy conservation. The Plan includes an Air Quality and Climate Change Element that addresses ways to reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, protect people and places from air contaminants and odors, comply with statewide GHG emission reduction goals, and adapt to environmental conditions caused by a changing climate. The General Plan includes goals and policies in place to help promote energy conservation. The Open Space and Conservation Element sets forth the following goal: "Burbank conserves energy, uses alternative energy sources, and promotes sustainable energy practices that reduce pollution and fossil fuel consumption". The City's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan examines communitywide activities that result in GHG emissions and establishes strategies to reduce those emissions in existing and future development through both voluntary and mandatory actions.

The City provides the following information regarding sustainability on its website:

- Air Quality information about the Clean Air Choices program through the South Coast Air Quality Management District.
- Green Building the City of Burbank adopts the mandatory requirements in Chapters 4 and 5 of the California Green Building Standards Code. A link to the U.S. Green Building Council website is also provided.
- Water the City adopts and enforces regulations on the use of water for landscape irrigation and in residential and business locations. All construction projects must comply with requirements in CAL Green and the California Plumbing Code. The City also has a water conservation page.
- Energy The revised California 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards went into effect January 1, 2020, and improve upon the prior Energy Standards for new construction of, and additions and alterations to, residential and nonresidential buildings.

# **Burbank Water and Power Programs**

Burbank Water and Power has a variety of conservation and assistance programs for customers, including:

- Lifeline: offers income qualified customers an exemption from the monthly Customer Service Charge, the Utility User's Tax, and a reduced rate on Electric Service.
- Residential Rebates & Programs:
  - Rebates for Energy Star rated appliances, AC unit replacement, or home upgrades;
  - Green Choice Program Voluntary program for customers to opt-in to pay an additional 1.8 cents over their regular residential rate to support Renewable Energy in California;
  - Low income customers can exchange their refrigerator with a free Energy Star certified model;
  - Residents can select up to three free shade trees to help keep air conditioning costs lower;
- Other Rebates
  - Electric Vehicle and Charger rebates
  - Turf replacement rebates through SoCal Water\$mart
- Other Programs & Information
  - Information on how to save energy and water at home as well as guides for solar installation.

# **HOUSING PLAN**

The Housing Plan sets forth Burbank's programs to address the community's identified housing needs.

# **Housing Programs**

The goals and policies presented in the Introduction of the Element address Burbank's identified housing needs, and are implemented through a series of housing programs. Housing programs define the specific actions the City will undertake to achieve the stated goals and policies, and are organized around Burbank's five housing goals. The City's Housing Element programs encompass existing programs; programs revised in response to the review of program accomplishments and the current and projected funding situations; and new programs added to address unmet housing needs and new statutory requirements. Burbank's 2021-2029 Housing Plan encompasses the following twenty-seven programs:

#### **Existing Housing and Neighborhood Conditions**

- 1. Neighborhood Revitalization/Community Building 1a. Committed Assistance
- 2. Community Preservation Program
- 3. Preserve and Protect Existing Housing and Tenants
- 4. Rental Assistance Vouchers

#### **Adequate Housing Sites**

- 5. Housing Opportunity Sites and Rezone Program
- 6a. Promote Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) 6b. Track and Monitor ADUs
- 7. Monitoring No Net Loss and Development on Sites from Prior Planning Periods
- 8. Public/Private Partnerships on City Land

#### **Development of Affordable Housing**

- 9. Facilitate Development of Affordable Housing on Non-Vacant Sites
- 10. Inclusionary Housing Ordinance
- 11. Density Bonus Ordinance
- 12. Affordable Homeownership Program
- 13. Employer Assisted Housing
- 14. Development Impact Fees for Affordable Housing
- 15. Sustainability and Green Building Design
- 16. Transitional and Supportive Housing

#### **Remove Constraints to Housing**

- 17. Objective Development Standards
- 18. Updated Multi-family Development Standards
- 19. Development Fee Waivers
- 20. Lot Consolidation Program
- 21. Zoning Text Amendments for Special Needs Housing
- 22. Updated Project Appeal Procedures

#### **Equal Housing Opportunities**

- 23. Fair Housing/ Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
- 24. Landlord Tenant Services and Mediation
- 25. Homeless Housing and Services
- 26. Housing for Persons with Disabilities
- 27. Housing for Extremely Low Income Households

#### **Existing Housing and Neighborhood Conditions**

#### 1. Neighborhood Revitalization/Community Building

The City continues its partnership with the Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC) to invest in neighborhoods to upgrade the housing stock, provide long term affordable housing and provide neighborhood assets including childcare centers, after-school activity centers, and community gardens. The acquisition/rehabilitation component of the Neighborhood Revitalization program continues to be a major component of Burbank's affordable housing efforts. Based on funding available through the federal HOME program, the City's goal will be to acquire and rehabilitate an average of three housing units annually, for a total of 24 units over the eight-year planning period (7 extremely low, 13 very low, and 4 low income units). In addition, the City and BHC will explore site opportunities to partner with developers on larger projects using outside funding sources, such as low income housing tax credits.

**Objective:** Acquire and rehabilitate 24 housing units and preserve as long-term affordable

housing.

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Housing and Economic Development

Division

Funding Sources: HOME; Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund; State Permanent Local

Housing Allocation (PLHA); other State and county funds

*Time Frame:* Ongoing

#### 1a. Committed Assistance

As detailed in the Resources chapter of the Element, the City has committed to providing financial assistance to purchase affordability covenants on market rate units in conjunction with the acquisition/rehabilitation of rental properties described in Program #1 above. The City will commit \$5 million toward the conversion of ten market rate units to permanent affordable housing, and is seeking to apply credits towards the City's RHNA obligations. (Refer to **Appendix E** - Adequate Sites Program Alternative Checklist for documentation on compliance with the statutes).

**Objective:** Acquire, rehabilitate and purchase affordability covenants on ten market rate

rental units within the first three years of the Housing Element to qualify for

RHNA credit.

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Housing and Economic Development

Division

**Funding Sources:** HOME; Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund

Time Frame: By October 2024, enter into a legally enforceable agreement. Report to HCD on

the status of purchasing affordability covenants no later than July 1, 2025, and to the extent an agreement is not in place, amend the Housing Element as necessary

to identify additional sites.

#### 2. Community Preservation Program

The City currently administers a residential code enforcement program through the Building & Safety Division. The City's goal is to focus on training of current code enforcement personnel to focus on community preservation efforts that emphasize ongoing outreach and education to property owners on property maintenance and other neighborhood preservation issues.

Objective: Preserve and protect Burbank's existing neighborhoods

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Building & Safety Division

**Funding Sources:** General Fund

**Time Frame:** Implement Community Preservation Program by 2023

#### 3. Preserve and Protect Existing Tenants and Housing

Burbank carries out several anti-displacement programs aimed at protecting existing tenants. These include:

- Limiting rent increases and prohibiting evictions and non-renewal of leases without "just cause" for tenants that have resided in their units for more than 12 months, including relocation fees for eligible no fault evictions under the law (AB 1482);
- Banning the approval of development projects on sites that would eliminate existing units unless the units are replaced with affordable units (AB 330);
- Requiring any development on Housing Element sites occupied by lower income households
  within the last five years, or any site proposed for density bonus occupied by lower income
  households within the last five years, to be replaced with affordable units (AB 1397, SB 1818);
- Requiring tenant relocation fees and first right of refusal for existing tenants to return to the new development when state or federal funds are utilized;
- Providing rent mediation and other conflict resolution services through the Landlord-Tenant Commission;
- Providing rental assistance vouchers through the Burbank Housing Authority and providing preference on the wait list for residents spending more than half their incomes on rent (at-risk of displacement); and
- Assisting very low income households at risk of homelessness to increase their incomes, secure employment and maintain their housing through the new Lifting People Up program.

The City has conducted extensive education and outreach on the Tenant Protection Act (AB 1482) through the Landlord-Tenant Commission, and informs developers of the replacement housing requirements under SB 330, AB 1397 and density bonus law. In addition, information is posted on the City's website, and the rental and just cause protections under the law have been shared with the community via an ongoing outreach strategy aimed to keep the community informed, including information on the education and mediation services of the Commission, and other landlord tenant related laws and topics. Staff coordinates outreach with Burbank's Public Information Office and shares information via social media and printed material distributed to City offices such as the libraires, senior centers and Burbank Water and Power lobby.

**Objective:** Adopt a City Council goal as part of Burbank's Affordable Housing Strategy that

acknowledges and disseminates the rules and requirements of state and federal laws to protect existing tenants from displacement, including the current work of the Landlord Tenant Commission to educate tenants and landlords of their rights and responsibilities, and programs to assist households at risk of homelessness

and displacement.

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Planning Division, Housing and Economic

Development Division, and Burbank Housing Authority

**Funding Sources:** General Fund and Burbank Housing Authority Funds

*Time Frame:* Adopt Council goal by 2023

#### 4. Rental Assistance Vouchers

The federal housing choice voucher program extends rental subsidies to extremely low and very low income households, including families, seniors and the disabled. The Burbank Housing Authority (BHA) administers the program, with a total of 1,116 vouchers available, including targeted vouchers for VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) and Permanent Supportive Housing. Through the Family Self-Sufficiency Program, BHA assists families in obtaining employment to allow them to become self-sufficient. BHA distributes information on housing opportunities throughout the City, providing landlord apartment listings as available, as well as informational brochures to encourage landlords to participate in the housing choice voucher program.

As a means of affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH) to ensure vouchers are utilized throughout Burbank, the City will provide voucher holders with a map delineating higher resourced areas to encourage leasing in these areas. Furthermore, annual notice will be provided to landlords in higher resource areas about source of income protections under the FEHA and to educate them that Landlord Housing Incentive funds for security deposits and moving expenses may be available if a unit is leased to a voucher holder (2023).

**Objective:** Maintain current levels of assistance and continue to apply to HUD for additional

funding as available

Agency/Department: Burbank Housing Authority
Funding Sources: HUD and other Federal funding

*Time Frame:* Ongoing

# **Adequate Housing Sites**

5. Housing Opportunity Sites & Rezone Program

In 2019, the City Council established a housing goal to build 12,000 new dwelling units through 2035, mainly along the I-5 freeway corridor, which includes the Downtown area, Airport District (Golden State), and parts of the Media District. This housing goal is intended to facilitate responsible development that results in new housing for all economic segments, included much needed workforce housing. In order to achieve this goal, the City is undertaking the following Specific Plans to provide the necessary zoning, objective development standards and processing procedures to facilitate the production of housing:

- Downtown TOD Specific Plan
- Golden State Specific Plan
- Media District Specific Plan

Adoption of these Specific Plans is projected to occur in fiscal year 2022-2023 after adoption of the Housing Element, resulting in a temporary shortfall of sites with zoning in place to address Burbank's regional housing needs (RHNA) for 985 moderate income and 588 above moderate income households. As permitted under Housing Element law, the City is addressing this shortfall by including a program in the Element to identify sites for rezoning within one year of the start of the planning period. <sup>25</sup>

As described earlier, the Specific Plans will incorporate numerous incentives for development on identified sites, including by-right processing for projects with 100 units or less and reduced parking consistent with density bonus law. The City's Economic Development team will develop promotional flyers

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Because the City does not have a shortfall of sites with zoning in place to accommodate the RHNA for lower income households, the City is not subject to the adequate sites program requirement under Government Code section 65583(f) and 65583.2(h).

for each of the nineteen housing opportunity sites identified in the Specific Plans and will actively market the sites to developers via trade shows, real estate publications and in person meetings.

The specific plans will include plan-level environmental analysis that can be used to streamline the CEQA process on future development projects, thereby reducing time and costs and enhancing affordability.

Objective: Provide adequate sites to accommodate Burbank's RHNA allocation through

adoption and update of Specific Plans and provide incentives for site

development

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/ Planning Division

Funding Sources: Metro TOD Planning Grant; California High Speed Rail Authority; LEAP Grant;

SCAG Sustainable Communities Grant; REAP Grant (Media Center Specific Plan)

Time Frame: Adopt Downtown TOD and Golden State Specific Plans in fiscal year 2022-2023,

and Media District Specific Plan in 2023. Market opportunity sites to the development community starting in 2022. Conduct a mid-cycle review in 2025 to evaluate housing production levels in comparison to the RHNA, and if falling

significantly short, commit to additional rezoning to increase capacity.

# 6a. Promote Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)

Between 2017-2019, the State adopted a series of additional requirements for local governments related to ADU ordinances. In response to these new ADU laws, the City has continually updated its ordinance to align with state law and better facilitate the production of ADUs and Junior ADUs. Burbank has been successful in these efforts, having issued an average of 181 building permits for ADUs between 2019-2021. The pace of ADUs has continued to accelerate, with 322 ADU permits issued in 2021 and 85 permits in the first four months of 2022. Furthermore, SCAG's affordability analysis estimates that in Los Angeles County, 70 percent of ADUs are provided at rents affordable to lower and moderate income households.

Pursuant to AB 671, the Housing Element is now required to include plans to incentivize and encourage affordable ADU rentals. In addition to the City's current streamlined ADU processing procedures, including electronic application submittals and a Frequently Asked Questions handout, the City will encourage architectural design firms to submit ADU plans that can be pre-approved and customizable at minimal cost to facilitate a more streamlined review and permitting of ADUs. The City will develop a set of at least three pre-approved and customizable plans that can be used to further facilitate ADU development that is consistent with the City's residential development standards, including at least one smaller sized, lower cost option. To further encourage the continued creation of smaller, lower cost ADUs, the City will seek to approve ADUs smaller than 500 square feet in ¾ of the time prescribed by State law (currently 60 days). The City has reduced ADU processing fees from \$2,197 to \$1,638, with further reductions for ADUs that incorporate accessibility features which would result in a 50% reduction in building permit and planning fees. Finally, Burbank is working with a firm to establish an ADU calculator to estimate construction costs and rents that it will add to its ADU webpage to assist homeowners in evaluating the financial implications of developing an ADU.

**Objective:** Achieve the production of an average of 200 ADUs annually, for a total of 1,600

ADUs over the planning period, including 80% in high and highest resource

neighborhoods.

**Agency/Department:** Community Development Department/Planning Division

**Funding Sources:** General Fund

Time Frame: Add ADU Cost Calculator to City website in 2022. By 2023, establish expedited

processing for smaller ADUs, reduced fees for ADUs that incorporate accessibility features, and pre-approved ADU plans. Annually monitor ADU production as part of Annual Performance Report (APR) on the Housing Element.

#### 6b. Track and Monitor Accessory Dwelling Units

The City will track new accessory dwelling units to collect information on the use and affordability of these units. In order to establish baseline information on how ADUs are being used, the City will send out a questionnaire to all property owners issued an ADU building permit since 2018 to request information on occupancy and rent levels, and moving forward, will incorporate similar questions as part of the City's ADU application. Conduct a review every two years and report to HCD. If actual production and affordability is far from projected trends (more than 25% below projections) and impacts the City's ability to meet its RHNA, rezone an additional site(s) to offset any lower income RHNA shortfall; if actual production and affordability is near projected trends, conduct expanded marketing and outreach.

Objective: Establish an ADU tracking system to monitor production, affordability and

location within high and highest resource neighborhoods

**Agency/Department:** Community Development Department/Planning Division

**Funding Sources:** General Fund

Time Frame: Conduct ADU survey and establish tracking system in 2022. Conduct review of

production and affordability every two years (2023, 2025, 2027, 2029) and as appropriate, conduct expanded marketing and outreach within 6 months, or

rezoning additional site(s) within one year.

#### 7. Monitoring No Net Loss and Development on Sites from Prior Planning Periods

To ensure that the City monitors its compliance with SB 166 (No Net Loss), the City will develop a procedure to track:

- Unit count and income/affordability assumed on parcels included in the Sites Inventory
- Actual units constructed and income/affordability when parcels are developed
- Net change in capacity and summary of remaining capacity in meeting remaining Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)

Two sites included in the Housing Element Site Inventory for lower-income housing were also in the previous (5<sup>th</sup> cycle) Burbank Housing Element and have projects pending entitlement: The Premier on First and 529-537 E. Palm Avenue. The City will monitor the pending entitlement of these projects, and pursuant to Government Code Section 65583.2(c), if projects are not approved as indicated, will allow for by-right approval of any future projects on these sites that set-aside at least 20 percent of units as affordable to lower income households.

**Objective:** Develop a procedure to monitor the development of sites in the Housing Element

Sites Inventory and ensure that adequate sites are available to meet the remaining RHNA by income category. Monitor development entitlements on prior Housing Element sites, and provide by-right development as required under

State law.

**Agency/Department:** Community Development Department/Planning Division

**Funding Sources:** General Fund

Time Frame: Establish No Net Loss monitoring procedures in 2022. Ongoing monitoring of

entitlements on prior Housing Element sites.

#### 8. Public/Private Partnerships on City Land

Public/private partnerships involve collaboration between a government agency and private-sector company that can be used to finance, build and operate projects. To facilitate affordable housing development, the City is considering various options to leverage its land resources including but not limited to the sale and/or leasing of appropriate City-owned properties on a long-term basis to housing developers in exchange for a long-term commitment to maintain all or a portion of the units as affordable housing. As part of the Downtown TOD Specific Plan, the City is proposing expansion of the Civic Center and the introduction of approximately 375 units of housing as part of a larger mixed-use development on City-owned parcels. Since the fall of 2021, the City's Civic Center taskforce comprised of key City executives and land development staff have been working with a consultant team made up of land use planners, economists, urban designers, traffic engineers, and environmental consultants to develop a plan to consider a public private partnership ("P3") for the Civic Center. The Civic Center plan would include amongst other things, the development of housing, office, retail and a new library as well as on-site parking. During this period, the City has undertaken various studies including development of multiple Civic Center conceptual plans, parking analysis, capital cost estimates and an affordability assessment. This effort will culminate in a presentation by City staff and the consultants to the City Council in the last quarter of 2022. It is the intent of this effort to seek City Council authorization to prepare an RFP to solicit proposals from qualified developers to build out the Civic Center in a manner that addresses the various mix of residential, commercial, and civic uses. The RFP development, solicitation of proposals and negotiation would take approximately 12 months to complete in late 2023. It is anticipated that a Civic Center Project would be underway by the summer of 2025.

In the unlikely event that the City Council does not authorize staff to issue an RFP for the Civic Center project, the proposed density increase would still be considered under the TOD Specific Plan, and could be made available as part of a "transfer of development rights" (TDR) program to be used by a developer in another location within the specific plan.

**Objective:** Partner with private developers to provide housing on publicly owned land

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Planning Division

Funding Sources: Varied funding sources - local, state, and federal funds and/or City land

contribution towards project

Time Frame: Issue an RFP by 2023 and select a developer for the Civic Center Plan by 2024.

Incorporate a TDR program within the Downtown TOD Specific Plan (2022).

# **Development of Affordable Housing**

# 9. Facilitate Development of Affordable Housing on Non-Vacant Sites

As Burbank's sites inventory relies on nonvacant sites to address the vast majority of its housing needs (just five parcels in the inventory are vacant), it will be important for the City to have an effective program to facilitate their development and enable the City to address its regional housing needs. At the same time, the City will promote the inclusion of affordable housing on each of these sites through its Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and other regulatory and financial incentives. The following are among the incentives the City will offer to promote development on its Housing Element sites:

 Develop promotional flyers for each site and actively market to developers through the City's Economic Development team via trade shows, real estate publications and in person meetings (see Program #5)

- Allow by right development processing for projects 100 units or less that comply with objective development standards to be adopted with the GSSP and Downtown TOD Specific Plans, and provide streamlined discretionary review for larger projects (see Program #17)
- Reduce parking requirements consistent with standards available under density bonus law, with potential further reductions in exchange for provision of community benefits (see Program #5)
- Pursue a public-private partnership for development of approximately 375 units, as well as a new library and other public improvements, on City-owned sites within the Civic Center area (see Program #8)
- Encourage the consolidation of smaller parcels into larger development sites by allowing greater densities and other flexible development standards (see Program #20)
- Waive development impact fees on affordable units (see Program #19)

 Provide gap financing for affordable housing projects (with special consideration for projects that set aside units for extremely low income households and persons with disabilities, including persons with developmental disabilities) through the City's Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund, Affordable Housing Trust Fund, Home funds and other available funding sources

Objective: Provide regulatory and financial assistance as well as outreach to the

development community in support of affordable and mixed income housing on

**Housing Element sites** 

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Planning Division, Housing and Economic

**Development Division** 

Funding Sources: HOME; Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund; Housing Trust Funds;

other State and federal funding sources

**Time Frame:** Within one year of Housing Element adoption

# 10. Inclusionary Housing Ordinance

Burbank adopted its Inclusionary Housing Program in 2006, requiring projects with five or more units to include 15% of the units as long-term affordable housing. More specifically, rental projects are required to provide 5% very low income and 10% low income units, and ownership projects are required to provide 15% moderate income units. Alternatives to on-site units include off-site affordable units, land donation or payment of an in-lieu fee. As a means of providing incentives for the provision of units for large families and for persons with disabilities, if more than the required number of affordable units are provided for large families (3+ bedrooms), or fully accessible units (in excess of California Building Code Chapter 11A requirements) are provided for the physically disabled, a credit of 1.5 units for every 1 unit is provided.

The City is currently in the process of updating its Inclusionary Housing Ordinance as market conditions have changed since the original Ordinance was adopted over 15 years ago. One of the changes being contemplated is to allow housing developers multiple options to fulfill Inclusionary Housing production requirements, including allowing moderate income units to address the unmet need for moderate income housing under the RHNA. Furthermore, the City will be preparing an economic feasibility analysis as part of the proposed update to Density Bonus and Inclusionary Housing regulations to assess the fiscal impact of including prevailing wage and skilled workforce requirements on housing projects in order to ensure that the City can meet its housing goals under the Housing Element while also helping to promote a living

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> After the *Palmer* court ruling in 2009, the City suspended its Inclusionary Housing requirements on rental projects. Upon passage of AB 1505 in 2017, the City was again able to impose Inclusionary Housing requirements on multi-family rental projects.

wage for construction workers. Changes to the Ordinance will be evaluated which are complementary to current state density bonus law and in-lieu housing fee amounts will also be updated.

Objective: Update the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance to enhance the program's

effectiveness in producing affordable housing and continue to provide incentives

for units suitable for large families and for persons with disabilities

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Planning Division, Housing and Economic

**Development Division** 

**Funding Sources:** General Fund

*Time Frame:* 2022

## 11. Density Bonus Ordinance

State density bonus law (Government Code Section 65915) provides for increases in density, along with other incentives and concessions, for projects that include a specified percentage of affordable units. In conjunction with adoption of the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance in 2006, the Burbank City Council updated its Density Bonus Ordinance to reflect current State requirements and to coordinate with the incentives offered under the Inclusionary Program. Density bonus law has undergone several amendments since that time, and rather than incrementally update the City's ordinance, the City's Code includes automatic incorporation by reference of future amendments to State density bonus law. Burbank has had numerous projects take advantage of State density bonus incentives, as well as the 25% transit density bonus provided for under the General Plan.

Together with the update of the Inclusionary Ordinance, the City is preparing an update of the Density Bonus Ordinance. Part of this update will include establishing a streamlined approach to the menu of available incentives, concessions and waivers, as well as streamlining the appeals process. Furthermore, the City will be preparing an economic feasibility analysis as part of the proposed update to Density Bonus and Inclusionary Housing regulations to assess the fiscal impact of including prevailing wage and skilled workforce requirements on housing projects in order to ensure that the City can meet its housing goals under the Housing Element while also helping promote a living wage for construction workers.

Objective: Update the Density Bonus Ordinance to align with State law and the updated

**Inclusionary Housing Ordinance** 

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Planning Division, Housing and Economic

**Development Division** 

**Funding Sources:** General Fund

*Time Frame:* 2022

#### 12. Affordable Homeownership Program

The rate of homeownership in Burbank has fallen, and affordable ownership options are out of reach for many in Burbank's workforce. The former Redevelopment Agency had a history of parcel assembly for ownership housing as well as funding mortgage assistance, but with the dissolution of Redevelopment, these programs are no longer available. The City is committed to facilitating the expansion of homeownership opportunities for first-time homebuyers, and will pursue the following actions:

- Creation of a small lot subdivision ordinance to accommodate single-family infill housing in commercial and multi-family neighborhoods
- Incentivize the construction of missing middle housing of 15-30 units to the acre including smaller apartments, townhome and rowhouse style development

- Evaluate allowing "duet homes" duplexes which are sold and owned separately within singlefamily zones
- Support co-housing communities that are individually owned, private units clustered around common facilities
- Ensure the updated Inclusionary Housing Ordinance facilitates ownership housing
- Pursue mechanisms to provide homeownership assistance, including with the business community to explore opportunities for employer assisted housing and commercial impact fees

**Objective:** Promote first-time homebuyer opportunities in high resource neighborhoods

through both regulatory and financial incentives. Conduct affirmative marketing

to promote equal access to homeownership opportunities.

**Agency/Department:** Community Development Department/Planning Division, Housing and Economic

**Development Division** 

Funding Sources: General Fund; Housing Trust Fund; Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA)

*Time Frame:* 2023

#### 13. Employer Assisted Housing

The most significant generator of housing needs in Burbank is the local workforce of over 130,000 employees. Employers are increasingly recognizing that recruitment and retention of employees is dependent upon the availability of local affordable housing options, as evidenced by the surge of employer assisted housing (EAH) programs being initiated throughout the country, including programs offered by Amazon, Google and LAUSD. EAH can be provided in a variety of ways, including through down payment grants or loans that are forgiven over a period of employment, homeownership counseling and education, rental subsidies, and direct investment in the construction of housing and/or provision of land.

The City will be convening a series of meetings with major employers to provide information on EAH programs and available resources to support in initiating local workforce housing programs.

Objective: Engage major employers in the City to discuss and determine feasibility of

establishing employer assisted housing programs

**Agency/Department:** Community Development Department/Planning Division, Housing and Economic

**Development Division** 

Funding Sources: None Required

*Time Frame:* Ongoing

#### 14. Development Impact Fees for Affordable Housing

Impact fees on non-residential development can be used to expand housing opportunities to offset the impact of such development on the need for affordable housing generated from an increase in lower income workers. As an alternative to paying the impact fee, the commercial/industrial development is typically provided the option of building the affordable units on-site. In order to adopt a development impact fee, a nexus study is required to determine how a reasonable relationship exists between the impact fee and the type of non-residential development project on which a fee would be imposed. The purpose of the fee would be to fill the "affordability gap" for housing development and increase the number of homes available for the local workforce.

More than 30 cities and counties in California have jobs housing linkage fees, with the majority of these programs in the Bay Area and greater Sacramento, though Los Angeles, Glendale and Santa Monica all have fees. Fees are most successful in communities, such as Burbank, with robust employment growth.

**Objective:** Evaluate establishing an impact fee on non-residential development to provide

an additional source of revenue for the Housing Trust Fund

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Planning Division, Transportation Division

**Funding Sources:** General Fund

*Time Frame:* 2023

#### 15. Sustainability and Green Building Design

Burbank continues to implement the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (GGRP), and reports the City's progress to City Council on an annual basis. The City is currently updating the GGRP and will be developing a model template for Department and City reporting. Consistent with the GGRP, the City requires green building practices not only in new construction but also for qualifying residential rehabilitation/home improvement projects, and provides information on resources on the City website and at the public counter.

**Objective:** Update the GGRP plan and evaluate establishment of additional sustainability/

green building development standards for large projects

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Building & Safety Division; Burbank Water

and Power

Funding Sources: None Required

*Time Frame:* 2022

# 16. Transitional and Supportive Housing

The City, in cooperation with the Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC) and other development partners, is committed to expanding transitional and supportive housing opportunities to persons experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless. BHC currently operates four transitional housing facilities with 19 housing units where residents can live for up to two years while they gain the skills necessary for independent living. BHC also operates an 11 unit permanent supportive housing project for veterans. The City has also entered into a new partnership with Hope of the Valley by adding 38 beds of transitional congregate housing for transitional aged youth experiencing homelessness. Supportive services are offered through Village Family Services in order to stabilize the persons housing needs. The City has updated its Zoning Ordinance consistent with State law to treat transitional and supportive housing as a residential use, and allows supportive housing as a use by right in all zones where multi-family and mixed use is permitted.

**Objective:** Investigate outside funding sources to augment HOME funds in support of

transitional and supportive housing

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Planning Division, Housing and Economic

**Development Division** 

**Funding Sources:** HOME; Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund; Permanent Local Housing

Allocation (PLHA); other State and County funds

*Time Frame:* Ongoing

## **Remove Constraints to Housing**

#### 17. Objective Development Standards

One of the primary goals of the Golden State Specific Plan, and updates to the Downtown TOD and Media District Specific Plans, is to establish clear and objective development standards that create greater certainty for developers. Under the Specific Plans, projects of up to 100 units that comply with applicable City Density Bonus and Inclusionary Housing regulations and the objective development standards will be considered for by-right approval without the need for further discretionary review including a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) or Planned Development (PD) permit request. Project's greater than 100 units would still be required to go through a discretionary review process and developers would still have the option of City approval of a Planned Development to address the unique aspects of a project.

Objective development standards for micro-units, live/work housing and other non-traditional housing types will be established within the Specific Plans. The result will be a streamlined housing approval process that accelerates housing production.

**Objective:** Establish objective development standards and streamlined processing

procedures in conjunction with the new and updated specific plans

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/ Planning Division

Funding Sources: Metro TOD Planning Grant; California High Speed Rail Authority; LEAP Grant;

SCAG Sustainable Communities Grant

Time Frame: Adopt Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plans in 2022, and Media District

Specific Plan in 2023

#### 18. Updated Multi-family Development Standards

The City's multi-family development standards are in need of updating to better facilitate responsible development feasibility while protecting and preserving existing neighborhoods. Particularly on smaller parcels, current development standards may preclude the achievement of maximum zoned densities. The City will re-evaluate parking, setbacks, height and other standards and update to enable compact, well-designed multi-family product types.

**Objective:** Update and simplify the City's multi-family development standards to enhance

development feasibility

**Agency/Department:** Community Development Department/ Planning Division

**Funding Sources:** General Fund

*Time Frame:* 2024

# 19. Development Fee Waivers

The City collects various fees from development to cover the costs of processing permits, as well as impact fees to offset the future impact of development on community facilities, transportation and affordable housing. While the City's fees are considered reasonable and based on cost recovery and/or development impacts, fee reductions can be offered as an incentive for production of affordable housing. Burbank's inclusionary housing and density bonus programs currently provide for development impact fee waivers on affordable units and fee deferrals on market rate units until issuance of certificate of occupancy. In addition, Assembly Bill 571, effective January 2022, now prohibits affordable housing impact fees, including inclusionary zoning fees, in-lieu fees, and public benefit fees, from being imposed on a housing development's affordable units.

**Objective:** Continue to waive development impact fees on affordable units

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/ Planning Division

Funding Sources: General Fund

Time Frame: Ongoing

## 20. Lot Consolidation Program

The success of development within several of the opportunity sites will be dependent upon consolidation of individual parcels into larger development sites. While some of the individual parcels that comprise the Housing Element sites are already under common ownership, many are individually owned. The City will conduct outreach to property owners in these areas to identify meaningful incentives to facilitate lot consolidation and redevelopment. Based on this feedback, within two years of Housing Element adoption, the City will develop a Lot Consolidation Program to include specific incentives such as:

- Flexible development standards such as reduced setbacks, increased lot coverage, increased heights, reduced parking
- Streamlined permit processing through administrative staff review

The lot consolidation incentives will be integrated within the Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plans. The City will work in partnership with property owners that are receptive to lot consolidation to assist them in facilitating the parcel merge process in a streamlined and timely manner.

**Objective:** Conduct outreach to property owners and adopt Lot Consolidation Program

**Agency/Department:** Community Development Department/ Planning Division

**Funding Sources:** General Fund

*Time Frame:* 2023. Conduct a mid-cycle review in 2025 to evaluate the success of the program

and make modifications as necessary

#### 21. Zone Text Amendments for Special Needs Housing

As presented under the Governmental Constraints analysis and pursuant to State law, several revisions to the Burbank Municipal Code have been identified as appropriate to better facilitate the provision of a variety of housing types and for persons with special needs. These Code revisions include:

- Develop by right processing procedures for Low Barrier Navigation Centers in areas zoned for mixed use and non-residential zones permitting multi-family uses, and should the City receive an application for these uses, process them as required by State law. (per SB 48)
- Amend the Zoning Code to allow group homes of more than six persons in all residential zone districts consistent with State law and fair housing requirements.
- Amend the Zoning Code to specify incentives for the development of housing for extremely low income households (30% AMI). Incentives will include priority development processing and flexible development standards.

**Objective:** Facilitate housing for Burbank's special needs and extremely low income

populations. Develop 10 two plus-bedroom units for large families through non-

profit housing partners and BHC.

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/ Planning Division

**Funding Sources:** General Fund

**Time Frame:** Amend the Zoning Code by 2024.

#### 22. Updated Project Appeal Procedures

Currently, the City has an appeal process for development projects detailed in Burbank Municipal Code Section 10-1-1907.1 through Section 10-1-1907.3, wherein any person may file an appeal within 15 days after a decision on a housing project undergoing a discretionary review process is made by the Community Development Director. Persons filing an appeal are required to explain the reasons for the appeal, although reference to specific Municipal Code sections justifying the appeal are not currently required. Additionally, the existing appeal process allows an appellant to seek City Council determination on an appeal by challenging Planning Board's decision on the appeal. To streamline the project review and approval process, the City Council will consider the following revisions to the appeal process as follows:

- The City will update its appeal process as established in the BMC, including the initial and final review bodies for housing projects that do not involve any other discretionary reviews. Moreover, amendments to the Code section will be made to end the appeal process for housing projects at the Planning Board by making them the final decision-making body.
- The City will update the appeal form to specify that appellants need to clearly identify the findings/criteria that are the basis of the appeal, making it mandatory for an appellant to specify the applicable Code sections and reasons for the appeal
- The City will update the public notices and agendas with additional language to require that the
  issues raised by an appellant during the hearing be limited to only those topics that are specified
  in the appeal form.

**Objective:** Streamline the project review and approval process **Agency/Department:** Community Development Department/Planning Division

**Funding Sources:** General Fund

Time Frame: Amend the Municipal Code, Update the Project Appeals Form, and Add

Applicable Language to Public Notices and Agendas by 2023.

# **Equal Housing Opportunities and Special Needs**

#### 23. Fair Housing/Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)

Burbank will continue to contract with a qualified fair housing service provider for fair housing services to Burbank residents and property owners. The City will promote fair housing practices, and provide educational information on fair housing to the public through distribution of fair housing brochures, training sessions, workshops, and press releases/public service announcements. Affirmative Marketing Plans will be prepared for all housing developments assisted with local, State, and/or Federal funds. City staff will continue to review Fair Housing Program annual reports to assess any trends, and will implement actions set forth in Burbank's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI).

The new Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) component of the Housing Element, contained in Appendix B, identifies the following as the primary fair housing issues in Burbank:

- Need for Affordable Housing of Various Types and Sizes
- Need for Public Education of Fair Housing Services and Fair Housing Rights
- Need for Fair Housing for the Special Needs Population
- Need for Accessible Housing

Need for Neighborhood Revitalization and Resources

Table B-11 in the AFFH connects these fair housing issues with evidence and contributing factors, and presents the City's planned actions to address them. The actions identified in Table B-11 are part of the implementation of the Housing Element, and will be reported on as part of the City's Annual Progress Report (APR). Consistent with actions specified in the AFFH, the City will conduct at least two fair housing informational workshops per year and increase education and outreach via social and print media including printed materials to Burbank Water and Power, the Libraries, Senior centers and Activity Centers.

#### 24. Landlord -Tenant Services and Mediation

Landlord-Tenant services are provided both through the Burbank Housing Authority (BHA) and Landlord-Tenant Commission, as well as through the City's fair housing service provider the Housing Rights Center (HRC). Both the BHA and HRC provide general counseling and referrals over the phone regarding tenant/landlord issues. Complaints requiring mediation are directed to the City's Landlord-Tenant Commission which meets on a monthly basis. The Commission addresses a wide variety of issues, including conflicts involving property maintenance, repairs, lease disagreements, and rent increases. The Commission works to prevent displacement and potential homelessness by minimizing evictions and unjust rent increases through conflict mediation between tenants and landlords.

**Objective:** Continue to provide landlord-tenant counseling and referrals, and offer

mediation services through the Landlord-Tenant Commission

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Housing and Economic Development

Division

**Funding Sources:** General Fund

*Time Frame:* Ongoing

# 25. Homeless Housing and Services

In 2018, the City adopted a three-year Homeless Plan to provide a strategic approach to addressing homelessness in the community. The Plan presents seven core homelessness strategies, each with associated priority actions for implementation. These strategies include:

- Developing Storage Facilities and Transportation
- Enhancing Quality of Life, Mental Health and Healthcare Awareness
- Building Temporary Housing
- Creating Affordable Housing
- Continuing Outreach, Coordinated Care System, and Community Awareness
- Increasing Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing
- Enforcing Public Health & Safety and Ordinances

Implementation of the Homelessness Plan is well underway, including opening of a Homeless Storage Facility and Navigation Center; Burbank Street Outreach Program; hiring of a Homeless Services Liaison; partnerships with Family Service Agency of Burbank, Providence St. Joseph Medical Center, and other providers for counseling services, health intervention, mental health services, and awareness; funding transportation services for a Winter Shelter Program; and tenant based rental assistance for families at-

risk of homelessness, among numerous other actions. The City is also dedicating funding for establishment of a Tiny Home Village of 26 modular homes on public land (including two ADA-accessible units) which will house up to 51 residents.

**Objectives:** Implement the strategies and actions identified in the Burbank Homelessness

Plan, and update the Plan for the 2022-2027 time period with measurable

outcomes, funding and time frames for implementation.

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Housing and Economic Development

Division

Funding Sources: CDBG; HOME; Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA); General Funds

*Time Frame:* Ongoing. Open Tiny Home Village by July 2024.

# 26. Housing for Persons with Disabilities

Over ten percent of Burbank's population is identified by the Census as having one or more disabilities. The City will continue to support nonprofit organizations in the construction and rehabilitation of housing targeted for persons with disabilities, including persons with developmental disabilities. Expedited permit processing (by providing technical assistance and pre-application consultation) and inclusionary housing credits will be provided for housing that sets aside units for persons with disabilities beyond the minimum requirements of Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or State building codes. The City will continue to coordinate housing near transit centers and door-to-door transit services for persons with disabilities, and coordinate with the Franklin D. Lanterman Regional Center to promote resources available to persons with developmental disabilities. As discussed under Program #6, in order to encourage accessory dwelling units to incorporate accessibility features, the City will establish and promote a program to reduce building permit and planning fees by up to 50% for qualifying ADUs. The City will begin providing developers with State HCD's New Home Universal Design Checklist and encourage them to offer Universal Design features which ensures housing can be used by people throughout their lifespan. The City will also update its 2014 Administrative Procedures for Reasonable Accommodation to be consistent with the guidance provided by HUD/DOJ.

**Objectives:** Expand the range of housing options available and accessible to persons with

disabilities

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Planning, Housing and Economic

Development, Transportation and Building Divisions; Management Services

Department and City Attorney's Office

Funding Sources: None Required

Time Frame: Update Reasonable Accommodation Procedures and provide developers with

HCDs Universal Design Checklist by 2023

# 27. Housing for Extremely Low Income Households

The City will encourage the development of housing for extremely low-income (ELI) households through a variety of activities such as coordinating with potential housing developers, providing financial assistance or land write-downs, providing expedited processing, identifying grant and funding opportunities, applying for or supporting applications for funding on an ongoing basis, and/or offering additional incentives beyond the density bonus. The following specific activities will support ELI housing during the planning period:

 Dedicating funding for establishment of a Tiny Home Village of 26 modular homes on public land to house up to 51 residents

- Funding the addition of six rent-restricted ADUs affordable to ELI households on BHC affordable housing properties
- Creating at least three pre-approved and customizable ADU plans, including at least one smaller sized, lower cost option
- Utilizing the City's Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) and HOME American Rescue Plan funding to provide emergency housing, bridge housing, transitional housing and supportive services and case management to homeless and at risk of homelessness households, including 130 rapid rehousing units and assistance with housing navigation services to 480 individuals
- Amending the Zoning Code to specify incentives for the development of ELI housing, including priority development processing and flexible development standards.

**Objectives:** Facilitate the provision of a variety of housing types to address the needs of

Burbank's extremely low income households

Agency/Department: Community Development Department/Housing and Economic Development

Division, Planning Division

Funding Sources: HOME; CDBG; Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund; State Permanent

Local Housing Allocation (PLHA); other State and LA County funds

*Time Frame:* 2022- 2023. Additional funding allocations to be made annually in conjunction

with Burbank's Annual Action Plan

Table 1-47
Summary of Quantified Objectives (2021-2029)

	Extremely Low	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	Total
New Construction (RHNA) <sup>1</sup>	1,276	1,277	1,418	1,409	3,392	8,772
Rehabilitation	7	13	4			24
Preservation <sup>2</sup>	1,372					

#### Notes:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> State law requires projecting the housing needs for extremely low income households. The RHNA developed by SCAG does not separately account for this income group. State law allows splitting the very low income group evenly between extremely low and very low income.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Preservation objective reflects maintaining all deed restricted rental housing (as presented in Table 1-25) as long-term affordable housing.

# **Appendix A**

Glossary

# **Appendix A: Glossary**

This glossary is for ease of use of the Burbank Housing Element only; for full definitions related to the City of Burbank Municipal Code, please see Title 10. Zoning Regulations.

#### A. Abbreviations

ACS: American Community Survey
ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act

ADU: Accessory Dwelling Unit

AFFH: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

AFH: Assessment of Fair Housing

AI: Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

AMI: Area Median (Household) Income

APN: Assessors Parcel Number BCP: Burbank Center Plan

BHA: Burbank Housing Authority
BHC Burbank Housing Corporation
BMP: Best Management Practices
CBC: California Building Code

CDBG: Community Development Block Grant CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

CHAS: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy

CUP: Conditional Use Permit

DDS: California Department of Social Services

DOF: California Department of Finance ECOA: Equal Credit Opportunity Act

EDD: California Employment Development Department

EIR: Environmental Impact Report

ELI: Extremely Low Income

FAR: Floor Area Ratio

FEMA: Federal Emergency Management Agency
FEHA: California Fair Employment and Housing Act

FHA: Fair Housing Act

FPV: Family Promise of the Verdugos

FSA: Family Service Agency

GHG: Greenhouse Gas

GSSP: Golden State Specific Plan

HCD: California Department of Housing and Community Development

HMDA: Home Mortgage Disclosure Act

HOME: HOME Investment Partnership Program

HUD: U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

NDVets: New Directions for Veterans

NEHRP: National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program NPDES: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

RATP: Residential Acoustical Treatment Program

R/ECAP: Racial and Ethnic Characteristics/Concentrations

RHNA: Regional Housing Needs Allocation

RPZ: Runway Protection Zones

SCS: Sustainable Communities Strategy

SCAG: Southern California Association of Governments

SCPH: Southern California Presbyterian Homes

SERAF: Supplemental Educational Revenue Augmentation Funds

SRO: Single Room Occupancy

TCAC: California Tax Credit Allocation Committee

TOD: Transit Oriented Development

UBC: Uniform Building Code

UWMP: Urban Water Management Plan

#### **B.** Definitions

Accessory Dwelling Unit: An accessory dwelling unit (also known as second units or granny flats) is an attached or detached structure that provides independent living facilities for one or more persons and includes permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and sanitation on the same parcel as a single-family dwelling unit.

**Acreage:** Gross acreage refers to the entire acreage of a site. Most communities calculate gross acreage to the centerline of proposed bounding streets and to the edge of the right-of-way of existing or dedicated streets. Net acreage refers to the portion of a site that can actually be built upon. Public or private road right-of-way, public open space, and flood ways are not included in the net acreage of a site.

**Accessible Housing Unit:** An accessible housing unit is designed and built to be usable to a person with physical disabilities.

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH): This new legislation requires all housing elements due on or after January 1, 2021 contain an Assessment of Fair Housing to ensure that laws, policies, programs, and activities affirmatively further fair housing opportunities throughout the community for all persons regardless of race, religion, sex, marital status, ancestry, national origin, color, familial status, disability, and other characteristics protected by the California Fair Employment and Housing Act.

**Affordable Unit:** A dwelling unit within a housing development which will be reserved for, and restricted to, income qualified households at an affordable rent or is reserved for sale to an income qualified household at an affordable purchase price.

**Area Median Income:** As used in State of California housing law with respect to income eligibility limits established by HUD. The Area Median Income referred to in this Housing Element is that of Los Angeles County.

At Risk: Deed-restricted affordable housing projects at risk of converting to market rate.

**Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC):** A non-profit housing developer actively involved in the purchase and management of affordable housing in the community.

**By-Right Development:** By right means the local government's development review must not require a conditional use permit, planned unit development permit, or other discretionary review or approval.

**California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD):** The State agency that has principal responsibility for assessing, planning for, and assisting communities to meet the needs of lowand moderate-income households. HCD is responsible for reviewing Housing Element's and determining whether they comply with State housing statutes.

**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA):** A State law requiring State and local agencies to regulate activities with consideration for environmental protection.

Census: The official decennial enumeration of the population conducted by the federal government.

**City Council:** The City Council serves as the elected legislative and policy-making body of the City of Burbank, enacting all laws and directing any actions necessary to provide for the general welfare of the community through appropriate programs, services, and activities.

**Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):** A grant program administered by HUD on a formula basis for entitlement communities, such as the City of Burbank. This grant allots money to cities and counties for housing and community development activities, including public facilities and economic development.

**Conditional Use Permit (CUP):** Conditional Use Permits are required for uses which may be suitable only in specific locations in a zoning district, or which require special consideration in their design, operation or layout to ensure compatibility with surrounding uses.

**Condominium:** A condominium consists of an undivided interest in common in a portion of real property coupled with a separate interest in space called a unit, the boundaries of which are described on a recorded final map, parcel map, or condominium plan in sufficient detail to locate all boundaries thereof.

**Condominium Conversion:** The conversion of existing real estate and/or structures to separate, salable condominium units, regardless of present or prior use and whether substantial improvements have been made to such structures.

**Density Bonus:** An increase in the density (number of dwelling units allowed per acre or parcel), above that normally allowed by the applicable zoning district, in exchange for the provision of a stated percentage of affordable units.

**Development Fees:** City imposed fees to partially cover the costs for processing and providing services and facilities; and fund capital improvements related to fire, police, parks, and libraries and correlate the increased demands on these services.

**Dissimilarity Index:** A measure of residential segregation is the dissimilarity index, which is a commonly used measure of community-level segregation.

**Dwelling Unit:** Any building or portion thereof which contains living facilities, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation, for not more than one family.

**Emergency Shelter:** An establishment operated by an Emergency Shelter Provider that provides homeless people with immediate, short-term housing for no more than six months in a 12-month period, where no person is denied occupancy because of inability to pay.

**Environmental Impact Report (EIR):** Required by CEQA, this document serves to inform governmental agencies and the public of a project's potential environmental impacts and provides mitigation measure if impacts are found to be significant.

**Fair Market Rent:** The rent, including utility allowances, determined by HUD for purposes of administering the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program.

**Family:** A group of persons who maintain a single common household, but who otherwise are not a Community Care Facility.

**General Plan:** A statement of policies, including text and diagrams setting forth objectives, principles, standards, and plan proposals, for the future physical development of the city or county (see Government Code Sections 65300 et seq.). California State law requires that a General Plan include elements dealing with seven subjects—circulation, conservation, housing, land use, noise, open space and safety—and specifies to various degrees the information to be incorporated in each element.

**Growth Management (Measure One):** Approved by Burbank voters in 1989, prohibits the City from increasing the maximum allowed number of residential units beyond the approved maximum build out

in the 1988 Land Use Element without voter approval. The purpose of the ordinance is to coordinate the rate of residential growth with the availability of public facilities and services.

**Homeless:** Persons and families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Includes those staying in temporary or emergency shelters or who are accommodated with friends or others with the understanding that shelter is being provided as a last resort. California Housing Element law requires all cities and counties to address the housing needs of the homeless.

Household: All persons living in a housing unit.

Householder: The head of a household.

**Housing Element:** One of the seven State-mandated elements of a local general plan, it assesses the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community, identifies potential sites adequate to provide the amount and kind of housing needed, and contains goals, policies, and implementation programs for the preservation, improvement, and development of housing.

**Inclusionary Housing Ordinance:** Adopted by the Burbank City Council in 2006, the City's ordinance requires developers of housing with five or more units to provide at least 15 percent of the units as affordable to very low, low and moderate income households, or to pay an in-lieu housing fee.

**Infill Development:** Development of land (usually individual lots or left-over properties) within areas that are already largely developed.

**Infrastructure:** Public services and facilities, such as sewage-disposal systems, water-supply systems, other utility systems, and roads.

**In Lieu Fee:** A fee paid to the City in-lieu of a development requirement, such as required inclusionary units.

**Land Use Regulation:** A term encompassing the regulation of land in general and often used to mean those regulations incorporated in the General Plan, as distinct from zoning regulations (which are more specific).

**Lot or Parcel:** A portion of land shown as a unit on a recorded subdivision map or an approved minor subdivision map, parcel map or otherwise existing as of record with the Los Angeles County Office of the Assessor.

**Low Income Household:** A household earning less than 80 percent of the Los Angeles County median income based on information provided by HCD/HUD.

**Manufactured Housing/Mobile Home:** A dwelling unit built in a factory in one or more sections, transported over the highways to a permanent occupancy site, and installed on the site either with or without a permanent foundation.

**Mixed-use:** The combination of various uses, such as office, retail and residential, in a single building or on a single site in an integrated development project with significant functional interrelationships and a coherent physical design.

**Moderate Income Household:** A household earning 80% to 120% of the Los Angeles County median income based on information provided by HCD/HUD.

**Multi-family Residential:** Usually two or more dwelling units on a single site, which may be in the same or separate buildings.

**Ordinance:** A law or regulation set forth and adopted by a governmental authority, usually a city or county.

**Overcrowding:** Household living in a dwelling unit where there are more than 1.01 persons per room, excluding kitchens, porches and hallways. Severe overcrowding is where there are more than 1.51 persons per room.

**Overpayment:** Housing overpayment occurs when a household spends more than 30 percent of its income on housing costs; severe overpayment refers to spending greater than 50 percent of income on housing.

**Persons with Disability:** A person with a long lasting physical, mental, or emotional condition that impairs their mobility, ability to work, or ability for self-care.

**Planning Board:** The Burbank Planning Board conducts public hearings and makes decisions on applications for discretionary projects, considers appeals of decisions by the Community Development Director, and serves as the advisory body to the Burbank City Council on planning issues.

**Poverty Level:** As used by the U.S. Census, families and unrelated individuals are classified as being above or below the poverty level based on a poverty index that provides a range of income cutoffs or "poverty thresholds" varying by size of family, number of children, and age of householder.

**Reasonable Accommodation:** The federal Fair Housing Act and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act impose an affirmative duty on local governments to make reasonable accommodations in their zoning and other land use regulations when such accommodations may be necessary to afford disabled persons an equal opportunity to use a dwelling.

**Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RNHA):** A quantification by SCAG and HCD of existing and projected housing need -- the City's fair share of the regional housing needs by household income group.

**Rezoning:** An amendment to the map and/or text of a zoning ordinance to effect a change in the nature, density, or intensity of uses allowed in a zoning district and/or on a designated parcel or land area.

**Section 8 Rental Assistance Program:** A federal (HUD) rent-subsidy program that is one of the main sources of federal housing assistance for low income households. The program operates by providing "housing assistance payments" to owners, developers, and public housing agencies to make up the difference between the "Fair Market Rent" of a unit (set by HUD) and the household's contribution toward the rent, which is calculated at 30 percent of the household's adjusted gross monthly income.

**Senior Housing Projects:** Defined by California Housing Element law as projects developed for, and put to use as, housing for senior citizens. Senior citizens are defined as persons at least 62 years of age.

**Single-family Residential:** A single dwelling unit on a building site.

**Specific Plan:** A plan addressing land use distribution, open space availability, infrastructure, and infrastructure financing for a portion of the community. Specific plans put the provisions of the local general plan into action.

**Special Needs Population:** Under Housing Element statutes, special needs populations include the elderly, persons with disabilities, female-headed households, large households, and the homeless.

**Supportive Housing:** Permanent affordable housing with no limit on length of stay that is linked to on- or off-site services that assist the supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving his or her health status, and maximizing his or her ability to live, and where possible, work in the community.

**Transitional Housing:** A dwelling unit or group of dwelling units for residents in immediate need of temporary housing. Transitional housing is configured as rental housing, but operated under program requirements that call for the termination of assistance and recirculation of the assisted unit to another eligible program recipient at some predetermined time, which shall be no less than six months.

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD):** A cabinet-level department of the federal government that administers housing and community development programs.

**Vacant:** Lands or buildings that are not actively used for any purpose.

**Very Low Income Household:** A household with an annual income usually no greater than 50 percent of the area median family income, based on the latest available eligibility limits established by HCD/HUD.

**Zoning Ordinance**: Regulations adopted by the City which govern the use and development of land within its boundaries and implements policies of the General Plan.

**Zoning District:** A designated section of a city or county for which prescribed land use requirements and building and development standards are uniform.

# Appendix B

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

## **Appendix B: Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing**

In 2018, the California governor signed AB 686 (Housing Discrimination: Affirmatively Further Fair Housing) requiring that all housing elements due on or after January 1, 2021, contain an Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) consistent with the core elements of the analysis required by the federal Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Final Rule. Under this state law, all California jurisdictions must ensure that laws, policies, programs, and activities affirmatively further fair housing opportunities throughout the community for all persons regardless of race, religion, sex, marital status, ancestry, national origin, color, familiar status, disability, and other characteristics protected by the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA).

The City of Burbank receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Act funds (HOME), and Section 8 funds each year from the federal government to support housing and community development activities that principally benefit low and moderate-income households. As a recipient of these funds, the City certifies that it will affirmatively further fair housing and utilize these funds to further the efforts of affordable housing in the City. To comply with federal law and the requirements of AB 686, the Burbank Housing Element 2021-2029 references information and analysis from the City of Burbank's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice 2020-2025 (AI) to identify potential impediments to fair housing that are specific to Burbank. The Burbank AI is a review of impediments to fair housing choice in the public and private sectors, and involves: a comprehensive review of Burbank's laws, regulations, and administrative policies, procedures, and practices; an assessment of how those laws affect the location, availability, and accessibility of housing; an assessment of conditions, both public and private, affecting fair housing choice; and, recommendations for addressing the identified fair housing impediments.

## 1. Community Outreach

#### **Housing Element Public Participation Program**

As required by State law, all economic segments of the community must be provided an opportunity to review and comment on the Housing Element. As part of the development of the Housing Element, which also requires revisions to the Safety Element and an analysis of environmental justice issues in the General Plan, the City implemented a public participation program. The public participation program includes the following components:

- Stakeholder Consultation Workshops. Two virtual stakeholder consultation workshops were conducted online via Zoom on August 27, 2020. The first online stakeholder workshop was conducted for housing developers and the second workshop for housing service providers and housing advocates that serve the lower income community and special needs groups. The purpose of the workshops was to review current and projected housing needs and receive feedback on what strategies can best meet the housing needs of the community. Key participating service providers included: Family Promise of the Verdugos, Housing Rights Center, Los Angeles Family Housing, and St. David's Anglican Church.
- Community Workshops. Two virtual community workshops were conducted online via Zoom and on the Burbank YouTube Channel and local cable channel. The first virtual workshop was held on October 3, 2020 and included an informational presentation and discussion of housing and environmental justice issues facing the City in addition to opportunities for public input and questions on the Housing Element update. The second virtual community workshop on Housing

Element was held on February 27, 2021. The focus of this workshop highlighted the results of the online Housing Element survey, RHNA goals, housing opportunity sites, and potential housing programs. An example of one of the public comments related to fair housing was: How are new accessory dwelling unit (ADU) requirements accommodating disabled residents?

- Housing Element Survey. Housing Element survey (administered through MetroQuest) was available online from September 30, 2020 to January 4, 2021 in Armenian, English, and Spanish. There were a total of 227 survey respondents. Key survey questions related to fair housing included: ranking potential environmental justice programs and identifying disadvantaged communities.
- City Website. A website specifically for the Housing Element Update was establish to provide an overview of the Housing Element process, announcement of events (i.e. workshops, survey), FAQs, and space to add public comments.
   <a href="https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/">https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/</a>
- Noticing of Workshops. Notices for the two community workshops were published in the Burbank Leader, posted on the City website and project webpage, and on the City's Facebook and Twitter accounts. Direct invitation letters and emails were sent to local housing service providers and stakeholders that participated in the August stakeholder meetings. In addition, over 20,000 flyers were distributed in census tracts with the majority of Burbank's lower and moderate-income areas. Announcements regarding the workshops were made at City Council, Planning Board, Senior Board, and Landlord Tenant Commissions meetings.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), any resident in need of special assistance to participate in these online workshops could contact the City Clerk's Office by phone or email and accommodations would be provided. There were no public requests for special assistance to participate in these workshops. Additionally, to involve as many participants as possible at the community workshops, Armenian and Spanish language interpreters were available for the presentations and public comments and responses.

Copies of the workshop presentations, notices, online survey and results, and public comments are included as **Appendix F: Public Participation**.

The Draft Housing Element was made available for public review on the City's website starting on April 27, 2021. The Draft Element and subsequent Element revisions have been provided to the public through email notification to the City's extensive list of Housing Element stakeholders, including numerous organizations that represent lower income and special needs households, and through posting on Burbank's social media platforms. The City has received five comment letters on the Draft Element (included in Appendix F), and has considered and as deemed appropriate, addressed these comments in the Element. The public will continue to have opportunities to provide comments on the Housing Element, EIR, and other General Plan elements at the Burbank Planning Board and City Council public hearings scheduled for August – September 2022.

#### **Fair Housing Plan Outreach**

As part of the development of Burbank's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and to better understand the fair housing issues facing its residents, the City implemented a community outreach program consisting of community advisory meetings, a resident survey, service provider interviews, and a City Council meeting.

The City conducted two community advisory meetings (November 26, 2019 and December 3, 2019) and one stakeholder meeting on December 9, 2019. The meetings provided the Burbank community to gain awareness of fair housing laws and for residents and service agencies to share fair housing issues and concerns. To ensure that the fair housing concerns of low- and moderate-income and special needs residents were addressed, invitations were distributed via e-mail, if available, to agencies and organizations that serve these communities. Meetings were announced through social media outlets; the City's five focus neighborhoods (predominately low-income neighborhoods); local non-profits; faith-based groups; and local committees/groups. Residents and housing advocates were invited to attend the meetings to gather their feedback.

To supplement the citizen advisory meetings, a fair housing survey (administered through SurveyMonkey) was made available to Burbank residents at City Hall and the City's website: www.burbankca.gov. The survey was available in Armenian, English, and Spanish to reflect the diversity of Burbank's residents. During the eight-week survey period, 41 completed surveys were submitted by Burbank residents.

Public comments were solicited on the Draft AI during the public review period, but no written comments were received. In addition, the public was able to provide comments at the Burbank City Council virtual public meeting held on July 28, 2020.

#### **Fair Housing Services Outreach**

The Housing Rights Center (HRC), a non-profit organization under contract with the City of Burbank, conducts extensive community outreach to promote fair housing choice awareness and knowledge of state and federal fair housing laws. This includes outreach to Burbank residents, real estate professionals, apartment owners/managers, medical professionals, and service providers. HRC also conducts periodic trainings to the following agencies and organizations: Burbank Landlord-Tenant Commission; Burbank Advisory Council on Disabilities; Burbank Association of Realtors; Joslyn Adult Center (seniors); Burbank Unified School District; and the Burbank Housing Authority. Specific education and outreach activities include the following:

- Dissemination of fair housing literature on federal and state fair housing laws, familial status, persons with disabilities, landlord responsibilities, etc.
- Mailings to targeted groups such as the disabled, local landlords, property owners, and the local real estate community. Fair housing literature, including materials in English, Spanish, Armenian and Asian languages.
- Press releases, radio and television interviews to raise awareness of the needs of families and communities hardest hit by the economic downturn and foreclosure crisis, and the variety of implications for fair housing.
- Placement of newspaper advertisements promoting fair housing choice in a variety of periodicals including the Burbank Leader, La Opinion, La Voz Latina, and the San Fernando Valley African American Chronicle News.
- Publication of articles in various housing trade magazines, distribution of a fair housing newsletter, and publication of opinion editorials in major newspapers to increase public awareness of key fair housing issues such as tenant evictions in foreclosed properties.
- Hosting of fair housing booths, trainings, and workshops at various fairs, conferences, and webinars. These events are aimed at educating housing providers, including property managers, landlords, real estate groups, fair housing testers, and local housing agencies.

District, Boys & Housing Month	every April.						

• Sponsorship of the annual Fair Housing Poster Contest through the Burbank Unified School

## 2. Assessment to Fair Housing Issues

#### **Local Fair Housing Issues**

The information from the Housing Element Needs Assessment chapter, the public participation program, and the Burbank AI revealed numerous fair housing issues facing the City, including those summarized below:

- Affordable housing of various types for all Burbank's residents. Available housing for Burbank's growing low and moderate-income workforce is not being produced in the market. According to the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), Burbank will need to accommodate 8,772 housing units during the 2021-2029 planning period; and of this total, 45 percent will be for lower-income households and 16 percent for moderate-income households. The cost burden has significant impacts on the special needs population.
- Public education of fair housing services and fair housing rights. There is a continuing need for
  public awareness of available housing services and knowledge of fair housing laws for both
  tenants and landlords/property owners.
- Fair housing for the special needs population. The HRC investigates and responds to allegations of illegal housing discrimination. Between 2017 and 2019, the HRC handled 40 discrimination complaint inquiries in Burbank. Of these inquiries, only three rose to the level of a discrimination case with the HRC. Certain special needs groups experienced a high incidence of discrimination complaints. Housing for persons with physical disabilities continues to be the top discrimination complaint in Burbank, consistent with other areas in Los Angeles County served by the HRC.
- Availability of accessible housing. Through Housing Element community outreach effort, comments received included the shortage of housing designed to accommodate persons with disabilities. Building Code requirements (Title 24) for accessibility in new construction are insufficient to meet the need for accessible housing in the community, particularly with the City's aging population.
- **Neighborhood revitalization.** There are neighborhoods in Burbank that require revitalization to improve the existing housing and economic conditions of the area; especially with the limited funds available for redevelopment. Two neighborhoods/census tracts in southeast Burbank have been designated as areas of "moderate" resources and opportunities by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) (refer to Tables B-3 and B-4).

## **Regional Fair Housing Issues**

At the regional level, the Los Angeles County Analysis of Impediment to Fair Housing Choice also identified fair housing impediments in the urban areas of the county. The following were identified as private sector and public sector impediments to fair housing:

#### **Private Sector Impediments**

- Harassment of existing and potential renters
- Denial of available housing units in the rental market and home purchase market
- Refusal to accept rental applications or to rent
- Discriminatory terms, conditions, privileges, or facilities relating to rental housing
- Failure to make reasonable accommodations or modifications

- Wrongful eviction
- Hesitancy to file complaints for fear of retaliation
- Failure to provide leasing documents in native languages
- Steering activities by rental housing agencies
- Preferences stated in advertisements for rental housing
- Steering, redlining, reverse redlining, and blockbusting activities
- Preferences given to persons not utilizing home buyer assistance programs
- Denial of home purchase loans
- Predatory lending in the home purchase market
- Failure to comply with accessibility requirements in construction of housing units
- Inequitable investment of Community Reinvestment Act resources
- Failure by housing consumers to actively participate in fair housing outreach including education sessions or AI public input opportunities

## **Public Sector Impediments**

- Failure to establish compliant-based fair housing policies on the part of several participating cities
- Ineffective fair housing outreach and education efforts
- Failure to adequately enforce fair housing laws
- Onerous access to fair housing services
- Failure to make reasonable accommodation in the public housing market, including allowance of service animals
- Extortion and bribery activities in response to requests to be placed on housing assistance lists
- Land use and planning decisions and operational practices resulting in unequal access to government services, such as transportation
- Historical establishment of policies and practices resulting in segregation of minority populations
- Insufficient establishment of building codes regarding special needs housing
- Lack of enforcement of codes, including health and safety codes and ADA codes
- Decisions regarding definitions of "family," "dwelling units" and related terms
- Implementation of exclusionary policies
- Failure to engage in actions to affirmatively further fair housing and the AI process by government agencies
- Insufficient inclusion of persons adversely affected by housing discrimination as protected classes under federal or state law including domestic violence victims and the elderly

#### **Fair Housing Enforcement and Capacity**

Landlord-Tenant services are provided through the Housing Right Center (HRC), Burbank Housing Authority (BHA), and the Landlord-Tenant Commission. The HRC provides general counseling and referrals over the phone and via appointment regarding tenant/landlord issues, the BHA provides information and resources, and complaints requiring mediation are directed to the City's Landlord-Tenant Commission.

#### **Housing Rights Center**

Housing discrimination in the city is addressed by HRC under contract with the City of Burbank. HRC provides housing discrimination assistance and tenant/landlord information to Burbank residents, landlords, and property owners. Fair housing services provided by HRC include: investigation of allegations or complaints regarding unfair housing practices; community outreach and education; fair housing audits and testing; and, counseling or referrals to other agencies when individuals may have been victims of discrimination.

One of the primary roles of the HRC is to provide investigation and response to allegations of illegal housing discrimination. As discussed in the Burbank AI, between 2017 and 2019, the HRC handled 40 discrimination complaint inquiries in Burbank. Of these inquiries, only three rose to the level of a discrimination case with the HRC. Certain special needs groups evidence a high incidence of discrimination complaints. Housing for persons with physical disabilities continues to be the top discrimination complaint in Burbank, consistent with other areas in Los Angeles served by the HRC. The majority of these complaints pertain to the request for a property manager to make a reasonable modification to accommodate a tenant's disability. Families with children (familial status) and persons with mental disabilities are the primary other protected classes facing alleged discrimination in Burbank.

Hate crimes is another issue related to housing discrimination. Hate crimes are committed because of a bias against race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability, gender, and/or gender identity. Based on Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) hate crime statistics for 2016-2019, a total of 26 hate crimes were recorded in the City. During this four-year period, 13 recorded hate crimes were motivated by a bias against race and ethnicity, ten by religion, and three by sexual orientation.

In addition to fair housing complaints, HRC receives calls from Burbank residents requesting assistance with landlord/tenant issues. Between 2017 and 2019, the HRC handled complaints or requests for assistance involving 220 Burbank tenants or landlords. Of these tenant/landlord issues, calls related to notices were the most prevalent, followed by inquiries regarding substandard conditions and security deposits. HRC was able to resolve approximately two-thirds of the complainant's issues, with the remainder of complainants referred to another agency or group.

In comparison, the Los Angeles County Service Area which includes 47 cities participating in the Urban County of the Community Development Commission of the County of Los Angeles (CDC), received a total of 2,610 fair housing complaints from 2008 through 2016 (based on HUD data). The most common basis for a complaint was for some form of disability, which accounted for more than one-third of the total complaints. The other basis of complaints included: race, familial status, retaliation, national origin, sex, religion, and color.

#### **Burbank Housing Authority**

Landlord-tenant services are also provided through BHA, which provides information and referrals over the phone regarding tenant/landlord issues. Any complaints requiring mediation are directed to the City's Landlord-Tenant Commission.

In an effort to provide landlords and tenants information regarding their legal responsibilities and rights, the BHA and the Landlord-Tenant Commission has developed a handout that covers topics such as: leases, rental agreements, and documentation; rent control and rent increases; termination of lease and/or eviction; harassment, retaliation, and discrimination concerns; and foreclosure and legal matters. Furthermore, information on landlord and tenant resources, rights and responsibilities are posted on the City's website and updated regularly.

#### **Burbank Landlord-Tenant Commission**

The Burbank Landlord-Tenant Commission was established by the City for the purpose of mediating disputes between property owners/managers and tenants. The Commission addresses conflicts involving property maintenance, repairs, lease disagreements, and rent increases, while also promoting the rights and responsibilities of both tenants and landlords in Burbank.

According to the Burbank AI, during the 2017-2019 period there were 125 landlord-tenant disputes, representing less than one percent of Burbank's rental housing. The disputes ranged from rent raises without proper notice to broken appliances and failures to adhere to building codes. The most prevalent issue tenants disputed pertained to rent increases and unjust seizures of security deposits.

#### **Patterns of Integration and Segregation**

#### Racially or Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAP)

The race and ethnic composition of a population influence fair housing issues to the extent that certain racial and ethnic groups may experience discrimination. These influences are due to factors such as color, language spoken, or other cultural factors, which can affect resident's ability to find housing, obtain home financing, or have unrestricted access to housing of their choice. As presented in Table B-1, the majority of Burbank's residents in 2018 were non-Hispanic White (57%), a slight decrease from 59 percent in 2000. Hispanic residents in Burbank represent almost one-quarter (24%) of the total population. Although Asian residents represent a relatively smaller segment of the population, the share of Asian residents nearly quadrupled since 1980, increasing from three percent in 1980 to 12 percent in 2018. The City's Black/African American population has remained relatively limited, rising from less than one percent in 1980 to three percent in 2018. Although the Census does not identify Armenian residents, this is an important ethnic community in Burbank. According to the Armenian National Committee of America, it is estimated that over 16,000 Armenians reside in Burbank, or 15 percent of the City's total population.

Unlike the racial/ethnic composition patterns of Burbank, in Los Angeles County the Hispanic population is the largest ethnic group, represents almost one-half (49%) of the total county residents. The non-Hispanic White population is slightly over one-quarter (26%). Both the countywide Asian (14%) and Black (8%) populations account for larger proportions of Asians and Black residing in Burbank.

Table B-1								
<b>Racial and Ethnic Composition</b>	2018							

Racial/Ethnic Group <sup>1</sup>	Burk	oank	Los Angele	s County	
	Population	Percent	Population	Percent	
White	59,122	56.7%	2,659,052	26.3%	
Hispanic	24,720	23.7%	4,893,603	48.5%	
Asian	12,786	12.3%	1,451,560	14.4%	
Black/African American	2,676	2.6%	795,505	7.9%	
Native American	329	0.3%	20,307	0.2%	
Other	4,642	4.5%	278,055	2.7%	
TOTAL	104,275	100%	10,098,052	100%	

Source: U.S. Census ACS 2014-2018

<sup>1</sup> White, Asian, Black/African American, Native American, and Other racial/ethnic groups denote non-Hispanic.

The degree of minority concentration in the City can also assist in determining the extent of fair housing impediments. Exhibit B-1 illustrates the overlap of Burbank's racial/ethnic distribution by block groups and poverty levels by census tracts. As the exhibit shows, Burbank's minority residents -- in this case the non-White population -- was concentrated primarily in block groups immediately southwest of the I-5 corridor and in the vicinity of Hollywood Burbank Airport. Of the concentrated non-White (60-80%) areas, the three block groups located east of the airport, north Vanowen Street, and southwest of I-5 (combined as CT 3105.01), had the highest non-White concentration levels ranging from 74 percent to 77 percent and relatively low levels of poverty (10-20 percent of population). The highest level of poverty in the City was in CT 3107.03, located north of the I-5 at the City limits with Glendale. Over one-quarter (28%) of the population in this census tract had incomes below the poverty level. Exhibit B-3 also shows that areas west of the City had very high concentrations (80-100%) of non-White population and poverty level in the 20-30 percent range.

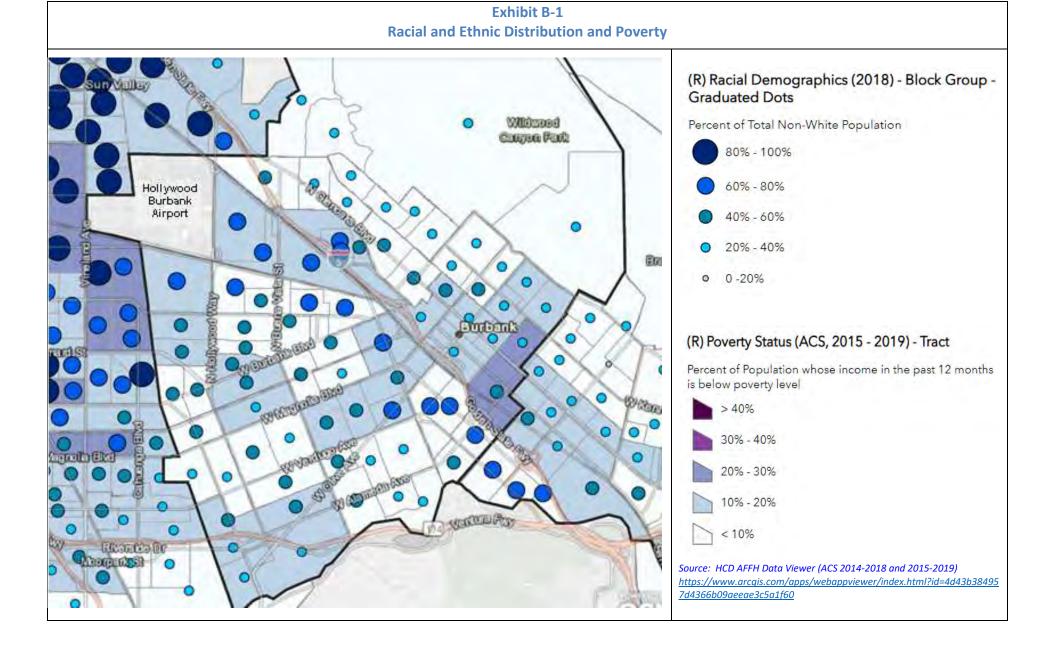
To meet the threshold of a racial/ethnic concentration area, the census tract must have a non-white population of 50 percent or more. The poverty threshold is a census tract with 40 percent or more of individuals living at or below the poverty line. According to the HUD database used to create the map in Exhibit B-1, census tracts within Burbank do not meet the defined parameters for a R/ECAP designation. Exhibit B-2 shows no R/ECAP census tracts in Burbank and the nearest R/ECAP areas to Burbank are located approximately five miles to the west in San Fernando Valley and nine miles to the south near Downtown Los Angeles.

#### **Areas of Affluence**

While the Racially/Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty has been the focus of Federal fair housing policies to address racial poverty and segregation, the AFFH is also required to examine the other side of the spectrum, which is the racially concentrated areas of affluence (RCAA). According to a HUD policy paper, RCAA is defined as an affluent, White community. Patterns of segregation in the United States show that of all racial groups, Whites are the most severely segregated<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, this AFFH will examine the percentage of White population and median household income as an indicator of areas of affluence.

As mentioned above, based on the Census ACS 2014-2018 estimates presented in Table B-1, the majority (57%) of Burbank's residents are non-Hispanic White (White), as compared to only 26 percent countywide. The spatial distribution of predominantly White census tracts (greater than 50%) is shown in Exhibit B-3 for the City and the eastern San Fernando Valley/western San Gabriel Valley region. The map shows that the northern and southwestern areas of the City as well as downtown Burbank tend to have larger populations of White residents. From a regional perspective, Exhibit B-3 also shows sizable and predominantly White areas east of the City, while areas west of Burbank are primarily non-White and majority Hispanic.

<sup>1</sup> "Racially Concentrated Areas of Affluence: A Preliminary Investigation" authored by Edward G. Goetz, Anthony Damiano, and Rashad A. Williams of the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs, University of Minnesota.



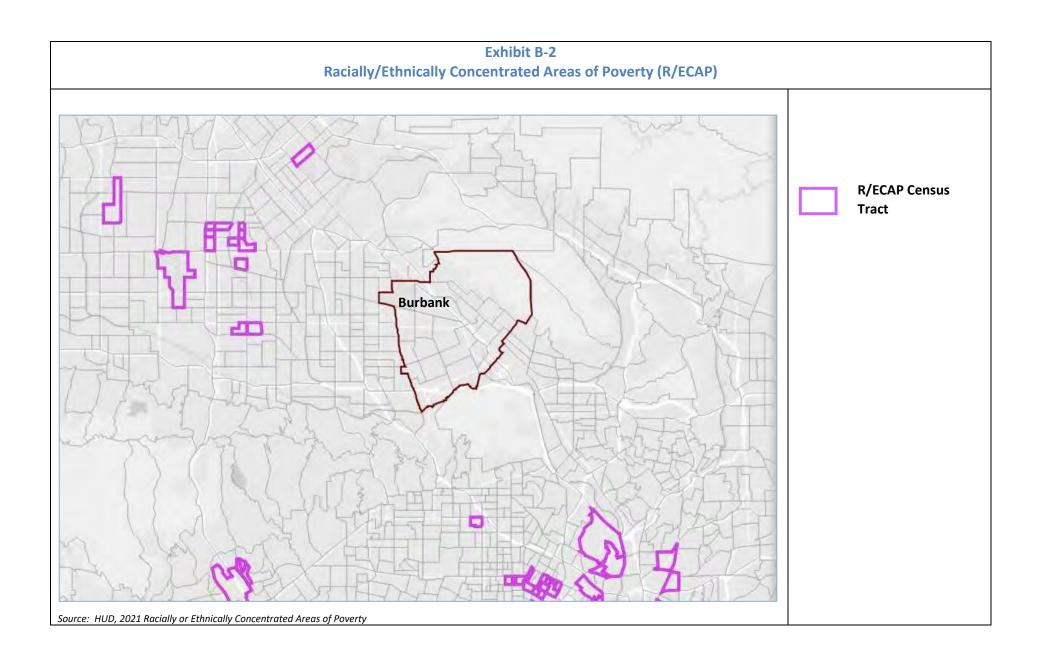
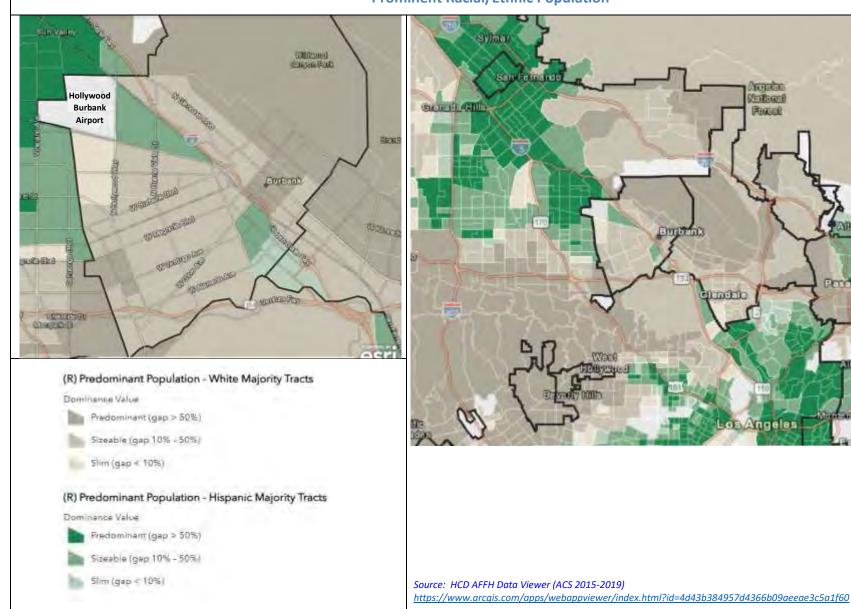


Exhibit B-3
Prominent Racial/Ethnic Population

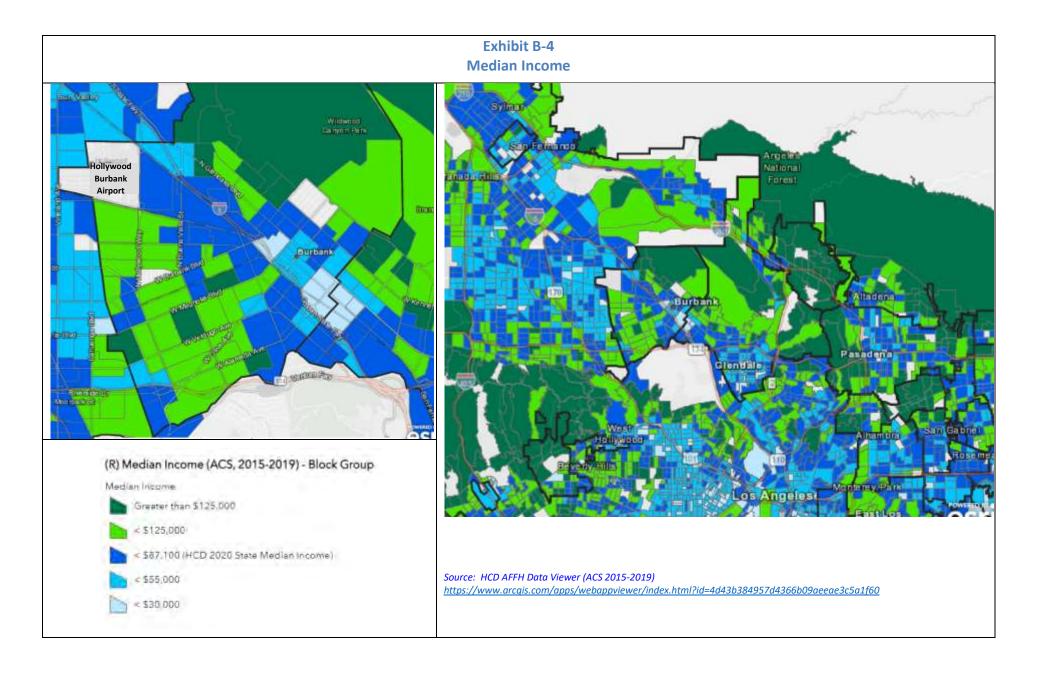


Median household income is another indicator of areas of affluence. As presented in Table B-2, Burbank's 2018 median household income is estimated at \$73,277, which is higher than the County's median household income of \$64,251. When examining the disparity between incomes of Whites to total households for both Burbank and the County, the differences are pronounced. For Burbank, the White median household income of \$72,992 is lower than the City's overall median income by a minus four percent. This is a city where the White population is the majority. In comparison to the County, the White median household income is significantly higher than the median income of the County by 31 percent. In the County, Whites only represent about one-quarter of the total population.

From a spatial perspective, Exhibit B-4 shows that higher median income census block groups (greater than \$87,100 -- green and dark green shades) are located primarily in the northern and southwestern areas of the City. There are 11 census block groups in the northern and southern areas of the City with median household incomes exceeding \$125,000 (dark green shade). At the regional scale, income patterns to the east and southwest of the City are similar to those of Burbank, while to northwest of the City, the income patterns are generally lower.

In conclusion, the two exhibits show that predominantly White areas of the City have higher median household incomes compared to the surrounding areas. Therefore, the overlap of these two indicators highlights the areas of the City that are considered racially concentrated areas of affluence.

Table B-2 Non-Hispanic White Median Household Income and Population – Burbank and Los Angeles County						
Burbank Los Angeles County						
Median HH Income						
NH White Alone	\$72,992	\$83,847				
All Households	\$73,277	\$64,251				
% of NH White Population 57% 26%						
Source: Census ACS 2014-2018 (S1903)						



#### **Dissimilarity Index**

A measure of residential segregation is the dissimilarity index, which is a commonly used measure of community-level segregation. As defined by HUD, the dissimilarity index represents the extent to which the distribution of any two groups (frequently racial or ethnic groups) differs across census tracts or blockgroups. This means that levels of segregation between racial/ethnic groups and non-Hispanic Whites as measured by the percent of population that would need to move to achieve perfectly balance neighborhoods or complete integration. The values of the dissimilarity index range from 0 to 100, with a value of zero representing complete integration between the racial/ethnic groups and non-Hispanic Whites, and a value of 100 representing complete segregation. HUD indicates that a dissimilarity index of less than 40 is considered low segregation; 40-54 is considered moderate segregation and greater than 55 is considered high segregation.

Table B-3 presents the 2000 and 2010 dissimilarity indices of a racial/ethnic group to non-Hispanic White for the City of Burbank and the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendale Metropolitan Area. In 2010, the City was considered relatively integrated. All three minority groups (non-Hispanic Black, Hispanic, and non-Hispanic Asian) to non-Hispanic Whites in the City had dissimilarity indices of less than 40.0 -- the maximum index considered low segregation. The 2010 dissimilarity index for Blacks was 20.7, Hispanics was 27.7, and Asians was 9.6. This means that 27.7 percent of the Hispanic population would need to move into predominately White census tract areas to achieve perfect or complete integration. In comparison, Burbank was significantly less segregated (or more integrated) in comparison to the Metropolitan Area as a whole for all three minority groups. In 2010, the Metropolitan Area had a dissimilarity index of 65.0 for Blacks, 63.9 for Hispanic, and 55.6 for Asian -- all levels considered as high segregation.

Table B-3								
Dissimilarity	Index	2000	and	2010				

Ethnic Group to Non-Hispanic	20	000	2010		
White	% of Total Population	Dissimilarity Index	% of Total Population	Dissimilarity Index	
City of Burbank					
Black/African American	2.3%	23.8	3.0%	20.7	
Hispanic	24.9%	27.4	24.5%	27.7	
Asian	10.2%	12.0	13.4%	9.6	
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Glendal	e Metropolitan Ar	ea			
Black/African American	10.0%	67.4	8.9%	65.0	
Hispanic	44.6%	63.1	47.7%	63.9	
Asian	12.9%	48.2	14.9%	55.6	

Source: U.S. Census 2000 and 2010; Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences at Brown University Notes: White, Asian, and Black groups denote non-Hispanic.

#### Persons with Disabilities

A disability is defined as a long lasting physical, mental, or emotional condition that impairs an individual's mobility, ability to work, or ability for self-care. The special housing needs of disabled persons result from limited and often fixed incomes; shortage of available group-living opportunities and accessible housing designs; higher health care costs; and proximity to services and transit. According to the Burbank AI, 36 of the total 40 discrimination inquiries to the Housing Rights Center (HRC) between 2017 and 2019 were related to physical or mental disabilities.

According to the Census ACS 2014-2018 data, it was estimated that 11 percent of Burbank's non-institutionalized population had some type of disability, as compared to 10 percent countywide. In comparison to other neighboring cities, Burbank is higher than the City of La Cañada-Flintridge (7%), Los Angeles (10%), and Pasadena (10%), but lower than the City of Glendale (14%). For Burbank residents, the likelihood of having a disability varied by age -- from two percent of people under 18 years old, to seven percent of people 18 to 64 years old, and to 40 percent of those 65 and over. At the county level, seniors (age 65 and over), which was also the highest age group with a disability, accounted for 36 percent of the total non-institutionalized population.

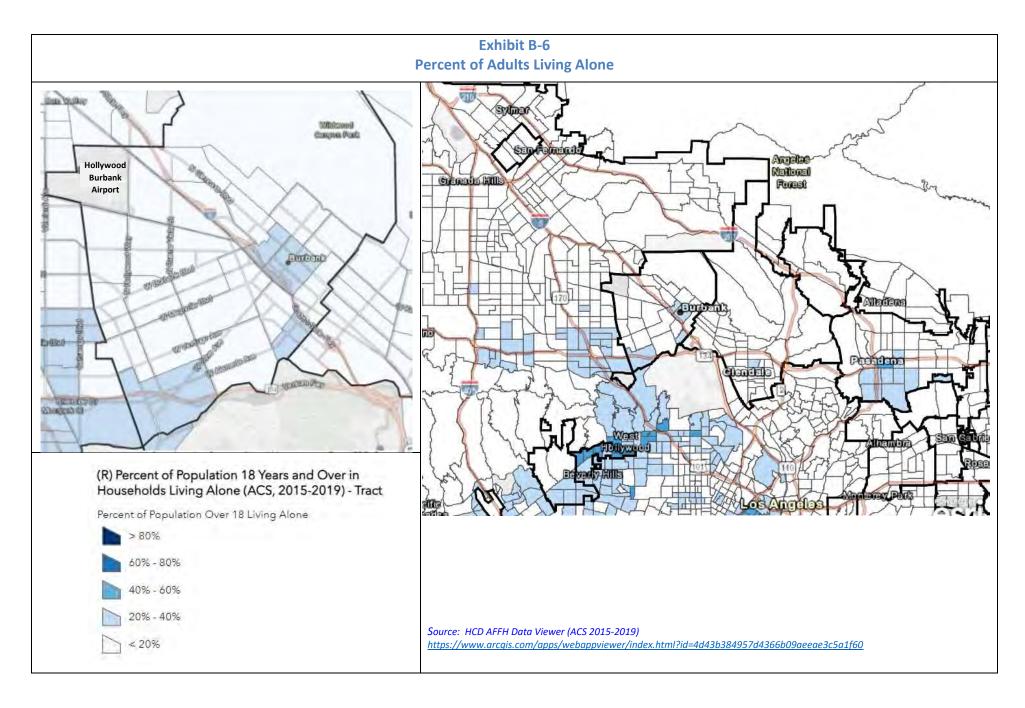
Within Burbank, there are no areas of high concentration of persons with disabilities. As illustrated in Exhibit B-5, which is based on the Census ACS 2015-2019 data, only one census tract (CT 3107.01) has a moderate (20-30%) concentration of persons with disabilities. According to the Census data, Census Tract 3107.01, which is located near Downtown Burbank north of the I-5, shows that 22 percent of the populations live with a disability. Also, over one-half (54%) of this census tract's disabled population is over the age of 65 years. All the other census tracts in the City have a percentage of persons with disabilities of less than 20 percent. Exhibit B-5 also shows other areas in the eastern San Fernando Valley/western San Gabriel Valley region. At this regional perspective, census tracts with 30-40 percent of its population with disabilities are highly concentrated in the Los Angeles City communities of Sylmar, Pacoima, and near Downtown Los Angeles. Two census tracts in the exhibit show concentrations exceeding 40 percent, including the area along the foothills of the Angeles Forest in the community of Tujunga and the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in West Los Angeles.

#### **Familial Status**

Familial status refers to the marital status of the head of household with or without children under the age of 18. Data on familial status can provide insight into potential segregation issues in a community. The HCD AFFH Data Viewer maps shown in Exhibits B-6 to B-9, illustrate the spatial distribution of the familial status categories for the City of Burbank and the eastern San Fernando Valley/western San Gabriel Valley region.

Adults Living Alone (Exhibit B-6). Thirty-two percent (32%) of Burbank adult heads of households and 25 percent of Los Angeles County adult heads of households live alone. As shown on Exhibit B-6, the largest share of adults living alone (20-40%) in Burbank are located in four census tracts: CT 3107.01 and CT 3107.02 located in Downtown Burbank; CT 3118.01 eastern border south of the I-5; and CT 3116 in the Media District of southern Burbank. The pattern of adults living alone is similar through the eastern San Fernando Valley/western San Gabriel Valley region, with the exception of one census tract in Pasadena where a single census tract has a concentration of 40-60 percent of adults living alone.

**Exhibit B-5 Percent of Population with Disability** Sylman Willwood CONTROL FIND: National Hollywood Granada Hills Forest Burbank Airport Burbank Altadena Burbank HERSH Glendale Totalistica (Br Secretaristica (Br (R) Population with a Disability (ACS, 2015 - 2019) -Tract Percent of Population with a Disability 30% 40% 20% - 30% 10% - 20% Source: HCD AFFH Data Viewer (ACS 2015-2019) https://www.arcqis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4d43b384957d4366b09aeeae3c5a1f60 < 10%

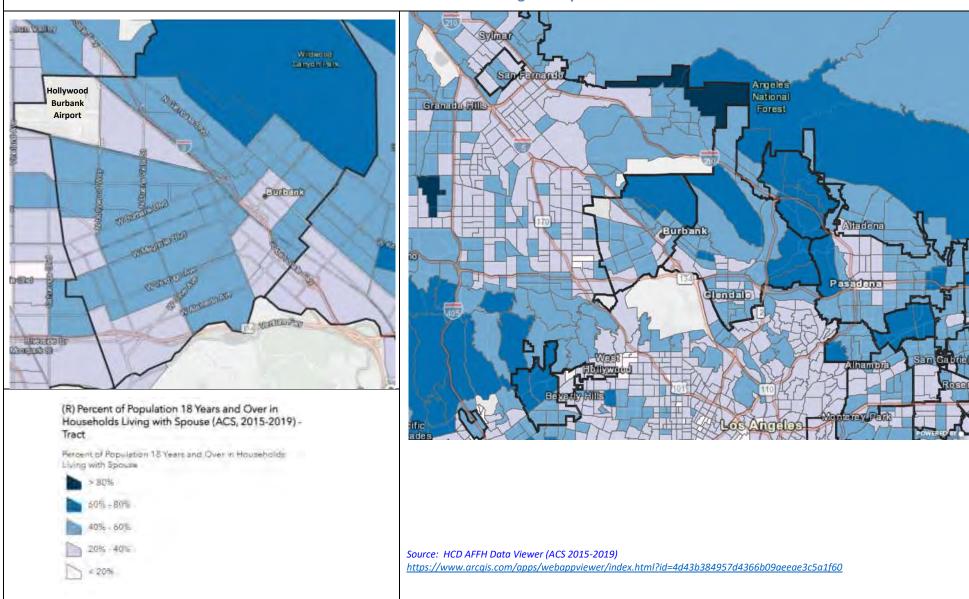


- Adults Living with Spouse (Exhibit B-7). Higher percentages (60-80%) of Burbank's population in married households are located in the northern portion of the City (CT 3101 and CT 3103). These are primarily single-family residential neighborhoods located north of 6th Street and in the foothills of the Verdugo Mountains. The remaining areas of the City have approximately 40 to 60 percent in married households. These percentages are similar to many areas in region east of Burbank (western San Gabriel Valley region). Areas in the west of Burbank (eastern San Fernando Valley region) generally show a pattern of lower percentage (20-40%) of adults living with a spouse. Estimates indicated that the percentage of adults living with their spouse is approximately 45 percent in the County.
- Children in Single Female-Headed Households (Exhibit B-8). Female-headed households with children under the age of 18 require special consideration and assistance because of their greater need for affordable housing and accessible day care, health care, and other supportive services. In addition, families with children sometimes face housing discrimination for fear of property damage. Children in female headed households in Burbank represent four percent of the City's total households, as compared to Los Angeles County as a whole, which represents seven percent of the total households. Geographically, children in female-headed households are concentrated in a CT 3118.02, which is located in the eastern portion of the City, south of the I-5. Exhibit B-8 shows that 40-60 percent of the children in female single-parent households are located in this census tract. All the other census tracts in the City are below 40 percent, with most below 20 percent. This overall pattern is exhibited through most of the neighboring areas of the eastern San Fernando Valley/western San Gabriel Valley region.
- Children in Married-Couple Households (Exhibit B-9). As mentioned above, households with children face housing discrimination, and according to the Burbank AI, HRC have observed an increase in fair housing violations towards families with children throughout their fair housing service area, such as signs posted in common areas limiting usage by children. Exhibit B-9 shows the highest percentage (>80%) of children in married-couple households are located in the northern portion of Burbank, north of the I-5, and in the central portion of the City, south of Vanowen Street and north of Magnolia Boulevard. The census tracts with the lowest percentage (40-60%) are located near the downtown area -- CT 3107.01 north of the I-5 and CT 3118.02 south of the I-5. The spatial patterns of children in married-couple households are similar to many areas to the west and east of Burbank. Based on the Census ACS 2014-2018 data, a comparison between the City and County shows that Burbank had a higher percentage (42%) of married-couple households with children than Los Angeles County (39%).

#### Income

Income is an important factor that can contribute to integration and to overcome patterns of segregation. As previously discussed, in 2018 the median household income in Burbank was \$73,277 as compared to the County's median household income \$64,251. Exhibit B-10 illustrates areas of Burbank's low-moderate income population areas and previous Exhibit B-1 shows the level of poverty by census tract.

Exhibit B-7
Percent of Adults Living with Spouse



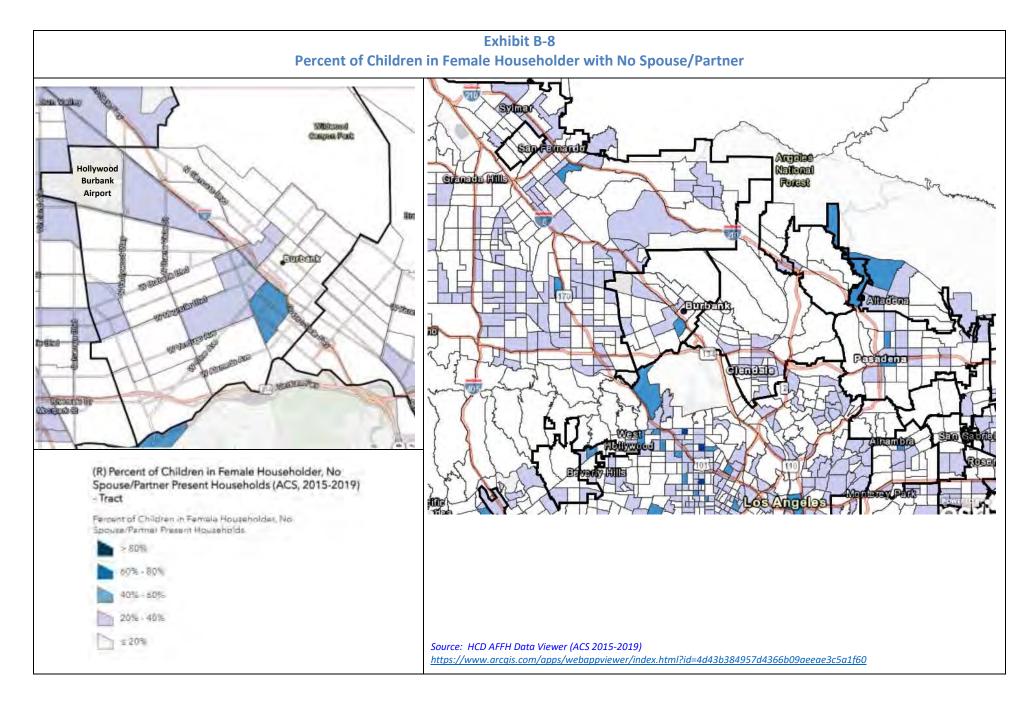
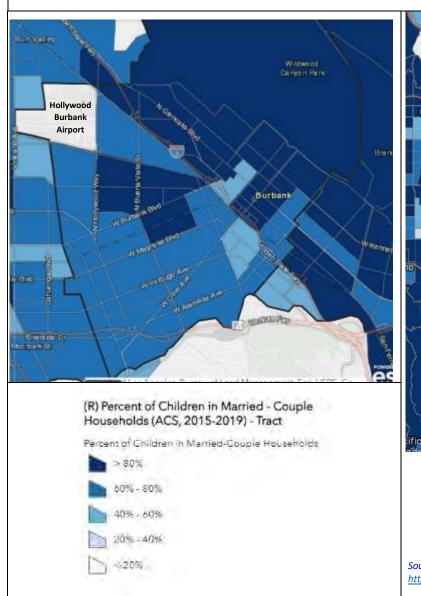
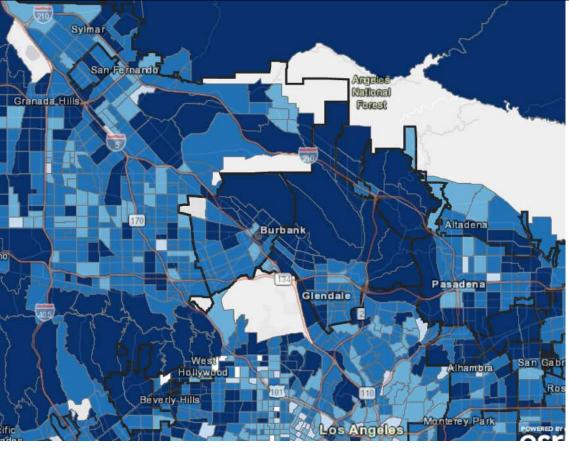


Exhibit B-9
Percent of Children in Married-Couple Households

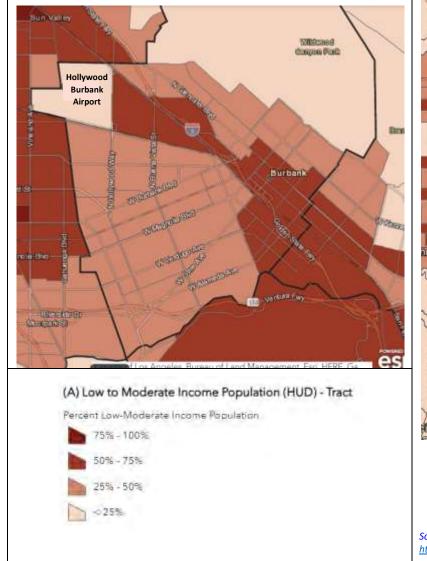


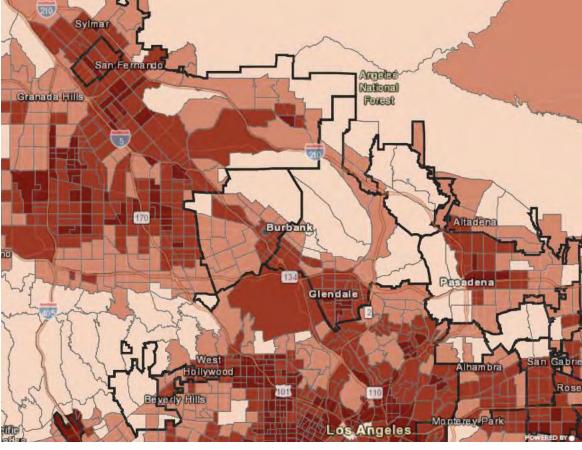


Source: HCD AFFH Data Viewer (ACS 2015-2019)

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Exhibit B-10 Low-Moderate Income Population





Source: HCD AFFH Data Viewer (ACS 2015-2019)

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Exhibit B-10 shows the geographic distribution of the percentage of low-moderate income population by census tracts in Burbank and the surrounding eastern San Fernando Valley/western San Gabriel Valley region. The map shows census tracts with highest percentage (50-75%) of the low-moderate income population concentrated along the I-5 corridor. These are the areas within the City that are proposed for future investment and new development with the adoption and implementation of the Burbank Downtown TOD Specific Plan and Golden State Specific Plan. The vast majority of census tracts are within the 25-50 percent low-moderate income population in the City. Exhibit B-10 also shows more areas to the west and east of Burbank to have higher concentrations of low to moderate income population, those that are 50 percent and over.

Another measurement of income is the percentage of residents that live below the poverty line. This is illustrated in previous Exhibit B-1, which shows that Census Tract 3107.03 has the highest percentage (25%) of its residents living in poverty. This census tract is located in the southeastern portion of Burbank on the border with Glendale and north of I-5. All the other census tracts in the City show less than 20 percent of the population living below the poverty line. Areas outside of Burbank showing 30-40 percent are in the poverty category include census tracts in communities of eastern San Fernando Valley, census tracts in the Cities of Glendale and Pasadena, and areas in the vicinity of Downtown Los Angeles. In comparison to the Los Angeles County, Burbank has a significantly lower percentage of families living below the poverty level (7% Burbank verses 12% Los Angeles County).

#### **Disparities in Access to Opportunity**

#### TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas

Based on economic, environmental, and educational criteria established by the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), the majority of the Burbank's census tracts are identified as areas of Highest and High Resources. This indicates that Burbank residents have a high level of access to resources and opportunities that can impact educational attainment, earnings from employment, and economic mobility.

Table B-4 presents resource categories and index scores for the four key criteria for each census tract and Exhibit B-11 illustrates the spatial distribution of TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas in Burbank. According to the table and exhibit, only two of Burbank's 24 census tracts are identified as Moderate Resource, with the remaining tracts identified as Highest or High and one not applicable because the census tract is Hollywood-Burbank Airport (CT 9800.10). These two Moderate Resource census tracts (CT 3107.03 and CT 3118.02) are located in the southeastern portion of the City along the I-5 corridor.

Table B-4
Burbank Opportunity Resource Levels

Census Tract	Final Category	Economic Domain Score (by region)	Environmental Domain Score (by region)	Education Domain Score (by region)	Composite Index Score
310100	High Resource	0.802	0.125	0.848	0.408
310201	High Resource	0.674	0.624	0.836	0.418
310202	High Resource	0.776	0.526	0.794	0.417
310300	Highest Resource	0.865	0.433	0.848	0.579
310400	High Resource	0.784	0.090	0.854	0.368
310501	High Resource	0.596	0.038	0.862	0.160
310601	High Resource	0.438	0.054	0.854	0.102
310602	Highest Resource	0.838	0.258	0.848	0.504
310701	High Resource	0.574	0.082	0.858	0.218
310702	High Resource	0.612	0.046	0.811	0.113
310703	Moderate Resource	0.300	0.027	0.732	-0.179
310800	High Resource	0.663	0.046	0.822	0.162
310900	High Resource	0.740	0.069	0.862	0.321
311000	Highest Resource	0.760	0.203	0.885	0.457
311100	High Resource	0.775	0.150	0.754	0.270
311200	Highest Resource	0.845	0.451	0.826	0.518
311300	Highest Resource	0.849	0.462	0.905	0.658
311400	Highest Resource	0.843	0.364	0.892	0.601
311500	Highest Resource	0.835	0.313	0.921	0.631
311600	High Resource	0.840	0.219	0.810	0.433
311700	High Resource	0.860	0.085	0.841	0.434
311801	High Resource	0.834	0.032	0.827	0.288
311802	Moderate Resource	0.450	0.030	0.843	0.037
980010	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A

Source: California Tax Credit Allocation Committee and the California Department of Housing and Community Development

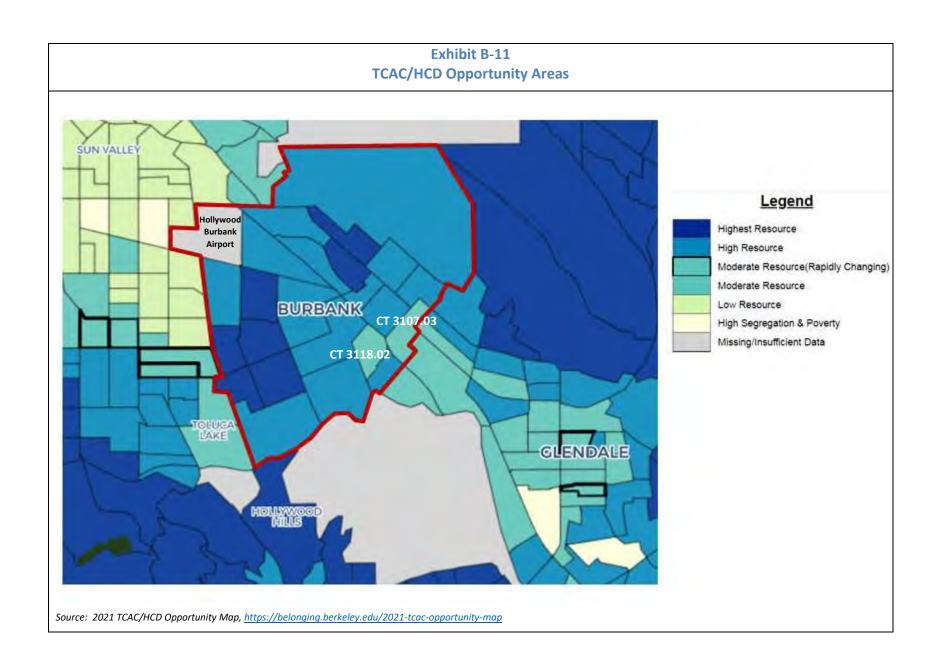


Table B-5 provides a summary profile of the two Moderate Resource census tracts. A closer look at CT 3107.03 indicates that almost two-thirds (65%) of its residents are White. The poverty scale for CT 3107.03, with a 20-30 percent of population below the poverty level is consistent with tract's 63 percent lower income households. The median age of homes is approximately 50 years old. This tract is comprised predominantly renters (90%) with over two-thirds of the households facing a housing cost burden. This area falls within The Burbank Center Plan (BCP), which was adopted in 1997 as an economic revitalization plan, and is currently being updated and integrated within the Downtown TOD Specific Plan. The City and its former Redevelopment Agency have attracted numerous major employers to this census tract, including a 455,000-square foot IKEA store and a Home Depot, as well as Ralph's and Trader Joes grocery stores. The South San Fernando Streetscape Plan provided a variety of public improvements to the area to create a more visually pleasing and pedestrian-oriented environment.

Census Tract 3118.02 is also identified as Moderate Resource. Its racial/ethnic composition is majority Latinx. Poverty levels are also high, but there is a lower percentage (45%) of lower income households than CT 3107.03. The Lake/Verdugo Focus Neighborhood falls within this tract, and the City and Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC) have to date improved 72 rental units and provided as long-term affordable housing. A major employer in this tract is the Burbank Recycling Center. A large portion of this tract falls within the Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan and will benefit from investments under the Plan.

	Table B-5
Moderate	<b>Resource Census Tracts</b>

	Census Tract				
	3107.03	3118.02			
Population	4,693	4,135			
Race/Ethnicity	White: 65% Latinx: 19% Other: 7% Asian: 6% Black: 3%	Latinx: 53% White: 26% Asian: 14% Black: 4% Other: 4%			
Poverty Status (refer to Exhibit B-1)	20-30%	<10%			
% Low-Income Households	63%	45%			
Type of Housing	Single-family: 10% Multi-family: 90%	Single-family: 19% Multi-family: 81%			
Median Year Housing Built	1971	1972			
% Owner/% Renter	Owner: 10% Renter: 90%	Owner: 15% Renter: 85%			
Number of Housing Choice Vouchers	64	10			
Overcrowding (>1.01/room)	12%	18%			
Overpayment (>30% of Inc. to Housing)	69%	43%			
Planned Investments (Economic growth and Community benefits)	CDBG Eligible CT Community benefits and public improvements will continue under Downtown TOD Specific Plan.	CDBG Eligible CT BHC will continue to improve housing conditions & affordability. Downtown TOD Specific Plan will provide new community benefits and public improvements.			

Sources: ACS 2014-2018 and 2015-2019; Burbank Housing Corporation; Urban Displacement Project, UC Berkeley <a href="http://www.urbandisplacement.org/">http://www.urbandisplacement.org/</a>

#### **HUD Opportunity Indicators**

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) developed the opportunity indicators to help inform communities about disparities in access to opportunity. The index scores are based on nationally available data sources and an assessment of residents' access to key resource opportunities in the City and the region. Table B-6 provides the index scores (ranging from zero to 100) for the following opportunity indicator indices:

- Low Poverty Index: The higher the value, the less exposure to poverty in a neighborhood.
- **School Proficiency Index**: The higher the value, the higher the school system quality is in a neighborhood.
- Labor Market Engagement Index: The higher the value, the higher the labor force participation and human capital is in a neighborhood.
- Transit Trips Index: The higher the value, the more likely residents in that neighborhood utilize public transit.
- Low Transportation Cost Index: The higher the value, the lower the cost of transportation is in that neighborhood.
- Jobs Proximity Index: The higher the value, the better access to employment opportunities for residents in a neighborhood.
- **Environmental Health Index:** The higher the value, the better environmental quality of a neighborhood.

#### **Education**

The City is within the jurisdiction of the Burbank Unified School District (BUSD) which provides public school services to Burbank residents for grades kindergarten through 12. BUSD oversees eleven elementary schools, three middle schools, three high schools, and an alternative school that offers child development, special education, independent learning, and adult education programs. Schools within BUSD have a combined enrollment of approximately 15,000 students. Information provided through the California Department of Education shows that the District's high school graduation rate in 2020 was 92 percent, in comparison to the state graduation rate of 87 percent. In addition, approximately one-third (35%) of the District's students are socioeconomically disadvantaged and 10 percent are English as second language learners<sup>2</sup>. Census ACS 2014-2018 data show that Burbank residents had a higher education attainment level than the county as a whole. This data shows that 58 percent of Burbank residents 25 years and over had at least graduated from high school and that 42 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. This compares to countywide data that shows 51 percent of its resident 25 year and over had graduated from high school and 32 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> California Department of Education, School Dashboard, http://www.caschooldashboard.org

Table B-6
HUD Opportunity Indicators, by Race/Ethnicity

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	Low Poverty Index	School Proficiency Index	Labor Market Index	Transit Trip Index	Transport. Cost Index	Job Proximity Index	Environ. Health Index	
City of Burbank								
Total Population								
White, Non-Hisp.	66.07	77.83	69.01	90.93	82.61	95.33	18.47	
Black, Non-Hisp.	61.92	78.18	66.59	92.63	85.67	95.81	17.68	
Hispanic	63.54	76.67	64.48	91.41	83.79	96.11	17.77	
Asian/Pac. Is., Non-Hisp.	65.65	77.35	68.07	91.38	82.87	95.80	18.70	
Nat. Am., Non-Hisp.	61.48	77.62	65.86	91.48	83.56	95.74	17.47	
Population below federal po	verty line	,			1	T		
White, Non-Hisp.	56.67	78.67	63.31	91.65	85.76	95.52	18.71	
Black, Non-Hisp.	66.73	79.31	69.13	93.95	87.65	94.59	17.15	
Hispanic	57.48	79.15	60.27	92.08	85.97	96.45	18.24	
Asian/Pac. Is., Non-Hisp.	61.82	80.52	68.64	94.44	86.64	96.44	19.95	
Native Am., Non-Hisp.	44.00	69.84	74.00	94.00	81.00	94.81	18.00	
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Ana	heim Regio	า						
Total Population								
White, Non-Hisp.	65.19	68.03	67.43	77.63	73.13	54.59	21.35	
Black, Non-Hisp.	36.07	33.82	35.34	87.25	79.02	40.72	11.92	
Hispanic	35.53	39.72	35.73	86.48	77.78	43.70	12.36	
Asian/Pac. Is., Non-Hisp.	55.03	61.94	57.64	85.13	75.98	51.11	13.13	
Native Am., Non-Hisp.	48.40	50.70	48.58	81.04	75.36	45.88	17.68	
Population below federal po	Population below federal poverty line							
White, Non-Hisp.	53.66	60.62	59.62	83.19	78.51	56.98	18.46	
Black, Non-Hisp.	24.12	28.03	26.41	88.34	81.07	36.90	11.74	
Hispanic	25.05	33.70	29.50	89.09	80.94	44.63	10.63	
Asian /Pac. Is., Non-Hisp.	45.45	57.59	51.41	88.58	80.61	52.88	11.05	
Native Am., Non-Hisp.	33.63	39.10	36.05	84.43	78.22	47.65	16.22	

Source: HUD AFFH, <a href="https://eqis.hud.gov/affht/">https://eqis.hud.gov/affht/</a>

Burbank residents have a high degree of access to educational opportunities. The TCAC/HCD educational domain scores in previous Table B-4 include math proficiency, reading proficiency, high school graduation rates, and student poverty rates at the census tract level. These scores range from a low of 0.73 (CT 3107.03) to as high as 0.92 (CT 3115). Exhibit B-12 at the end of this section shows that all census tracts in Burbank, with the exception of CT 3107.03 (located in the southeast portion of the City north of I-5), have educational scores exceeding 0.75, indicating the most positive educational outcomes. As presented earlier in the discussion of Table B-5, CT 3107.03 is one of two Moderate Resource tracts in Burbank, and is characterized by higher rates of poverty and lower incomes. With an educational score of 0.73, it is just slightly below the 0.75 threshold. Students in CT 3107.03 that attend public schools are enrolled at Joaquin Miller Elementary School (located within this census tract), John Muir Middle School (approximately 1-1.5 miles north of this census tract), and Burbank High School (approximately 1-1.5 miles north of this census tract). According to the California Department of Education's Smarter Balanced Summative Assessment, standardized test results show that during the 2018-2019 academic year, students of Joaquin Miller Elementary School, John Muir Middle School, and Burbank High School all performed better than the test results of the overall school district and the state for their respective grades. For example, 68 percent of students at Joaquin Miller Elementary Schools met or exceeded English Language Arts/Literacy (ELA) standards and 58 percent met or exceeded mathematics standards during the 2018-2019 academic year. This compares to district-wide student performances of 65 percent for ELA and 51 percent for mathematics.<sup>3</sup> These test result patterns are also similar at the middle school and high school levels. In addition, a K-12 school rankings prepared by U.S. News & World Report based on student diversity, teachers, counselors, test scores, and district spending data, ranked Joaquin Miller Elementary School number two among 11 elementary schools in the district, only behind Providencia Elementary.4

Census Tract 3107.03 also has a concentration of persons with income below the poverty level; however, as discussed above, the schools serving this census tract appear to rank high and score high in standardized testing. Another population group that needs greater access to educational resources is children in female headed households. These children are concentrated in CT 3118.02 which is located south of I-5 in southeast Burbank. However, as Table B-4 shows, the education domain score for this census tract is 0.84, which indicates there is access to educational opportunities.

Exhibit B-12 at the end of this section presents a map of educational score levels by census tract using the HCD AFFH Data Viewer, and illustrates that Burbank's educational scores are higher than those of Glendale, Pasadena, and the Los Angeles City communities in eastern San Fernando Valley. <sup>5</sup>

School proficiency from a regional perspective is also presented in the HUD-based Table B-6. The school proficiency index uses school-level data on the performance of 4th grade students on state exams to describe which neighborhoods have high-performing elementary schools nearby and which are near lower performing elementary schools. Therefore, the higher the score, the higher the school system quality is in a neighborhood. As the table shows, the school proficiency of Burbank's total population by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> California Department of Education, California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress. The Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for English language arts/literacy (ELA) and mathematics annually assesses student knowledge and skills for ELA and mathematics, as well as how much students have improved since the previous year. These measures help identify and address gaps in knowledge or skills early so students get the support they need for success in higher grades and for college and career readiness. <a href="https://caaspp-elpac.cde.ca.gov/caaspp/">https://caaspp-elpac.cde.ca.gov/caaspp/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> US News and World Report, https://www.usnews.com/education/k12?int=top\_nav\_K-12

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> While census tract 9800.10 is depicted in Exhibit B-12 as having a low educational score, this tract in fact is entirely comprised of the Hollywood Burbank Airport and has no population, consistent with Table B-4.

race/ethnicity is higher than those in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim region as a whole. For example, the non-Hispanic White population and Hispanic population of Burbank have school proficiency indices of 78 and 77, respectively, which are significantly higher than the regionwide indices of the non-Hispanic White (68) and Hispanic (40) population. These school proficiency patterns by race/ethnicity of the total population are also similar for the population below the federal poverty line. In summary, Burbank does not have any substantial differences in access to educational opportunities.

#### **Economics**

Burbank is a major employment center in the region with over 130,000 jobs. However, average annual unemployment rates for the City in 2019 was five percent, higher than unemployment rates in Los Angeles County (4%) and the state as a whole (4%).

The City scores high in terms of access to economic opportunities. The TCAC/HCD economic domain scores in previous Table B-4 range from a low of 0.300 (CT 3118.02) to as high as 0.865 (CT 3103), with Exhibit B-13 showing that that majority of the City's census tracts scored greater than 0.75 indicating the most positive economic outcomes. The northeastern and southwestern portions of the City scored the highest, while more modest economic scores were concentrated in areas along the I-5 corridor. Three census tracts have lower economic domain scores (0.25 - 0.50), which include Burbank's two Moderate Resource census tracts (CTs 3107.03 and 3118.02) in the southeastern portion of the City, and CT 3106.01 located north of I-5 in the Peyton/Grismer Focus Neighborhood. All three of these tracts are characterized by a higher than average (50 - 75%) low and moderate income population (refer to Exhibit B-10). However, these census tracts are in close proximity to jobs throughout the City, but in particular those jobs in the Downtown District. All three census tracts (CTs 3106.01, 3107.03, and 3118.02) are within or adjacent to the Downtown District, which include large employment centers such as the Burbank Civic Center (City Hall and other governmental departments), and retail commercial establishments in and around Burbank Town Center. The Town Center alone has over one million square feet of floor area. Census Tract 3107.03 also includes the largest IKEA store in the United States, as well as Car Max and Home Depot. City staff has indicated that Census Tract 3107.03 is approximately one mile from Disney Imagineering and DreamWorks Animation in the adjacent City of Glendale, which provide job opportunities for Burbank residents. Furthermore, residents of Census Tract 3118.02 are within 1.0-1.5 miles of six of the top ten major employment centers in the City (Walt Disney Company, Warner Brothers, Providence St. James Medical Center, ABC Inc., and Nickelodeon Animation -- refer to Housing Element Table 1-5). Census Tract 3106.01 is adjacent to the Downtown District and the Airport District, which is west of I-5. The Airport District includes major retail employment centers such as Lowe's, Target, Walmart, and Costco, as well as Hollywood Burbank Airport, two Marriott Hotels, and entertainment-related businesses.

City staff has identified recently approved commercial and mixed-use projects that will provide additional employment opportunities for Burbank residents, including those in Census Tracts 3106.01, 3107.03, and 3118.02. The following is a list of approved commercial and mixed-use projects:

- Netflix Animation. Streaming giant Netflix selected Burbank's Airport District for its worldwide animation headquarters in what was 2020's largest new LA county office lease. The project encompasses 171,000 sq ft on seven stories at 2300 W Empire Avenue. The project permit was issued in 2021.
- **Titmouse**. An animation production company signed a 95,000 sq. ft. deal at 2835 N Naomi Street in Burbank's Airport District. Permits for tenant improvements were finalized in 2021.
- Warner Bros. Tour Center. Located at 4000 Warner Boulevard, the 79,800-sq. ft. studio tour center is in the Media District. The project was opened to the public 2021.

- Providence Saint Joseph ER and Urgent Care. Located at 501 S Buena Vista Street in the Media District, this project will include a 34,500-sq. ft. 44-bed emergency room and an 8,500-sq. ft. 12-bed urgent care. The permit was issued in 2020 and construction is continuing as of May 2022.
- Avion Burbank. Project is located at 3001 N Hollywood Way in the City's Airport District. It includes one million sq. ft. of industrial/space, 142,000 sq. ft. of creative office space, 15,000 sq. ft of retail/restaurant space, and a 150-room hotel. The project opened to the public in 2021, with the hotel under construction as of May 2022.
- Warner Bros. Second Century. An 800,000-sq. ft. office space project designed by Frank Gehry. It is to be located on West Olive Avenue in the Media District. Anticipated opening in 2023.
- First Street Village Mixed-Use. Located on First Street between Magnolia Boulevard and Palm Avenue in Downtown. The project will include 275 apartments and 18,876 sq. ft. of retail space, with an anticipated opening in 2023.
- **La Terra.** 777 Front Street in Downtown Burbank. It includes 573 residential units, 1,067 sq. ft. of retail space, and a 307-room hotel. Anticipated opening in 2023-2025
- **Airport Replacement Terminal.** 2627 N Hollywood Way is 355,000 sq. ft. and includes 14 gates, new parking structures, and taxiway extensions. Anticipated opening in 2025.
- South San Fernando Mixed-Use. Located at 624-628 S San Fernando Boulevard in Downtown Burbank, includes 42 residential rental units with ground floor retail/ office. Approved by the Planning Board in 2020
- **AC Hotel.** This 196-room AC Hotel will be located at 550 N Third Street in the Downtown District. As of May 2022, the project is in City Plan check.

In comparison to the region, economic opportunities in Burbank are similar to those available to Glendale and Pasadena residents, but higher than in the communities in eastern San Fernando Valley, including the City of San Fernando.

Exhibit B-14, Jobs Proximity map, clearly shows that all of Burbank is in close proximity to jobs, that there is a high degree of access to employment opportunities for its residents. The Census ACS 2014-2018 data indicates 56 percent of Burbank resident workers 16 years and over that do not work at home commute less than 30 minutes to work as compared to 49 percent of countywide worker. While Burbank has good access to job opportunities and is considered jobs-rich, it still needs more housing at varied income levels to balance the number of jobs. Exhibit B-14 also illustrates that from a regional perspective, areas that are highlighted in red with an index score of less than 20 are located in Los Angeles City communities of Highland Park/El Sereno (southeast of Glendale), Sunland/Tujunga (north of Burbank), and Pacoima/Panorama City/Van Nuys in eastern San Fernando Valley, including the City of San Fernando.

Economic opportunity indicators based on the HUD indices presented in Table B-6 include low poverty, labor market engagement, and jobs proximity. The low poverty index captures poverty in a given neighborhood. The poverty rate is determined at the census tract level. A high score indicates less exposure to poverty in a neighborhood. The labor market engagement index provides a summary description of the relative intensity of labor market engagement and human capital in a neighborhood, based on the level of employment, labor force participation, and educational attainment in a census tract. Higher scores indicate higher labor force participation and human capital in a neighborhood. The third economic opportunity indicator is jobs proximity, which quantifies the accessibility of a given residential neighborhood as a function of its distance to all job locations within a region/Core-Based Statistical Area (CBSA), with larger employment centers weighted more heavily. The higher the index value, the better the access to employment opportunities for residents in a neighborhood.

Table B-6 shows that the index values for the three economic opportunity indicators are significantly higher for Burbank residents than for those in the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim region. This applies to all race and ethnic groups of the total population and the population below the federal poverty line. The difference between Burbank and the region is most evident by the job proximity indicator. For the total population of Burbank, the job proximity index is about 96 for all race/ethnic groups, which indicates the presence of large employment centers in close proximity to residential neighborhoods, and that job proximity appears not to be tied to race and ethnicity. In comparison, the regional job proximity scores range from 41 (non-Hispanic Blacks) to 55 (non-Hispanic Whites). The labor market indicator (labor force participation and human capital) shows that while the index value for non-Hispanic Whites is higher than the region, the gap is relatively small -- 69 for Burbank and 67 for the region. However, the difference between Burbank and the region is more pronounced for the minority groups, and especially for the population in poverty.

With an educated labor force, a network of efficient public transit, and an established entertainment industry, Burbank will continue to attract employment-generating businesses to the City as evident by the recent approval of major commercial projects.

# **Transportation**

The availability of efficient, accessible, and affordable transit is critical to the social and economic well-being of Burbank residents, especial to lower-income households that must use public transit to commute to work, and the elderly and persons with disabilities that require transportation to medical and other public social services, as well as for routine activities such as shopping. Currently, Burbank residents have access to the local and regional bus and rail transit systems within the City and to other parts of the region. The City is served by Burbank Bus, a commuter-oriented service that provides local connections to regional Metrolink rail service. In addition to Burbank Bus, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) operates a number of bus routes that serve local destinations. Other important bus service providers include the City of Glendale Beeline, Los Angeles Department of Transportation Commuter Express Service, and Santa Clarita Transit. In addition, Burbank is located along the proposed California High Speed Rail Corridor, with a station proposed adjacent to the Hollywood Burbank Airport.

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) developed a mapping tool for High Quality Transit Areas (HQTA) as part of the Connect SoCal 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). SCAG defines HQTAs as areas within one-half mile from a major transit stop and a high-quality transit corridor. Exhibit B-15 shows that most of Burbank is located within an HQTA. Additionally, all of the opportunity sites, entitled projects, and pending entitlement projects identified in the Housing Element site inventory are an HQTA. The HQTA graphically shows Burbank's transit connects and options throughout the City and the rest of the region.



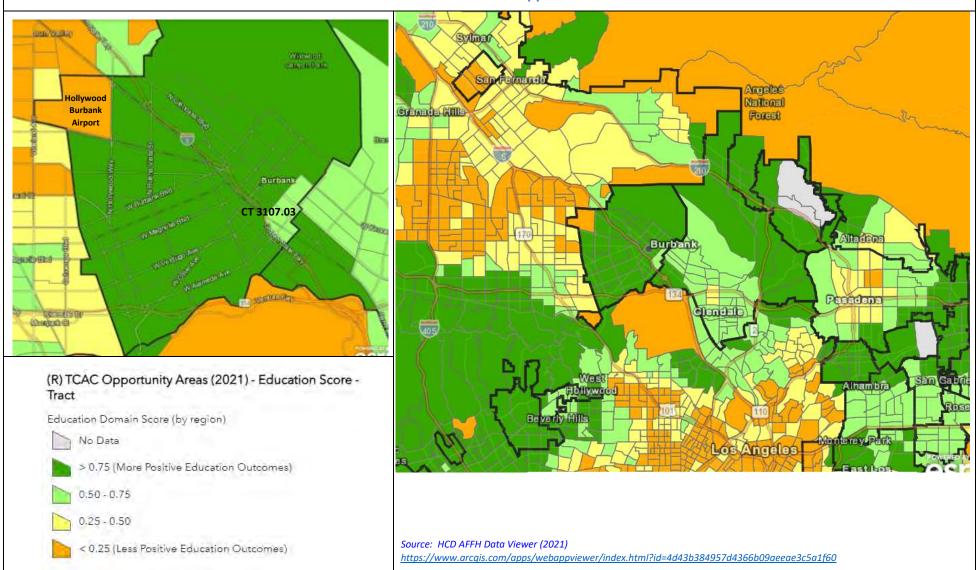
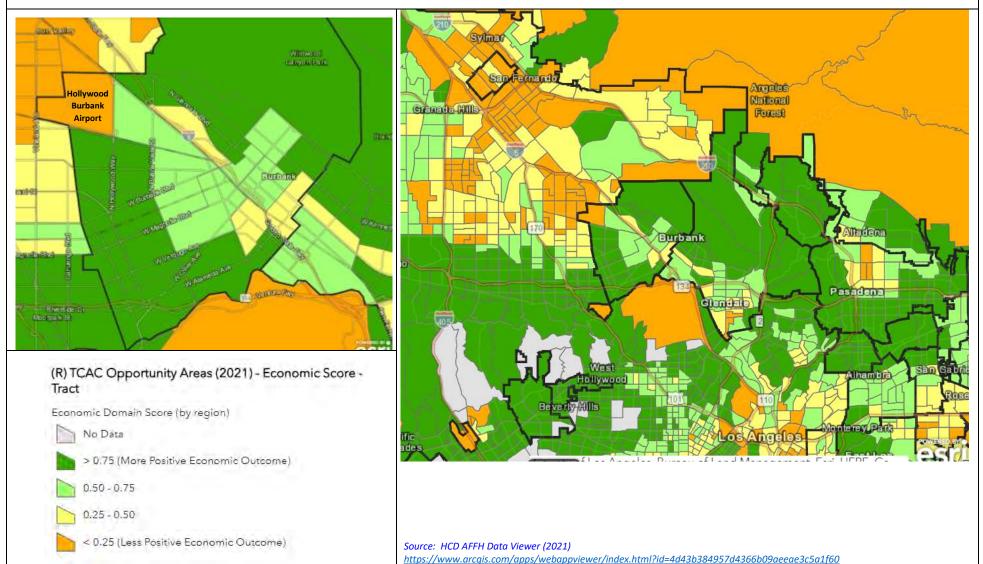


Exhibit B-13
Access to Economic Opportunities



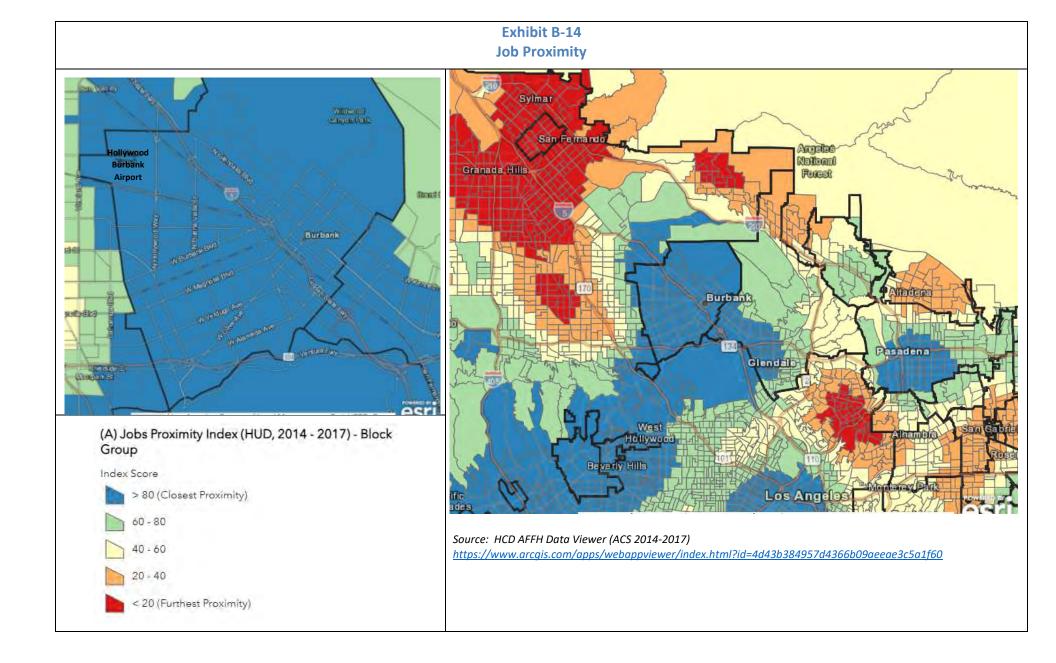
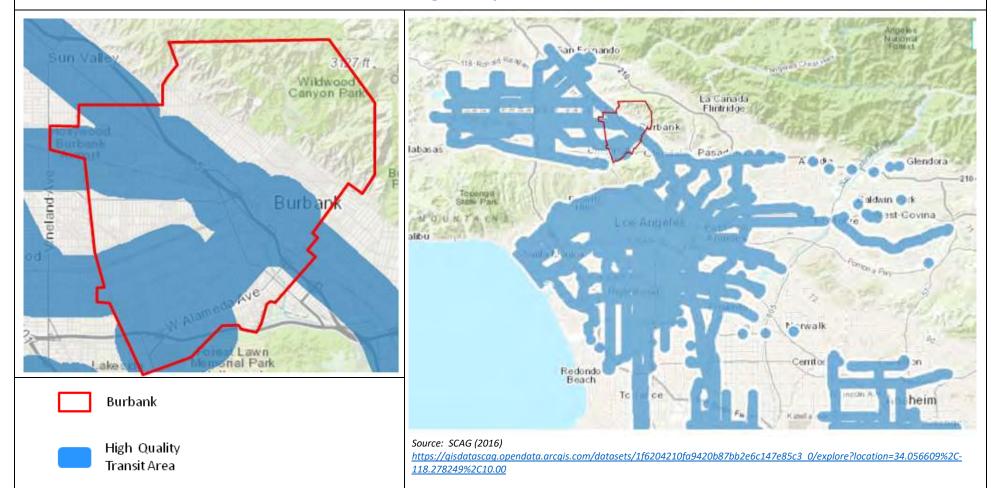
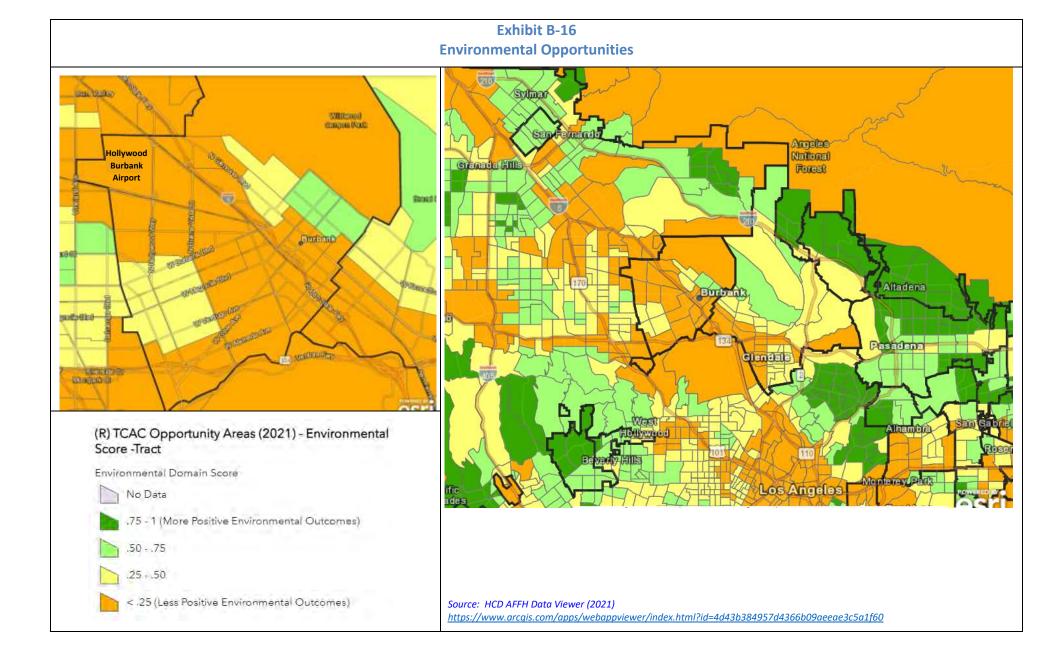


Exhibit B-15 High Quality Transit Area





The HUD-based transportation opportunity indicators shown in Table B-6 include transit trips and low transportation cost. The transit trip index is based on estimates of transit trips taken by a family that meets the following description: a three-person, single-parent family with income at 50 percent of the median income for renters for the region/CBSA. The higher the transit trips index, the more likely residents in that neighborhood utilize public transit. The low transportation cost index is based on estimates of transportation costs for a family that meets the following description: a three-person, single-parent family with income at 50 percent of the median income for renters for the region/CBSA. Therefore, the higher the index, the lower the cost of transportation in that neighborhood.

Similar to other opportunity indicators, transit trips and low transportation cost index values are higher for Burbank residents than residents of the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim region. All residents of Burbank have very high access to public transit and low transportation costs with index values in the 90s and 80s, respectively. At the regional level, scores are 70/80s for access to transit and the 70s for lower transportation cost. Another pattern is that minority residents tend to have slightly higher values than non-Hispanic Whites for both Burbank and the region.

While Burbank residents overall tend to have higher transit use and lower transportation costs than the rest of the region, female-headed households with children, the elderly, persons with disabilities, and those with incomes below the poverty level need even more public transit. These groups of residents are concentrated in the following census tracts: female-headed household with children (CT 3118.02); the elderly (CTs 3107.01 and 3107.02); persons with disabilities (CT 3107.01); and, residents in poverty (CT 3107.03). All of the identified census tracts are located along the I-5 corridor in the southeastern portion of Burbank. All four census tracts are located within the High Quality Transit Area and are serviced by various local and regional bus transit lines. But, for more curb-to-curb transportation service for Burbank's seniors and persons with disabilities, there is the BurbankBus Senior and Disabled (BBS&D) Transit that allows these residents to maintain healthy and active lifestyles. To be eligible for the BBS&D Transit service, Burbank residents must be 60 years of age or older or qualify by nature of a disability. In addition, MTA has a new on-demand rideshare service known as Metro Micro, which offer trips within several zones in LA County, including the North Hollywood/Burbank service zone. All four of the above mentioned census tracts are within this service zone. This rideshare service is for short local trips and uses small vehicles (seating up to 10 passengers). The Metro Micro service is meant to be a fast, safe and convenient option for quick trips around town.

MTA is also preparing the plans for the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (NoHo-Pasadena BRT) Project. The 18-mile high-quality regional transit project will connect the Metro North Hollywood Red Line Station, the Burbank Media District, Downtown Burbank, Glendale, Eagle Rock, and Pasadena. A bus rapid transit is a bus corridor that operates like a light rail line, and includes rail-like stations, frequent bus service, and roadway improvements to include bus lanes and traffic signal priority that allows the bus to bypass congestion. This transit line traverses or is in close proximity to the four census tracts (CTs 3107.01, 3107.02, 3107.03, and 3118.02).

# **Environment**

The California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) developed a screening tool (known as CalEnviroScreen 3.0) to identify communities disproportionately burden by multiple sources of pollution and with population characteristics that make them more sensitive to pollution. The CalEnviroScreen 3.0 was used in the TCAC/HCD AFFH Data Viewer map shown in Exhibit B-16 to measure environmental opportunities within Burbank and the region. Low scoring census tracts (less than 0.25) tend to be more burdened by pollution from multiple sources and are most vulnerable to its effects, taking into account their socioeconomic characteristics and underlying health status, and high scoring census

tracts (0.75 to 1.0) having more positive environmental outcomes. Overall, the majority of Burbank census tracts score in the low range, with two census tract (CT 3102.01 and CT 3102.02) in the northeast portion of the City along the Verdugo Mountain foothills having moderate high scores (0.50-0.75). From a regional perspective, more positive environment outcomes occur away from Burbank, closer to areas along the foothills of the San Gabriel Mountains and Santa Monica Mountains, area southeast of Glendale, and areas of northeastern San Fernando Valley.

Senate Bill 1000 (SB 1000) requires cities with identified disadvantaged communities to include environmental justice goals and policies in the General Plan. Per SB 1000, the California EPA uses CalEnviroScreen, a mapping tool to identify disadvantaged communities throughout the state. The model scores each of the indicators using percentiles and combines the scores for individual indicators to determine an overall CalEnviroScreen score for a given census tract relative to others in the state. As shown in Exhibit B-17, there are a total of five census tracts identified as disadvantaged communities: two census tracts (CTs 3105.01 and 3106.01) in Burbank identified as disadvantaged communities, located along the I-5 northeast of Burbank Boulevard; and three census tracts (CTs 3107.03, 3118.01, and 3118.02) also along the I-5 in southeast Burbank at the border with Glendale. As mandated under SB 1000, the City of Burbank is updating the Safety Element and other General Plan Elements in conjunction with the Housing Element to include policies to address environmental justice through reducing health risks to disadvantaged communities, promoting civil engagement, and prioritizing the needs of these communities.

# **Disproportionate Housing Needs and Displacement Risk**

# **Overpayment**

Housing affordability problems occur when housing costs become so high in relation to income that households are faced with paying an excessive portion of their income for housing, leaving less income remaining for other basic essentials. Housing overpayment occurs when a household spends more than 30 percent of its income on housing costs; severe overpayment refers to spending more than 50 percent of income on housing.

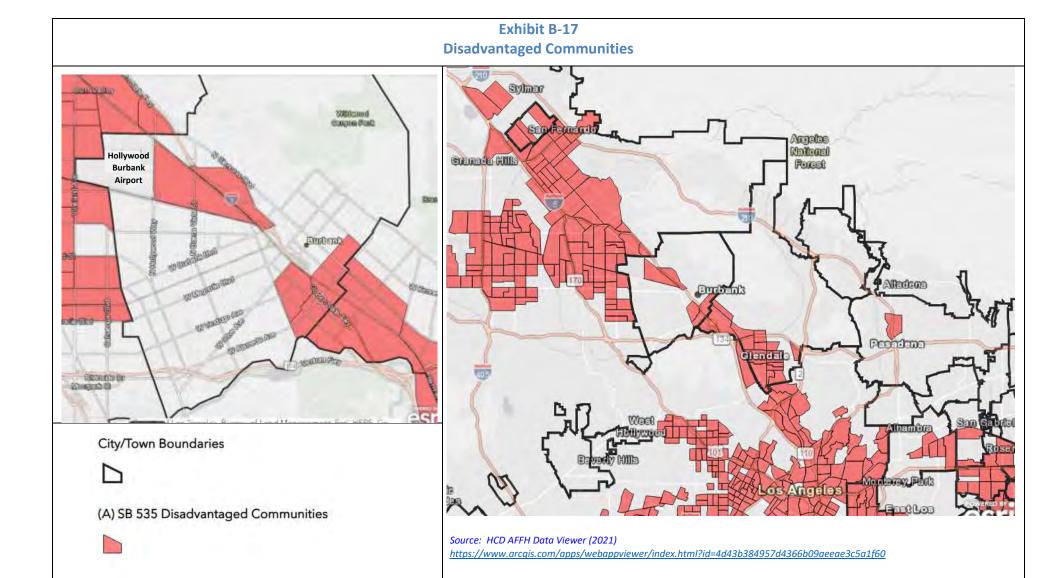
As presented in Table B-7, the majority (56%) of total renter households in Burbank pay more than 30 percent of their income on housing costs, which is slightly less than the 58 percent countywide. Almost one-third (31%) of renter households are severely cost burdened and paying more than 50 percent of their income on housing costs, which is about the same rate as the County.

	Table B-7	
Housing	<b>Overpayment</b>	2018

Burbank		ank	Los Angeles Co.	
Overpayment	Households	Percent	Percent	
Renters				
Overpayment (30%-50% Household Income)	5,861	25.3%	27.3%	
Severe Overpayment (>50% Household Income)	7,207	31.1%	31.0%	
Total Overpayment-Renters (>30% Household Income)	13,068	56.4%	58.3%	
Owners*				
Overpayment (>30%-50% Household Income)	3,053	17.6%	19.8%	
Severe Overpayment >50% Household Income	2,403	13.9%	16.6%	
Total Overpayment- Owners (>30% Household Income)	5,456	31.5%	36.3%	

Source: ACS 2014-2018 (B25091)

\*Owner household includes with and without mortgage



As shown in Table B-8 overpayment is most pronounced among lower income renter households. A significant majority of renter households earning less than \$50,000 in Burbank face either overpayment or severe overpayment, and the highest percentage (95%) of overpayment are renter household in the \$20,000 to \$34,999 income range. Therefore, the impact of housing overpayment on Burbank's lower income households is significant, with the community's special needs populations – seniors, persons with disabilities, and female-headed households with children – being the most vulnerable to losing their housing due to an inability to pay. For these reasons, housing overpayment is considered a significant issue in Burbank.

Table B-8
<b>Renter Overpayment by Income 2018</b>

	Overpayment (30-50% HH Income)		Severe Overpayment (>50% HH Income)		Total (>30% HH Income)	
Income Level	Households	% Renter Income Level	Households	% Renter Income Level	Households	% Renter Income Level
Less than \$20,000	579	13.1%	3,571	80.6%	4,150	90.7%
\$20,000-\$34,999	593	19.0%	2,374	75.9%	2,967	94.9%
\$35,000 to \$49,999	1,724	58.1%	854	28.8%	2,578	86.9%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	1,809	47.0%	408	10.6%	2,217	57.6%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	825	26.7%	0	0	825	26.7%
\$100,000 or more	331	5.8%	0	0	331	5.8%
Total	5,861	25.3%	7,207	31.1%	13,068	56.4%

Source: SCAG Pre-Certified Local Housing Data, August 2020; ACS 2014-2018.

#### **Overcrowding**

The State defines an overcrowded housing unit as one occupied by more than 1.0 person per room (excluding kitchen, porches, and hallways). A unit with more than 1.5 occupants per room is considered severely overcrowded. The incidence of overcrowded housing is a general measure of whether there is an available supply of adequately sized housing units.

Housing overcrowding impacts Burbank renters more than homeowners in the City. Of the total renter households in the City, seven percent were living in overcrowded conditions (more than 1 person per room), while only two percent of total owner households were living under these conditions. Burbank's overcrowding percentages were one-half those of Los Angeles County (17% for renters and 6% for owners).

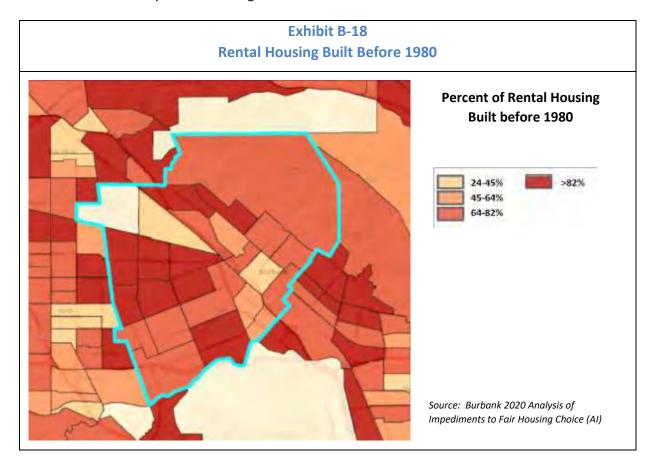
While overcrowding in general is not considered a significant housing issue in Burbank, there is a disparity in the supply and demand for large rental units among lower income households, with 940 lower-income large family renter households and only 590 adequately sized and affordable units. This imbalance between supply and demand contributes to nearly one-fifth of the City's renter households residing in overcrowded conditions, and demonstrates the need for larger apartment units consisting of three or more bedrooms.

# **Housing Conditions**

For many low-income families, substandard housing is the only housing available at an affordable price. One indicator of substandard housing is the age of a City's housing stock. The age of housing is commonly used by State and federal agencies as a factor in estimating rehabilitation needs. Typically, most homes begin to require major repairs or have significant rehabilitation needs at 30 to 40 years of age. In addition, housing built prior to 1980 may have lead paint, asbestos, and other hazardous materials, which are now banned in the construction of homes. Also, since the Sylmar Earthquake of 1971, stringent seismic safety standards were developed to ensure that structures could withstand seismic activity of similar magnitude.

According to the Census ACS 2014-2018 data, approximately three-quarters (74%) of Burbank's housing stock consists of units built before 1980. In comparison, the age of Los Angeles County's housing stock is similar to Burbank, with 75 percent of its housing units built prior to 1980.

As shown in Exhibit B-18, rental housing built before 1980 is located in the darkest shaded areas, which include census tracts located in: western Burbank south of the Hollywood Burbank Airport and Vanowen Street; northwest Burbank north of the I-5 Freeway; and in the vicinity of the southeast boundaries of the City. As previously shown in Exhibit B-3: TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas, these census tracts are identified as "highest" or "high" areas of resources and opportunities and relatively "low" areas of poverty. However, it is of interest for the City to monitor all housing built prior to 1980 for lead paint and other hazardous or structurally unsafe housing issues.



Another measure of substandard housing condition in a jurisdiction is the lack of adequate plumbing and kitchen facilities in a housing unit. Estimates from the Census ACS 2014-2018 data shows that only 62 occupied housing units in Burbank lacked complete plumbing facilities or 0.1 percent of the total occupied units in the City. There were more units lacking complete kitchen facilities, with 532 units or 1.3 percent of the City's total occupied units. At the countywide level, estimates were higher than Burbank in both cases. According to the Census estimates, 0.5 percent of the County's total occupied housing units lacked complete plumbing facilities and 1.5 percent lacked complete kitchen facilities.

# Severe Housing Problems

Exhibit B-19 shows the percentage of households experiencing any one of four severe housing problems (lack of complete plumbing, lack of complete kitchen, severe over-crowding, and severe cost-burden). The exhibit shows Burbank and other nearby cities and unincorporated communities were in the 20-40 percent range of households facing a severe housing problem. For Burbank, 27 percent of households faced severe housing problems. Other areas that experienced higher percentages than Burbank included the Cities of San Fernando (39%), Los Angeles (37%), and Glendale (36%), while the City of Pasadena was the same as Burbank. Cities with lower percentages than Burbank include the Cities of South Pasadena (20%), San Marino (20%), La Canada-Flintridge (19%). The highest percentage in the area was the unincorporated community of East Los Angeles at 40 percent.

#### Homelessness

According the 2020 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count released by the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA), the January 2020 "point in time" count enumerated 66,439 homeless individuals in Los Angeles County, reflecting an increase of 13 percent over the previous 2019 count. Other Southern California counties have experienced even higher increases in homelessness between 2019 and 2020, with Kern at 19 percent and San Bernardino at 20 percent. Only San Diego County witnessed a decrease in homelessness of minus six percent. Within Los Angeles County, the largest number of homeless were counted in Metro Los Angeles (Service Planning Area 4), which includes the Los Angeles City downtown area and its vicinity, with a count of 17,121 or 26 percent of the countywide homeless total. San Fernando Valley (Service Planning Area 2), which includes the City of Burbank, had a count of 9,274 homeless or 14 percent of the countywide homeless total.

A closer look at LAHSA's homeless data indicate that in Los Angeles County, about one-quarter of homeless families were sheltered and about three-quarters unsheltered. Between 2019 and 2020, the number of homeless families increased by 46 percent. The demographic data also indicate that the homeless population in Los Angeles County is mostly Hispanic/Latino at 36 percent, then Black/African American at 34 percent, followed by White at 26 percent. Asian/Pacific Islanders represent only 1.5 percent of the countywide homeless population. Of the racial/ethnic groups, Black/African Americans are disproportionately represented. This group represents 34 percent of the total homeless, while only accounting for eight percent of the total county population. The Hispanic/Latino's share of the total county population is 49 percent and White's 26 percent.

Other LAHSA 2020 homeless data for Los Angeles County show:

- 6,290 homeless seniors (62+), accounting for nine percent of the total county homeless -- an increase of 20 percent since 2019.
- 19 percent increase of transitional age youth households and unaccompanied minors in one year.
- 54 percent increase in chronic homelessness in one year (HUD defines chronic as homeless for more than one year and has a disabling condition).

- Two-thirds of people experiencing homelessness identify as male.
- One half of unsheltered cisgender females (18+) have a history of domestic, intimate partner and other sexual violence.
- 59 percent of newly homeless cite economic hardship as the main reason for their homelessness.

Within Burbank, LAHSA's 2020 point in time count identified a total of 291 homeless individuals (207 unsheltered and 84 sheltered homeless), an increase of only three percent from the previous year, but almost doubling since 2016. The City's sheltered homeless included the following: 65 individuals in transitional housing; 19 individuals in the emergency shelter who reported they were from Burbank; 47 persons living in the street; 146 homeless persons living in a car, van, or RV/camper; and nine persons living in a makeshift shelter.

Demographic information provided for the San Fernando Valley (Service Planning Area 2) shows that three-fourths of the homeless population are individuals and not in a family household. About one third of total homeless persons identify as female. Six percent of the total homeless in San Fernando Valley are seniors (62+). Also, the homeless identifying as Hispanic/Latino account for 43 percent of the total homeless population in San Fernando Valley, which is followed by Whites at 30 percent and Black/African Americans at 22 percent.

Working together with local, County, and City of Los Angeles partners, the City of Burbank adopted a comprehensive Homeless Plan for 2011-2021, scheduled to be updated in spring of 2022. The Homeless Plan provides a proactive approach to homelessness by: 1) creating action-oriented solutions that address the ongoing systemic social issues of homelessness impacting our community; 2) coordinating efforts to address homelessness with City Departments, public and private entities, businesses, and community involvement; and 3) identifying funding, barriers, and measurable outcomes.

As previously discussed in Housing Element's Special Needs Populations of the Housing Needs Assessment, there are numerous agencies and organizations that are currently providing programs and services to help the homeless in Burbank. Examples of a few of the homeless resources include:

- Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC), in partnership with service providers including Family Services Agency (FSA) and Family Promise of the Verdugos, owns and operates five transitional/supportive housing facilities within Burbank.
- Burbank Housing Authority (BHA) and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority offer a form
  of tenant-based rental assistance to chronically homeless individuals and families.
- Burbank Temporary Aid Center (BTAC) administers a motel voucher program for homeless individuals and families to stay at local motels.
- Family Promise of the Verdugos provides temporary shelter and supportive services to families that are "situationally" homeless.
- Ascencia Emergency Housing provides Burbank homeless with 60-90 days of emergency and transitional housing and permanent supportive housing.
- Street Plus Downtown Burbank Hospitality and Social Outreach Ambassador Program dedicated to homeless outreach in downtown Burbank by providing homeless individuals receive housing, housing support, or transportation back to their families.
- Safe Storage and Help Center (SAFE) was completed in August 2021. The Salvation Army assists
  homeless individuals with safely storing their personal belongings at the center while also
  providing case management and referrals to services.

A complete list of homeless resources and additional information are included in the Housing Element's Special Needs Populations section and on the City of Burbank website.

# Displacement Risk

There are no affordable units currently at-risk of converting to market-rate within the 2021-2029 planning period. The three projects identified as at-risk in the City's 2014-2021 Housing Element included Pacific Manor, Wesley Tower, and Harvard Plaza. All three have extended their affordability requirements beyond the 2021-2029 planning period.

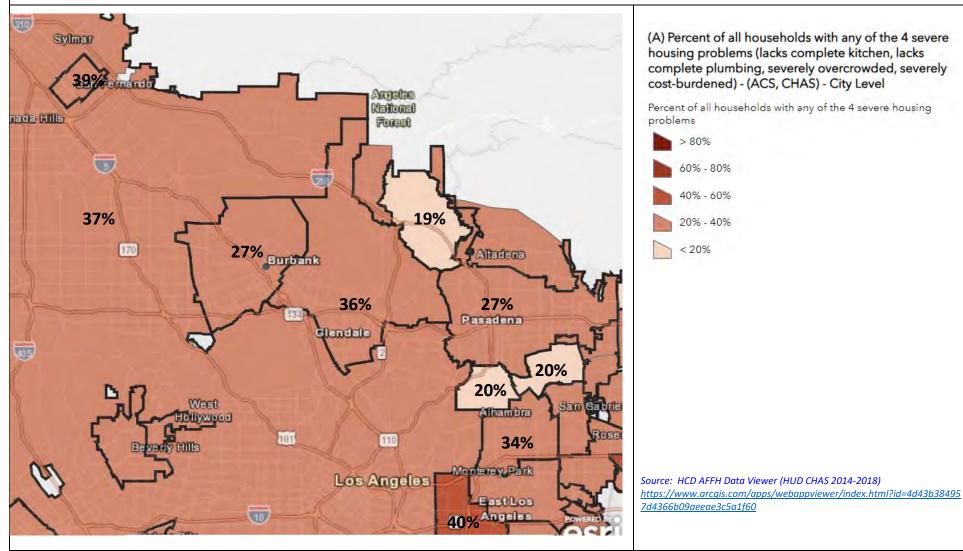
A mapping tool developed by the UCLA Urban Displacement Project using 2018 Census ACS data provides stakeholder a better understand where neighborhoods are changing and are vulnerable to gentrification and displacement in Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties<sup>6</sup>. As illustrated in Exhibit B-20, a vast majority of Burbank census tracts are identified as Stable Moderate/Mixed Income. However, areas most susceptible to displacement include three connecting census tracts (CT 3107.01, CT 3107.02, and CT 3107.03) located southeast of Burbank Boulevard in downtown Burbank to the border with the City of Glendale. These census tracts are identified as Low-Income/Susceptible to Displacement or Ongoing Displacement of Low-Income Households and are mostly lower-income areas or have experienced an absolute loss of low-income households between 2000 and 2018. With a strong housing market for both owner homes and rental units in Burbank and a shortage of housing statewide, the average apartment rent in Burbank have increased by 40 percent since 2013. The information on rents in Burbank is based on surveys conducted in 2013 and 2020. As a result, many lower income households have been priced out of the ownership and rental housing market and must look elsewhere for housing. Also, the majority of lower income renters face overpayment. The burden of higher housing cost is supported by data from the Census ACS 2015-2019 estimates that show CT 3107.02 and CT 3107.3 continue to have the highest proportion of cost-burdened renters in the City (more than 30% of household income going towards housing). At the other end of the scale are three census tracts: CT 3111 located south of the Hollywood Burbank Airport is designated Becoming Exclusive; and CT 3101 and CT 3103 in the northern part of the City are designated Stable/Advance Exclusive. The location of the census tracts and the criteria used to define the designations are presented in Exhibit B-20.

While most of Burbank is stable with moderate and mix income, the areas immediately to the west of the City and portions of southern Glendale are susceptible to displacement and gentrification. At the county level, the UCLA Urban Displacement Project data show Los Angeles County exhibiting the highest rates of gentrification among the three counties of Southern California, with 10 percent of census tracts classified as At Risk of Gentrification, Early/Ongoing Gentrification, or Advanced Gentrification. In addition, five percent of census tracts in Los Angeles County are not gentrifying but experiencing Ongoing Displacement of Low-Income Households.

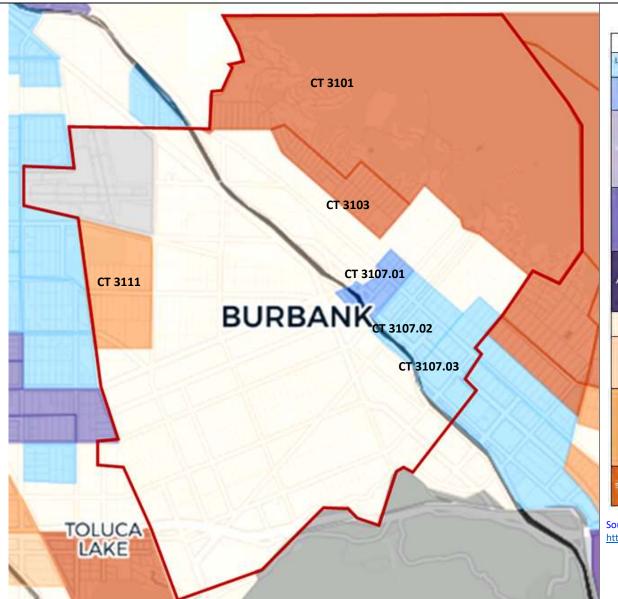
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> UCLA Urban Displacement Project, <u>https://www.urbandisplacement.org/los-angeles/los-angeles-gentrification-and-displacement</u>

Exhibit B-19
Severe Housing Problems



# Exhibit B-20 Displacement Risk



MODIFIED TYPES	CRITERIA		
LOW-INCOME/SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISPLACEMENT	Low or mixed low-income tract in 2018		
Trick on Month	Low or mixed low-income tract in 2018     Absolute loss of low-income households, 2000-2018		
	Low-income or mixed low-income tract in 2018 Housing affordable to low or mixed low-income households in 2018 Didn't gentrify 1990-2000 OR 2000-2018 Marginal change in housing costs OR Zillow home or rental value increases in the 90th percentile between 2012-2018 Local and nearby increases in rent were greater than the regional median between 2012-2018 OR the 2018 rent gap is greater than the regional median median median median rent gap.		
EARLY/ONGOING GENTRIFICATION	Low-income or mixed low-income tract in 2018 Housing affordable to moderate or mixed moderate-income households in 2018 Increase or rapid increase in housing costs OR above regional median change in 2illow home or rental values between 2012-2018 Gentrified in 1990-2000 or 2000-2018		
ADVANCED GENTRIFICATION	Moderate, mixed moderate, mixed high, or high-income tract in 2018 Housing affordable to middle, high, mixed moderate, and mixed high-income households in 2018 Marginal change, increase, or rapid increase in housing costs Generified in 1990-2000 or 2000-2018		
STABLE MODERATE/MIXED INCOME	Moderate, mixed moderate, mixed high, or high-income tract in 2018		
	Moderate, mixed moderate, mixed high, or high-income tract in 2018 Housing affordable to middle, high, mixed moderate, and mixed high-income households in 2018 Marginal change or increase in housing costs		
Profession (1999)	Moderate, mixed moderate, mixed high, or high-income tract in 2018 Housing affordable to middle, high, mixed moderate, and mixed high-income households in 2018 Rapid increase in housing costs Absolute loss of low-income households, 2000-2018 Declining low-income in-migration rate, 2012-2018 Median income higher in 2018 than in 2000		
STABLE/ADVANCED EXCLUSIVE	High-income tract in 2000 and 2018 Affordable to high or mixed high-income households in 2018 Marginal change, increase, or rapid increase in housing costs		

Source: Urban Displacement Project, UC Berkeley (ACS 2014-2018) http://www.urbandisplacement.org/

# 5. Summary of Housing Issues and Contributing Factors

The Burbank AI evaluated a wide range of housing issues and potential barriers to fair housing. In general, Burbank is becoming a more racial/ethnically diverse community and the evidence of segregation is low in comparison to Los Angeles County as defined by HUD. The City does not have an identified R/ECAP census tract. Furthermore, the City's census tracts are designated as highest or high opportunity areas under the TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas, with the exception of two moderate opportunity census tracts located in the southeastern portion of the City. Most of the City's residents have access and are in close proximity to local and regional transit, health care facilities, education, and other services. However, there are fair housing issues that still need to be addressed in the City. The following summarizes the key contributing factors or impediments to fair housing:

# Housing Issues: Affordable housing of various types for Burbank's residents

- **Housing Cost Burden.** Of the total renter households in the City, 56 percent were paying over 30 percent of their total household income on housing. This compares to 58 percent countywide.
- Large Households. Disparity in the supply and demand for large rental units, especially among lower income households, with 940 lower-income large family renter households and only 590 adequately sized and affordable units. This imbalance between supply and demand contributes to nearly one-fifth of the City's renter households residing in overcrowded conditions, and demonstrates the need for larger apartment units consisting of three or more bedrooms.
- Senior Population. Seniors (65+ years) have experienced a steady proportional increase in population. As of 2018, 15 percent of Burbank residents are seniors as compared to 13 percent in 2000. The median age of Burbank residents in 2018 was 40 years as compared to 36 years for Los Angeles County residents. Senior citizens face housing needs related to housing maintenance, accessibility, and cost. Seniors also experience high housing cost burdens, with almost one-third of senior households overpaying (more than 30% of income) for housing.
- Lower-Income Households. Overpayment is most pronounced among lower income renter households. A significant majority of renter households earning less than \$50,000 in Burbank face either overpayment or severe overpayment.
- Housing Cost. Median rental rates in Burbank are beyond the level affordable to lower income (80 percent of AMI) households. A three-person low-income household can afford to pay up to \$1,423 in monthly rent (excluding utilities), whereas the median two-bedroom apartment rent in Burbank is \$1,685 -- an affordability gap of \$262. Moderate income (110 percent of AMI) households are still priced out of Burbank's homeownership market. The maximum affordable purchase price ranges from \$267,000 for a three-person household to \$300,900 for a four-person household, rendering both condominiums and single-family homes in Burbank beyond the reach of moderate-income households
- **Displacement Risk**. Areas most susceptible to displacement include four census tracts (CT 3107.01, CT 3107.02, and CT 3107.03) within the City. These census tracts are identified as "Low-Income/Susceptible to Displacement" or "Ongoing Displacement" and are mostly lower-income areas where the increase in rents may cause a risk of displacement.

# Housing Issues: Public education of fair housing services and fair housing rights

Racial/Ethnic Diversity. Burbank is continuing to become more ethnically and racially diverse, which often brings changes in terms of different income levels, family types, and languages spoken. While the majority of Burbank's residents are non-Hispanic White (57%), the Hispanic (24%), Asian (12%), and Black (3%) populations are increasing in their proportion of the citywide total. In Los Angeles County, non-Hispanic White residents only account for 26 percent and Hispanics 26 percent. In addition, English proficiency may affect housing needs and opportunities, and the residents' understanding of their fair housing rights. Among people at least five years old living in Burbank between 2014 and 2018, 45 percent spoke a language other than English at home. Spanish was spoken by 17 percent of people at least five years old; 16 percent reported that they did not speak English "very well."

# Housing Issues: Fair housing for the special needs population

- Persons with Disabilities. Approximately 11 percent of Burbank's population has some type of
  disability, encompassing physical, mental, and developmental disabilities. The living
  arrangements for persons with disabilities depends on the severity of the condition, and ranges
  from independent living to specialized care environments (group housing).
- Housing for Persons with Physical Disabilities. Special need groups experience a high incidence
  of discrimination complaints. Housing available for persons with physical disabilities continues to
  be the top discrimination complaint in Burbank, which is consistent with other areas in Los
  Angeles served by the HRC. In addition, there are discriminatory complaints pertaining to
  requests for a property manager to make a reasonable modification to accommodate a tenant's
  disability.
- Familial Status and Person with Mental Disabilities. Families with children and persons with mental disabilities are the other protected classes facing alleged discrimination in Burbank.
- **Homeless.** The 2020 point-in-time homeless count identified a total of 291 homeless individuals in Burbank.

# Housing Issues: Availability of accessible housing

 ADU Design Standard. Public comments from Housing Element community workshops indicated that the need for new ADU design guidelines and standards to accommodate persons with disabilities.

#### **Housing Issues: Neighborhood revitalization**

- Moderate Resource Opportunity Areas. Although the TCAC/HCD Opportunity Area maps indicate
  that most of Burbank residents have a high level of access to resources and opportunities, there
  are two census tracts (CT 310703 and CT 311802) that are identified as moderate resource
  opportunity areas in the eastern portion of the City along the I-5.
- **Housing Conditions.** Majority of the multi-family housing in Burbank are older than 40 years and require maintenance.

# **Site Inventory**

As presented in the Housing Element, Burbank's future housing growth need is based on the SCAG RHNA (6th cycle) that forecasts the need to accommodate 2,553 very-low (29.1%), 1,418 low (16.2%), 1,409 moderate (16.1%), and 3,392 above moderate income units (38.7%) within the 2021-2029 planning period. The full Sites Inventory of the Housing Element presented in **Appendix D** and summarized in Table B-9 shows the City's ability to accommodate its fair share of existing and future housing needs for all income groups. Based on approved and pending housing projects, opportunity sites identified in the Burbank Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plans, projected development of accessory dwelling units, and committed assistance to convert market rate units to affordable, the City is able to accommodate the level of housing growth determined in the RHNA.

The higher-density housing sites identified in the Housing Element sites inventory (**Appendix D**) are primarily located in the highest and high resource areas as shown in Exhibit B-21 of the TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas and sites identified in the Site Inventory. Entitled and pending housing projects are located in high resource areas, with two projects in moderate resource areas. ADUs are distributed throughout the City, with additional opportunities for lot splits and duplexes in high resource single-family neighborhoods through implementation of SB 9. Overall, the sites inventory helps to expand housing options and promotes a pattern of interspersed multi-family residential uses rather than in concentrated locations. The analysis below illustrates that Burbank's sites inventory: (1) improves areas of opportunity for all Burbank residents; (2) does not exacerbate racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty; (3) improves integration; and (4) does not exacerbate displacement risk for Burbank's residents.

Table B-9
Burbank's Future Housing Estimates 2021-2029

Sites/Projects	TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas	General Plan Net Units	Specific Plan Net Units
Downtown TOD	Highest, High Mod. Resources	2,788	3,415
Golden State SP	Highest and High Resources	836	2,651
Media District	High Resources		
Entitlement Projects	High and Moderate Resources	1,	845
Pending Entitlement	High and Moderate Resources	4	90
ADUs	Citywide	1,	600
Committed Assistance	High Resources		10
Total		7,569	10,011
RHNA		8,772	8,772
Difference		(1,203)	1,239

**Exhibit B-21 TCAC Opportunity Areas and Site Inventory** Sun Valley Entitled/Pending Projects Wildwood Canyon Fank Opportunity Sites (R) TCAC Opportunity Areas (2021) - Composite Hollywood Score - Tract Burbank Airport Highest Resource Wasterday Brand High Resource Moderate Resource (Rapidly Changing) Moderate Resource Purbank Low Resource High Segregation & Poverty W Madrolla (Elvd WKennett Missing/Insufficient Data WINTED POR Riverside or Moorpark St Source: HCD AFFH Data Viewer (ACS 2014-2018 and 2015-2019) https://www.arcqis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4d43b384957d 4366b09aeeae3c5a1f60

# Access to Opportunity

As presented in previous Table B-4 and illustrated in Exhibit B-21, 34 of the total 37 sites in the Site Inventory are located in the highest and high resource areas of the City. Resources include access to education, economic, transportation, and environmental opportunities. Of the total number of potential lower-income units, 90 percent are located in the highest/high resources areas and only 10 percent in the moderate resource areas. This pattern is similar for moderate/above moderate income units where 87 percent are located in highest and high resource areas and 13 percent in moderate resources areas. Among all the sites in the highest and high resources areas, the TOD 6-Burbank Town includes the largest number of lower income units with a potential of 1,020 units.

AB 686 requires that all sites identified in the Housing Element to meet the RHNA to be consistent with its duty to affirmatively further fair housing. Additionally, the HCD AFFH guidance memo states that sites must be identified and evaluated relative to socio-economic patterns. This is to ensure that the sites for lower-income housing are located equitably across the city with fair access to opportunities and resources, and that the sites are not concentrated in a single geographic area that could exacerbate segregated living patterns. To address this requirement, Table B-10 presents the distribution of lower income units and moderate/above moderate income units relative to: access to resource opportunities; racial/ethnic concentrated areas; persons with disabilities; familial status; low/moderate income; poverty; and displacement risk areas. Exhibits B-22 to B-27 show the locations of entitled and pending projects and opportunity sites identified in the Site Inventory. It should be noted that ADUs have been approved throughout the City, and therefore, the distribution of projected ADUs are assumed citywide.

# Racial/Ethnic Concentrated Areas of Poverty

Racially or Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAP) are areas that have both racial/ethnic concentrations and high levels of poverty. As shown previously in Exhibit B-2, there are no census tracts in Burbank that are designated as R/ECAP. Furthermore, Table B-3 presents the 2010 dissimilarity index, which indicates that Burbank was considered relatively integrated with an index of 27.7 for Hispanics as compared to a county index of 63.9 (lower index scores indicate higher levels of integration).

#### Segregation and Integration

AB 686 requires that jurisdictions identify sites not only to accommodate the levels of housing needs in the RHNA, but also in a manner that is consistent with affirmatively furthering fair housing. This analysis must address whether the site inventory decreases any existing segregated living patterns and promotes integration among the protected classes. The following analysis discusses the levels of segregation and integration in relation to race/ethnicity, persons with disabilities, familial status, seniors, and income groups.

• Minority Concentration. The White population accounts for 57 percent of the total population of Burbank, and the Hispanic population, which is the largest minority group, accounts for 24 percent. As shown in Exhibit B-22, most census tracts in the City are predominantly White, though as previously noted, persons of Armenian descent comprise an estimated 15 percent of Burbank's population and fall within the White racial category. It shows the Hispanic population concentrated in the triangular census tract (CT 3105.01) located east of Hollywood Burbank Airport and CT 3118.02 located south of the I-5 and southeast of Olive Avenue. Table B-10 shows that 85 percent of lower income units in the sites inventory are located in census tracts that are predominantly White, with the remaining 15 percent of the lower income units in predominantly

- Hispanic tracts. There is a slightly larger proportion (19%) of moderate and above moderate income units in predominantly Hispanic area.
- Persons with Disabilities. According to the ACS 2018 data, an estimated 11,216 Burbank residents (10.8%) have some type of disability. As illustrated in Exhibit B-23, no census tracts are identified as having a high concentration (over 30%) of persons with disabilities. Only one census tract (CT 3107.01), located near Downtown Burbank north of the I-5 has a moderate (20-30%) concentration of persons with disabilities. Since most of Burbank is identified as highest and high resource areas, including CT 3107.01, persons with disabilities have access to social and medical services, retail establishments, and public transportation. Table B-10 shows that almost two-thirds (64%) of the lower income units in the Housing Element sites inventory are in census tracts with less than 20 percent of the population with some form of disability and the remaining one-third of the lower income units are in census tracts with greater than 20 percent disabled. The percentage of moderate and above moderate income units are even higher (85%) in census tracts with less than 20 percent of the population disabled.
- Familial Status. Familial status for this analysis refers female-headed households with children under the age of 18. Approximately four percent of the households in Burbank are female-headed households with children. As previously mentioned, these households require special consideration and assistance because of their greater need for affordable housing and accessible day care, health care, and other supportive services. In addition, families with children sometimes face housing discrimination related to property owner fears of excessive noise and property damage. Exhibit B-24 shows the location of proposed housing sites relative to census tracts with a percentage of households with children in single parent female-headed households. It shows that the highest concentration is in CT 3118.02, which is located in the eastern portion of the City, south of the I-5 and includes the TOD 11-Victory/Olive opportunity site. In addition, Table B-10 shows that over one-half (53%) of the lower income units indentified in the site inventory are in census tracts with greater than 20 percent of children of single female-head of households.
- Seniors (65+). Burbank's older residents, persons 65 years of age or older, have experienced a steady proportional increase in population, and represent approximately 15 percent of the total population of Burbank. Based on Census 2019 ACS data, senior residents are concentrated in Downtown Burbank in CT 3107.01 and CT 3107.02. Approximately one-third of the residents of CT 3107.01 and almost one-fourth of the residents of CT 3107.02 are seniors. Table B-10 shows that 57 percent of the total lower income units in the site inventory are located in these two census tracts (CT 3107.01 and CT3207.02). The remaining 43 percent of lower income units are located in census tracts with less than 20 percent seniors.
- Low Moderate Income. As illustrated in Exhibit B-25, census tracts with a high percentage (50-75%) of low moderate income households are concentrated along the I-5 corridor. These generally coincide with the transit and jobs-rich areas that are proposed for future investment and new development of residential and commercial uses with the adoption and implementation of the Burbank Downtown TOD Specific Plan and Golden State Specific Plan. Table B-10 shows that almost three-fourths (72%) of the lower income units in the site inventory are in areas with greater than 50 percent low moderate income households.
- **Poverty.** Exhibit B-26 shows that only one census tract (CT3107.03) located in the eastern portion of Burbank and north of I-5, has a poverty status of 20-30 percent of the population of that census tract whose income is below poverty level. Table B-10 also shows that less than one percent or 13 units of the City's lower income units in the site inventory are located in CT 3107.03 and over 99 percent of the lower income units are in census tracts where less than 10 percent of the

population live below the poverty level. It should be noted that HUD uses greater than 40 percent poverty as one of its criteria for designating an R/ECAP census tract -- a poverty level not witnessed in any census tract within the Burbank.

Table B-10 Fair Housing Assessment of Sites Inventory

		Lower Income	Moderate and Above Mod.
Census Tract Areas	Categories	Units	Income Units
	Predominantly White	85%	81%
Racial/Ethnic Concentration	Predominantly Hispanic	15%	19%
	Moderate Resources	10%	13%
TCAC/HCD Opportunity Areas	Highest/High Resource	90%	87%
Persons with Disabilities	Less than 20% of Pop. Disabled	64%	85%
Persons with Disabilities	Greater than 20% of Pop. Disabled	36%	15%
Familial Status	Less than 20% of Children of Single Female Head of HH	47%	59%
	Greater than 20% of Children of Single Female Head of HH	53%	41%
Carriage (CE)	Less than 20% of Pop. Seniors	43%	69%
Seniors (65+)	Greater than 20% of Pop. Seniors	57%	31%
	Less than 50% Pop. Low/Mod. Inc.	28%	47%
Low-Moderate Income	Greater than 50% Pop. Low/Mod. Inc.	72%	53%
Poverty	Less than 20% of Pop. in Poverty	>99%	99%
	Greater than 20% of Pop. in Poverty	<1%	1%
Displacement Risk	Susceptible/Ongoing Displacement	54%	33%
	Stable Moderate/Mixed Income	29%	48%
	Becoming Exclusive, and Stable/Advanced Exclusive	17%	19%

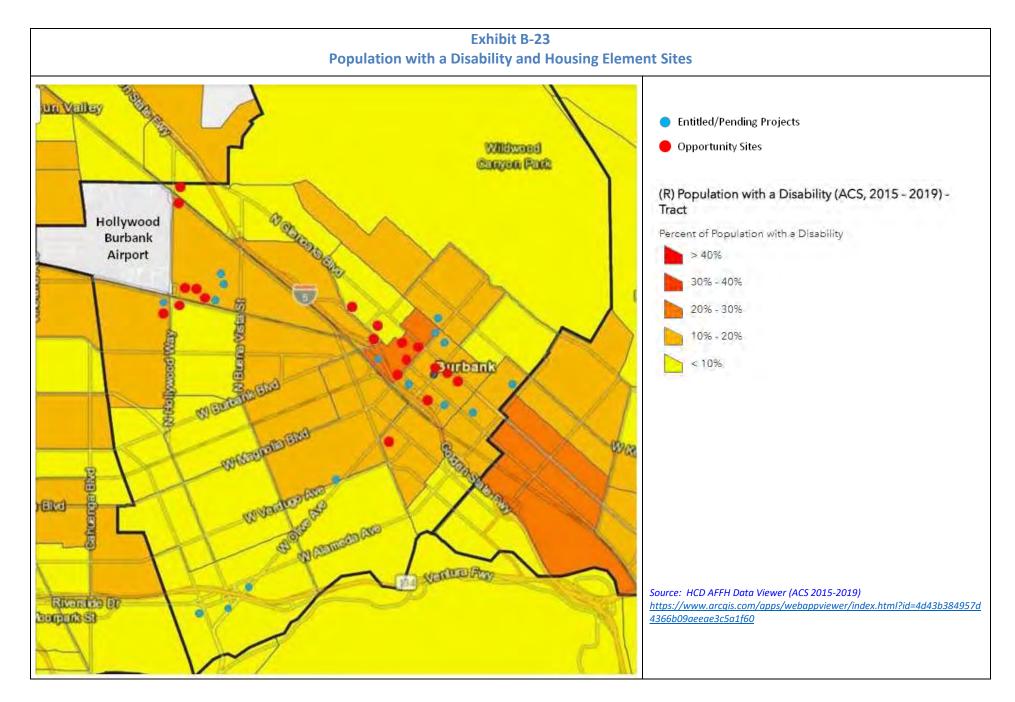
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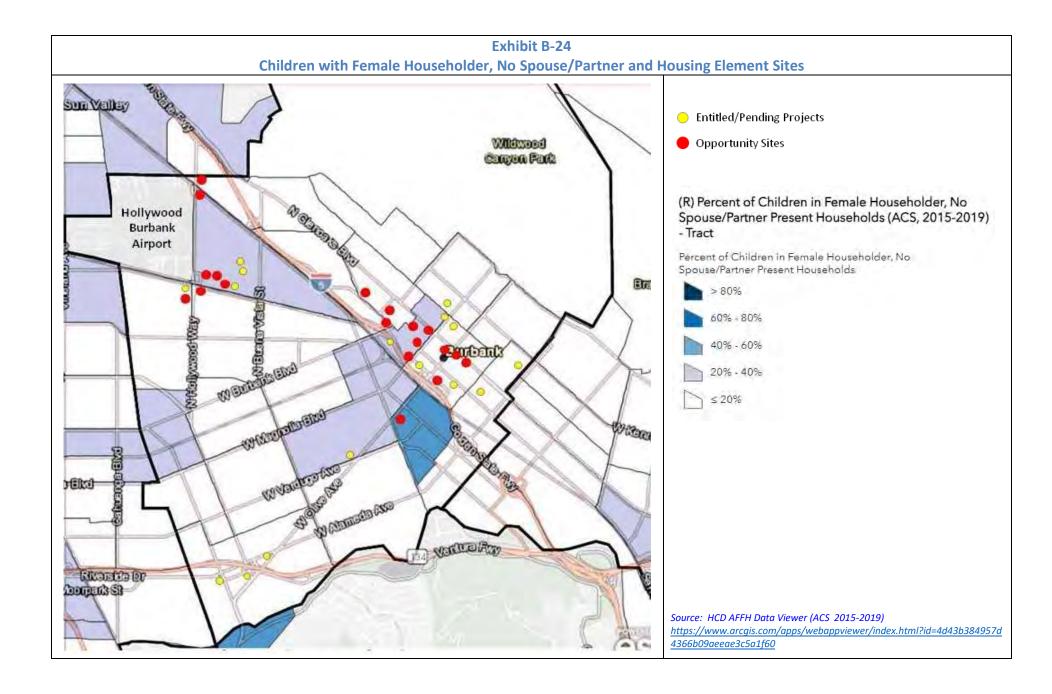
Note: HUD defines lower income as less than 50% of AMI and moderate incomes as 51-80% of AMI.

**Predominant Racial/Ethnic Population and Housing Element Sites** Sun Valley Entitled/Pending Projects GOOMERW Opportunity Sites Congrue Fact Hollywood (R) Predominant Population - White Majority Tracts Burbank Airport Dominance Value Predominant (gap > 50%) Oraci Sizeable (gap 10% - 50%) Slim (gap < 10%) Mitallymood Wa Purbank (R) Predominant Population - Hispanic Majority Tracts 可引 Dominance Value Predominant (gap > 50%) Weener Sizeable (gap 10% - 50%) STATE Slim (gap < 10%) VOIDE Am Riverside Dr Moorpank St Source: HCD AFFH Data Viewer (ACS 2014-2018 and 2015-2019) https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4d43b384957d 4366b09aeeae3c5a1f60

**Exhibit B-22** 

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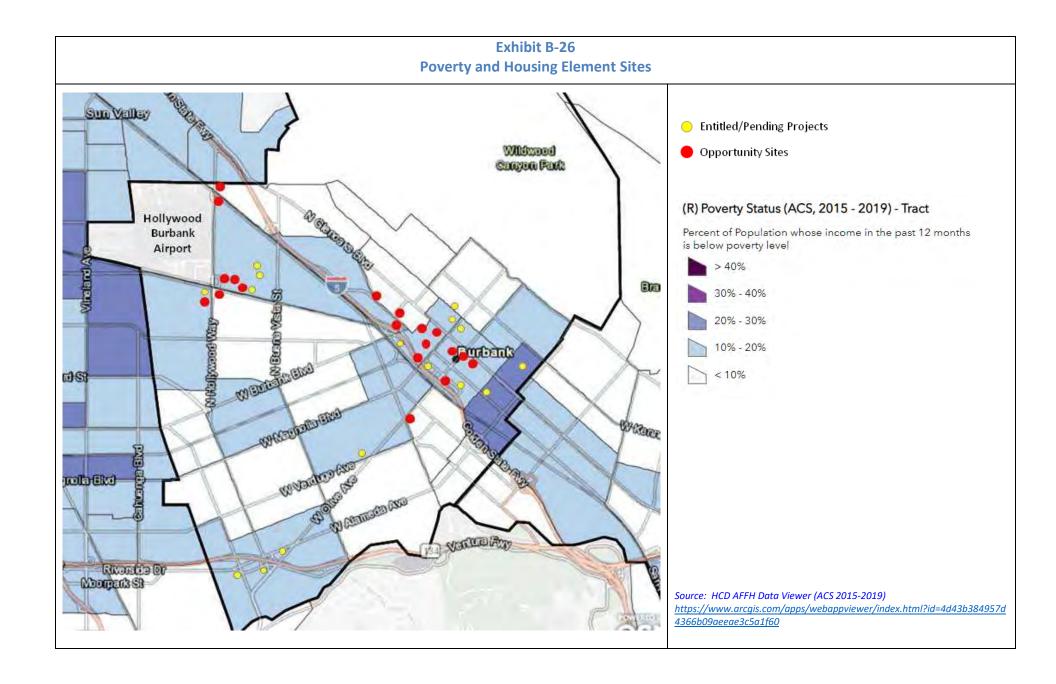




**Low-Moderate Income Population and Housing Element Sites** Sun Valley Entitled/Pending Projects Wildwood ! Opportunity Sites CONTON FORD Hollywood (A) Low to Moderate Income Population (HUD) - Tract Burbank Airport Percent Low-Moderate Income Population Viroland Ave 75% - 100% THE REAL PROPERTY. 50% - 75% 25% - 50% Purbank < 25% (Wednes ola Bivd Ventura Fwy Source: HCD AFFH Data Viewer (ACS 2015-2019) https://www.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=4d43b384957d Riverside Dr 4366b09aeeae3c5a1f60 Moorpark St POWERED

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#### Displacement Risk

A mapping tool was developed by the UCLA Urban Displacement Project using Census ACS 2018 data to help stakeholders better understand where neighborhoods are changing and are vulnerable to gentrification and displacement in Los Angeles, Orange, and San Diego Counties<sup>7</sup>. As illustrated in the following Exhibit, a vast majority of Burbank census tracts are identified as Stable Moderate/Mixed Income. However, areas most susceptible to displacement include three connecting census tracts (CT 3107.01, CT 3107.02, and CT 3107.03) located southeast of Burbank Boulevard in downtown Burbank to the border with the City of Glendale. These census tracts are identified as Low-Income/Susceptible to Displacement or Ongoing Displacement of Low-Income Households and are mostly lower-income areas or have experienced an absolute loss of low-income households between 2000 and 2018.

The Downtown TOD Specific Plan accommodates 3,415 new units on Housing Opportunity sites, with 85 percent of these units affordable to lower income households. The Specific Plan area includes portions of Census Tracts 3107.01, 3107.02, and 3107.03 (identified as vulnerable to displacement), and also have disproportionate numbers of lower income and minority households, persons with income below the poverty level, the elderly, and persons with disabilities, and therefore, would be affected by the redevelopment of the downtown area. There are seven TOD Housing Opportunity sites located within the three census tracts. In 2019, the total number of units in the three census tracts totaled approximately 7,000 units with a population of 13,500 residents. The projected increase in housing units of the seven TOD opportunity sites in the displacement-risk census tracts is approximately 2,600 units of which approximately 2,300 units or 88 percent will be available to lower income households. Assuming the area's current persons per dwelling unit of 2.0, the population is estimated to increase by 5,200 residents. Development of these sites will not directly cause significant displacement as they are currently developed with predominately non-residential uses - only eight existing units. However, new market rate development in areas already at-risk of displacement may place upward pressure on rents, resulting in the potential displacement of existing lower income residents. Locating lower income sites in these areas can help to protect vulnerable residents from being displaced under changing market pressures.

With a strong housing market for both owner homes and rental units in Burbank and a shortage of housing statewide, the average apartment rent in Burbank have increased by 40 percent since 2013. The information on rents in Burbank is based on surveys conducted in 2013 and 2020. As a result, many lower income households have been priced out of the ownership and rental housing market and must look elsewhere for housing. Also, the majority of lower income renters face overpayment. The burden of higher housing cost is supported by data from the Census ACS 2015-2019 estimates that show CT 3107.02 and CT 3107.03 continue to have the highest proportion of cost-burdened renters in the City (more than 30% of household income going towards housing). At the other end of the scale are three census tracts: CT 3111 located south of the Hollywood Burbank Airport is designated Becoming Exclusive, which is part of the Golden State Specific Plan areas that also included census tracts designated Stable Moderate/Mixed Income; and CT 3101 and CT 3103 in the northern part of the City are designated Stable/Advance Exclusive. The location of the census tracts and the criteria used to define the designations are presented in Exhibit B-27.

Program objectives being considered in the Specific Plan and include programs to provide greater access to these units for current lower income households in these at-risk areas, and therefore, reduce the potential for displacement of lower-income residents. Moreover, it is anticipated that the opportunity sites identified within the boundaries of the Specific Plan would request density bonus approval and would

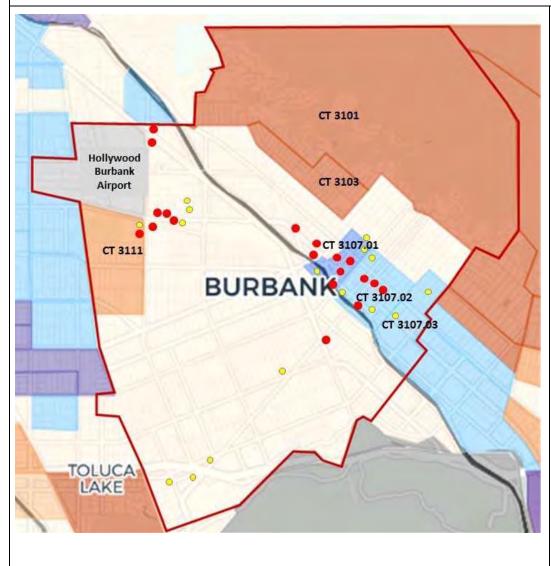
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> UCLA Urban Displacement Project, <a href="https://www.urbandisplacement.org/los-angeles/los-angeles-gentrification-and-displacement">https://www.urbandisplacement.org/los-angeles/los-angeles-gentrification-and-displacement</a>

therefore be subject to State Density Bonus law that limits the displacement of units as well as calling for replacement units.

In addition, Burbank carries out several anti-displacement programs including limits on rent increases and prohibiting evictions without just cause for tenants that have resided in their units for more than 12 months; providing relocation fees when state or federal funds are utilized; and offering existing households an opportunity to return to the new development. The Burbank Housing Authority continues to administer and expand the use of Federal vouchers offering tenant assistance for lower income residents, allowing tenants to remain in their units and providing preference on the wait list for residents spending more than half their incomes on rent (at-risk of displacement). Furthermore, beginning in July 2022, the Housing Authority will be partnering with a local service provider to administer the Lifting People Up program for very low-income residents at-risk of homelessness and will assist such households in increasing income, securing employment and maintaining their housing. Finally, the City implements the requirements of Government Code Sec. 65583.2(g)(3), which requires that for any proposed development on a site that has had residential uses within the past five years that are or were subject to lower income affordability restrictions, or are or were occupied by lower income households, the City shall require the replacement of all affordable units at the same or lower income level as a condition of development on the site. Thus, the level of housing growth affordable to lower income households and the displacement programs will not exacerbate displacement in at-risk areas.

# Exhibit B-27 Displacement Risk and Site Inventory



- Entitled/Pending Projects
- Opportunity Sites

MODIFIED TYPES	CRITERIA		
LOW-INCOME/SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISPLACEMENT	Low or mixed low-income tract in 2018		
Trication (More)	Low or mixed low-income tract in 2018     Absolute loss of low-income households, 2000-2018		
	Low-income or mixed low-income tract in 2018 Housing affordable to low or mixed low-income households in 2018 Didn't gentrify 1990-2000 OR 2000-2018 Marginal change in housing costs OR Zillow home or rental value increases in the 90th percentile between 2012-2018 Local and nearby increases in rent were greater than the regional median between 2012-2018 OR the 2018 rent gap is greater than the regional median rent gap.		
EARLY/ONGOING GENTRIFICATION	Low-income or mixed low-income tract in 2018 Housing affordable to moderate or mixed moderate-income households in 2018 Increase or rapid increase in housing costs OR above regional median change in Zillow home or rental values between 2012-2018 Gentrified in 1990-2000 or 2000-2018		
ADVANCED GENTRIFICATION	Moderate, mixed moderate, mixed high, or high-income tract 2018 Housing affordable to middle, high, mixed moderate, and mixe income households in 2018 Marginal change, increase, or rapid increase in housing costs Gencrified in 1990-2000 or 2000-2018		
STABLE MODERATE/MIXED INCOME	<ul> <li>Moderate, mixed moderate, mixed high, or high-income tract in 2018</li> </ul>		
	Moderate, mixed moderate, mixed high, or high-income tract in 2018 Housing affordable to middle, high, mixed moderate, and mixed high income households in 2018 Marginal change or increase in housing costs		
B-1000 (1-2-2)	Moderate, mixed moderate, mixed high, or high-income tract in 2018 Housing affordable to middle, high, mixed moderate, and mixed high income households in 2018 Rapid increase in housing costs Absolute loss of low-income households, 2000-2018 Declining low-income in-migration rate, 2012-2018 Median income higher in 2018 than in 2000		
STÄRLE/ADVÄNCED EXCLUSIVE	High-income tract in 2000 and 2018 Affordable to high or mixed high-income households in 2018 Marginal change, increase, or rapid increase in housing costs		

Source: Urban Displacement Project, UC Berkeley, <a href="https://www.urbandisplacement.org/">https://www.urbandisplacement.org/</a>

# **Existing Deed-Restricted Affordable Housing**

The description of deed-restricted affordable rental housing is presented in Table 1-25 of the Housing Element. The opportunity sites are in close proximity to existing deed-restricted affordable rental housing in the City, while others are in areas of the City with fewer existing deed-restricted affordable housing. The affordable rental housing sites are in areas with access to resources and opportunities such as education, services, jobs, and transit, and they provide additional lower income housing to those susceptible to displacement.

# **Local Information and Knowledge**

In the preparation of the City's 2021-2029 Housing Element and the Burbank Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, the City consulted with various stakeholders regarding housing needs and fair housing issues. During the initial stages of developing the Housing Element, the City conducted two virtual stakeholder consultation workshops. First workshop was for housing developers. The second workshop was for housing service providers and housing advocates that serve the lower income community and special needs groups. In addition, as part of the Burbank AI, the City implemented a community outreach program that included consultation with housing service providers. The following local housing needs and fair housing issues were highlighted during the Housing Element and AI outreach efforts:

- Available housing for Burbank's growing low and moderate income workforce is not being produced in the market.
- Cost burden has significant impacts on the special needs population.
- Continuing need for public awareness of available housing services and knowledge of fair housing laws for both tenants and landlords/property owners.
- Certain special needs groups experienced a high incidence of discrimination complaints. Housing for persons with physical disabilities continues to be the top discrimination complaint in Burbank.
- Shortage of housing designed to accommodate persons with disabilities. Building Code requirements (Title 24) for accessibility in new construction are insufficient to meet the need for accessible housing in the community, particularly with the City's aging population.
- Neighborhoods in Burbank require revitalization to improve the existing housing and economic conditions of the area; especially with the limited funds available for redevelopment.
- Details of the complete Housing Element public participation program are included as Appendix
   F of the Housing Element.

### **Fair Housing Actions**

Burbank is committed to furthering fair housing through the implementation of Housing Element policies and programs, Burbank AI actions, proposed City actions in this AFFH as they relate to factors contributing to fair housing issues. Table B-11 that follows presents: the five primary fair housing issues in Burbank; evidence and factors that contribute to these issues; priority of addressing the issues, and identifying meaningful actions by the City.

Table B-11
Housing Issues, Contributing Factors and City Actions

FAIR HOUSING ISSUES  Condition that restricts fair housing choice or	CONTRIBUTING FACTORS/ EVIDENCE AND PATTERNS  Factors that create, contribute to, perpetuate, or increase the severity of fair	PRIORITY	CITY ACTIONS  City's commits to addressing the fair housing issue during the Housing Element planning period of 2021-2029	TARGETS  Measure of performance	CORRESPONDING HE PROGRAMS  Implements HE Program
Need for Affordable Housing of Various Types and Sizes  (Housing Mobility, New Housing Choices, Displacement Protection)	affluent areas  Affordable housing in affluent areas. No new lower income units are proposed in affluent census block groups (median income greater than \$125,000) and approximately one-quarter of new lower.	High	<ul> <li>In 2022, incorporate incentives in the Downtown TOD Specific Plan, including streamlined land use entitlement procedures, for accessible units beyond the state required minimums and universal design in new developments which ensures housing can be used by residents throughout their lifespan.</li> <li>Initiate a policy to provide developers with State HCD's New Home Universal Design Checklist and encourage them to offer Universal Design features to interested buyers.</li> </ul>	Adopt the Downtown TOD Specific Plan with design guidelines and incentives for accessible units and housing designed according to universal design principles. Require all new units in multi-story buildings to be adaptable (readily modifiable for accessibility), and seek to achieve at least 6% of units in buildings with public funding to be fully accessible (estimated 23 accessible units in the TOD Specific Plan).	HE 5-Housing Opportunity Sites
		<ul> <li>Starting in January 2022, expand the housing supply in High Resource single-family zones by allowing for lot splits and duplexes under the parameters of SB 9</li> </ul>	Through implementation of the City's SB 9 ordinance, seek to integrate at least five units annually in high resource singlefamily districts.	New State Housing Law signed in 2021	

	for affordable hous	In 2023, provide a streamlined approval process for affordable housing projects that qualify for tax credits and/or other grant funds.	Adopt the Downtown TOD and Golden State Specific Plans with streamlined approval processes.	HE 5-Housing Opportunity Sites HE 8-Public/ Private Partnership HE 9- Affordable Housing Development Assistance HE 17-Objective Development Standards
	•	In 2023, develop pre-approved/prototype accessory dwelling unit (ADU) plans to streamline the approval process and lower the cost for developers.	Develop at least three (3) pre-approved/ prototype ADUs, including one smaller sized, lower cost option. Seek to issue permits for 200 ADUs annually, including 80% in high and highest resource neighborhoods (see Exhibit B-21) to foster a more inclusive community.	HE 6a-Promote ADUs
	-	In 2023, begin promoting first-time homebuyer opportunities in high resource neighborhoods through both regulatory and financial incentives. Conduct affirmative marketing to promote equal access to homeownership opportunities.	Adopt regulatory tools, including a small lot subdivision ordinance, zoning for missing middle housing, and an updated Inclusionary Ordinance to increase affordable homeownership options by 10%.	HE 12 – Affordable Homeownership Program

2. Lack of affordable rental housing for large households  Large Households. Disparity in the supply and demand for large rental units which contributes to nearly one-fifth of the City's renter	High	<ul> <li>Continue to work with the City's non-profit housing partner, the Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC) for the development of two plus- bedroom units.</li> </ul>	Develop 10 two plus- bedroom units through non-profit housing partners and BHC. To date BHC has acquired and rehabilitated 178 two plus bedroom units.	
households residing in overcrowded conditions.		<ul> <li>Continue to provide regulatory incentives such as a density bonus and/or concessions to private developers to increase the supply of affordable housing throughout the community for the development of two plus-bedroom units.</li> </ul>	Increase the use of density bonuses by 10%.	HE 21-Zone Text Amendments for Special Needs Housing
		<ul> <li>Continue to utilize landlord financial incentives such as lease signing bonuses, vacancy holding fees, and security deposit assistance to assist large households with a housing voucher to access rental units.</li> </ul>	Increase the use of landlord financial incentives by 10%.	
<ul> <li>Displacement of residents due to economic pressure</li> <li>Housing Cost Burden. 56 percent of total renters pay over 30 percent of their total household income on housing.</li> <li>Senior Population. Seniors experience high housing cost burdens, with almost one-third of senior households overpaying for housing.</li> </ul>	High	<ul> <li>Annually partner with Burbank Housing Authority (BHA) to administer the Rental Assistance Voucher program, including targeted vouchers for VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing), Emergency Housing Vouchers and Permanent Supportive Housing.</li> <li>Utilize the Landlord Incentive Program to assist qualifying Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), and Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) holders with moving expenses (on a case-by-case basis) and security deposits.</li> </ul>	Continue to administer an average of 1,116 vouchers per year. To ensure vouchers are utilized throughout the City, provide voucher holders with a map delineating higher resourced areas to encourage leasing in these areas. Furthermore, annual notice will be provided	HE 4 -Rental Assistance Vouchers

Lower-Income Households.     Majority of renter households earning less than \$50,000 in Burbank face overpayment.      Housing Cost. Median rental rates in Burbank exceed affordability levels for lower income households.      Displacement Risk. Three census tracts where the increase in rents may cause a risk of displacement.	In 2022, update and implement the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and Density Bonus Ordinance to effectively integrate affordable units in market rate projects.	to landlords in higher resource areas about source of income protections under the FEHA <sup>8</sup> and to educate them that housing incentive funds may be available if a unit is leased to a voucher holder <sup>9</sup> (2023). Provide preference to residents spending more than half their incomes on rent (at-risk of displacement).  Adopt an updated Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and Density Bonus Ordinance in 2022 . Seek to achieve at least 15% very low, low and moderate income units in developments with 5 or more units, including 90% of these affordable units in high and highest resource neighborhoods (see Exhibit B-21). Increase the use of density bonuses by 10%.	HE 9-Affordable Housing Development Assistance HE 10-Inclusionary Housing Ordinance HE 11-Density Bonus Ordinance
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> As of January 2020, the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA) protects tenants from housing discrimination based on source of income, including Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.
<sup>9</sup> Landlord incentives are targeted to disabled households with a permanent supportive housing voucher.

-	In 2022/2023, develop and adopt the Downtown TOD, Golden State, and Media District Specific Plans to provide the necessary zoning, objective development standards, and processing procedures to facilitate the production of higher density and affordable housing opportunities near employment transit centers.	Adopt the Downtown TOD, Golden State, and Media District Specific Plans.	HE 5-Housing Opportunity Sites
-	Annually partner with BHA to selectively acquire and rehabilitate property to expand unit sizes, improve unit conditions, and add necessary community facilities in focus neighborhoods using CDBG and HOME funds. Continue to provide gap financing for affordable housing projects, with special consideration for projects that set aside units for extremely low-income households and persons with disabilities.	Acquire and rehabilitate three units annually and 24 units over the 2021-2029 planning period. BHC has acquired and rehabbed over 300 units in Burbank.	HE 1-Neighborhood Revitalization/ Community Building
	Through 2023, provide rapid-rehousing and transitional housing to assist extremely low income individuals or households using Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds.	Assist 44 households with rapid rehousing assistance in the first program year.  Assist 40 individuals with navigation service in the first program year.  Over the 2021-2029 planning period, provide 130 rapid-rehousing units and 480 individuals housing navigation service.	HE 27-Housing for Extremely Low Income Households

•	Pursue state funding and other funding as available, to provide housing for individuals and/or families who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness. Utilize HOME-ARP funding by September 30, 2030 to assist individuals or households who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, and other vulnerable populations, by providing possible housing, rental assistance, supportive services, and non-congregate shelter, to reduce homelessness and increase housing stability across the country.	Develop 26 modular homes for the homeless. Currently there are no modular homes for the homeless in the city.  Annually apply for Measure H funding and prioritize 100% of the funds, as available, for ongoing interim housing operations	HE 25 Homeless Housing and Services
•	Starting in 2022 seek opportunities to master lease residential rental units/recuperative care for at-risk and homeless adults and special needs populations in an effort to prevent and divert people from becoming homeless.	As a new program, partner up with program operators/developers to negotiate master lease agreements.	HE 25 Homeless Housing and Services
•	In 2022 develop and adopt the Downtown TOD, Specific Plan to provide the necessary zoning, objective development standards, and processing procedures to facilitate the production of higher density and affordable housing opportunities in the three displacement risk areas of Burbank.	Adopt the Downtown TOD Specific Plan.	HE 5-Housing Opportunity Sites
-	Continue anti-displacement programs including: limits on rent increases and prohibiting evictions without just cause for tenants that have resided in their units for more than 12 months; providing rent mediation and other conflict resolution services through the Landlord-Tenant Commission; providing relocation fees when state or federal funds are utilized; offering existing households an opportunity to return to the new development; and prioritizing rental assistance to households spending >50% of	Implement programs to protect existing residents from displacement and expand awareness in the community of available protections by increasing outreach and provision of informational materials through the Housing	HE 3-Preserve and Protect Existing Tenants and Housing HE 24-Landlord- Tenant Services and Mediation

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income on housing costs.	Authority and Landlord	
	Tenant Commission. <sup>10</sup>	
	Increase the supply of	
	deed-restricted	
	affordable housing to	
	allow low and moderate	
	income residents	
	options to remain in the	
	community, including	
	requiring 15% affordable	
	units in projects with 5+	
	units; acquiring and	
	rehabilitating 24 units	
	for long-term affordable	
	housing; purchasing of	
	affordability covenants	
	on 10 market rate units;	
	and establishing a goal	
	to achieve at least 400	
	affordable units through	
	SB 35 projects.	
	<u> </u>	
<ul> <li>In 2022, the Housing Authority will partner with a local service provider to administer the Lifting People Up (LPU) program for very low-income residents at-risk of homelessness and will assist such households in increasing income, securing employment and maintaining their housing.</li> </ul>	Help stabilize at-risk households through the LPU program, and utilize available City locations, including BHC activity centers located in low and moderate income neighborhoods, for programming.	HE 25-Homeless Housing Services

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> This will be achieved by: 1) continuing two social media posts a month and adding 2-3 posts in the year to highlight new information and laws; 2) continuing to post new information, laws and updates on the City's website (homepage); and 3) continuing to place Ads in printed media available through the Burbank Water and Power (BWP) and Parks and Recreation Department. The BWP "CURRENTS" Newsletter is also available digitally, and the information is streamed daily both on monitors in the BWP lobby and on Burbank Channel 6.

Need Public Education of Fair Housing Services and Fair Housing Rights  (Housing Mobility, Displacement Protection)	1. Lack of fair housing information due to language barriers  • Racial/Ethnic Diversity. As Burbank becomes more ethnically and racially diverse, changes occur in terms of different income levels, family types, and languages spoken. English proficiency may affect housing needs and opportunities, and the residents' understanding of their fair housing rights.	Moderate	Annually partner with Housing Rights Center (HRC) to promote fair housing practices, and provide multi-language (Armenian, English, and Spanish) educational information on fair housing to the public through distribution of fair housing brochures, training sessions, workshops, and press releases/public service announcements.  Annually distribute multi-lingual fair housing mailings to buildings with concentrations of immigrant tenants based on statistical and demographic information collected by the City, HRC, and BHC. Continue to provide tenants and landlords with resources on fair housing, procedures on filing a complaint, information on the Burbank Landlord-Tenant Commission, and provide copies of HCD's Landlord/Tenant Rights booklet in multi-languages.  Annually partner with BHA in distributing multilingual information on housing opportunities throughout the City, providing landlord apartment listings as available, as well as informational brochures to encourage landlords to participate in the housing choice voucher program.  Annually partner with BHA in monitoring of the racial and ethnic make-up of Section 8 voucher holders and waiting list by the BHA, and provide applications in multi-languages.	the  HE 23-Fair Housing/AFFH HE 24-Landlord- Tenant Services and Mediation
Need Fair Housing for the Special Needs Population	<ul> <li>Significant special needs         population needing fair housing         services</li> <li>Persons with Disabilities.         Approximately 11 percent of</li> </ul>	High	Annually coordinate with BHA, Landlord-Tenant Commission, and HRC to provide landlord-tenant conflict mediation involving property maintenance, repairs, and lease disagreements, unjust rent increases, and evictions.  Annual monitoring of the number and outcome of illegal housing discrimination cases and landlord-	AFFH

(Housing Mobility, New Housing Choices, Displacement Protection)  Burbank's population has some type of disability, encompassing physical, mental and developmental disabilities.  Fair Housing for Families with	some type of disability, encompassing physical, mental and developmental disabilities.  Fair Housing for Families with	<ul> <li>Continue to provide investigations and response to allegations of illegal housing discrimination through HRC. For cases that cannot be resolved, defer to the Department of Fair Housing and Employment, HUD, small claims court, or to a private attorney, as warranted.</li> </ul>	tenant conflict mediations.	Mediation
	Children and Persons with Disabilities. Special need groups experience a high incidence of discrimination complaints. Housing available for families with children and person with physical and mental disabilities continues to be the top discrimination complaint in Burbank.  Homeless. The 2020 point-in- time homeless count identified a total of 291	In all affordable housing developments that utilize federal, state or local funds, owners/developers will be required to meet the accessibility requirements of the Fair Housing Act and Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973	Annual compliance monitoring of Fair Housing Act and Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act.	HE 23-Fair Housing/ AFFH HE 26-Housing for Persons with Disabilities
		<ul> <li>Continue to require affirmative fair housing, non- discrimination and equal access in all federally assisted projects.</li> </ul>	Annual compliance monitoring of Fair Housing Act. Update the AI in 2025	HE 23-Fair Housing/ AFFH
homeless individuals in Burbank.	<ul> <li>Through 2023 provide rapid-rehousing and transitional housing to assist extremely low income households through the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) funds as stated in the PLHA 5-Year Plan.</li> </ul>	Assist 44 households with rapid rehousing assistance in the first program year.  Over the 2021-2029 planning period, provide 130 rapid-rehousing units and 120 unhoused households will receive move-in assistance	HE 27-Housing for Extremely Low Income Households	
	<ul> <li>Pursue state funding and other funds as available, to provide housing for individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or who are at risk of homelessness.</li> </ul>	Develop 26 modular homes for the homeless. Currently there are no	HE 25 Homeless Housing and Services	

			•	Annually pursue Measure H funding for interim housing operations.	modular homes for the homeless in the city.	
			•	Annually, implement the Homelessness Plan by funding utilization of Section 8 and Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) for families at-risk of homelessness.	Attend regional homeless coordination meetings each month.	
			-	Continue to collaborate on regional efforts to develop supportive housing and affordable housing projects in Burbank, which includes collaboration with the San Fernando Valley Council of Governments, Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative, and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority		HE 25 Homeless Housing and Services
Need Accessible Housing  (Housing Mobility, New and Accessible Housing Choices)	1. Lack of assistance to modify housing to accommodate the elderly and persons with disabilities  ADU Design Standard. Public comments indicate the need for new ADU design guideline and standards to accommodate persons with disabilities.  Persons with Disabilities. One census tract located in the	Moderate	•	By 2023, incentivize ADU developers to incorporate accessibility features by establishing and promoting a program to reduce building permit and planning fees. In 2025 conduct a mid-cycle review to evaluate if ADU production levels are achieved.	Establish accessible design guidelines for ADUs. Reduce building permit and planning fees by up to 50% for qualifying ADUs. Seek to issue permits for 200 ADUs annually, including 80% in high and highest resource neighborhoods (see Exhibit B-21) to foster a more inclusive community.	HE 6a-Promote ADUs HE6b-Track and Monitor ADUs

northwestern portion of Downtown Burbank shows moderate concentration (20- 30%) of persons with disabilities and over one-half of this census tract's disabled population is over the age of 65 years.	•	Continue to expedite the permit processing by providing technical assistance and preapplication consultation for housing that sets aside units to persons with physical and developmental disabilities. The City will continue to coordinate housing near transit centers and door-to-door transit services for persons with disabilities.	Adopt the Downtown TOD and Golden State Specific Plans with accessibility design guidelines, incentives, and streamlined approval processes.	HE 5-Housing Opportunity Sites HE 26-Housing for Persons with Disabilities
		Continue to require owners/developers to meet the accessibility requirements the Fair Housing Act and Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 in all affordable housing developments that utilize federal, state or local funds. Also, continue to pursue competitive federal grants offered by the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes through the Healthy Homes Initiative to obtain funding for modifying homes to accommodate elderly and persons with disabilities.	Annual compliance monitoring of Fair Housing Act and Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act.  Annually apply for grants offered by the Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes and prioritize 100% of the funds, as available for modifying homes for the elderly and persons with disabilities. If funds are received, program funding will be marketed to landlords in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods to help improve conditions in these vulnerable areas.	HE 23-Fair Housing/ AFFH HE 26-Housing for Persons with Disabilities
	•	Continue to require affirmative fair housing, non-discrimination and equal access in all federally assisted projects.	Annual compliance monitoring of Fair Housing Act and Section	HE 23-Fair Housing/ AFFH HE 26-Housing for

					504 of Rehabilitation Act.	Persons with Disabilities
			•	As funding permits, continue to provide gap financing for affordable housing projects, with special consideration for projects that set aside units for extremely low-income households and persons with disabilities	Develop 26 modular homes for the homeless. Currently there are no modular homes for the homeless in the city.	HE 27-Housing for Extremely Low Income Households
Need Neighborhood Revitalization and Resources	<ul> <li>Moderate levels of public investments in specific neighborhoods</li> <li>Moderate Resource</li> </ul>	Moderate	•	Continue to provide federal assistance funds (CDBG and HOME) for economic growth, infrastructure, and community services to areas of moderate resources.	Provide 65% of CDBG funds for community facilities and infrastructure and 100% percent of HOME funds for creating new affordable units via new construction or acquisition/rehab in moderate resources opportunity areas.  Construct or acquire and rehabilitate an average of three (3) units per year, a total of 24 units over the 2021-2029 planning period.  Convert ten (10) market rate units to permanent affordable units by October 2024.	HE 1-Neighborhood Revitalization/ Community Building HE 1a-committed Assistance
(Housing Mobility, Place-based Strategies for Community Preservation and Revitalization)	Opportunity Areas. Two census tracts (CT 3107.03 and CT 3118.02) are identified as moderate resource opportunity areas in the City.		•	Continue to work with the City's non-profit housing partner the BHC to develop affordable housing units in identified census tracts and continue incorporating community serving uses such as childcare, after school care and family programs.		
	2. Substandard housing conditions  Deferred Maintenance. Majority of the multi-family housing in Burbank are older than 40 years and require maintenance.	Moderate	•	Continue to partner with the BHC to develop or acquire and rehabilitate housing units as part of the Neighborhood Revitalization program.		HE 1-Neighborhood Revitalization/ Community Building HE 1a-Committed Assistance
			•	By October 2024, provide financial assistance of \$5.0 million toward the conversion of market rate units to permanent affordable housing units. (See HE program 1a). Report to HCD on the status of purchasing affordability covenants no later than July 1, 2025		

	<ul> <li>Continue to support acquisition and rehabilitation activities with an emphasis on community revitalization, integration, and permanent affordable housing.</li> </ul>	BHC has acquired and rehabilitated over 300 units in the city.	

## Appendix C

Evaluation of 2014-2021 Housing Element Programs

# **Appendix C: Evaluation of Accomplishments Under Adopted Housing Element**

Under State Housing Element law, communities are required to assess the achievements under their adopted housing programs as part of the update to their housing elements. These results should be quantified where possible (e.g. the actual number of units rehabilitated), but may be qualitative where necessary (e.g. mitigation of governmental constraints). The results should then be compared with what was projected or planned in the earlier element. Where significant shortfalls exist between what was planned and what was achieved, the reasons for such differences must be discussed.

The City of Burbank 2014-2021 Housing Element sets forth 18 separate program components, which are directed at a variety of housing needs. This section reviews the City's progress to date in implementing these housing programs and their continued appropriateness for the 2021-2029 Housing Element. Table C-1 that follows summarizes the City's housing program accomplishments. The results of this analysis will provide the basis for developing the comprehensive housing program strategy presented in Housing Plan of this section.

Table C-1
Evaluation of 2014-2021 Housing Element Programs

Programs/Objective	Accomplishments
Existing Housing and Neighborhood Condit	ions
1. Focus Neighborhood Revitalization/Community Building  Objective: Acquire and rehabilitate rental units. Achieve an average of ten housing units annually, for a total of 80 units over eight years (20 extremely low-, 20 very low-, and 40 low-income units).	Progress: After the end of Redevelopment in 2012, the Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC), which implements Burbank's Affordable Housing Program, expanded its efforts beyond the Focus Neighborhoods. During the 2014-2020 period, BHC acquired, rehabilitated, and/or developed the following:  Jerry's Promise (1932 N. Ontario Street) - acquired, rehabilitated, and created three transitional housing units for homeless families.  Elmwood Preservation Project Phase II (Elmwood Focus Neighborhood) completed rehabilitation improvements on ten affordable units.  Fairview Cottages (2300 N. Fairview Street) acquired a three-unit property in the Golden State Neighborhood to provide affordable housing for extremely low-income households.  Veterans Bungalows (1101 W. Verdugo/1108 West Angelino Avenue) rehabilitated and furnished 11 deed-restricted
	very low-income units for homeless veterans.  In total, BHC rehabilitated 27 affordable units during the seven-
	year period  Effectiveness: This program continues to provide a multi-faceted approach to improving neighborhoods, providing a service-

enriched environment, and providing affordable rental housing.

Implementation of this program achieved one-third of its objective of 80 units.

**Appropriateness:** This program continues to be appropriate for the Housing Element Update, providing needed affordable units even though the high cost of housing, limited funds and available properties have constrained program implementation.

#### 2. Code Enforcement

**Objective:** Conduct proactive neighborhood improvement activities within designated CDBG target areas.

**Progress:** As part of the City's Building and Safety Division, Code Enforcement is responsible for the enforcement of property maintenance, zoning, unpermitted construction and business license regulations throughout the City. In 2019, there were 1,141 code enforcement cases (residential and non-residential) recorded Citywide. Of this total, 957 cases were completed, 77 cases were pending, and in 107 cases the permit expired. Many of the residential code enforcement cases were related to property maintenance, zoning compliance, and health and safety issues.

*Effectiveness:* The Code Enforcement program is effective in addressing housing and property maintenance issues, especially properties in the CDBG target areas.

**Appropriateness:** This is an ongoing program that is an important part of preserving the City's aging housing stock. Code Enforcement continues to be appropriate for the Housing Element Update.

#### 3. Preservation of Assisted Housing

**Objective:** Preserve existing "at-risk" affordable housing stock.

- Monitor At-Risk Units
- Support for Refinancing
- Rental Assistance
- Tenant Education

**Progress:** There are currently (March 2021) 1,373 deed-restricted affordable rental units in Burbank. The City monitors these affordable units on an annual basis by: maintaining contact with owners/management to ensure long-term affordability covenants are met; maintaining and updating the list of all assisted housing developments; communicating with Section 8 tenants regarding status of HUD contract renewal; providing tenant education for Section 8 recipients in the event of property owner withdrawal from Section 8 program; and promoting fair housing opportunities through owner/tenant workshops.

Three projects were identified in the 2014-2021 Housing Element as being at potential risk of losing their long-term affordability status: Wesley Towers, Pacific Manor and Harvard Plaza. All three projected have extended their affordability covenants and are no longer considered at risk of conversion.

**Effectiveness**: The City was effective in having the affordability controls extended on all three at-risk projects.

**Appropriateness:** This is an ongoing program that is an important part of preserving the City's long-term affordable housing units and aging housing stock. Preservation of Assisted Housing continues to be appropriate for the Housing Element Update.

### 4. Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8 Rental Assistance)

**Objective:** Maintain current levels of Section 8 funding and apply for additional funds as available. Encourage landlords to register units with the Burbank Housing Authority and undergo education on the Section 8 program

**Progress:** The Burbank Housing Authority (BHA) has increased its Section 8 allocation of 1,014 vouchers to a total of 1,049 vouchers, including targeted vouchers for VASH (Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing) and Permanent Supportive Housing. Staff applied for funding and was awarded the additional allocation to assist homeless veterans and persons needing supportive housing in the community.

The majority of the vouchers are utilized by seniors and persons with disability. Nearly 29,000 households are on the waiting list for Section 8 rental assistance, although just 12% are current Burbank residents.

*Effectiveness:* The BHA has been effective in increasing its voucher levels and adjusting program standards to maximize utilization.

Appropriateness: It is the goal of the 2020/21-2024/25 Consolidated Plan to provide Section 8 rental assistance to 1,029 households annually (including 15 VASH vouchers); and with about 29,000 residents on the waiting list for assistance, the Section 8 Rental Assistance program continues to be appropriate for the Housing Element Update.

### 5. Condominium Conversion Program

**Objective:** Consider amending the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance to include condominium conversion projects.

**Progress:** Between 2014 and 2020, there were no applications for condominium conversions and no inclusionary housing requirements imposed on condominium conversions.

*Effectiveness:* Burbank's condominium conversion regulations are effective in facilitating the creation of quality entry-level ownership housing. Existing regulations help to mitigate impacts on tenants of the units undergoing conversion by regulating noticing procedures and mandating relocation payments to cover the costs of moving.

**Appropriateness:** The City's condominium conversion regulations remain an appropriate mechanism to ensure the safety and quality of units and to help mitigate the impacts on displaced tenants. While there were no conversions during the period, the City is still considering extending the affordability requirements under the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance to condominium conversions. Changes to this program will be addressed under the

Inclusionary Housing Program (#9), so a separate program is no longer necessary.

### **Variety of Housing Sites**

#### 6. Land Use Element and Zoning Code

**Objective:** Facilitate and encourage the creation of residential mixed-use development in the Downtown area and other appropriate locations citywide. Update the Zoning Code to include development standards for residential mixed-use and small-lot development.

**Progress:** The City approved three mixed use developments in the Downtown: Talaria, First Street Village and 777 N Front Street, providing 1,089 new apartments, which included 82 deed-restricted rental units for qualified moderate income households.

The City initiated and/or adopted the following Land Use and Zoning Code changes impacting residential uses:

- Elimination of R-5 Very High Density Residential Zone and MDR-5 Media District Very High Density Residential Zone (adopted January 2015, Ord. No. 15-3,860). This Ordinance removes references to the R5 and MDR-5 zones from the Zoning Code and changed the zoning to R-4 and MDR-4, respectively. These zone changes have been reflected on the City's Zone Map.
- Single-Family Development Standards and Design Guidelines (adopted January 2017, Ord. No. 17-3,890 and Reso. No. 17-28,906). This ordinance regulates bulk and mass of residential development in single-family neighborhoods.
- Accessory Dwelling Unit (adopted urgency interim ordinance in April 2017 and adopted an ADU ordinance in April 2018, Ord. No. 18-3,901). The ordinance amended the zoning definitions and establish development controls to allow ADUs in all residential zones consistent with State Law. Allowed ADUs to a maximum size of 500 square feet.
- Urgency Ordinance Extending the Residential Growth Management Provisions of Measure One Until 2030 (adopted December 2019, Ord. No. 19-3,929). This urgency ordinance extends the growth control measure originally approved by Burbank voters in 1989 for an additional 10 years. Measure One caps the maximum number of residential dwelling units at the maximum build out identified in the 1988 Land Use Element, consistent with infrastructure capacities. The Burbank2035 General Plan has a maximum build out less than the Measure One maximum build out.
- Accessory Dwelling Unit (adopted Interim Development Control Ordinance December 2019, Ord. No. 19-3,928 and subsequent ADU Ordinance in February 2020, Ord. No. 20-3932). This ordinance updates development standards for new ADUs and Junior ADUs consistent with recent changes in State law. Changes include allowance for ADUs of up to 850 square feet with one-bedroom and up

- to 1,000 square feet for two-bedrooms, and exemption from FAR and lot coverage requirements.
- Golden State Specific Plan and Burbank Center Plan Update. The City initiated the Golden State and Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Specific Plans. These Plans will introduce significant additional housing in the area, and will establish development standards and design guidelines to enable compact, well designed, higherdensity and mixed-use projects.

**Effectiveness:** The General Plan Land Use Element and Zoning Ordinance continue to provide opportunities for a mix of housing types -- small lot development, live-work units, and mixed-use development.

**Appropriateness:** The potential for residential mixed-use development within the existing and proposed Specific Plan areas and the continued increase of ADU development make this program appropriate for the Housing Element Update.

### 7. Second Dwelling Units ("Accessory Dwelling Units")

**Objective:** Promote development of second units and monitor ADU development trends annually to evaluate if modifications are needed for City requirements.

**Progress:** New State Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) laws (AB 2299 and SB 1069) took effect in January 2017. These state laws made parts of the City's secondary dwelling unit requirements null and void and established new regulations regarding on-site parking, type and size of dwelling units, setbacks, and water and sewer utility requirements for all new ADUs. In April 2018, the City's Zoning Code was updated to incorporate new ADU regulations in compliance with State ADU laws. In February 2020 the City adopted Ord. No. 19-3,932 which established development standards regulating new ADUs and Junior ADUs in the City's single-family and multi-family residential zones in compliance with 2020 State ADU law.

Effectiveness: Burbank has been highly successful in producing ADUs, having issued over 280 building permits for ADUs between 2017 and 2020. A February 2020 rent survey shows that 46% of ADU rents were within the level affordable to low-income households, 10% were affordable to moderate-income households, and 44% were at levels affordable to above moderate-households.

**Appropriateness:** With the new 2020 State ADU laws and the City's ADU Ordinance No. 20-3,932 designed to further facilitate production, applications for ADUs and Junior ADUs are anticipated to remain robust. This program will continue in the Housing Element Update, and pursuant to new State law, will incorporate

provisions to promote ADUs that provide affordable rents to low and moderate income households.

### **Development of Affordable Housing**

### 8. Affordable Housing Development Assistance

**Objective:** Provide regulatory incentives and financial assistance for affordable housing projects, especially for extremely low-income households and persons with disabilities. Also, disseminate information on sites with potential for development, inclusionary housing requirements, density bonuses, and other available incentives and concessions.

**Progress:** In 2017, the City adopted the Burbank Affordable Housing Analysis and Strategy, which describes some of the causes of the affordable housing crisis and suggests strategies/solutions to be considered by the City. The results from the Strategy helped the City Council to formulate a citywide housing goal to facilitate the building of 12,000 dwelling units during the next 15 years, focused primarily in the Downtown Burbank/Burbank Center Plan/North San Fernando Blvd. Specific Plan area, Airport District (Golden State Specific Plan) area, and parts of the Media District Specific Plan area.

Projects with affordable housing units that received planning entitlements and/or financial assistance during the planning period included:

- 601-615 East Cedar Avenue 46 unit multi-family project provided 35% density bonus and waiver from certain development standards in exchange for eight deedrestricted very low- and low-income rental units.
- First Street Village Mixed use project encompassing 261 apartments and over 21,000 square feet of retail, and including 13 moderate-income units.
- 777 Front Street (La Terra) Mixed use project including 573 rental units, a 300+ room hotel, and 1,000+ square feet of retail. 69 of the units will be provided at affordable rents to moderate-income households.

In addition to these projects, the City provided funding assistance to BHC to acquire and rehabilitate 17 long-term affordable housing units and 10 additional units owned by BHC were also rehabilitated. The City has also entitled a 42-unit mixed-use project at 624 S. San Fernando Boulevard that will provide affordable units as part of a density bonus request and in compliance with the City's inclusionary requirements.

**Effectiveness:** The City has provided incentives to facilitate the development of 90 new affordable rental units. It is anticipated that 8 of these units will come on line during the 5<sup>th</sup> Housing Element cycle, with the balance coming on line during the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle.

**Appropriateness:** As funding permits, continue to provide gap financing, regulatory incentives and concessions to private developers and non-profits to increase the supply of affordable

housing. This program continues to be appropriate for the Housing Element Update. 9. Inclusionary Housing Ordinance **Progress:** Burbank's existing Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, adopted in 2006, requires income and affordability covenants to be imposed on 15% of the units included in new residential **Objective:** Continue to implement the developments with five or more units. The ordinance had been Inclusionary Housing Ordinance. suspended for rental housing since 2009 due to the *Palmer* Monitor the effectiveness of the decision, but with the passage of AB 1505 (the "Palmer Fix"), was Ordinance re-instated in January 2018. In 2019, an Inclusionary Housing Develop parameters for expending Study prepared by Keyser Marston Associates focused on the the in-lieu fee revenues impacts created by the imposition of affordable housing requirements; and estimated the fee amounts that can be Consider amending the Inclusionary supported for projects that are permitted to pay a fee in lieu of Housing Ordinance to include condominium conversion projects producing affordable housing. Updated regulations will be considered by the Burbank City Council in 2021. While no inclusionary units were produced during the planning period, numerous projects are in the pipeline that will provide on-site inclusionary units. Smaller projects, such as the recently entitled eight-unit housing project on Naomi Avenue, are more likely to contribute an in-lieu affordable housing fee. to the requested four very low income density bonus units. **Effectiveness:** The City continues to apply its existing inclusionary housing regulations for applicable rental and ownership projects. Appropriateness: The Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and Program can provide an important tool for increasing the number of affordable housing units in the City, and continues to be appropriate for the Housing Element Update. 10. Housing for Persons with Disabilities **Progress:** The City provided financial support to BHC to develop Burbank Veteran Bungalows. This 11-unit property offers formerly homeless veterans affordable housing and supportive services **Objective:** Support construction and provided through New Directions for Veterans (NDVets). Two rehabilitation of housing targeted for units were redesigned for full ADA accessibility. persons with disabilities. Effectiveness: City has implemented its reasonable accommodation ordinance (adopted in 2009) and has complied with ADA requirements. Appropriateness: This program continues to be appropriate for the Housing Element Update. 11. Sustainability and Green Building **Progress:** The City has adopted the 2019 California Building Standards Code, including the California Energy Code and the CALGreen Code. Each of these codes have increased measures for

**Objective:** Implement Sustainability
Action Plan and Greenhouse Gas
Reduction Plan and encourage green
building practices in new construction and
rehab projects.

energy efficiency, resource conservation, green building, and sustainability. Large development projects, such as the mixed-use projects being developed at Avion Burbank and the 777 N. Front Street include project design features that involve energy efficiency and green building design. Single-family residential homes continue to install solar photovoltaic systems and electric vehicle charging units, which are processed through building permits.

*Effectiveness:* The Building and Safety Division has implemented CALGreen and provided information to the public about green building via the website and brochures handed out at the public counter.

**Appropriateness:** CAL Green (Title 24) building code standards continue to be implemented through the Burbank Building and Safety Division. This program continues to be appropriate for the Housing Element Update.

#### **Remove Constraints to Housing**

### 12. Transitional and Supportive Housing

**Objective:** To comply with State law, the City will amend the Zoning Ordinance for transitional and supportive housing to be considered a residential use and only subject to those restrictions that apply to other residential uses of the same type in the same zone.

**Progress:** The City has updated its Zoning Ordinance consistent with State law to treat transitional and supportive housing as a residential use, and to allow supportive housing as a use by right in all zones where multi-family and mixed use is permitted.

Between 2014-2020, the Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC) created a total of 17 transitional housing units for adults, youth, and families with children. In 2017, the City entered into a new partnership with Hope of the Valley by adding 38 beds of transitional congregate housing for transitional aged youth experiencing homelessness. Supportive services are offered through Village Family Services in order to stabilize the persons housing needs.

**Effectiveness:** The City has been highly effective in expanding its supply of transitional and supportive housing.

**Appropriateness:** The City, in cooperation with the Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC), remains committed to expanding transitional and supportive housing opportunities to persons experiencing homelessness or at-risk of becoming homeless.

### 13. Development Standards and Procedures

**Objectives:** Encourage mixed use developments through implementation of

**Progress:** With funds from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) in 2016, the City initiated the preparation of development standards for mixed-used places. After City staff conducted a number of public workshops and City Council/ Planning Board study sessions on mixed-use design standards, the

mixed use development standards and revisions to the Zoning Ordinance. Review the City's development review and approval process.

City will now consider incorporating these standards in the Burbank Center Plan Update and the Golden State Specific Plan.

The City also approved the following mixed-use projects within the planning period:

- First Street Village Mixed-Use Development Project This project consists of three six-story mixed-use development retail commercial space and 261 multifamily apartments.
- 777 Front Street "La Terra" The Project includes retail and hotel uses and 573 residential (rental) units on a vacant seven-acre site.
- Talaria Mixed Use Development at 3401 W. Olive Avenue This mixed-use project includes 241 residential rental units,
  a 42,950 square foot supermarket, and 760 parking spaces
  on 3.86 acres of land.

**Effectiveness:** Three mixed-use projects, totaling 1,075 rental units have been approved by the City since the beginning of 2014.

**Appropriateness:** With the Burbank Center Plan Update and the Golden State Specific Plan considering these mixed-use development standards, this program continues to be relevant for the Housing Element Update.

### 14. Fair Housing

**Objective**: Continue to contract with a qualified fair housing service, provide information on fair housing to Burbank residents and property owners, and promote fair housing practices.

**Progress:** Beginning in 2017, the City entered into a contract with the Housing Rights Center (HRC) to provide housing discrimination assistance and tenant/landlord information. HRC also offers fair housing education and outreach; fair housing investigation and enforcement; monitoring of real estate and lending activities; and assistance in implementation of Burbank's Fair Housing Plan.

During 2017-2019, HRC handled 40 discrimination complaint inquiries in Burbank, just three of which rose to the level of a discrimination case. During this same three-year period, HRC handled complaints or requests for assistance involving 220 Burbank tenants or landlords. HRC has been able to resolve roughly 65% of the complainant's issues, with the remainder of

complainants referred to an outside agency such as Legal Aid. Burbank is currently updating its Fair Housing Plan ("Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice") which will guide the City's fair housing activities for the ensuing five years.

*Effectiveness:* The City's fair housing program is effective in providing services and education regarding housing discrimination and tenant/landlord rights and responsibilities.

**Appropriateness:** The Fair Housing Program provides an important service to residents and landlords in the community, and remains appropriate for the Housing Element Update.

#### 15. Landlord/Tenant Mediation

**Objective:** Offer conflict mediation services through Landlord-Tenant Commission.

**Progress:** The Landlord-Tenant Commission meets on the first Monday of each month to educate and assist in resolving issues between landlords and tenants. During 2019, the Commission held various public information meetings on the State's AB 1482 rent control regulations that took effect on January 1, 2020.

In addition, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the City approved an Urgency Ordinance on March 17, 2020 prohibiting the evictions of residential and commercial tenants for non-payment of rent caused by the Corona virus. The eviction moratorium was extended through July 31<sup>st</sup> with amendments; including certain qualified commercial tenants. Furthermore, the City Council approved a Rent Repayment Ordinance in April 2020 that allows the repayment of back due rent, late fees/penalties to November 30, 2020, unless further extended by action of the City Council.

**Effectiveness:** The Landlord-Tenant Commission is effective in helping to mediate the disputes brought before it, and serves an important role in promoting the rights of both tenants and landlords in the Burbank community.

**Appropriateness:** The Landlord-Tenant Mediation Program provides a critical service to residents and landlords, especially with rising homelessness and the potential issues resulting from the current Covid-19 pandemic. This program continues to be appropriate for the Housing Element Update.

### 16. Emergency Shelter and Emergency Services

**Objective:** Explore opportunities for supportive services programs and partnerships to leverage funds; provide funding support to agencies offering homeless services to Burbank's homeless and at-risk population.

**Progress:** During the Housing Element planning period, the City participated in the following activities addressing homelessness:

- The regional Winter Shelter Program operated by Hope of the Valley in Pacoima from December - March, which provides a shuttle van pick-up and drop-off at the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station.
- Working together with local, County, and City of Los Angeles partners, the City of Burbank adopted a comprehensive Homeless Plan for 2018-2021. The Homeless Plan provides a proactive approach to homelessness by: 1) creating action oriented solutions that address the ongoing systemic social issues of homelessness impacting our community; 2) coordinating efforts to address homelessness with City Departments, public and private entities, businesses, and community involvement; and 3) identifying funding, barriers, and measurable

outcomes. The City has implemented multiple strategies identified in the Homeless Plan, including:

- ✓ Preparing a feasibility study for interim or permanent housing;
- Preparing a feasibility study for the acquisition and conversion of a commercial space into an access center and shelter;
- ✓ Conducting a study of City-owned plots of land for potential use as a safe storage facility;
- ✓ Hiring a Homeless Services Liaison to educate the public regarding the City's Homelessness efforts and engaging with the homeless; and
- Extending the partnership with Hope of the Valley to provide a winter shelter pick-up/drop-off from December 1, 2019 to March 30, 2020.
- The City of Burbank, along with several other cities, advocated for future Measure H Homelessness grants to implement homelessness plans. These efforts led to the release of a Cities' Homelessness Plan Implementation Request for Funding Proposal (RFP). Los Angeles County and Home For Good Funder's Collaborative (HFG) released an RFP soliciting proposals for city-specific projects to increase the supply of interim or permanent supportive housing and to enhance the County service systems for those experiencing homelessness.
- In 2019, the Downtown Business Improvement District approved a 12-month contract with Streetplus to dedicate homeless outreach in downtown Burbank.

*Effectiveness:* The City has been effective in its support of local homeless service providers, and partnering with other cities in addressing the homelessness issue.

**Appropriateness:** According to the 2019 Point-In-Time Homeless Count, the homeless population in the City was estimated to include 282 individuals. This program continues to be important for the Housing Element Update, and will be retitled "Homeless and Housing Services".

### 17. Accessible Housing and Universal Design

**Objective:** Explore incentives for residential projects that include universal design features.

**Progress:** The City routinely adopts updates to Uniform Building and Housing Codes to reflect current accessibility requirements in new construction.

**Effectiveness:** The City also implements the reasonable accommodation ordinance, which was adopted in 2009.

**Appropriateness:** Compliance with accessibility requirements is a standard building code requirement. As part of the Downtown Burbank/Burbank Center Plan Update and Golden State Specific

Plan development process, the City will consider universal design guidelines and standards. This program will be broadened to encompass housing for person with disabilities in the updated Housing Element.

### 18. Residential Lifeline Program

**Objective:** Continue to offer reduced utility rates to very low-income seniors and disabled residents.

**Progress:** The Burbank Water and Power's Lifeline Program offers an exemption from the monthly customer service charge, the utility users tax, and a reduced rate on electric service to incomequalified seniors and persons with disabilities. Description and application for the Lifeline Program is on the Burbank Water and Power website: <a href="https://www.burbankwaterandpower.com/my-home/lifeline-program">https://www.burbankwaterandpower.com/my-home/lifeline-program</a>

**Effectiveness:** This program is an effective way of reducing the housing costs for Burbank's special needs populations – lowincome seniors and persons with disabilities.

**Appropriateness:** The "Opportunities for Energy Conservation" section of the Resources chapter of the Housing Element presents the variety of sustainability programs offered through the City and Burbank Water and Power (BWP). A separate program for BWP's Residential Lifeline Program is no longer necessary for the Housing Element update.

The Table below summarizes the quantified objectives contained in the City's 2014-2021 Housing Element, and compares the City's progress in fulfilling these objectives:

Table C-2
Progress Towards 2014-2021 Quantified Objectives

Income Level		struction -2020)	Rehabili (2014-2		Preservation		
	Goal	Progress	Goal	Progress	Goal	Progress	
Extremely Low	347			8	212	212	
Very Low	347		20	7	212	212	
Low	413	115	20	13			
Moderate	443	29	40				
Above Moderate	1,134	553					
Total	2,684	697	80	28	414	414	

**New construction** goal reflects Burbank's 2014-2021 RHNA. Of allocation for 694 very low income units, half is allocated to extremely low income and half to very low income households.

**Rehabilitation** goal and progress reflects the Focus Neighborhood Revitalization Program.

**Conservation** goal and progress reflects the City's units at risk of conversion to market rate.

Housing Element statutes now require jurisdictions to evaluate the effectiveness of the Element's programs in meeting the needs of special needs households. Burbank implemented numerous programs during the 5th cycle planning period that assisted special needs populations, including:

- Providing 11 affordable housing units for homeless veterans, 3 transitional housing units for homeless families, a 38 bed shared housing facility for transitional age youth (ages 18-24), 20 dedicated rental vouchers for formerly homeless and 15 dedicated vouchers for veterans, and rapid re-housing through temporary rent assistance and case management
- Continuing to fund a year-round homeless street outreach program
- Dedicating future funds for establishment of a Tiny Home Village of modular homes on public land for approximately 20 homeless households
- Funding counseling services to families fleeing domestic violence and residing in transitional housing programs operated by Family Service Agency
- Funding programs designed to benefit developmentally disabled adults and children by providing access to employment opportunities, life skills, and case management
- Preserving 149 units of affordable senior rental housing at-risk of conversion to market rate
- Providing rental assistance vouchers to approximately 700 very low income seniors
- Adopting an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) ordinance and updates to facilitate the addition of ADUs which can benefit seniors, persons with disabilities and female-headed households
- Funding the addition of six rent-restricted ADUs on BHC affordable housing sites

# Appendix D

**Housing Element Site Inventory** 

Table D-1
Housing Element Site Inventory: Housing Opportunity Sites
Current General Plan

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OP Site ID	Address	APN	General Plan	Zone	GP Max Density	Gross Acres	Current Use	Potential %	GP Net DUs	
OF SILE ID	Address	AFIN	General Flair	Zone	Delisity	Acres	Current ose	70	D03	
DOWNTOWN TOD SPECIFIC PLAN SITES										
TOD 1-Carl's Jr		2460010010	High Density Residential	NSFC	43	0.08	Parking lot/patron	70%	2.3	
TOD 1-Carl's Jr		2460010011	High Density Residential	NSFC	43	0.08	Parking lot/patron	70%	2.3	
TOD 1-Carl's Jr		2460010012	High Density Residential	NSFC	43	0.08	Parking lot/patron	70%	2.3	
TOD 1-Carl's Jr		2460010013	High Density Residential	NSFC	43	0.08	Parking lot/patron	70%	2.3	
TOD 1-Carl's Jr	1300 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460010014	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.21	Restaurant	70%	4.0	
TOD 1-Carl's Jr	1310 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460010033	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.13	Restaurant	70%	2.4	
TOD 1-Carl's Jr	1320 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460010036	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.65	Restaurant	70%	11.3	
Total						1.29		70%	26.0	
TOD 2-Kmart	1000 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460006045	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	2.80	Store	60%	45.4	
TOD 2-Kmart	1000 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460007036	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	3.63	Disc. depart store	60%	58.9	
Total						6.43		60%	104.0	
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	923 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460021017	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.26	Parking lot/patron	70%	4.8	
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	913 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460021018	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.17	Restaurant	70%	3.2	
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	911 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460021019	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.17	Restaurant	70%	2.3	
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	903 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460021020	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.30	Prof. building	70%	5.7	
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	901 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460021027	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.26	Full service station	70%	4.9	
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	127 W BURBANK BLVD	2460021028	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.13	Store	70%	2.5	
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	CALTRANS PROPERTY	N/A	N/A		0	1.58	Vacant	70%		
Total						2.87		70%	23.0	
TOD 4-Old IKEA	600 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460023044	Downtown	PD	87	6.38	Reg. shopping	70%	388.7	
TOD 4-Old IKEA	731 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460023045	Downtown	PD	87	0.90	Reg. shopping	70%	55.0	
TOD 4-Old IKEA	601 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460023046	Downtown	PD	87	2.81	Reg. shopping	70%	170.9	
TOD 4-Old IKEA	600 N 1ST ST	2460023047	Downtown	PD	87	0.29	Reg. shopping	70%	17.9	
TOD 4-Old IKEA	230 E BURBANK BLVD	2460023060	Downtown	PD	87	1.67	Reg. shopping	70%	101.8	

OP Site ID	Address	ADM	General Plan	7000	Current GP Max	Gross	Current Hee	Realistic Dev Potential %	Realistic GP Net DUs
TOD 4-Old IKEA	217 GRINNELL DR	APN 2460031007	Downtown	Zone BCC-2	Density 87	<b>Acres</b> 0.19	Current Use Parking lot/patron	70%	11.5
TOD 4-Old IKEA	215 GRINNELL DR	2460031007	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.19	Parking lot/patron	70%	11.5
TOD 4-Old IKEA	218 E BURBANK BLVD	2460031016	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.17	Parking lot/patron	70%	10.1
TOD 4-Old IKEA	212 E BURBANK BLVD	2460031018	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.19	Parking lot/patron	70%	11.7
TOD 4-Old IKEA	800 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460031019	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.24	Bank/savings	70%	14.7
TOD 4-Old IKEA	840 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460031029	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.16	Bank/savings	70%	9.6
TOD 4-Old IKEA		2460031044	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.16	Vacant	70%	9.8
TOD 4-Old IKEA	800 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460031045	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.44	Fast food-walkup	70%	26.8
Total						13.80	- Tuestie and Tuestie	70%	839.0
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TOD 5-Ashley Home/El Pollo	401 N 1ST ST	2460023056	Downtown	PD	87	2.06	Reg. shopping	70%	125.5
TOD 5-Ashley Home/El Pollo	521 N 1ST ST	2460023057	Downtown	PD	87	0.65	Reg. shopping	70%	39.4
Total						2.71		70%	164.0
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	245 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460023048	Downtown	PD	87	1.31	Reg. shopping	70%	79.5
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	201 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460023049	Downtown	PD	87	5.20	Reg. shopping	70%	316.5
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	111 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460023050	Downtown	PD	87	1.41	Reg. shopping	70%	86.2
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	501 N 3RD ST	2460023052	Downtown	PD	87	2.23	Reg. shopping	70%	135.9
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	550 N 1ST ST	2460023054	Downtown	PD	87	2.71	Reg. shopping	70%	165.3
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	200 E CYPRESS AVE	2460023063	Downtown	PD	87	2.35	Reg. shopping	70%	143.3
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	(PRIV STREET AND YARD IMPS)	2460023064	Downtown	PD	87	1.26	Private Street	70%	76.9
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	555 N 3RD ST	2460023996	Downtown	PD	87	0.27	Theater	70%	16.4
Total						16.75		70%	1,020.0
TOD 7-Civic Center		2453008900	Institutional	PD	0	0.08	Parking lot lease	70%	
TOD 7-Civic Center		2453008903	Institutional	PD	0	0.89	Gov't owned	70%	
TOD 7-Civic Center	348 E ORANGE GROVE AVE	2453008905	Institutional	PD	0	0.36	Store/resid combo	70%	
TOD 7-Civic Center	301 E OLIVE AVE	2453008908	Institutional	PD	0	0.53	Bank/savings	70%	
TOD 7-Civic Center	375 E OLIVE AVE	2453008910	Institutional	PD	0	0.17	Parking lot/patron	70%	
TOD 7-Civic Center		2453008911	Institutional	PD	0	0.20	Parking lot/patron	70%	
TOD 7-Civic Center	374 E ORANGE GROVE AVE	2453008912	Institutional	PD	0	0.66	Bank/savings	70%	
TOD 7-Civic Center (City Hall)	275 E OLIVE AVE	2453009902	Institutional	PD	0	1.79	City Hall/Admin Ctr	70%	

OP Site ID	Address	APN	General Plan	Zone	Current GP Max Density	Gross Acres	Current Use	Realistic Dev Potential %	Realistic GP Net DUs
TOD 7-Civic Center	110 N GLENOAKS BLVD	2455021906	Institutional	R-4	0	1.56	Central Library	70%	
Total						6.24	,	70%	
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	121 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453014002	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.08	Prof building	70%	4.9
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	123 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453014003	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.04	Store/resid combo	70%	2.4
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	147 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453014008	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.09	Store	70%	2.3
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	356 E OLIVE AVE	2453014012	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.18	Prof building	70%	10.8
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	348 E OLIVE AVE	2453014014	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.18	Office building	70%	10.9
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	362 E OLIVE AVE	2453014022	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.06	Store	70%	3.8
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	358 E OLIVE AVE	2453014023	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.12	Office building	70%	7.0
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	137 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453014024	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.16	Restaurant	70%	7.8
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	372 E OLIVE AVE	2453014025	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.13	Bank/savings	70%	7.8
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	359 E ANGELENO AVE	2453014026	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.17	Parking lot/patron	70%	10.5
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	353 E ANGELENO AVE	2453014029	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.35	Office building	70%	20.4
Total						1.55		70%	88.0
TOD 9-Fosters									
Freeze/Salvation Army	249 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453021026	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.19	Auto serv/body	70%	11.8
TOD 9-Fosters	240 C CLENIOAKC BLVD	2452024027	Dannakanna	DCC 2	87	0.00	Auto com //bodh	700/	F 2
Freeze/Salvation Army TOD 9-Fosters	249 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453021027	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.09	Auto serv/body	70%	5.3
Freeze/Salvation Army	201 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453021029	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.25	Restaurant	70%	15.4
TOD 9-Fosters									
Freeze/Salvation Army	221 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453021030	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.21	Store	70%	12.5
TOD 9-Fosters	2545 4110515110 41/5	2452024022		D.C.C. 2	40	0.47	D (1 11)	700/	
Freeze/Salvation Army TOD 9-Fosters	354 E ANGELENO AVE	2453021032	High Density Residential	BCC-2	43	0.17	Prof building	70%	5.2
Freeze/Salvation Army	344 E ANGELENO AVE	2453021033	High Density Residential	BCC-2	43	0.17	Prof building	70%	5.3
TOD 9-Fosters			<u> </u>						
Freeze/Salvation Army	336 E ANGELENO AVE	2453021035	High Density Residential	BCC-2	43	0.18	Private school	70%	5.3
TOD 9-Fosters	222 5 4110515112 1115	24522212		D.C.C. C	40	0.1=		700/	<b>5</b>
Freeze/Salvation Army TOD 9-Fosters	320 E ANGELENO AVE	2453021041	High Density Residential	BCC-2	43	0.17	Church	70%	5.2
Freeze/Salvation Army	310 E ANGELENO AVE	2453021046	High Density Residential	BCC-2	43	0.35	Parking lot/patron	70%	10.6
TOD 9-Fosters		2.550210+0	g. zener, nesidenda	2002		0.00		. 5,5	
Freeze/Salvation Army	300 E ANGELENO AVE	2453021062	High Density Residential	BCC-2	43	0.15	Church	70%	4.7

OP Site ID	Address	APN	General Plan	Zone	Current GP Max Density	Gross Acres	Current Use	Realistic Dev Potential %	Realistic GP Net DUs
Total	Address	AFIN	General Flan	20116	Delisity	1.94	Current ose	70%	81.0
Total						1.54		7070	01.0
TOD-10-BJs/Black Angus	101 S 1ST ST, 400	2453011029	Downtown	BCC-2	87	2.12	Office building	70%	129.3
TOD-10-BJs/Black Angus	235 S 1ST ST	2453018017	Downtown	BCC-2	87	1.71	Restaurant	70%	103.0
Total						3.83		70%	232.0
TOD 11-Victory/Olive	120 S VICTORY BLVD	2451016011	North Victory	BCCM	27	2.14	Office building	70%	37.4
TOD 11-Victory/Olive	272 E OLIVE AVE	2451016012	North Victory	BCCM	27	0.24	Auto serv/body	70%	3.5
TOD 11-Victory/Olive	264 W OLIVE AVE	2451016013	North Victory	BCCM	27	0.19	Auto serv/body	70%	3.7
TOD 11-Victory/Olive	110 S VICTORY BLVD	2451016014	North Victory	BCCM	27	0.31	Auto serv/body	70%	5.8
Total						2.90		70%	50.0
TOD 12-YMCA	353 E SAN JOSE AVE	2460034021	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.35	Private school	70%	21.0
TOD 12-YMCA	409 N GLENOAKS BLVD	2460035001	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.11	Parking lot/patron	70%	6.5
TOD 12-YMCA	369 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460035003	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.18	Restaurant	70%	10.8
TOD 12-YMCA	361 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460035005	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.17	Office building	70%	10.5
TOD 12-YMCA	353 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460035007	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.17	Store/resid combo	70%	10.6
TOD 12-YMCA	352 E SAN JOSE AVE	2460035008	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.18	Parking lot/patron	70%	10.8
TOD 12-YMCA	320 E SAN JOSE AVE	2460035014	Downtown	PD	87	0.28	Parking lot/patron	70%	17.1
TOD 12-YMCA	300 E SAN JOSE AVE	2460035016	Downtown	PD	87	0.33	Parking lot/patron	70%	20.2
TOD 12-YMCA	344 E SAN JOSE AVE	2460035017	Downtown	PD	87	0.36	Private school	70%	21.9
TOD 12-YMCA	321 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460035018	Downtown	PD	87	0.53	Club/Lodge Hall	70%	32.4
Total						2.66		70%	161.0
<b>GOLDEN STATE SPECIF</b>	IC PLAN SITES								
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3075 N LIMA ST	2466001015	Golden State	M-2	27	0.16	Light industrial	70%	3.0
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3079 N LIMA ST	2466001016	Golden State	M-2	27	0.16	Light industrial	70%	2.9
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3310 COHASSET ST	2466001022	Golden State	M-2	27	0.15	Light industrial	70%	2.9
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3094 N AVON ST	2466001023	Golden State	M-2	27	0.15	Light industrial	70%	2.9
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3090 N AVON ST	2466001024	Golden State	M-2	27	0.15	Light industrial	70%	2.9
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3086 N AVON ST	2466001025	Golden State	M-2	27	0.31	Light industrial	70%	4.8
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3080 N AVON ST	2466001026	Golden State	M-2	27	0.18	Light industrial	70%	3.4

OP Site ID	Address	APN	General Plan	Zone	Current GP Max Density	Gross Acres	Current Use	Realistic Dev Potential %	Realistic GP Net DUs
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3071 N LIMA ST	2466001029	Golden State	M-2	27	0.15	Light industrial	70%	2.8
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3083 N LIMA ST	2466001030	Golden State	M-2	27	0.31	Warehouse, storage	70%	5.8
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3059 N CALIFORNIA ST	2466001045	Golden State	M-2	27	0.15	Vacant	70%	2.8
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3063 N CALIFORNIA ST	2466001046	Golden State	M-2	27	0.16	Vacant	70%	3.1
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3300 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2466001063	Golden State	M-2	27	0.51	Warehouse, storage	70%	9.7
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3089 N LIMA ST	2466001064	Golden State	M-2	27	0.16	Warehouse, storage	70%	2.9
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3099 N LIMA ST	2466001077	Golden State	M-2	27	0.31	Light industrial	70%	6.0
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3320 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2466001081	Golden State	M-2	27	0.99	Light industrial	70%	18.7
Total						4.00		70%	74.0
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3333 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2466005003	Golden State	M-2	27	0.89	Light industrial	80%	19.1
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3207 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2466005013	Golden State	M-2	27	0.50	Light industrial	80%	10.9
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way		2466005017	Golden State	M-2	27	0.20	Parking lot/structure	80%	4.3
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way		2466005018	Golden State	M-2	27	0.23	Parking lot/structure	80%	4.9
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3303 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2466005024	Golden State	M-2	27	1.33	Light industrial	80%	28.7
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3301 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2466005025	Golden State	M-2	27	1.26	Light industrial	80%	27.3
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3024 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006002	Golden State	M-2	27	0.07	Light industrial	80%	0.4
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3022 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006003	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Light industrial	80%	1.4
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3020 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006004	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Light industrial	80%	1.3
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3018 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006005	Golden State	M-2	27	0.07	Light industrial	80%	1.4
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3016 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006006	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Light industrial	80%	1.4
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3014 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006007	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Light industrial	80%	1.4
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3012 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006008	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Light industrial	80%	1.3
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way		2466006009	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Parking lot/structure	80%	1.4
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way		2466006010	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Parking lot/structure Warehouse,	80%	1.4
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3000 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006011	Golden State	M-2	27	0.30	storage	80%	6.5
Total						5.28	Ĭ	80%	113.0

OP Site ID	Address	APN	General Plan	Zone	Current GP Max Density	Gross Acres	Current Use	Realistic Dev Potential %	Realistic GP Net DUs
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GSSP-3 Valhalla	2210 N SCREENLAND DR	2463001005	Golden State	M-1	27	3.04	Light industrial	70%	57.5
GSSP-3 Valhalla	2211 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2463001006	Golden State	M-1	27	0.34	Light industrial	70%	6.5
GSSP-3 Valhalla	2205 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2463001007	Golden State	M-1	27	0.34	Light industrial	70%	5.4
GSSP-3 Valhalla	2201 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2463001008	Golden State	M-1	27	0.34	Light industrial	70%	5.4
GSSP-3 Valhalla	3520 W VALHALLA DR	2463001011	Golden State	M-1	27	2.41	Light industrial	70%	45.5
GSSP-3 Valhalla	2231 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2463001012	Golden State	M-1	27	1.64	Light industrial	70%	30.9
Total						8.10		70%	151.0
GSSP-4 Logix	2340 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2463010001	Golden State	M-2	27	4.46	Office building	80%	96.0
							Parking		
GSSP-5 Ontario		2464004036	Regional Commercial	PD	58	1.73	lot/structure	80%	80.0
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GSSP-6 Fairview		2464006045	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	0.65	Parking lot/structure	80%	30.0
COST O TUITVIEW		2404000043	Regional commercial	IVI Z	30	0.03	loty structure	0070	30.0
GSSP-7 Empire	3030 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001002	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	0.39	Light industrial	80%	18.2
GSSP-7 Empire	3020 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001003	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	0.41	Light industrial	80%	18.9
GSSP-7 Empire	2820 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001007	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	0.74	Heavy industrial	80%	34.3
GSSP-7 Empire	3110 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001015	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	0.82	Office building	80%	38.2
GSSP-7 Empire	3000 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001019	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	1.98	Light industrial	80%	91.6
GSSP-7 Empire	2890 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001020	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	0.86	Light industrial	80%	40.0
GSSP-7 Empire	3120 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001021	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	1.13	Warehouse,	80%	51.4
Goor-/ Empire	3120 W EIVIPIKE AVE	2404001021	Regional Commercial	IVI-Z	58	1.13	storage Government,	ðU%	51.4
GSSP-7 Empire		2464001906	Institutional	RR	0	0.06	public	80%	
Total						6.4	·	80%	292.0
TOTAL HOUSING OPPO	ORTUNITY SITES					93.70			3,624.0

Table D-2
Housing Element Site Inventory
Entitlement or Pending Entitlement Projects

Project ID	Address	General Plan	Zoning	DUs	Net DUs
Entitled Projects			_		
Former Fry's Site	2311 N. HOLLYWOOD WAY	Regional Commercial	C-3	863	863
La Terra	777 FRONT STREET	Downtown Commercial	PD 17-01	573	573
First Street Village	315 N. FIRST STREET (16 PARCELS)	Downtown Commercial	PD 14-01	275	275
3700 Riverside	3700 RIVERSIDE DR.	Media District Commercial	MDC-3	49	49
S. San Fernando/Cedar	624-628 S. SAN FERNANDO BLVD.	South San Fernando Commercial	BCC-3	42	42
530 E. San Jose Ave.	530 E. SAN JOSE AVE.			4	2
Cedar Ave Apartments	610-615 E. CEDAR AVE.	High Density Residential	R-4	46	32
Naomi Apts	2321-2325 N. NAOMI ST.	Medium Density Residential	R-4	8	6
Cypress	565 E. CYPRESS AVE	High Density Residential	R-4	3	3
214 N. Orchard	214 N. ORCHARD	Low Density Residential	R-2	5	2
Total Entitled Units				1,904	1,845
Pending Projects					
Bob Hope Center Project	3201 W. OLIVE AVE.	Media District Commercial	PD 2001-2	123	123
The Premier on First	103 E. VERDUGO AVE.	Downtown Commercial	BCC-2	154	154
Palm Ave	529-537 E. PALM	High Density Residential	R-4	24	19
4100 Riverside	4100 RIVERSIDE	Media District Commercial	MDC-3	44	44
Thornton Condos	2720 THORNTON AVE.	High Density Residential	R-4	4	2
2814 W. Empire	2814 W. EMPIRE	Regional Commercial	M-2	148	148
Total Pending Units				497	490

Table D-3
Housing Element Site Inventory: Housing Opportunity Sites
Proposed Downtown TOD and Golden State Specific Plans

					Current			Realistic Dev	Prop SP	Realistic
					GP Max	Gross		Potential	Max	SP Net
OP Site ID	Address	APN	General Plan	Zone	Density	Acres	Current Use	%	Density	DUs
DOWNTOWN TOD SE	PECIFIC PLAN SITES									
TOD 1-Carl's Jr		2460010010	High Density Residential	NSFC	43	0.08	Parking lot/patron	70%		
TOD 1-Carl's Jr		2460010011	High Density Residential	NSFC	43	0.08	Parking lot/patron	70%		
TOD 1-Carl's Jr		2460010012	High Density Residential	NSFC	43	0.08	Parking lot/patron	70%		
TOD 1-Carl's Jr		2460010013	High Density Residential	NSFC	43	0.08	Parking lot/patron	70%		
TOD 1-Carl's Jr	1300 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460010014	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.21	Restaurant	70%		
TOD 1-Carl's Jr	1310 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460010033	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.13	Restaurant	70%		
TOD 1-Carl's Jr	1320 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460010036	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.65	Restaurant	70%		
Total						1.29		70%		26.0
TOD 2-Kmart	1000 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460006045	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	2.80	Store	60%		
TOD 2-Kmart	1000 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460007036	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	3.63	Disc. depart store	60%		
Total						6.43		60%		104.0
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	923 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460021017	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.26	Parking lot/patron	70%		
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	913 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460021018	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.17	Restaurant	70%		
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	911 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460021019	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.17	Restaurant	70%		
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	903 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460021020	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.30	Prof. building	70%		
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	901 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460021027	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.26	Full service station	70%		
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	127 W BURBANK BLVD	2460021028	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	27	0.13	Store	70%		
TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	CALTRANS PROPERTY	N/A	N/A		0	1.58	Vacant	70%		
Total						2.87		70%		23.0
TOD 4-Old IKEA	600 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460023044	Downtown	PD	87	6.38	Reg. shopping	70%		
TOD 4-Old IKEA	731 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460023045	Downtown	PD	87	0.90	Reg. shopping	70%		
TOD 4-Old IKEA	601 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460023046	Downtown	PD	87	2.81	Reg. shopping	70%		
TOD 4-Old IKEA	600 N 1ST ST	2460023047	Downtown	PD	87	0.29	Reg. shopping	70%		
TOD 4-Old IKEA	230 E BURBANK BLVD	2460023060	Downtown	PD	87	1.67	Reg. shopping	70%		
TOD 4-Old IKEA	217 GRINNELL DR	2460031007	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.19	Parking lot/patron	70%		
TOD 4-Old IKEA	215 GRINNELL DR	2460031008	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.19	Parking lot/patron	70%		

OP Site ID	Address	APN	General Plan	Zone	Current GP Max Density	Gross Acres	Current Use	Realistic Dev Potential %	Prop SP Max Density	Realistic SP Net DUs
TOD 4-Old IKEA	218 E BURBANK BLVD	2460031016	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.17	Parking lot/patron	70%		
TOD 4-Old IKEA	212 E BURBANK BLVD	2460031018	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.19	Parking lot/patron	70%		
TOD 4-Old IKEA	800 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460031019	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.24	Bank/savings	70%		
TOD 4-Old IKEA	840 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460031029	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.16	Bank/savings	70%		
TOD 4-Old IKEA		2460031044	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.16	Vacant	70%		
TOD 4-Old IKEA	800 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2460031045	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.44	Fast food-walkup	70%		
Total						13.80		70%		839.0
TOD 5-Ashley Home/El Pollo	401 N 1ST ST	2460023056	Downtown	PD	87	2.06	Reg. shopping	70%		
TOD 5-Ashley Home/El Pollo	521 N 1ST ST	2460023057	Downtown	PD	87	0.65	Pog shopping	70%		
Total	321 N 131 31	2400023037	DOWITOWII	PD	07	2.71	Reg. shopping	70%		164.0
Total						2.72		7 0 7 0		104.0
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	245 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460023048	Downtown	PD	87	1.31	Reg. shopping	70%		
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	201 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460023049	Downtown	PD	87	5.20	Reg. shopping	70%		
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	111 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460023050	Downtown	PD	87	1.41	Reg. shopping	70%		
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	501 N 3RD ST	2460023052	Downtown	PD	87	2.23	Reg. shopping	70%		
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	550 N 1ST ST	2460023054	Downtown	PD	87	2.71	Reg. shopping	70%		
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	200 E CYPRESS AVE	2460023063	Downtown	PD	87	2.35	Reg. shopping	70%		
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	(PRIV STREET AND YARD IMPS)	2460023064	Downtown	PD	87	1.26	Private Street	70%		
TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	555 N 3RD ST	2460023996	Downtown	PD	87	0.27	Theater	70%		
Total						16.75		70%		1020.0
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TOD 7-Civic Center		2453008900	Institutional	PD	0	0.08	Parking lot lease	70%	87	4.9
TOD 7-Civic Center		2453008903	Institutional	PD	0	0.89	Gov't owned	70%	87	54.2
TOD 7-Civic Center	348 E ORANGE GROVE AVE	2453008905	Institutional	PD	0	0.36	Store/resid combo	70%	87	21.7
TOD 7-Civic Center	301 E OLIVE AVE	2453008908	Institutional	PD	0	0.53	Bank/savings	70%	87	32.5
TOD 7-Civic Center	375 E OLIVE AVE	2453008910	Institutional	PD	0	0.17	Parking lot/patron	70%	87	10.2
TOD 7-Civic Center		2453008911	Institutional	PD	0	0.20	Parking lot/patron	70%	87	12.2
TOD 7-Civic Center	374 E ORANGE GROVE AVE	2453008912	Institutional	PD	0	0.66	Bank/savings	70%	87	39.2
TOD 7-Civic Center (City Hall)	275 E OLIVE AVE	2453009902	Institutional	PD	0	1.79	City Hall/Admin Ctr	70%	87	109.2
TOD 7-Civic Center	110 N GLENOAKS BLVD	2455021906	Institutional	R-4	0	1.56	Central Library	70%	87	95.1
Total					1	6.24	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	70%	87	379.0

					Current			Realistic Dev	Prop SP	Realistic
OP Site ID	Address	APN	General Plan	Zone	GP Max Density	Gross Acres	Current Use	Potential %	Max Density	SP Net DUs
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	121 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453014002	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.08	Prof building	70%	Denoity	
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	123 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453014003	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.04	Store/resid combo	70%		
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	147 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453014008	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.09	Store	70%		
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	356 E OLIVE AVE	2453014012	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.18	Prof building	70%		
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	348 E OLIVE AVE	2453014014	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.18	Office building	70%		
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	362 E OLIVE AVE	2453014022	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.06	Store	70%		
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	358 E OLIVE AVE	2453014023	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.12	Office building	70%		
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	137 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453014024	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.16	Restaurant	70%		
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	372 E OLIVE AVE	2453014025	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.13	Bank/savings	70%		
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	359 E ANGELENO AVE	2453014026	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.17	Parking lot/patron	70%		
TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	353 E ANGELENO AVE	2453014029	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.35	Office building	70%		
Total						1.55		70%		88.0
TOD 9-Fosters										
Freeze/Salvation Army	249 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453021026	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.19	Auto serv/body	70%	87	11.8
TOD 9-Fosters										
Freeze/Salvation Army	249 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453021027	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.09	Auto serv/body	70%	87	5.3
TOD 9-Fosters Freeze/Salvation Army	201 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453021029	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.25	Restaurant	70%	87	15.4
TOD 9-Fosters	201 3 GLINOAKS BLVD	2433021029	Downtown	BCC-3	67	0.23	Restaurant	70%	67	13.4
Freeze/Salvation Army	221 S GLENOAKS BLVD	2453021030	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.21	Store	70%	87	12.5
TOD 9-Fosters					-				_	
Freeze/Salvation Army	354 E ANGELENO AVE	2453021032	High Density Residential	BCC-2	43	0.17	Prof building	70%	87	10.6
TOD 9-Fosters										
Freeze/Salvation Army	344 E ANGELENO AVE	2453021033	High Density Residential	BCC-2	43	0.17	Prof building	70%	87	10.6
TOD 9-Fosters	226 5 441651 5416 4475	2452024025		D.C.C. 2	40	0.40	5	700/	07	40.7
Freeze/Salvation Army TOD 9-Fosters	336 E ANGELENO AVE	2453021035	High Density Residential	BCC-2	43	0.18	Private school	70%	87	10.7
Freeze/Salvation Army	320 E ANGELENO AVE	2453021041	High Density Residential	BCC-2	43	0.17	Church	70%	87	10.5
TOD 9-Fosters	OZO E / MOZELE/NO AVE	2-330210-11	Then bensity hesidential	500 2	73	0.17	Charch	7.570	- 0,	10.5
Freeze/Salvation Army	310 E ANGELENO AVE	2453021046	High Density Residential	BCC-2	43	0.35	Parking lot/patron	70%	87	21.4
TOD 9-Fosters			-				,			
Freeze/Salvation Army	300 E ANGELENO AVE	2453021062	High Density Residential	BCC-2	43	0.15	Church	70%	87	9.4
Total						1.94		70%	87	118.0
TOD-10-BJs/Black Angus	101 S 1ST ST, 400	2453011029	Downtown	BCC-2	87	2.12	Office building	70%		
TOD-10-BJs/Black Angus	235 S 1ST ST	2453018017	Downtown	BCC-2	87	1.71	Restaurant	70%		

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Total	Audress	AFIN	General Flan	20116	Delisity	3.83	Current Ose	70%	Delisity	232.0
Total						3.03		7070		232.0
TOD 11-Victory/Olive	120 S VICTORY BLVD	2451016011	North Victory	BCCM	27	2.14	Office building	70%		
TOD 11-Victory/Olive	272 E OLIVE AVE	2451016012	North Victory	BCCM	27	0.24	Auto serv/body	70%		
TOD 11-Victory/Olive	264 W OLIVE AVE	2451016013	North Victory	BCCM	27	0.19	Auto serv/body	70%		
TOD 11-Victory/Olive	110 S VICTORY BLVD	2451016014	North Victory	BCCM	27	0.31	Auto serv/body	70%		
Total			,			2.90	, , , , , , , , , , , , ,	70%		50.0
TOD 12-YMCA	353 E SAN JOSE AVE	2460034021	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.35	Private school	70%		48.6
TOD 12-YMCA	409 N GLENOAKS BLVD	2460035001	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.11	Parking lot/patron	70%		15.1
TOD 12-YMCA	369 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460035003	Downtown	BCC-3	87	0.18	Restaurant	70%		24.9
TOD 12-YMCA	361 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460035005	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.17	Office building	70%		24.1
TOD 12-YMCA	353 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460035007	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.17	Store/resid combo	70%		24.6
TOD 12-YMCA	352 E SAN JOSE AVE	2460035008	Downtown	BCC-2	87	0.18	Parking lot/patron	70%		24.9
TOD 12-YMCA	320 E SAN JOSE AVE	2460035014	Downtown	PD	87	0.28	Parking lot/patron	70%		39.5
TOD 12-YMCA	300 E SAN JOSE AVE	2460035016	Downtown	PD	87	0.33	Parking lot/patron	70%		46.7
TOD 12-YMCA	344 E SAN JOSE AVE	2460035017	Downtown	PD	87	0.36	Private school	70%		50.6
TOD 12-YMCA	321 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	2460035018	Downtown	PD	87	0.53	Club/Lodge Hall	70%		74.8
Total						2.66		70%		372.0
<b>GOLDEN STATE SPE</b>	CIFIC PLAN SITES									
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3075 N LIMA ST	2466001015	Golden State	M-2	27	0.16	Light industrial	70%	120	13.2
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3079 N LIMA ST	2466001016	Golden State	M-2	27	0.16	Light industrial	70%	120	13.1
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3310 COHASSET ST	2466001022	Golden State	M-2	27	0.15	Light industrial	70%	120	12.8
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3094 N AVON ST	2466001023	Golden State	M-2	27	0.15	Light industrial	70%	120	13.0
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3090 N AVON ST	2466001024	Golden State	M-2	27	0.15	Light industrial	70%	120	12.9
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3086 N AVON ST	2466001025	Golden State	M-2	27	0.31	Light industrial	70%	120	24.7
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3080 N AVON ST	2466001026	Golden State	M-2	27	0.18	Light industrial	70%	120	15.0
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3071 N LIMA ST	2466001029	Golden State	M-2	27	0.15	Light industrial	70%	120	12.6
							Warehouse,			
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3083 N LIMA ST	2466001030	Golden State	M-2	27	0.31	storage	70%	120	26.0
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3059 N CALIFORNIA ST	2466001045	Golden State	M-2	27	0.15	Vacant	70%	120	12.5
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3063 N CALIFORNIA ST	2466001046	Golden State	M-2	27	0.16	Vacant	70%	120	13.6
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3300 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2466001063	Golden State	M-2	27	0.51	Warehouse, storage	70%	120	42.9

					Current GP Max	Gross		Realistic Dev Potential	Prop SP Max	Realistic SP Net
OP Site ID	Address	APN	General Plan	Zone	Density	Acres	Current Use	%	Density	DUs
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3089 N LIMA ST	2466001064	Golden State	M-2	27	0.16	Warehouse,	70%	120	13.1
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3099 N LIMA ST	2466001064	Golden State	M-2	27	0.16	storage Light industrial	70%	120	26.4
GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	3320 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2466001077	Golden State	M-2	27	0.99	Light industrial	70%	120	83.0
•	3320 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2400001081	Golden State	IVI-Z	27	4.00	Light industrial		120	
Total						4.00		70%		334.0
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3333 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2466005003	Golden State	M-2	27	0.89	Light industrial	80%	120	85.1
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3207 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2466005013	Golden State	M-2	27	0.50	Light industrial	80%	120	48.3
							Parking			
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way		2466005017	Golden State	M-2	27	0.20	lot/structure	80%	120	19.0
							Parking			
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way		2466005018	Golden State	M-2	27	0.23	lot/structure	80%	120	22.0
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3303 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2466005024	Golden State	M-2	27	1.33	Light industrial	80%	120	127.4
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3301 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	2466005025	Golden State	M-2	27	1.26	Light industrial	80%	120	121.1
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3024 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006002	Golden State	M-2	27	0.07	Light industrial	80%	120	5.3
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3022 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006003	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Light industrial	80%	120	6.1
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3020 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006004	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Light industrial	80%	120	5.9
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3018 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006005	Golden State	M-2	27	0.07	Light industrial	80%	120	6.2
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3016 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006006	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Light industrial	80%	120	6.1
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3014 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006007	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Light industrial	80%	120	6.1
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3012 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006008	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Light industrial	80%	120	6.0
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way		2466006009	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Parking lot/structure	80%	120	6.1
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way		2466006010	Golden State	M-2	27	0.06	Parking lot/structure	80%	120	6.1
GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	3000 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2466006011	Golden State	M-2	27	0.30	Warehouse, storage	80%	120	28.8
Total						5.28		80%		505.0
GSSP-3 Valhalla	2210 N SCREENLAND DR	2463001005	Golden State	M-1	27	3.04	Light industrial	70%	120	255.5
GSSP-3 Valhalla	2211 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2463001006	Golden State	M-1	27	0.34	Light industrial	70%	120	28.7
GSSP-3 Valhalla	2205 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2463001007	Golden State	M-1	27	0.34	Light industrial	70%	120	27.3
GSSP-3 Valhalla	2201 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2463001007	Golden State	M-1	27	0.34	Light industrial	70%	120	27.3
GSSP-3 Valhalla	3520 W VALHALLA DR	2463001000	Golden State	M-1	27	2.41	Light industrial	70%	120	202.3
GSSP-3 Valhalla	2231 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2463001011	Golden State	M-1	27	1.64	Light industrial	70%	120	137.4
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OP Site ID	Address	APN	General Plan	Zone	Current GP Max Density	Gross Acres	Current Use	Realistic Dev Potential %	Prop SP Max Density	Realistic SP Net DUs
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GSSP-4 Logix	2340 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	2463010001	Golden State	M-2	27	4.46	Office building	80%	120	428.0
GSSP-5 Ontario		2464004036	Regional Commercial	PD	58	1.73	Parking lot/structure	80%	120	166.0
GSSP-6 Fairview		2464006045	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	0.65	Parking lot/structure	80%	58	30.0
GSSP-7 Empire	3030 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001002	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	0.39	Light industrial	80%	100	31.5
GSSP-7 Empire	3020 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001003	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	0.41	Light industrial	80%	100	32.5
GSSP-7 Empire	2820 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001007	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	0.74	Heavy industrial	80%	100	59.2
GSSP-7 Empire	3110 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001015	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	0.82	Office building	80%	100	65.9
GSSP-7 Empire	3000 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001019	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	1.98	Light industrial	80%	100	158.0
GSSP-7 Empire	2890 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001020	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	0.86	Light industrial	80%	100	68.9
GSSP-7 Empire	3120 W EMPIRE AVE	2464001021	Regional Commercial	M-2	58	1.13	Warehouse, storage	80%	100	89.3
GSSP-7 Empire		2464001906	Institutional	RR	0	0.06	Government, public	80%	100	4.9
Total						6.40		80%		510.0
TOTAL PROPOSED SPE	TOTAL PROPOSED SPECIFIC PLAN OPPORTUNITY SITES					93.7				6,066 units

# Exhibit D-1 TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites

#### TOD 1 - Carl's Jr.



Site Acreage: 1.29 acres

# Current General Plan Land Use:

High Density Res. (43 du/ac) Corridor Commercial (27 du/ac)

#### **Proposed Zoning:**

Downtown Burbank TOD SP (27 du/ac and 43 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 26 units

**Programs to Facilitate** 

**Development:** 5, 9, 10, 11, 17,

19, 20, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

This site is located at prominent corner across the street from McCambridge Park on San Fernando Road. The site abuts multifamily and is in a TCAC designated highest resource area with underutilized service commercial/fast food restaurants whose buildings are more than 40 years old, and an improvement-to-land value ratio of just 0.75.1 Five of the seven parcels are owned by one owner. The properties are targeted as opportunity sites in the Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan and the City is engaging with the property owners about the viability of developing mixed use projects at both sites individually, or through consolidation into a larger parcel. In conjunction with release of the City's draft Housing Element opportunity sites and public meetings regarding the Downtown TOD Specific Plan update, the City has received inquiries as recently as October 2021 about the site's development potential that currently exists, as well as what is being envisioned through the TOD Specific Plan. The existing base maximum density is proposed to be increased as part of the Specific Plan update. Beyond that, other housing development incentives to be established with the Specific Plan update will further support the likelihood of residential development on the site. As noted in the inventory, the site is expected to yield fewer than 100 dwelling units and would therefore fall within the Housing Element program to allow for by-right ministerial review. Additional factors supporting residential development include density incentives for lot

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Improvement-to-land value ratios under 1.0 are considered economically conducive for redevelopment.

consolidation, reduced parking for residential use, and identification of the site as an opportunity site within the Specific Plan itself.

In order for the level of projected housing development to occur on this opportunity site, small-lot consolidation will be necessary. This site has seven small parcels with three property owners, but as discussed in the Housing Element regarding small sites, the City has experience facilitating small-lot consolidation, with the five projects presented in Table I-45 (Examples of Small Lot Consolidation) involving the aggregation of multiple small parcels. In each of these instances, property owners were able to acquire adjacent small parcels that were either physically underdeveloped and/or economically underutilized to create a viable site which was then developed to a higher economic use. Four of the five projects took advantage of density bonuses and provided affordable units. Other TOD sites also contain small parcels that share similar characteristics of physical and/or economic underutilization, and in several instances are already under common ownership. With the increased densities and economic incentives to be provided under the specific plan, these small parcels will be ripe for consolidation and development.

The City's Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate Division is in the process of preparing property information sheets detailing applicable zoning regulations, permitted density, etc. that can be used to help actively market the subject site. These property information worksheets for all the housing opportunity sites in the Housing Element will be completed in the third quarter of 2022 and posted on the City's website and will be updated every six months to account for any changes to zoning including proposed updates resulting from the Specific Plan update currently underway.

**TOD 2 - Kmart Shopping Center** 



**Site Acreage:** 6.43 acres

**General Plan Land Use:** 

Corridor Commercial (27 du/ac)

**Proposed Zoning:** 

Downtown Burbank TOD SP (27 du/ac)

**Net Unit Potential:** 104 units

**Programs to Facilitate Development:** 

5, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

This opportunity site is located in a prime location along the North San Fernando Boulevard corridor and includes a now shuttered K-Mart store built in 1962 and large surface parking area under single-ownership. The area is identified as highest resource by TCAC, is in close proximity to services including the adjacent McCambridge Park, and within a high-quality transit area. The property is targeted as an opportunity site in the Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan and the City is engaging with the multiple prospective developers seeking to develop the site as a residential and/or mixed-use project. One of the two parcels on this site (southeastern portion) has an improvement-to-land value ratio of 0.80 and the existing building was also built in 1962. Furthermore, the existing base maximum density is proposed to be increased as part of the Specific Plan update to allow up to 43

dwelling units per acre. Beyond that, other housing development incentives to be established with the Specific Plan update will further support the likelihood of residential development on the site.

In February 2022, City staff met with the property owner's representative and architect about a potential mixed-use project at the subject site. The property owner's representatives conveyed their interest in being involved in the Downtown TOD Specific Plan process to provide input on a mixed-use project on the site that is consistent with the Specific Plan project objectives and with the Program Environmental Impact Report in order to preserve any future opportunities for streamlined project review and environmental assessment. Communications between staff and the property owner's representatives is ongoing.

Moreover, the City's Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate Division is in the process of preparing property information sheets detailing applicable zoning regulations, permitted density, etc. that can be used to help actively market the subject site. These property information worksheets for all the housing opportunity sites in the Housing Element will be completed in the third quarter of 2022 and posted on the City's website and will be updated every six months to account for any changes to zoning including proposed updates resulting from the Specific Plan update currently underway.

# **TOD 3 - Caltrans/IHOP**



Site Acreage: 2.87 acres

**General Plan Land Use:** 

Corridor Commercial (27 du/ac)

**Proposed Zoning:** 

Downtown Burbank TOD SP (27 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 23 units

**Programs to Facilitate Development:** 

5, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 22

**Note:** 1.58-acre Caltrans property not included for residential development

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

This opportunity site includes a 1960s IHOP restaurant (closed), fast food restaurant, gas station and surface parking. The site also includes a 1.58-acre parcel of land owned by Caltrans. The prior use of the Caltrans property was an off-ramp from the I-5 freeway to Burbank Boulevard. As surplus property, it is currently used as a staging area for the construction of a bridge overpass; however, once the construction is completed, the City will engage with Caltrans to obtain the property. The first communication with Caltrans was in early 2022. While no specific environmental studies have not been conducted on the Caltrans property, all potential environmental risks will be assessed as part of the TOD Specific Plan Program EIR. The existing buildings are over 40 years and the property is underutilized. Excluding the Caltrans parcel, the site has an improvement-to-land value ratio of just 0.17, indicating a strong potential for lot consolidation and redevelopment with a higher value economic use. City staff will continue to engage with Caltrans and the adjacent property owners about the viability of redeveloping these parcels as a cohesive mixed-use project including the introduction of affordable and market rate residential units in proximity to downtown. Redevelopment of the site is being evaluated as part of the Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan. This site falls within the Housing Element program to allow for by-right ministerial review process for projects within the specific plans that include 100 dwelling units or fewer.

In order for the level of projected housing development to occur in this opportunity site, small-lot consolidation will be necessary. This site has six small parcels (not counting the Caltrans parcel) with three property owners, but as discussed in the Housing Element regarding small sites, the City has experience facilitating small-lot consolidation, with the five projects presented in Table I-45 (Examples of Small Lot Consolidation) involving the aggregation of multiple small parcels. In each of these instances, property owners were able to acquire adjacent small parcels that were either physically underdeveloped and/or economically underutilized to create a viable site which was then developed to a higher economic use. Four of the five projects took advantage of density bonuses and provided affordable units. Other TOD sites also contain small parcels that share similar characteristics of physical and/or economic underutilization, and in several instances are already under common ownership. With the increased densities and economic incentives to be provided under the specific plan, these small parcels will be ripe for consolidation and development.

In addition, the City's Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate Division is in the process of preparing property information sheets detailing applicable zoning regulations, permitted density, etc. that can be used to help actively market the subject site. These property information worksheets for all the housing opportunity sites in the Housing Element will be completed in the third quarter of 2022 and posted on the City's website and will be updated every six months to account for any changes to zoning including proposed updates resulting from the Specific Plan update currently underway.

#### **TOD 4 - Old IKEA Site**



**Site Acreage:** 13.8 acres

General Plan Land Use: Downtown (87 du/ac)

#### **Proposed Zoning:**

Downtown Burbank TOD SP (87 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 839 units

**Programs to Facilitate** 

**Development:** 5, 9, 10, 11, 17, 1

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

After the closing of the old IKEA building in 2017, the owners of the property (also owners of adjacent Burbank Town Center) proposed development of a seven-story mixed-use project on the 13.8-acre site that would have produced over 1,100 new housing units. The project was subsequently paused just prior to the COVID pandemic. City staff has been in ongoing discussions with the property owners, and have proposed by right approval of residential land uses, as well as consideration of the possible repurposing of vacant and/or underutilized portions of the mall square footage as office use. In the most recent discussion with the owners (October 2021) they requested to include the private street (Cypress Ave) that runs between N. 1st and N. 3rd Streets to the total site area in order to increase the potential for additional building area, including for a residential portion. These efforts are focused on facilitating a mixed-use project that combines potential for new office space with new housing in a major employment and transportation hub within the City's Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan. As of November 2021, the Onni Group (a Toronto-based investor and developer with expertise in the construction of mixed-use developments) has acquired the Burbank Town Center as well as approximately 75% of the land within the TOD 4

opportunity site for redevelopment purposes, and has been in discussions with City staff about the pending Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan as it relates the Town Center site. While they are still defining the scope of their project, their goal is to develop well in excess of the 1,020 units identified in the Housing Element for this site. In May of 2022, City staff met with the property owner's representatives and architects about a potential mixed-use project at the subject site. The property owner's representatives conveyed their interest in being involved in the Downtown TOD Specific Plan process to provide input on a mixed-use project on the subject site that is consistent with the Specific Plan project objectives and with the Program EIR to preserve any future opportunities for streamlined project review and environmental assessment. Communications between staff and the property owner's representatives is ongoing.

Moreover, the City's Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate Division is in the process of preparing property information sheets detailing applicable zoning regulations, permitted density, etc. that can be used to help actively market the subject site. These property information worksheets for all the housing opportunity sites in the Housing Element will be completed in the third quarter of 2022 and posted on the City's website and will be updated every six months to account for any changes to zoning including proposed updates resulting from the Specific Plan update currently underway.

# **TOD 5 – Ashley Home/El Pollo**



Site Acreage: 2.71 acres

General Plan Land Use: Downtown (87 du/ac)

Proposed Zoning:

Downtown Burbank TOD SP (87 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 164 units

**Programs to Facilitate Development:** 

5, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

This site is also owned by the property owner of the Burbank Town Center and old IKEA property. It is currently developed with an Ashley Furniture store and El Pollo Loco developed in the early 1990s. With a land-to-improvement value of just 0.74, it has high redevelopment potential. As previously discussed, City staff has been in ongoing discussions about redeveloping the site with Crown Realty Group, which own the land. As of November 2021, the Onni Group (a Toronto-based investor and developer with expertise in the construction of mixed-use developments) has purchased has acquired the Burbank Town Center for redevelopment purposes, and has been in discussions with City staff about the pending Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan as it relates the Town Center site. While they are still defining the scope of their project, their goal is to develop well in excess of the 1,020 units identified in the Housing Element for this site. In May of 2022, City staff met with the property owner's representatives and architects about a

potential mixed-use project at the subject site. The property owner's representatives conveyed their interest in being involved in the Downtown TOD Specific Plan process to provide input on a mixed-use project of the subject site that is consistent with the Specific Plan project objectives and with the Program Environmental Impact Report in order to preserve any future opportunities for streamlined project review and environmental assessment. Communications between staff and the property owner's representatives is ongoing.

In addition, the City's Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate Division is in the process of preparing property information sheets detailing applicable zoning regulations, permitted density, etc. that can be used to help actively market the subject site. These property information worksheets for all the housing opportunity sites in the Housing Element will be completed in the third quarter of this year and posted on the City's website and will be updated every six months to account for any changes to zoning including proposed updates resulting from the Specific Plan update currently underway.

## **TOD 6 - Burbank Town Center**



Site Acreage: 16.75 acres General Plan Land Use: Downtown (87 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 1,020 units Proposed Zoning: Downtown Burbank TOD SP (87 du/ac)

**Programs to Facilitate Development:** 5, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

In 2017, the owner of the Burbank Town Center property that also includes ownership of the Old IKEA, Office Depot, Corner Bakery, Ashley Furniture and El Pollo Loco, proposed an amendment to the existing planned development for the 30-plus acre aggregated site that included just over 1,000 new housing units as well as new hotel rooms, restaurants, and retail uses. Just prior to Covid, the project was subsequently paused as the ownership entities reconsidered the scope of the project. However, City staff has been in ongoing discussions with the various ownership entities that included Crown Realty Group and EB Arrow Realty. As part of these ongoing discussions, City staff is considering by right approval of residential land uses, including new affordable housing consistent with the City's Inclusionary Housing regulations, as well as consideration of the possible repurposing of vacant and/or underutilized portions of the mall square footage as office and other service commercial uses. These efforts are focused on facilitating a mixed-use project that combines potential for new office space, reconfigured retail space with new housing in a major employment and transportation hub within the City's Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan area consistent with the Housing Element update and associated policies and programs to increase housing production and address Burbank's 3 to 1 jobs to housing imbalance. As of November 2021, the Onni Group (a Toronto-based investor and developer with expertise in the construction of mixed-use developments) has acquired the Burbank Town Center for redevelopment purposes, and has been in discussions with City staff about the pending Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan as it relates the Town Center site. While they are still defining the scope of their project, their goal is to develop well in excess of the 1,020 units identified in the Housing Element for this site. In May of 2022, City staff met with the property owner's representatives and architects about a potential mixed-use project at the subject site. The property owner's representatives conveyed their interest in being involved in

the Downtown TOD Specific Plan process to provide input on a mixed-use project of the subject site that is consistent with the Specific Plan project objectives and with the Program Environmental Impact Report to preserve any future opportunities for streamlined project review and environmental assessment. Communications between staff and the property owner's representatives is ongoing.

Furthermore, the City's Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate Division is in the process of preparing property information sheets detailing applicable zoning regulations, permitted density, etc. that can be used to help actively market the subject site. These property information worksheets for all the housing opportunity sites in the Housing Element will be completed in the third quarter of 2022 and posted on the City's website and will be updated every six months to account for any changes to zoning including proposed updates resulting from the Specific Plan update currently underway.

#### **TOD 7 - Civic Center**



**Site Acreage:** 6.24 acres **General Plan Land Use:** 

Institutional (0 du/ac)

#### **Proposed Zoning:**

Downtown Burbank TOD SP (87 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 379 units

Programs to Facilitate

Development: 5, 8, 9, 10, 11,

17, 19, 20, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

The Civic Center site currently has no allowable residential density under the Institutional General Plan land use designation. As part of the Downtown TOD Specific Plan and Housing Element implementation, the site's density will be increased to allow up to 87 dwelling units per acre. This effort will help facilitate the planning and visioning process that the City is currently undertaking with the community and City decision makers to consider redevelopment of City-owned properties within this opportunity site to include a new library, affordable and workforce housing, new office space, shared parking facilities, a transit plaza, and new public open spaces; the existing City Hall building will remain. The site includes administrative buildings, bank, library, parking lot and a portion of a parking structure. As part of the development of the Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan, the City is developing a general concept for the Civic Center opportunity site that will consider the development of a Public-Private-Partnership ("P3") to help facilitate the development of the project during the 2021-2029 planning period. The proposed land uses, including residential, will be evaluated as part of the Specific Plan's Program EIR with the intent to facilitate streamlined review of future development. The Specific Plan will also consider the potential use of transfer development rights, to allow transfer of unused density to other parcels within the Civic Center site.

Over the past seven months, the City's Civic Center taskforce made of key City executives and land development staff have been working with ARUP and a subconsultant team made up of economists, urban designers, traffic engineers, and environmental consultants to develop a plan to consider a public private partnership ("P3") for the Civic Center. The Civic Center plan would include amongst other things, the development of housing, office, retail and a new library as well as on-site parking. During this period, the City has undertaken various studies including development of multiple Civic Center conceptual plans, parking analysis, capital cost estimate and affordability assessment. This effort will culminate in a presentation by City staff and ARUP to the City Council in the last quarter of 2022. It is the intent of this effort to seek City Council authorization to prepare an RFP to solicit proposals from qualified developers to build out the Civic Center in a manner that addresses the various mix of residential, commercial, and civic uses. The RFP development, solicitation of proposals and negotiation would take approximately 12 months to complete in late 2023. It is anticipated that a Civic Center Project would be underway by the summer of 2025.

**TOD 8 - Olive and Glenoaks** 



Site Acreage: 1.55 acres

General Plan Land Use: Downtown (87 du/ac)

Proposed Zoning:

Downtown Burbank TOD SP (87 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 88 units

**Programs to Facilitate** 

Development: 5, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 22

## **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

City staff had previous discussions with the property owner about the redevelopment of this opportunity site as a residential/mixed use project. The site currently contains multi-tenant office buildings in the City's Downtown. The majority of the buildings on the site were constructed prior to 1980 and half of the parcels are underutilized with improvement to land value ratios of less than 1. The site includes 11 separate parcels and three owners. The site itself is near the City's downtown adjacent to a Los Angeles County Courthouse and across the street from the City's Civic Center. The site is approximately half a mile from the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Train Station, within a High Quality Transit Area. Per TCAC Opportunity Map, the site is within a high resource area. The redevelopment effort is focused on facilitating a mixed-use project that combines the potential for new office space with new housing in a major employment and transportation hub. In addition, this site falls within the Housing Element program to allow for by-right ministerial review process for projects within the specific plans that include 100 dwelling units or

fewer. Various property owners have approached City staff in the past regarding potential development of the site. Once the draft of the Downtown TOD Specific Plan is available for public review, City staff will reach out to the property owners of the opportunity site and invite them to participate in workshop to discuss the draft plan and solicit input from the public.

In order for the level of projected housing development to occur in this opportunity site, small-lot consolidation will be necessary. This site has 11 small parcels with three property owners, but as discussed in the Housing Element regarding small sites, the City has experience facilitating small-lot consolidation, with the five projects presented in Table I-45 (Examples of Small Lot Consolidation) involving the aggregation of multiple small parcels. In each of these instances, property owners were able to acquire adjacent small parcels that were either physically underdeveloped and/or economically underutilized to create a viable site which was then developed to a higher economic use. Four of the five projects took advantage of density bonuses and provided affordable units. Other TOD sites also contain small parcels that share similar characteristics of physical and/or economic underutilization, and in several instances are already under common ownership. With the increased densities and economic incentives to be provided under the specific plan, these small parcels will be ripe for consolidation and development.

In addition, the City's Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate Division is in the process of preparing property information sheets detailing applicable zoning regulations, permitted density, etc. that can be used to help actively market the subject site. These property information worksheets for all the housing opportunity sites in the Housing Element will be completed in the third quarter of 2022 and posted on the City's website and will be updated every six months to account for any changes to zoning including proposed updates resulting from the Specific Plan update currently underway.

**TOD 9 - Fosters Freeze/Boys and Girls Club** 



Site Acreage: 1.94 acres

#### **General Plan Land Use:**

Downtown (87 du/ac) High Density Residential (43 du/ac)

#### **Proposed Zoning:**

Downtown Burbank TOD SP (87 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 118 units

#### **Programs to Facilitate Development:**

5, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

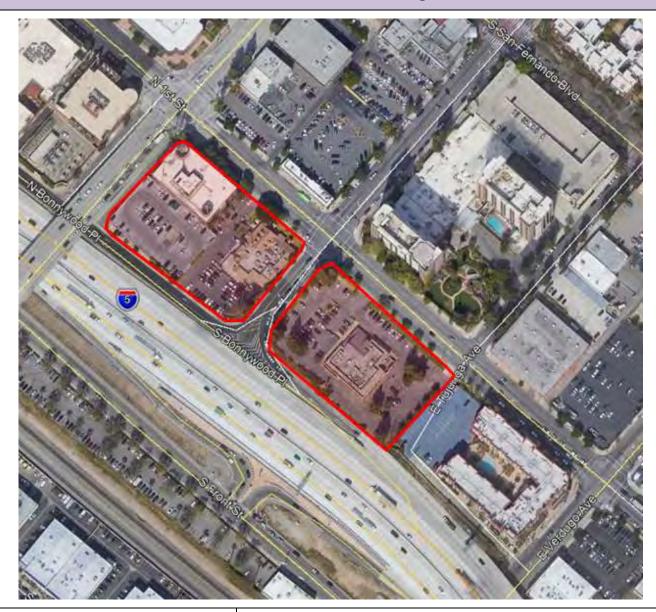
City staff had previous redevelopment discussions with the property owner of the north half of this opportunity site about the redevelopment of the opportunity site as a residential/mixed use project. The site currently contains medical office buildings, Foster Freeze Restaurant, a small church, and other older structures. The site's overall improvement-to-land value ratio is 0.46 and the majority of structures were built prior to 1980. The site is adjacent to a Los Angeles County Courthouse and the City's Civic Center, and is a little more than half a mile from the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station. The portion of the site that has an existing General Plan Land Use designation of High Density Residential at 43 dwelling units per acre will be increased to allow for 87 dwelling units per acre. This increase in density accounts for approximately 1.37 acres of the total 1.94-acre site.

Similar to the previous site (TOD 8), various property owners have approached City staff in the past regarding potential development of the site. Once the draft of the Downtown TOD Specific Plan is available for public review, City staff will reach out to the property owners of the opportunity site and invite them to participate in workshop to discuss the draft plan and solicit input from the public.

In order for the level of projected housing development to occur in this opportunity site, small-lot consolidation will be necessary. This site has ten small parcels with five property owners, but as discussed in the Housing Element regarding small sites, the City has experience facilitating small-lot consolidation, with the five projects presented in Table I-45 (Examples of Small Lot Consolidation) involving the aggregation of multiple small parcels. In each of these instances, property owners were able to acquire adjacent small parcels that were either physically underdeveloped and/or economically underutilized to create a viable site which was then developed to a higher economic use. Four of the five projects took advantage of density bonuses and provided affordable units. Other TOD sites also contain small parcels that share similar characteristics of physical and/or economic underutilization, and in several instances are already under common ownership. With the increased densities and economic incentives to be provided under the specific plan, these small parcels will be ripe for consolidation and development.

In addition, the City's Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate Division is in the process of preparing property information sheets detailing applicable zoning regulations, permitted density, etc. that can be used to help actively market the subject site. These property information worksheets for all the housing opportunity sites in the Housing Element will be completed in the third quarter of 2022 and posted on the City's website and will be updated every six months to account for any changes to zoning including proposed updates resulting from the Specific Plan update currently underway.

# TOD 10 - BJ's and Black Angus



Site Acreage: 3.83 acres

**General Plan Land Use:** Downtown (87 du/ac)

**Proposed Zoning:** 

Downtown Burbank TOD SP (87 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 232 units

**Programs to Facilitate Development:** 

5, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

The opportunity site is located in a prime location within Downtown and includes two standalone restaurants (BJ's and Black Angus), and an office building. Approximately 75% of the underutilized 3.83-acre site is currently used for parking. The site is within easy walking distance (approximately half-mile) from the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station. The City is engaging with multiple prospective developers seeking to develop the site as a residential and/or mixed-use development. The City has received inquiries during the current planning period about the short and long-term development potential of the site.

In addition, the City's Housing, Economic Development and Real Estate Division is in the process of preparing property information sheets detailing applicable zoning regulations, permitted density, etc.

that can be used to help actively market the subject site. These
property information worksheets for all the housing opportunity sites
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updates resulting from the Specific Plan update currently underway.

# **TOD 11 - Victory/Olive**



Site Acreage: 2.9 acres

General Plan Land Use: North Victory (27 du/ac)

**Proposed Zoning:** 

Downtown Burbank TOD SP (27 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 50 units

**Programs to Facilitate Development:** 

5, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

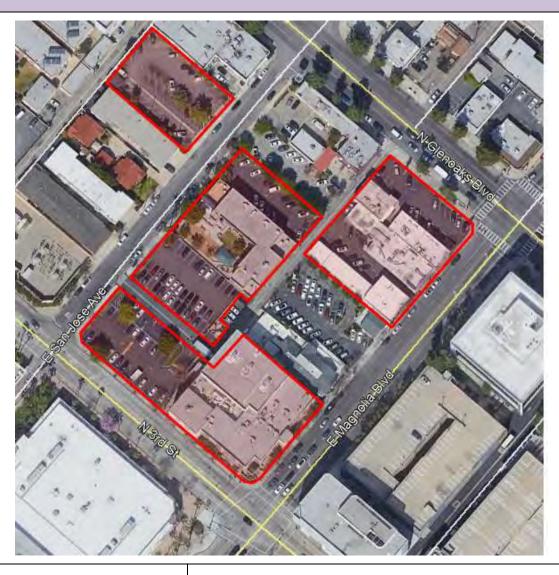
This opportunity site is located at the corner of Victory Boulevard and Olive Avenue, west of the I-5 freeway. The site contains a collection of underutilized service commercial/media uses. The site's overall improvement-to-land value ratio is 0.86. The City is engaging with the property owners about the viability of developing mixed-use projects on individual parcels or on a consolidated site. The City has received inquiries during the current planning period about the shortand long-term development potential envisioned as a result of the proposed Specific Plan. This site falls within the Housing Element program to allow for by-right ministerial review process for projects within the specific plans that include 100 dwelling units or fewer. In January 2022, City staff met with the property owner's attorney and land development representative about a potential mixed-use project at the subject site. The property owner's representatives conveyed their interest in being involved in the Downtown TOD Specific Plan process to provide input on a mixed-use project of the subject site that is consistent with the Specific Plan project objectives and with

the Program EIR in order to preserve any future opportunities for streamlined project review and environmental assessment. Communications between staff and the property owners' representatives is ongoing.

In order for the level of projected housing development to occur in this opportunity site, small-lot consolidation will be necessary. This site has four small parcels with three property owners, but as discussed in the Housing Element regarding small sites, the City has experience facilitating small-lot consolidation, with the five projects presented in Table I-45 (Examples of Small Lot Consolidation) involving the aggregation of multiple small parcels. In each of these instances, property owners were able to acquire adjacent small parcels that were either physically underdeveloped and/or economically underutilized to create a viable site which was then developed to a higher economic use. Four of the five projects took advantage of density bonuses and provided affordable units. Other TOD sites also contain small parcels that share similar characteristics of physical and/or economic underutilization, and in several instances are already under common ownership. With the increased densities and economic incentives to be provided under the specific plan, these small parcels will be ripe for consolidation and development.

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#### **TOD 12 - YMCA**



**Site Acreage:** 2.66 acres

General Plan Land Use: Downtown (87 du/ac)

**Proposed Zoning:** 

Downtown Burbank TOD SP (87 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 372 units

**Programs to Facilitate Development:** 

5, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

The 10 parcels that make up this opportunity site include the existing YMCA facility and adjacent retail/commercial businesses and surface parking on YMCA-owned properties. Most of the existing buildings were constructed prior to 1980 and most parcels are underutilized with improvement to land value ratios of less than 1.0. The YMCA-led property ownership group and development team initiated a preapplication meeting with City staff in February 2021 during which the conceptual project proposal was discussed. The redevelopment of the YMCA opportunity site would include a new YMCA facility along with associated community-serving retail and child development center, as well as market rate and affordable units through a combination of the City's inclusionary housing requirement and State density bonus incentive. The site is within 0.3 miles of the Civic Center, a prominent location within the transit and jobs-rich Downtown core and 0.8 miles from the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Train Station. Preliminary project proposal for the site facilitates development of 372 dwelling

units including 66 deed-restricted affordable lower income units. In April 2022, City staff met with the property owner's attorney and land development representative about a potential mixed-use project at the subject site. The property owner's representatives conveyed their interest in being involved in the Downtown TOD Specific Plan process to provide input on a mixed-use project of the subject site that is consistent with the Specific Plan project objectives and with the Program Environmental Impact Report to preserve any future opportunities for streamlined project review and environmental assessment. Communications between staff and the property owner's representatives is ongoing.

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# GSSP 1 - Lima/Avon



**Total Acres:** 4.0 acres

General Plan Land Use: Golden State (27 du/ac)

Proposed Zoning: Golden State SP (120 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 334

units

Programs to Facilitate Development: 5, 9, 10, 11,

17, 19, 20, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

This site encompasses 15 parcels within the City's Golden State Specific Plan focus area. The properties are bounded by San Fernando Blvd, Avon Street, Lima Street and Cohasset Street. One vacant parcel is located on California Street. These parcels are currently zoned as General Industrial (M-2) and would be rezoned to allow for Mixed Use Transit Oriented Development at a density of 120 dwelling units per acre, to allow for mixed use residential development within a quarter mile of the existing Burbank Airport - North AV Line Metrolink Station, and a half mile of Hollywood Burbank Airport and proposed High Speed Rail Station. Additionally, these parcels are within close proximity of major regional employers including an Amazon Delivery Station, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, Netflix, Hasbro, Warner Brothers and Disney. The site includes uses such as storage and warehousing, light industrial and parking lots, with a majority of the buildings built prior to 1980 and half of the parcels are underutilized with improvement to land value ratios of less than 1.0. Representatives of property owners and potential investors have expressed interest in multi-family residential development within this site.

In order for the level of projected housing development to occur in this opportunity site, small-lot consolidation will be necessary. This site has 15 small parcels with 11 property owners, but as discussed in the Housing Element regarding small sites, the City has experience facilitating small-lot consolidation, with the five projects presented in Table I-45 (Examples of Small Lot Consolidation) involving the aggregation of multiple small parcels. In each of these instances, property owners were able to acquire adjacent small parcels that were either physically underdeveloped and/or economically underutilized to create a viable site which was then developed to a higher economic use. Four of the five projects took advantage of density bonuses and provided affordable units. Other GSSP sites also contain small parcels that share similar characteristics of physical and/or economic underutilization, and in several instances are already under common ownership. With the increased densities and economic incentives to be provided under the specific plan, these small parcels will be ripe for consolidation and development.

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# **GSSP 2 - N. Hollywood Way**



Site Acreage: 5.28 acres
General Plan Land Use:
Golden State (27 du/ac)

**Proposed Zoning:** 

Golden State SP (120 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 505 units

Programs to Facilitate Development:

5, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

This site encompasses 16 parcels near the southeast corner San Fernando Blvd and Hollywood Way. These parcels are currently zoned as General Industrial (M-2) and would be rezoned to allow for Mixed Use Transit Oriented Development at a density of 120 dwelling units per acre, to allow for mixed use residential development within a quarter mile of the existing Burbank Airport – North AV Line Metrolink Station, and a half mile of Hollywood Burbank Airport and proposed High Speed Rail Station. Additionally, these parcels are within close proximity of major regional employers including an Amazon Delivery Station, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, Netflix, Hasbro, Warner Brothers and Disney. The sites currently include uses such as storage and warehousing, light industrial and parking lots. The majority of the building are over 40 years old and most of the parcels have an improvement to land value of less than 1.0. Representatives of property owners and potential investors have expressed interest in multi-family residential developments in this opportunity site. A majority of these parcels have improvement-to-land value ratios of less than 1.0 and buildings constructed prior to 1980.

In order for the level of projected housing development to occur in this opportunity site, small-lot consolidation will be necessary. This site has 16 small parcels and 12 owners, but as discussed in the Housing Element regarding small sites, the City has experience facilitating smalllot consolidation, with the five projects presented in Table I-45 (Examples of Small Lot Consolidation) involving the aggregation of multiple small parcels. In each of these instances, property owners were able to acquire adjacent small parcels that were either physically underdeveloped and/or economically underutilized to create a viable site which was then developed to a higher economic use. Four of the five projects took advantage of density bonuses and provided affordable units. Other GSSP sites also contain small parcels that share similar characteristics of physical and/or economic underutilization, and in several instances are already under common ownership. With the increased densities and economic incentives to be provided under the specific plan, these small parcels will be ripe for consolidation and development.

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#### GSSP 3 - Valhalla



Site Acreage: 8.10 acres

General Plan Land Use: Golden State (27 du/ac)

**Proposed Zoning:** 

Golden State SP (120 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 678 units

**Programs to Facilitate** 

**Development:** 5, 9, 10, 11, 17,

19, 20, 22

#### Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:

This site encompasses six parcels bounded by Screenland Drive, Pacific Avenue, Valhalla Drive and Hollywood Way. These parcels are currently zoned as Limited Industrial (M-1) and would be rezoned to allow for Mixed Use Transit Oriented Development at a density of 120 dwelling units per acre, to allow for mixed use residential development within a quarter mile of the existing Burbank Airport – South VC Line Metrolink Station, and approximately a half mile of Hollywood Burbank Airport and the proposed High Speed Rail Station. Additionally, these parcels are within close proximity of major regional employers including an Amazon Delivery Station, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, Netflix, Hasbro, Warner Brothers and Disney. The sites currently include uses such as storage and warehousing, light industrial and parking lots. A majority of these parcels have improvement-to-land value ratios of less than 1.0 and buildings constructed prior to 1980. With the rezoning, these properties would be key candidates for residential development, similar the development of the former Fry's Property by La Terra Development, LL, which proposes over 800 residential units. Redevelopment of these six parcels would bridge the gap between the existing residential neighborhood to the south of Pacific Avenue and the proposed residential development north of Valhalla Drive.

In order for the level of projected housing development to occur in this opportunity site, small-lot consolidation will be necessary. This site has six small parcels with five property owners, but as discussed in the Housing Element regarding small sites, the City has experience facilitating small-lot consolidation, with the five projects presented in Table I-45 (Examples of Small Lot Consolidation) involving the aggregation of multiple small parcels. In each of these instances, property owners were able to acquire adjacent small parcels that were either physically underdeveloped and/or economically underutilized to create a viable site which was then developed to a higher economic use. Four of the five projects took advantage of density bonuses and provided affordable units. Other GSSP sites also contain small parcels that share similar characteristics of physical and/or economic underutilization, and in several instances are already under common ownership. With the increased densities and economic incentives to be provided under the specific plan, these small parcels will be ripe for consolidation and development.

This opportunity site is just south of the property at 2311 N. Hollywood Way (a former Frys Electronics Store) that is being developed with a 862 unit mixed-use project. The Frys site is adjacent to the Airport Influence Area and railroad right of way. The approved project includes numerous project design features and mitigation measures to address noise control measures and façade upgrades such as MERV 13 filtration system, sound baffling glass barriers, and interior design of units to maintain interior unit noise to 45 dBA, to name a few. The project's design features and mitigation measures are consistent with the City's Burbank2035 General Plan goals and policies that seek to facilitate mixed use projects near public transit and employment centers while ensuring that new residential development located near the airport, railroad, and freeways are designed to address any potential health risks in compliance with City green building codes, the City's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, and Burbank2035 Land Use, Housing, Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas, and Mobility Elements. The subject GSSP 3 site is located south of the Frys development site, and thus will benefit from buffering by the new development's high rise construction and location away from the airport noise influence area and railroad right of way. Any future development at GSSP 3 would be required to receive similar clearances to the Frys site from the FAA and the Airport Land Use Committee before obtaining approval from the City for development.

#### **GSSP 4 - Logix**



Site Acreage: 4.46 acres

General Plan Land Use: Golden State (27 du/ac)

Proposed Zoning:
Golden State SP (120 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 428 units

Programs to Facilitate

**Development:** 5, 9, 10, 11, 17,

19, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

This one-parcel site is located at the southeast corner of Vanowen Street and Hollywood Way. This parcel is currently zoned as General Industrial (M-2) and would be rezoned to allow for Mixed Use Transit Oriented Development at a density of 120 dwelling units per acre, to allow for mixed use residential development within a quarter mile of the existing Burbank Airport – South VC Line Metrolink Station, and approximately a half mile of Hollywood Burbank Airport and the proposed High Speed Rail Station. This site is within close proximity of major regional employers including an Amazon Delivery Station, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, Netflix, Hasbro, Warner Brothers and Disney. The site is currently improved with a pre-1980 office building and surrounding surface parking. In 2016, Logix Federal Credit Union – the tenant occupying the existing office building – announced that they would be relocating their company headquarters from Burbank to Valencia CA. In 2020 the City met with a potential investor (La Terra Development, LLC) who expressed interest in multi-family residential developments on this opportunity site. This opportunity site is east of the property at 2311 N. Hollywood Way (a former Frys Electronics Store) that is being developed

with a 862 unit mixed-use project. The Frys site is adjacent to the Airport Influence Area and railroad right of way. The approved project includes numerous project design features and mitigation measures to address noise control measures and façade upgrades such as MERV 13 filtration system, sound baffling glass barriers, and interior design of units to maintain interior unit noise to 45 dBA, to name a few. The project's design features and mitigation measures are consistent with the City's Burbank2035 General Plan goals and policies that seek to facilitate mixed use projects near public transit and employment centers while ensuring that new residential development located near the airport, railroad, and freeways are designed to address any potential health risks in compliance with City green building codes, the City's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, and Burbank2035 Land Use, Housing, Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas, and Mobility Elements. The subject GSSP 4 site is located further east of the Frys development site, which will be buffered by the new development's construction and further away from the airport noise influence area. Any future development at GSSP 4 would have to receive similar clearances to the 2311 N. Hollywood Way development site from the FAA and the Airport Land Use Committee before obtaining approval from the City for development.

#### **GSSP 5 - Ontario**



Site Acreage: 1.73 acres

**General Plan Land Use:** Regional Commercial (58

du/ac)

**Proposed Zoning:** 

Golden State SP (120 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 166 units

**Programs to Facilitate** 

**Development:** 5, 9, 10, 11, 17,

19, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

This site includes one parcel located at the northeast corner of Empire Avenue and Ontario Street. This parcel is currently zoned as Planned Development and would be rezoned to allow for Mixed Use Transit Oriented Development at a density of 120 dwelling units per acre, to allow for mixed use residential development within a quarter mile of the existing Burbank Airport – South VC Line Metrolink Station, and approximately a half mile of Hollywood Burbank Airport and the proposed High Speed Rail Station. This site is within close proximity of major regional employers. The site is currently improved with a surface parking lot. City staff has been in ongoing discussions the property owner, Worthe Realty Group who has shown an interest in redeveloping the site with a mixed use and/or residential project pursuant to the proposed Golden State Specific Plan which seeks to maximize housing opportunities within a half-mile distance of the existing Burbank Airport Metrolink Station. The site is within a major employment complex (The Media Studios North Campus), which houses businesses like Disney, Hasbro, Madison Square Garden entertainment and Kaiser Permanente. The purpose is to maximize the proximity of the site to major employment, improve housing availability in the neighborhood, and reduce vehicle miles travelled for existing and future employees of the Media Studio North Campus and surrounding employers. This parcel has an improvement-to-land value ratio of just 0.03.

This opportunity site is northeast of the property at 2311 N. Hollywood Way (a former Frys Electronics Store) that is being developed with a 862 unit mixeduse project. The Frys site is adjacent to the Airport Influence Area and railroad right of way. The approved project includes numerous project design features and mitigation measures to address noise control measures and façade upgrades such as MERV 13 filtration system, sound baffling glass barriers, and interior design of units to maintain interior unit noise to 45 dBA, to name a few. The project's design features and mitigation measures are consistent with the City's Burbank2035 General Plan goals and policies that seek to facilitate mixed use projects near public transit and employment centers while ensuring that new residential development located near the airport, railroad, and freeways are designed to address any potential health risks in compliance with City green building codes, the City's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, and Burbank2035 Land Use, Housing, Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas, and Mobility Elements. The subject GSSP 5 site is located further east of the Frys development site, which will be buffered by the new development's construction and further away from the airport noise influence area. Any future development at GSSP 5 would have to receive similar clearances to the 2311 N. Hollywood Way development site from the FAA and the Airport Land Use Committee before obtaining approval from the City for development.

#### **GSSP 6 - Fairview**



Site Acreage: 0.65acres

General Plan Land Use: Regional Commercial (58 du/ac)

**Proposed Zoning:**Golden State SP (58 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 30 units

Programs to Facilitate

Development: 5, 9, 10, 11, 17,

19, 22

Ontario Street and Fairview Street. This parcel is currently zoned General Industrial (M-2) and would be rezoned to allow for Mixed Use Transit Oriented Development at a density of 58 dwelling units per acre. This would allow for mixed use residential development within a quarter mile of the existing Burbank Airport - South VC Line Metrolink Station, and approximately a half mile of Hollywood Burbank Airport and the proposed High Speed Rail Station. Additionally, this site is within close proximity of major regional employers including an Amazon Delivery Station, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, Netflix, Hasbro, Warner Brothers and Disney. City staff has been in ongoing discussions the property owner, about the redevelopment of the opportunity site as a residential project that seeks to maximize housing opportunities. The site is currently improved with a surface parking lot, and has an improvement-to-land value ratio of just 0.05. Redevelopment of this parcel would allow for up to 30 units. This site falls within the Housing Element program to allow for by-right ministerial review process for projects within the specific plans that include 100 dwelling units or fewer. As of May of 2022, the City has received an application on this site for SB 35 Streamlined Ministerial review for the development of 148 residential dwelling units 100% affordable to low-income households, well in excess of the 30 units assumed in the sites inventory.

#### **GSSP 7 - Empire**



Site Acreage: 6.4 acres

#### **General Plan Land Use:**

Regional Commercial (58 du/ac) 1 small parcel -- Institutional (0 du/ac)

#### **Proposed Zoning:**

Golden State SP (100 du/ac)

Net Unit Potential: 510 units

Programs to Facilitate Development:

5, 9, 10, 11, 17, 19, 20, 22

#### **Site Description and Factors Supporting Development:**

This site includes eight parcels totaling approximately seven acres. The properties are located along Empire Avenue. These parcels are currently zoned as General Industrial (M-2) and would be rezoned to allow for Mixed Use Transit Oriented Development at a density of 100 dwelling units per acre, to allow for mixed use residential development within a quarter mile of the existing Burbank Airport – South VC Line Metrolink Station, and approximately a half mile of Hollywood Burbank Airport and the proposed High Speed Rail Station. Additionally, these parcels are within close proximity of major regional employers including an Amazon Delivery Station, Nickelodeon, Cartoon Network, Netflix, Hasbro, Warner Brothers and Disney. The sites currently include uses such as storage and warehousing, light and heavy industrial and office. Most of the buildings were constructed prior to 1980.

In order for the level of projected housing development to occur in this opportunity site, small-lot consolidation will be necessary. This site has eight small parcels with six property owners, but as discussed in the Housing Element regarding small sites, the City has experience facilitating small-lot consolidation, with the five projects presented in Table I-45 (Examples of Small Lot Consolidation) involving the aggregation of multiple small parcels. In each of these instances, property owners were able to acquire adjacent small parcels that were either physically underdeveloped and/or economically underutilized to create a viable site which was then developed to a higher economic use. Four of the five

projects took advantage of density bonuses and provided affordable units. Other GSSP sites also contain small parcels that share similar characteristics of physical and/or economic underutilization, and in several instances are already under common ownership. With the increased densities and economic incentives to be provided under the specific plan, these small parcels will be ripe for consolidation and development.

Representatives of property owners and potential investors have expressed interest in multi-family development on these sites. For example, City staff has been in ongoing discussions with property owners, including Abs Properties, about the redevelopment of properties with residential projects that seek to maximize housing opportunities. Redevelopment of these parcels would allow for up to 510 units.

On November 29, 2021, the City received a Notice of Intent (NOI) to submit an application for a Streamlined Ministerial Approval Process under SB 35 for the 2 acre parcel within GSSP 7. The proposal is to construct a 100% affordable multi-family residential building with 340 units at 3000 W. Empire Avenue. On the same date, the City also received an NOI to submit an SB 35 application for the property at 3001 W. Empire located across the street to construct 131 affordable units. As of May 2022, the applicant is preparing updated applications to address City comments on the projects' compliance with applicable objective design and development standards.

## Please Start Here, Instructions in Cell A2, Table in A3:B15 Form Fields

Site Inventory Forms must be submitted to HCD for a housing element or amendment adopted on or after January 1, 2021. The following form is to be used for satisfying this requirement. To submit the form, complete the Excel spreadsheet and submit to HCD at sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov. Please send the Excel workbook, not a scanned or PDF copy of the tables.

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Housing Element Cycle	6th Cycle
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Site Address/Intersection	5 Digit ZIP Code	Assessor Parcel Number	Consolidated Sites	d General Plan Designation (Current)	Zoning Designation (Current)	Minimum Density Allowed (units/acre)	Max Density Allowed (units/acre)	Parcel Size (Acres)	Existing Use/Vacancy	Infrastructure	Publicly-Owned	Site Status	Identified in Last/Last Two Planning Cycle(s)	Lower Income Capacity	Moderate Income Capacity	Above Moderate Income Capacity	Total Capacity	Information-1 (Underutilization)	Information-2 (Likeliness of Development)	Information-3 (Availability to Resources)
N SAN FERNANDO/BETHANY	91504	2460010010	А	High Density Residential	NSFC	0	43	0.08	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	2.3			2.3	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest Resources, High Quality Transit Area
N SAN FERNANDO/BETHANY	91504	2460010011	А	High Density Residential	NSFC	0	43	0.08	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	2.3			2.3	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest Resources, High Quality Transit Area
N SAN FERNANDO/BETHANY	91504	2460010012	A	High Density Residential	NSFC	0	43	0.08	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	2.3			2.3	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest Resources, High Quality Transit Area
N SAN FERNANDO/BETHANY	91504	2460010013	А	High Density Residential	NSFC	0	43	0.08	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	2.2			2.2	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest Resources, High Quality Transit Area
1300 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91504	2460010014	А	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	0	27	0.21	Restaurant	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		2.0	1.8	3.8	Building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest Resources, High Quality Transit Area
1310 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91504	2460010033	А	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	0	27	0.13	Restaurant	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		1.2	1.1	2.3	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest Resources, High Quality Transit Area
1320 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91504	2460010036	A	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	0	27	0.65	Restaurant	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		5.8	5.1	10.9	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: TOD 1-Carl's Jr	91504							1.29						9.0	9.0	8.0	26.0			
1000 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460006045	В	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	0	27	2.80	Store	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		22.6	22.6	45.2	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest Resources, High Quality Transit Area
1000 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460007036	В	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	0	27	3.63	Disc. depart store	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		29.4	29.4	58.8	Building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: TOD 2-Kmart	91502							6.43							52.0	52.0	104.0			
923 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460021017	С	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	0	27	0.26	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		2.5	4.7	7.2	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
913 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460021018	С	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	0	27	0.17	Restaurant	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		1.6	3.1	4.7	Building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
911 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460021019	С	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	0	27	0.17	Restaurant	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		1.2	2.2	3.4	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
903 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460021020	С	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	0	27	0.30	Prof. building	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		2.9	5.6	8.5	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
901 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460021027	С	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	0	27	0.26	Full service station	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		2.5	4.8	7.3	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area

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127 W BURBANK BLVD	91502	2460021028	С	Corridor Commercial	NSFC	0	27	0.13	Store	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		1.3	2.4	3.7	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
I-S FWY/E BURBANK	91502	N/A	С	N/A		0	0	1.58	Vacant	Yes-Current	YES - State-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle					Vacant public land	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: TOD 3-Caltrans/IHOP	91502							2.87							12.0	11.0	23.0			
600 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460023044	D	Downtown	PD	0	87	6.38	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	388.2			388.2	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
731 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460023045	D	Downtown	PD	0	87	0.90	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	55			55		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
601 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460023046	D	Downtown	PD	0	87	2.81	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	170.7			170.7		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
600 N 1ST ST	91502	2460023047	D	Downtown	PD	0	87	0.29	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	17.9			17.9		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
230 E BURBANK BLVD	91502	2460023060	D	Downtown	PD	0	87	1.67	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	101.7			101.7	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
217 GRINNELL DR	91502	2460031007	D	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.19	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	11.5			11.5	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
215 GRINNELL DR	91502	2460031008	D	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.19	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	11.5			11.5	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
218 E BURBANK BLVD	91502	2460031016	D	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.17	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	10.1			10.1	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
212 E BURBANK BLVD	91502	2460031018	D	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.19	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	11.7			11.7	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
800 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460031019	D	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.24	Bank/savings	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	14.6			14.6	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
840 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460031029	D	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.16	Bank/savings	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	9.6			9.6	Building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
N SAN FERNANDO/GRINNEL	91502	2460031044	D	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.16	Vacant	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	9.8			9.8	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
800 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91502	2460031045	D	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.44	Fast food-walkup	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	26.7			26.7	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest/High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: TOD 4-Old IKEA	91502							13.80						839.0			839.0			

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401 N 1ST ST	91502	2460023056	E	Downtown	PD	0	87	2.06	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	124.8			124.8	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan,	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
521 N 1ST ST	91502	2460023057	E	Downtown	PD	0	87	0.65	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	39.2			39.2		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan,	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: TOD 5-Ashley Home/El Pol	91502							2.71						164.0			164.0			
245 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	91502	2460023048	F	Downtown	PD	0	87	1.31	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	79.5			79.5		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
201 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	91502	2460023049	F	Downtown	PD	0	87	5.20	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	316.5			316.5		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
111 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	91502	2460023050	F	Downtown	PD	0	87	1.41	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	86.2			86.2		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
501 N 3RD ST	91502	2460023052	F	Downtown	PD	0	87	2.23	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	135.9			135.9		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
550 N 1ST ST	91502	2460023054	F	Downtown	PD	0	87	2.71	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	165.3			165.3		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
200 E CYPRESS AVE	91502	2460023063	F	Downtown	PD	0	87	2.35	Reg. shopping	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	143.3			143.3		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
(PRIV STREET AND YARD IMPS)	91502	2460023064	F	Downtown	PD	0	87	1.26	Private Street	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	76.9			76.9		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
555 N 3RD ST	91502	2460023996	F	Downtown	PD	0	87	0.27	Theater	Yes-Current	YES - City-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	16.4			16.4		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: TOD 6-Burbank Town Ctr	91502							16.75						1020.0			1020.0			
121 S GLENOAKS BLVD	91502	2453014002	G	Downtown	BCC-3	0	87	0.08	Prof building	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	4.9			4.9	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
123 S GLENOAKS BLVD	91502	2453014003	G	Downtown	BCC-3	0	87	0.04	Store/resid combo	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	2.4			2.4	Building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
147 S GLENOAKS BLVD	91502	2453014008	G	Downtown	BCC-3	0	87	0.09	Store	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	2.3			2.3	Building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area

Site Address/Intersection	5 Digit ZIP Code	Assessor Parcel Number	Consolidate Sites	d General Plan Designation (Current)	Zoning Designation (Current)	Minimum Density Allowed (units/acre)	Max Density Allowed (units/acre)	Parcel Size (Acres)	Existing Use/Vacancy	Infrastructure	Publicly-Owned	Site Status	Identified in Last/Last Two Planning Cycle(s)	Lower Income Capacity	Moderate Income Capacity	Above Moderate Income Capacity	Total Capacity	Information-1 (Underutilization)	Information-2 (Likeliness of Development)	Information-3 (Availability to Resources)
356 E OLIVE AVE	91502	2453014012	G	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.18	Prof building	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	10.7			10.7	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
348 E OLIVE AVE	91502	2453014014	G	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.18	Office building	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	10.8			10.8	Building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
362 E OLIVE AVE	91502	2453014022	G	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.06	Store	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	3.8			3.8	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
358 E OLIVE AVE	91502	2453014023	G	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.12	Office building	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	7.0			7.0	Building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
137 S GLENOAKS BLVD	91502	2453014024	G	Downtown	BCC-3	0	87	0.16	Restaurant	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	7.7			7.7	Building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
372 E OLIVE AVE	91502	2453014025	G	Downtown	BCC-3	0	87	0.13	Bank/savings	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	7.7			7.7	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
359 E ANGELENO AVE	91502	2453014026	G	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.17	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	10.5			10.5	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
353 E ANGELENO AVE	91502	2453014029	G	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	0.35	Office building	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	20.2			20.2		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: TOD 8-Olive/Glenoaks	91502													88.0			88.0			
101 S 1ST ST, 400	91502	2453011029	н	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	2.12	Office building	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	129.2			129.2		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
235 S 1ST ST	91502	2453018017	н	Downtown	BCC-2	0	87	1.71	Restaurant	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	102.8			102.8	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: TOD-10-BJs/Black Angus	91502							3.83						232.0			232.0			
120 S VICTORY BLVD	91502	2451016011	1	North Victory	вссм	0	27	2.14	Office building	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		18.6	18.6	37.2		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Moderate Resources, High Quality Transit Area
272 E OLIVE AVE	91502	2451016012	1	North Victory	вссм	0	27	0.24	Auto serv/body	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		1.7	1.7	3.4	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Moderate Resources, High Quality Transit Area
264 W OLIVE AVE	91502	2451016013	1	North Victory	вссм	0	27	0.19	Auto serv/body	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		1.8	1.8	3.6	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Moderate Resources, High Quality Transit Area
110 S VICTORY BLVD	91502	2451016014	ı	North Victory	вссм	0	27	0.31	Auto serv/body	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle		2.9	2.9	5.8	Building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D- 1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Moderate Resources, High Quality Transit Area

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Total: TOD 11-Victory/Olive	91502							2.88							25.0	25.0	50.0			
N FAIRVIEW/W EMPIRE	91504	2464006045	J	Regional Commercial	M-2	0	58	0.65	Parking lot/structure	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Available	Not in Last Cycle	30.0			30.0	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: GSSP-6 Fairview	91504													30.0			30.0			
137 E VERDUGO AVE	91502	2453019011	L	Downtown Commercial	BCC-2	0	87	0.17	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	In Last Cycle	4.8		25.8	30.6	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
121 E VERDUGO AVE	91502	2453019015	L	Downtown Commercial	BCC-2	0	87	0.51	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	In Last Cycle	14.7		79.6	94.3	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
103 E VERDUGO AVE	91502	2453019017	L	Downtown Commercial	BCC-2	0	87	0.16	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	In Last Cycle	4.5		24.6	29.1	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: The Premier on First	91502							0.83						24.0		130.0	154.0			
W ALAMEDA/CALIFORNIA	91505	2483023419	М	Media District Commercial	PD	0	58	0.24	Vacant-Comm	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	2.5		21.6	24.1	Currently vacant in highly urbanized area	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
W ALAMEDA/CALIFORNIA	91505	2483023420	м	Media District Commercial	PD	0	58	0.28	Vacant-Comm	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	2.9		24.4	27.3	Currently vacant in highly urbanized area	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3321 W OLIVE AVE	91505	2483023421	М	Media District Commercial	PD	0	58	0.28	Vacant-Comm	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	2.9		24.6	27.5	Currently vacant in highly urbanized area	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
W OLIVE/N LIMA	91505	2483023422	М	Media District Commercial	PD	0	58	0.06	Vacant-Comm	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	0.6		5.2	5.8	Currently vacant in highly urbanized area	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3320 W ALAMEDA AVE	91505	2483023431	М	Media District Commercial	PD	0	58	0.16	Vacant-Comm	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	1.7		14.4	16.1	Currently vacant in highly urbanized area	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
W OLIVE/N LIMA	91505	2483023432	М	Media District Commercial	PD	0	58	0.07	Vacant	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	0.8		6.6	7.4	Currently vacant in highly urbanized area	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3201 W OLIVE AVE	91505	2484024401	М	Media District Commercial	PD	0	58	0.15	Vacant-Comm	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	1.6		13.2	14.8	Currently vacant in highly urbanized area	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: Bob Hope Center	91505							1.24						13.0		110.0	123.0			

Site Address/Intersection	5 Digit ZIP Code	Assessor Parcel Number	Consolidated Sites	General Plan Designation (Current)	Zoning Designation (Current)	Minimum Density Allowed (units/acre)	Max Density Allowed (units/acre)	Parcel Size (Acres)	Existing Use/Vacancy	Infrastructure	Publicly-Owned	Site Status	Identified in Last/Last Two Planning Cycle(s)	Lower Income Capacity	Moderate Income Capacity	Above Moderate Income Capacity	Total Capacity	Information-1 (Underutilization)	Information-2 (Likeliness of Development)	Information-3 (Availability to Resources)
3700 W RIVERSIDE DR	91505	2485005004	N	Media District Commercial	MDC-3	0	58	0.43	Car Wash	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	2.8		31.6	34.4	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3700 W RIVERSIDE DR	91505	2485005014	N	Media District Commercial	MDC-3	0	58	0.08	Parking lot/patron	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	0.5		6.2	6.7	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
134 N SCREENLAND DR	91505	2485005015	N	Media District Commercial	MDC-3	0	58	0.10	Office Building	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	0.6		7.3	7.9	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: 3700 Riverside	91505							0.61						4.0		45.0	49.0			
4100 W RIVERSIDE DR	91505	2485008034	0	Media District Commercial	MDC-3	0	58	0.35	Store and Office Combo	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	7.0		37.0	44.0	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: 4100 Riverside	91505							0.35						7.0		37.0	44.0			
537 E PALM AVE	91501	2455030011	P	High Density Residential	R-4	0	43	0.18	Single Familly Residence	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	In Last Cycle	1.0		4.0	5.0	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
529 E PALM AVE	91501	2455030013	P	High Density Residential	R-4	0	43	0.17	Four Units/4 Stories or Less	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	1.0		4.0	5.0	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: 529-537 Palm Ave	91501							0.35						2.0		8.0	10.0			
2720 THORNTON AVE	91504	2464008013	Q	High Density Residential	R-4	0	43	0.20	Two Units/4 Stories or less	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	In Last Cycle			2.0	2.0	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: 2720 Thornton Ave	91504							0.2								2.0	2.0			
2814 W. EMPIRE AVE	91504	2464001017	R	Regional Commercial	M-2	0	58	0.8	Vacant Commercial	Yes-Current	NO - Privately-Owned	Pending Projects	Not in Last Cycle	118.0	29.0	1.0	148.0	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Pending Entitlement	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: 2814 W. Empire Ave	91504							0.8						118.0	29.0	1.0	148.0			

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didate Sites identified to		Assessor	Very Low-		Moderate-	Above	Type of Shortfall	Parcel Size	Current General Plan		Proposed General		Minimum	Maximum		Vacant/	Description of	Information-1	Information-2 (Likeliness of Inform	rmation-3 (Availability to
Site Address/Intersection	5 Digit ZIP Code	Parcel Number		Low-Income	Income	Moderate- Income	Type of Shortiali	(Acres)	Designation	Current Zoning	Plan (GP) Designation	Proposed Zoning	Density Allowed	Density Allowed	Total Capacity	Nonvacant	Existing Uses	(Underutilization)	Development)	Resources)
N GLENOAKS / E OLIVE	91502	2453008900	3.6	1.9			Shortfall of sites	0.1	Institutional	PD	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	5.5	Nonvacant	Parking lot lease	Public Uses-Civic Center		CAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
N GLENOAKS / E OLIVE	91502	2453008903	39.8	21.5			Shortfall of sites	0.9	Institutional	PD	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	61.3	Nonvacant	Gov't owned	Public Uses-Civic Center		CAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
348 E ORANGE GROVE AVE	91502	2453008905	15.9	8.6			Shortfall of sites	0.4	Institutional	PD	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	24.5	Nonvacant	Store/resid combo	Public Uses-Civic Center		CAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
301 E OLIVE AVE	91502	2453008908	23.9	12.9			Shortfall of sites	0.5	Institutional	PD	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	36.8	Nonvacant	Bank/savings	Public Uses-Civic Center		CAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
375 E OLIVE AVE	91502	2453008910	7.5	4.1			Shortfall of sites	0.2	Institutional	PD	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	11.6	Nonvacant	Parking lot/patron	Public Uses-Civic Center		CAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
E OLIVE / S 3RD	91502	2453008911	9.0	4.9			Shortfall of sites	0.2	Institutional	PD	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	13.8	Nonvacant	Parking lot/patron	Public Uses-Civic Center		CAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
374 E ORANGE GROVE AVE	91502	2453008912	28.8	15.6			Shortfall of sites	0.7	Institutional	PD	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	44.3	Nonvacant	Bank/savings	Public Uses-Civic Center		CAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
275 E OLIVE AVE	91502	2453009902	47.7	25.8			Shortfall of sites	1.8	Institutional	PD	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	73.5	Nonvacant	City Hall/Admin Ctr	Public Uses-Civic Center		CAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
110 N GLENOAKS BLVD	91502	2455021906	69.8	37.8			Shortfall of sites	1.6	Institutional	R-4	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	107.6	Nonvacant	Central Library	Public Uses-Civic Center		CAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: TOD 7-Civic Center	91502		246.0	133.0				6.2							379.0					
249 S GLENOAKS BLVD	91502	2453021026	7.7	4.1			Shortfall of sites	0.2	Downtown	BCC-3	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	11.7	Nonvacant	Auto serv/body	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	C-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
249 S GLENOAKS BLVD	91502	2453021027	3.4	1.8			Shortfall of sites	0.1	Downtown	BCC-3	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	5.3	Nonvacant	Auto serv/body	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	December of December of TOD Consider No.	C-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
201 S GLENOAKS BLVD	91502	2453021029	10.0	5.3			Shortfall of sites	0.3	Downtown	BCC-3	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	15.4	Nonvacant	Restaurant	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	C-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
221 S GLENOAKS BLVD	91502	2453021030	8.2	4.3			Shortfall of sites	0.2	Downtown	BCC-3	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	12.5	Nonvacant	Store	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	C-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
354 E ANGELENO AVE	91502	2453021032	6.9	3.7			Shortfall of sites	0.2	High Density Residential	BCC-2	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	10.5	Nonvacant	Prof building	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	C-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
344 E ANGELENO AVE	91502	2453021033	6.9	3.7			Shortfall of sites	0.2	High Density Residential	BCC-2	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	10.6	Nonvacant	Prof building	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	C-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
336 E ANGELENO AVE	91502	2453021035	7.0	3.7			Shortfall of sites	0.2	High Density Residential	BCC-2	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	10.7	Nonvacant	Private school	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	C-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
320 E ANGELENO AVE	91502	2453021041	6.8	3.6			Shortfall of sites	0.2	High Density Residential	BCC-2	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	10.5	Nonvacant	Church	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	C-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
310 E ANGELENO AVE	91502	2453021046	14.0	7.4			Shortfall of sites	0.4	High Density Residential	BCC-2	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	21.4	Nonvacant	Parking lot/patron	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	E-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
300 E ANGELENO AVE	91502	2453021062	6.1	3.3			Shortfall of sites	0.2	High Density Residential	BCC-2	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	87	9.4	Nonvacant	Church		Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	C-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: TOD 9-Fosters Freeze	91502		77.0	41.0				1.9							118.0					
353 E SAN JOSE AVE	91502	2460034021	4.4	4.2		39.8	Shortfall of sites	0.3	Downtown	BCC-2	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	200	48.4	Nonvacant	Private school	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	C-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area

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409 N GLENOAKS BLVD	91502	2460035001	1.4	1.3		12.3	Shortfall of sites	0.1	Downtown	BCC-3	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	200	15.0	Nonvacant	Parking lot/patron	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
369 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	91502	2460035003	2.3	2.1		20.4	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Downtown	BCC-3	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	200	24.8	Nonvacant	Restaurant	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
361 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	91502	2460035005	2.2	2.1		19.8	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Downtown	BCC-2	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	200	24.0	Nonvacant	Office building	Building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
353 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	91502	2460035007	2.2	2.1		20.1	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Downtown	BCC-2	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	200	24.5	Nonvacant	Store/resid combo	Building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
352 E SAN JOSE AVE	91502	2460035008	2.3	2.1		20.4	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Downtown	BCC-2	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	200	24.8	Nonvacant	Parking lot/patron	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
320 E SAN JOSE AVE	91502	2460035014	3.6	3.4		32.3	Shortfall of sites	0.3	Downtown	PD	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	200	39.3	Nonvacant	Parking lot/patron	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
300 E SAN JOSE AVE	91502	2460035016	4.2	4.0		38.2	Shortfall of sites	0.3	Downtown	PD	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	200	46.5	Nonvacant	Parking lot/patron	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
344 E SAN JOSE AVE	91502	2460035017	4.6	4.3		41.4	Shortfall of sites	0.4	Downtown	PD	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	200	50.4	Nonvacant	Private school			ources, High Quality nsit Area
321 E MAGNOLIA BLVD	91502	2460035018	6.8	6.4		61.2	Shortfall of sites	0.5	Downtown	PD	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	Downtown TOD Specific Plan	20	200	74.4	Nonvacant	Club/Lodge Hall	Building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
Total: TOD 12-YMCA	91502		34.0	32.0		306.0		6.5							372.0					
3075 N LIMA ST	91504	2466001015			6.6	6.6	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	13.2	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
3079 N LIMA ST	91504	2466001016			6.5	6.5	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	13.1	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
3310 COHASSET ST	91504	2466001022			6.4	6.4	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	12.7	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
3094 N AVON ST	91504	2466001023			6.5	6.5	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	13.0	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
3090 N AVON ST	91504	2466001024			6.4	6.4	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	12.9	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
3086 N AVON ST	91504	2466001025			12.3	12.3	Shortfall of sites	0.3	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	24.6	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
3080 N AVON ST	91504	2466001026			7.5	7.5	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	14.9	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
3071 N LIMA ST	91504	2466001029			6.3	6.3	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	12.6	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
3083 N LIMA ST	91504	2466001030			13.0	13.0	Shortfall of sites	0.3	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	25.9	Nonvacant	Warehouse, storage	Building pre-1980		ources, High Quality nsit Area
3059 N CALIFORNIA ST	91504	2466001045			6.2	6.2	Shortfall of sites	0.1	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	12.4	Vacant in highly urbanized area	Vacant	Vacant in highly urbanized area		ources, High Quality nsit Area
3063 N CALIFORNIA ST	91504	2466001046			6.8	6.8	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	13.6	Vacant in highly urbanized area	Vacant	Vacant in highly urbanized area		ources, High Quality nsit Area
3300 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91504	2466001063			21.4	21.4	Shortfall of sites	0.5	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	42.8	Nonvacant	Warehouse, storage			ources, High Quality nsit Area
3089 N LIMA ST	91504	2466001064			6.5	6.5	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	13.0	Nonvacant	Warehouse, storage	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1		ources, High Quality nsit Area
3099 N LIMA ST	91504	2466001077			13.2	13.2	Shortfall of sites	0.3	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	26.4	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1		ources, High Quality nsit Area

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Site Address/Intersection	5 Digit ZIP Code	Assessor Parcel Number	Very Low- Income	Low-Income	Moderate- Income	Above Moderate- Income	Type of Shortfall	Parcel Size (Acres)	Current General Plan Designation	Current Zoning	Proposed General Plan (GP) Designation	Proposed Zoning	Minimum Density Allowed	Maximum Density Allowed	Total Capacity	Vacant/ Nonvacant	Description of Existing Uses	Information-1 (Underutilization)	Information-2 (Likeliness of Development)	Information-3 (Availability to Resources)
3320 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91504	2466001081			41.4	41.4	Shortfall of sites	1.0	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	82.9	Nonvacant	Light industrial		Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	91504				167.0	167.0		17.1							334.0					
3333 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91504	2466005003			42.6	42.4	Shortfall of sites	0.9	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	85.0	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3207 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91504	2466005013			24.2	24.1	Shortfall of sites	0.5	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	48.2	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
N SAN FERNANDO/N HOLLYWOOD	91504	2466005017			9.5	9.4	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	18.9	Nonvacant	Parking lot/structure	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
N SAN FERNANDO/N HOLLYWOOD	91504	2466005018			11.0	11.0	Shortfall of sites	0.2	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	22.0	Nonvacant	Parking lot/structure	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3303 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91504	2466005024			63.8	63.5	Shortfall of sites	1.3	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	127.3	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3301 N SAN FERNANDO BLVD	91504	2466005025			60.6	60.4	Shortfall of sites	1.3	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	121.0	Nonvacant	Light industrial		Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3024 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91504	2466006002			2.7	2.7	Shortfall of sites	0.1	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	5.3	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3022 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91504	2466006003			3.1	3.1	Shortfall of sites	0.1	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	6.1	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3020 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91504	2466006004			2.9	2.9	Shortfall of sites	0.1	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	5.9	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3018 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91504	2466006005			3.1	3.1	Shortfall of sites	0.1	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	6.2	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3016 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91504	2466006006			3.1	3.1	Shortfall of sites	0.1	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	6.1	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3014 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91504	2466006007			3.0	3.0	Shortfall of sites	0.1	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	6.1	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3012 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91504	2466006008			3.0	3.0	Shortfall of sites	0.1	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	6.0	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
N HOLLYWOOD/TULARE	91504	2466006009			3.1	3.1	Shortfall of sites	0.1	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	6.1	Nonvacant	Parking lot/structure	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
N HOLLYWOOD/TULARE	91504	2466006010			3.0	3.0	Shortfall of sites	0.1	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	6.1	Nonvacant	Parking lot/structure	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
3000 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91504	2466006011			14.4	14.3	Shortfall of sites	0.3	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	28.7	Nonvacant	Warehouse, storage	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
Total: GSSP-2 N. Hollywood Way	91504				253.0	252.0		5.3							505.0					
2210 N SCREENLAND DR	91505	2463001005	166.1	89.2			Shortfall of sites	3.0	Golden State	M-1	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	255.3	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
2211 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91505	2463001006	18.6	10.0			Shortfall of sites	0.3	Golden State	M-1	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	28.7	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
2205 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91505	2463001007	17.8	9.5			Shortfall of sites	0.3	Golden State	M-1	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	27.3	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
2201 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91505	2463001008	17.7	9.5			Shortfall of sites	0.3	Golden State	M-1	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	27.2	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area

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Jurisdiction Name	Site Address/Intersection	5 Digit ZIP Code	Assessor Parcel Number	Very Low- Income	Low-Income	Moderate- Income	Above Moderate- Income	Type of Shortfall	Parcel Size (Acres)	Current General Plan Designation	Current Zoning	Proposed General Plan (GP) Designation	Proposed Zoning	Minimum Density Allowed	Maximum Density Allowed	Total Capacity	Vacant/ Nonvacant	Description of Existing Uses	Information-1 (Underutilization)	Information-2 (Likeliness of Development)	Information-3 (Availability to Resources)
City of Burbank	3520 W VALHALLA DR	91505	2463001011	131.5	70.7			Shortfall of sites	2.4	Golden State	M-1	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	202.2	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
City of Burbank	2231 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91505	2463001012	89.3	48.0			Shortfall of sites	1.6	Golden State	M-1	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	137.3	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
City of Burbank	Total: GSSP-3 Valhalla	91505		441.0	237.0				8.1							678.0					
City of Burbank	2340 N HOLLYWOOD WAY	91505	2463010001			214.0	214.0	Shortfall of sites	4.5	Golden State	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	428.0	Nonvacant	Office building	Building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-Highest Resources, High Quality Transit Area
City of Burbank	Total: GSSP-4 Logix	91505				214.0	214.0		4.5							428.0					
City of Burbank	N ONTARIO/W EMPIRE	91505	2464004036			83.0	83.0	Shortfall of sites	1.7	Regional Commercial	PD	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	120	166.0	Nonvacant	Parking lot/structure	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
City of Burbank	Total: GSSP-5 Ontario	91505				83.0	83.0		1.7							166.0					
City of Burbank	3030 W EMPIRE AVE	91504	2464001002	20.3	11.1			Shortfall of sites	0.4	Regional Commercial	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	100	31.4	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
City of Burbank	3020 W EMPIRE AVE	91504	2464001003	21.0	11.5			Shortfall of sites	0.4	Regional Commercial	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	100	32.5	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
City of Burbank	2820 W EMPIRE AVE	91504	2464001007	38.3	20.9			Shortfall of sites	0.7	Regional Commercial	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	100	59.2	Nonvacant	Heavy industrial	Building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
City of Burbank	3110 W EMPIRE AVE	91504	2464001015	42.6	23.3			Shortfall of sites	0.8	Regional Commercial	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	100	65.9	Nonvacant	Office building		Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites Proposed Golden State Specific Plan,	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
City of Burbank	3000 W EMPIRE AVE	91504	2464001019	102.2	55.7			Shortfall of sites	1.9	Regional Commercial	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	100	157.9	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Building pre-1980	Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
City of Burbank	2890 W EMPIRE AVE	91504	2464001020	44.6	24.3			Shortfall of sites	0.9	Regional Commercial	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	100	68.9	Nonvacant	Light industrial	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1, building pre-1980	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
City of Burbank	3120 W EMPIRE AVE	91504	2464001021	57.8	31.5			Shortfall of sites	1.1	Regional Commercial	M-2	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	100	89.3	Nonvacant	Warehouse, storage	Improve/Land Value ratio < 1	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
City of Burbank	W EMPIRE/VANOWEN	91504	2464001906	3.2	1.7			Shortfall of sites	0.1	Institutional	RR	Golden State Specific Plan	Golden State Specific Plan	20	100	4.9	Vacant in highly urbanized area	Government, public	Vacant in highly urbanized area	Proposed Golden State Specific Plan, Refer to Appendix D, Exhibit D-1: TOD and GSSP Opportunity Sites	TCAC-High Resources, High Quality Transit Area
City of Burbank	Total: GSSP-7 Empire	91504		330.0	180.0				6.4							510.0					

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Table C: Land Use, Table Starts in A2

Zoning Designation (From Table A, Column G)	General Land Uses Allowed
NSFC	Mixed-Use (MC Section 10-1-2701)
PD	Variety of housing (MC Section 10-1-655)
BCC-2	Residential above Commercial w/CUP (MC Section 10-1-502)
BCC-3	Residential above commercial w/ CUP and Residential only permitted (MC Section10-1-502)
ВССМ	Residential not permitted (MC Section10-1-502)
C-3	Residential above Commercial w/CUP (MC Section 10-1-502)
M-2	Residential not permitted (MC Section10-1-502)
C-R	Residential not permitted (MC Section10-1-502)
R-4	Residential only permitted (MC Section10-1-627)
MDC-3	Residential above Commercial w/CUP (MC Section 10-1-502)

## Appendix E Adequate Sites Program Alternative Checklist

## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF HOUSING POLICY DEVELOPMENT

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#### Adequate Sites Program Alternative Checklist Government Code Section 65583.1(c)

As provided for in Government Code Section 65583.1(c), local governments can rely on existing housing units to address up to 25 percent of their adequate sites requirement by counting existing units made available or preserved through the provision of "committed assistance" to low- and very low-income households at affordable housing costs or affordable rents. The following is a checklist intended to provide guidance in determining whether the provisions of Government Code Section 65583.1(c) can be used to address the adequate sites program requirement. Please be aware, all information must be provided in the housing element to demonstrate compliance.

		HE Page #	
65583.1(c)(4) Is the local government providing, or will it provide "committed assistance" during the period of time from the beginning of the RHNA projection period (6/30/21) to the end of the first 3 years of the housing element planning period (10/15/24)? See the definition of "committed assistance" at the end of the checklist.	x Yes □ No		
65583.1(c)(1)(A)  Has the local government identified the specific source of  "committed assistance" funds?  If yes: specify the amount and date when funds will be dedicated  through a (legally enforceable agreement). \$5,000,000  Date: October 2024	x Yes □ No		
65583.1(c)(3) Has at least some portion of the regional share housing need for very low-income (VL) or low-income (L) households been met in the current or previous planning period?	x Yes		
Specify the number of affordable units permitted/constructed in the previous period.  Specify the number affordable units permitted/constructed in the current period and document how affordability was established.	<u>144</u>		
65583.1(c)(1)(B) Indicate the total number of units to be assisted with committed assistance funds and specify funding source.  Number of units: 10  Funding source: Successor Agency Housing Asset Fund			
65583.1(c)(1)(B) Will the funds be sufficient to develop the identified units at affordable costs or rents?	x Yes		
65583.1(c)(1)(C) Do the identified units meet the substantial rehabilitation, conversion, or preservation requirements as defined? Which option? conversion	x Yes □ No		
Note: If you cannot answer "yes" to all of the general requirements questions listed above, your jurisdiction is not eligible to utilize the alternate adequate sites program provisions set forth in Government Code Section 65583.1(c).			

CONVERSION OF MULTIFAMILY RENTAL AND OWNERSHIP UNITS OF <u>3</u> OR MORE OR FORECLOSED PROPERTIES FROM NON-AFFORDABLE TO AFFORDABLE (65583.1(c)(2)(B))			
Include reference to specific program action in housing element.	Program #	Page #	
65583.1(c)(2)(B) Specify the number of multifamily rental (3 or more units) to be converted.	10		
Specify the number multifamily ownership units to be converted.			
Specify the number of foreclosed properties acquired. Date Acquired? Will these units be for rent?			
<b>65583.1(c)(2)(B)(i)</b> Will the acquired units be made affordable to low- or very low-income households?	x Yes No		
65583.1(c)(2)(B)(ii)  For units to be converted to very-low income, were those units affordable to very low-income households at the time they were identified for acquisition?	☐ Yes x No		
For units to be converted to low-income, were those units affordable to low-income households at the time they were identified for acquisition?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
65583.1(c)(2)(B)(iii)  If the acquisition results in the displacement of very low- or low-income households, is the local government providing relocation assistance consistent with Government Code Section 7260, including rent and moving expenses equivalent to four (4) months, to those occupants permanently or temporary displaced?	x Yes □ No		
65583.1(c)(2)(B)(iv) Will units be decent, safe, and sanitary upon occupancy?	⊠ Yes □ No		
65583.1(c)(2)(B)(v) Will affordability and occupancy restrictions be maintained at least 55 years?			
For conversion of multifamily ownership units:  Has at least an equal share of newly constructed multifamily rental units affordable to lower-income households been constructed within the current planning period or will be constructed by the of program completion as the number of ownership units to be converted? (Note: this could be demonstrated by providing certificates of occupancy)  Specify the number of affordable multifamily rental units constructed in the planning period.	☐ Yes☐ No X N/A # of lower-income units:		

#### 65583.1(c) Checklist

#### **DEFINITIONS:**

<u>Committed Assistance</u>: When a local government has entered into a legally enforceable agreement within a specific timeframe spanning from the beginning of the RHNA projection period through the end of the second year of the housing element planning period, obligating funds for affordable units available for occupancy within two years of the agreement.

<u>Assisted Housing Development</u>: A multifamily rental housing development that receives governmental assistance under any of the following programs:

- (A) New construction, substantial rehabilitation, moderate rehabilitation, property disposition, and loan management set-aside programs, or any other program providing project-based assistance, under Section 8 of the United States Housing Act of 1937, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1437f).
- (B) The following federal programs:
- (i) The Below-Market-Interest-Rate Program under Section 221(d)(3) of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. Sec. 1715l(d)(3) and (5)).
- (ii) Section 236 of the National Housing Act (12 U.S.C. Sec.1715z-1).
- (iii) Section 202 of the Housing Act of 1959 (12 U.S.C. Sec. 1701q).
- (C) Programs for rent supplement assistance under Section 101 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, as amended (12 U.S.C. Sec. 1701s).
- (D) Programs under Sections 514, 515, 516, 533, and 538 of the Housing Act of 1949, as amended (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1485).
- (E) Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (F) Section 142(d) of the Internal Revenue Code (tax-exempt private activity mortgage revenue bonds).
- (G) Section 147 of the Internal Revenue Code (Section 501(c)(3) bonds).
- (H) Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (Community Development Block Grant Program).
- (I) Title II of the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended (HOME Investment Partnership Program).
- (J) Titles IV and V of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, as amended, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Supportive Housing Program, Shelter Plus Care program, and surplus federal property disposition program.
- (K) Grants and loans made by the Department of Housing and Community Development, including the Rental Housing Construction Program, CHRP-R, and other rental housing finance programs.
- (L) Chapter 1138 of the Statutes of 1987.
- (M) The following assistance provided by counties or cities in exchange for restrictions on the maximum rents that may be charged for units within a multifamily rental housing development and on the maximum tenant income as a condition of eligibility for occupancy of the unit subject to the rent restriction, as reflected by a recorded agreement with a county or city:
  - (i) Loans or grants provided using tax increment financing pursuant to the Community Redevelopment Law (Part 1 (commencing with Section 33000) of Division 24 of the Health and Safety Code).
  - (ii) Local housing trust funds, as referred to in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 50843 of the Health and Safety Code.
  - (iii) The sale or lease of public property at or below market rates.
  - (iv) The granting of density bonuses, or concessions or incentives, including fee waivers, parking variances, or amendments to general plans, zoning, or redevelopment project area plans, pursuant to Chapter 4.3 (commencing with Section 65915).

Assistance pursuant to this subparagraph shall not include the use of tenant-based Housing Choice Vouchers (Section 8(o)) of the United States Housing Act of 1937, 42 U.S.C. Sec. 1437f(o), excluding subparagraph (13) relating to project-based assistance). Restrictions shall not include any rent control or rent stabilization ordinance imposed by a county, city, or city and county.

## Appendix F

**Community Participation** 

F-1. Workshop Notice/Announcement

F-2. Workshop Presentation

F-3. Summary of Community Workshop Input

F-4. Housing Element Survey

F-5. Housing Element Survey Results

F-6. Comment Letters on Draft Housing Element

## Appendix F-1: Community Workshop Notice and Announcements



Housing Element Update & Environmental Justice Discussion



This workshop will provide an overview of the Housing Element and provide you an opportunity to give your valuable input on the housing needs faced by Burbank's residents and workforce. Come learn more and share your ideas on the following:

- What are Burbank's most important housing needs?
- What options should the City pursue to address its housing needs within the Housing Element?
- What strategies can help reduce health risks facing Burbank's disadvantaged communities?

#### When?

Saturday, October 3 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

#### Where?

#### burbankhousingelement.com

A link to the meeting will be posted on the project website above prior to the meeting date. You can also learn more about the housing element and take our survey. (available October 3rd)



Please note that a second community workshop will be held in the fall focusing on the Housing Element sites inventory.

For more information, contact Lisa Frank, Senior Planner at (818) 238-5250 or LFrank@burbankca.gov



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## Community Workshop Announcement on Housing Element

Website: <a href="https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/">https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/</a>





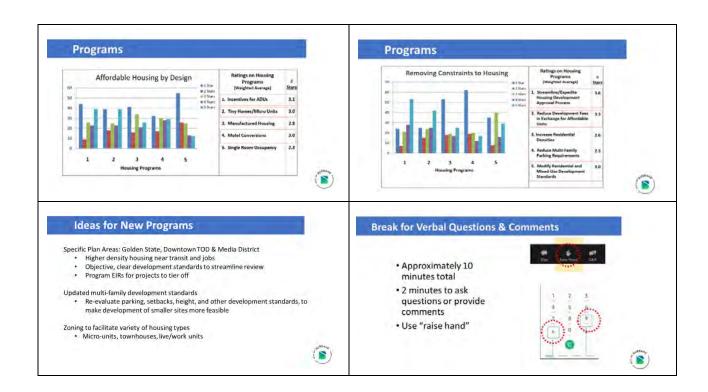
#### Appendix F-2: Community Workshop #2 Presentation











#### Appendix F-3: Summary of Community Workshop Input

# City of Burbank Housing Element & Environmental Justice Community Workshop Input



On October 3<sup>rd</sup> 2020, City Community Development Department staff and consultants conducted a virtual community workshop to solicit public input on the Housing Element update and the new Environmental Justice component of the General Plan. Twenty-three members of the public participated in the workshop, and provided feedback via on-line polling and question and answers. The following summarizes the input received at the workshop, including staff responses to participant questions.

#### **Polling Questions**

1. How long have you lived in Burbank? 16 respondents

<u>1 person</u> 1-2 years

3 persons 6-10 years

3 persons 11-20 years

8 persons 21+ years

1 person Work in Burbank but live in another City

#### 2. What type of housing unit you live in? 17 respondents

9 persons Detached single-family house

<u>4 persons</u> Duplex/triplex/fourplex

<u>2 persons</u> Condominium/townhome

<u>1 person</u> Apartment

<u>1 person</u> Work in Burbank but live in another City

#### 3. Which of these issues do you see as being Burbank's most important housing needs? 13 respondents

10 persons Lack of housing for Burbank's workforce

8 persons Housing for our homeless population

<u>7 persons</u> Housing for Burbank's seniors and disabled population

<u>3 persons</u> Deteriorated housing conditions

<u>3 persons</u> Overcrowded housing

4. What strategies should the City purse to meet its RHNA obligations? 13 respondents

9 persons Tiny homes/micro units

8 persons Increased densities near transit

<u>6 persons</u> Incentives for accessory dwelling units (ADUs)

6 persons Motel conversions

<u>3 persons</u> Allow slightly increased densities in single-family neighborhoods to reduce the number of multi-family sites needed

2 persons Increased densities in multi-family zoned neighborhoods

5. In evaluating strategies to address environmental justice issues faced by Burbank's low income and disadvantaged communities, which of the following environmental justice issues do you see as being the highest priority? 16 respondents

13 persons High housing costs

8 persons Public health

7 persons Environmental pollution

<u>6 persons</u> Unemployment

<u>3 persons</u> Linguistic isolation (non-English speaking)

2 persons Increased densities in multi-family zoned neighborhoods

#### **Questions and Answers**

1. How does City Council's goal to produce 12,000 housing units by 2034 pace with the expected future job growth? How much will it improve the Job-Housing ratio in the City?

#### **Staff Response:**

- The goal of 12,000 housing units is aspirational, but it is consistent with Burbank's projected RHNA which has increased from 2,600 to 8,700 in the last 8 years.
- We anticipate a growth in employment with current developments like Avion and Media Studio North. Additionally, the City has been able to attract major employers like Netflix and Tip Mouse.
- Even if Burbank were to achieve its housing goal, the City might not be able to keep pace with projected employment growth. However, we won't be losing ground as we have in the past.
- 2. Given the water and power shortage, how will the City accommodate the increase in electricity and water demand from 12,000 additional housing units? Will the City build another powerplant?

#### **Staff Response:**

- Burbank2035 General Plan, adopted in 2013, anticipated projected growth of 5,900 units. The 8,700 units that is our fair share requirement coming through SCAG is something we have to look at within the context of our infrastructure/utility capacity.
- An environmental assessment will be conducted to determine the location of additional housing units that is consistent with Council goals of responsible development and protecting singlefamily neighborhoods, and at the same time being able to have community facility and infrastructure to support additional housing.
- The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process will be initiated early next year. Topics of energy and water will be investigated as a part of the review process.
- 3. Can you elaborate on what will happen if the City does not meet the required RHNA numbers and does not build the require housing? How will it impact the City, and alternatively, how would meeting the RHNA number help the City?

#### **Staff Response:**

- While the majority of cities don't meet their RHNA numbers, particularly for lower income households which typically require subsidies, it is important for cities to set the stage through zoning to enable development of projected housing needs without undue constraints.
- The State is trying to get cities to help with the housing crisis. Cities underproducing housing to address their RHNA goals can be subjected to SB35 (by right housing development). There is a trend in the recent legislature to hold cities more accountable to meet their housing needs.
- 4. Where will the proposed housing be located within the City?

#### **Staff Response:**

- Specific plan areas Golden State Specific Plan, Downtown specific plan area (Burbank Center Plan), and Media District – areas with potential for high density and Transit Oriented Development. Focus will be on employment and transit centers within the City which have opportunity for infill development.
- Housing location will be looked at in more detail during next phase of the Housing element update and there will be a second community workshop focused on looking at potential housing sites.
- 5. What is the City's plan to accommodate parking for the proposed housing?

#### **Staff Response:**

- Parking will be looked at through development standards in the new Specific Plans. The City
  is looking at ways to accommodate parking though efficient parking management and best
  practices for infill and mixed-use projects.
- Parking standards will depend on the type of project. For example, density bonus projects are eligible for reduced parking requirements under State law.
- 6. How can we be sure that new housing units will contribute towards meeting the City's housing needs, in other words, house permanent residents of the City and not function as short-term

rentals for travelers. ADUs in particular can be rented out as short-term rentals to generate income for the owners.

#### **Staff Response:**

- The City is looking at Short Term Rental (STR) regulations. The intent of the STR regulation is to document existing STR units in the City, and ensure that ADUs are not being used as STRs.
- ADUs are actual dwelling units and are meant for long term residence. Per Code, ADUs cannot be rented out for less than 30 days. Additionally, City Council is looking at increasing the minimum number of days for renting ADUs to 90 days. If people are using their ADUs for short term rentals, they are doing so illegally.
- 7. Does the Housing Element provide detail regarding how housing will be created under the lower and moderate income categories? Can you provide any updates regarding the old Ikea site, how many residential units are you considering to build on that site, and how will it be classified under each income category? Is the 34-acre property you are referring to the entire Mall?

#### **Staff Response:**

- Housing Element statutes allow for the use of default densities to assign sites to the various income categories. For Burbank, any site with a density of 30 units/acre or greater can be credited towards its low and very low-income RHNA need, and sites with 12 units/acre and above are considered suitable for development of moderate income housing. While a 30 unit/acre market rate project may not be affordable to lower income households, the City is setting the stage through zoning to allow a developer typically a non-profit to build affordable housing at that density.
- The City is also in the process of updating its Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance that requires a certain percentage of deed restricted affordable units to be built within projects that have 10 units or more.
- In addition, the State has allocated significant funding to support production of affordable housing.
- Regarding the old IKEA site there was a mixed-use project proposed Burbank Town Center North – that proposed over 1,000 units. Due to COVID, the Mall has been shut down and property owners are re-evaluating the feasibility of repurposing the Mall. The 34-acre Ikea site is inclusive of the entire Mall proper, including development across and adjacent to the freeway, In-N-Out, and furniture stores.
- 8. It will be interesting to look at the correlation between Burbank's disadvantaged communities/high impact areas and the location of entertainment industries that have a rate of high employment turn-over. For example, the Media Center is located in an area identified as a disadvantaged community.

#### **Staff Response:**

 Good feedback – Burbank is unique as it has prominent media industry presence. Such feedbacks are important for policy development to mitigate negative impacts. 9. How much contribution do large companies - like Netflix and Disney that are employers in the City - have in providing housing for their employees? Microsoft and Facebook are examples of large companies that have contributed towards housing for their employee in the past.

#### **Staff Response:**

- We aren't aware of anything specific where Burbank employers are providing housing
  assistance, but we will check with the Economic Development Department to get more
  information. These big companies are usually supportive of opportunities to facilitate housing
  near and around their employment site, and employees have expressed an interest in residing
  close to their workplace.
- For the Housing Element survey, we have included questions about potential new housing programs for Burbank, including a potential Commercial Impact Fee that requires new commercial developments to pay a fee which contributes towards City's affordable housing trust fund to provide affordable units.
- Other efforts being undertaken by the City include evaluating Development Impact Fees to identify opportunities for new developments to provide their fair share of funding for community services and infrastructure including new housing units.
- 10. How will the increase in housing units impact schools in the City? What will be the impact on those people who work in the City but don't live here and want their kids to join schools here?

#### **Staff Response:**

- The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Housing Element Update will include an assessment of schools. During the process, we talk to schools and see how they are projecting their growth, and we look at the impact of potential growth from housing on the schools.
- The 4City will reach out to BUSD and their demographers regarding Housing Element Update to verify enrollment rates and their capacity.
- 11. Will there be any consideration for the impact the increase in housing will have on early child care and education/ infant care (age 0 to 5 years)? Gaps in infant care hit crisis levels in 2018 in Burbank and had a direct impact on economic participation by the parents. In workforce housing young adults (25-44 years) upon beginning a family Infant care becomes their first introduction to the neighborhood. I urge the City to consider infant care, child care, and early education in this Housing Element Update.

#### **Staff Response:**

- Good point. Traditionally the environmental assessment doesn't specifically evaluate early childcare, but we can take this into consideration.
- There are various avenues that can the City can use (including CEQA review) to address infant care, child care, and early education.

12. With respect to ADUs – there were 350 permits submitted for ADUs. How many of those permits are for new ADUs? How many of these permits are for those ADUs that are being legalized by bringing them to conform to the Burbank Municipal Code? Where are new ADUs being built?

#### **Staff Response:**

- The City has few cases of existing ADUs that are being legalized. The vast majority of ADUs fall into two categories –
  - 1. Garage/accessory structure conversion
  - 2. New detached ADUs
- In terms of where new ADUs are being built, the City has created a map showing the distribution of ADU applications throughout the City. The map was included in a November 10, 2020 ADU update to the City Council and can be access at the following link:

  <a href="https://burbank.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\_id=42&clip\_id=9251&meta\_id=376295">https://burbank.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view\_id=42&clip\_id=9251&meta\_id=376295</a>
  The map indicates that ADU development has been dispersed throughout the City.
- 13. Talking about employer assisted housing, especially given the current situation where people are working remotely due to COVID, and given that post COVID there may not be as much demand to commute, there might be an opportunity to provide on-campus housing within commercial properties for short term workers who work in the City on a project basis (may be for a year). This might help to ease the pressure on the smaller units that can provide housing for permanent residents. Is this something that larger commercial entities can consider?

#### **Staff Response:**

- These are good points. We need to set up future discussions with large employers to see where they stand on this matter.
- 14. With such a large proportion of young professionals in Burbank, many of whom live alone, what happens when they start families do they leave Burbank or are they able to start families here? Similarly, a large number of young professionals live with their parents due to high housing costs are there any efforts underway or planned to help this age group?

#### **Staff Response:**

- The City's goal is to significantly increase the production of housing for its workforce, and through this increase in supply, pent up demand will be reduced and housing prices should come down. The City will employ a variety of tools including inclusionary zoning, density bonuses and other affordable housing incentives to ensure a portion of new housing is provided at levels affordable to lower and moderate income households.
- Accessory dwelling units (ADUs) can also provide a less costly housing option for young professionals, and with over 540 ADU applications received over the last three years, ADUs are becoming more widely available throughout Burbank.
- 15. Has there been any thought to evaluating the long-term effects of COVID 19 on the workforce needing to be near their work vs working from home?

#### **Staff Response:**

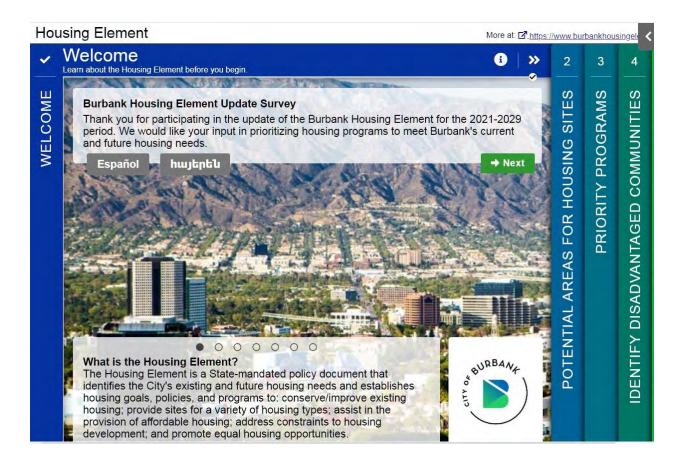
- While there is likely to be reduced demand for commercial office space moving forward,
   Burbank's employment base continues to grow (refer to response to Question #1). The City has
   over-produced jobs relative to housing for several decades, resulting in a ratio of three jobs for
   every housing unit. Even with reduced demand for office, the City needs to increase housing
   production to achieve a healthy jobs/housing balance.
- 16. I'm wondering about traffic issues, particularly Barham Boulevard as it is already congested. What is being done to alleviate that kind of additional strain on the roadways?

#### **Staff Response:**

- Burbank's General Plan adopted in 2013 studied how growth in the City between 2010 and 2035 would impact its street system, and included land use changes, transportation policies, and six targeted intersection improvements to lessen impacts to transportation. The Housing Element will build on the General Plan analysis to identify how the amount and location of new housing will affect transportation. The Housing Element will study if building new housing in Burbank, near jobs and transit, will reduce the number and length of car trips in the City because more housing provides opportunity for Burbank workers to live closer to where they work.
- The cause of congestion on major roads leading into and out of the City, such as Barham Blvd, is because most of the employees who work in Burbank live elsewhere and must commute into the City. Adding new housing in the City will likely lessen traffic increases on Barham and other regional corridors.
- The General Plan and the Housing Element do not propose major street and road improvements to reduce congestion because widening streets increases car trips and harmful environmental effects like greenhouse gas emissions.

## Appendix F-4: Housing Element Online Survey

The online Housing Element survey was administered through MetroQuest. It was available in three languages (English, Spanish, and Armenian) from September 30, 2020 to January 4, 2021.



## Appendix F-5: Housing Element Survey Results

### **Online Survey**

English: September 30, 2020 to January 4, 2021

Spanish: November 19, 2020 to January 4, 2021

Armenian: November 19, 2020 to January 4, 2021

## **Characteristics of Survey Participants**

Participants by Language of Survey	Renter/Owner	Housing Type	Demographics	HH Income
English: 224	Renter: 40%	SF Detached: 57%	White: 60%	Under \$50,000: 22%
Spanish: 1	Owner: 54%	Duplex: 4%	Hispanic: 12%	\$50,000-\$74,999: 18%
Armenian: 2	Other: 6%	ADU: 3%	Black: 5%	\$75,000-\$99,999: 16%
		Apartment: 28%	Asian: 6%	\$100,000 and over: 44%
		Condo: 6%	Other: 17%	
		Care Facility/Assist: 1%		
		Other: 2%	Under 25 yrs: 3%	
			25-39 yrs: 22%	
			40-45 yrs: 44%	
			55-69 yrs: 24%	
			70 yrs over: 7%	

# Potential Areas for Housing Sites (Areas ranked by survey participants)

1. Downtown Burbank - Metrolink Station



# 2. Downtown Burbank - North San Fernando



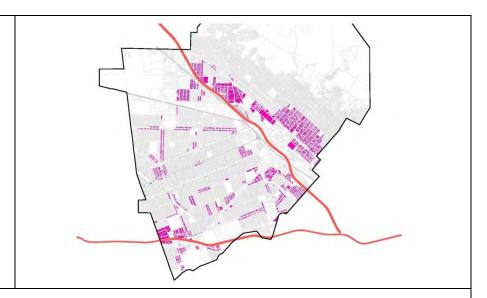
# 3. Golden State/Airport District Area



## 4. Media District



#### 5. Multi-Family Neighborhoods



#### Other Housing Sites Suggested by Survey Participants:

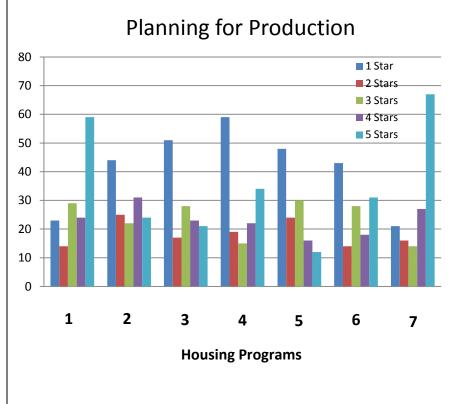
- Consider remodels of existing commercial space, to include residential capacity.
- While the current multi-family zones should be an area of focus for more to-buy multi-family development (condos, townhouses, and duplexes), existing single-family areas should be rezoned to allow denser housing.
- Former retail, like old IKEA that can become mixed use. The Americana concept is very appealing. All focus should include units for purchase above all other concerns. Having an ownership stake ties residents to the City in a more meaningful way.
- The old City dump above Belair.
- Empire between Buena Vista and Hollywood Way. Vanoven Blvd between Hollywood Way and Clybourne.
- That HUGE and forever unused lot by the 5 fwy and Burbank Blvd, where circuses set up. Use it for something useful already!!!
- Stay far from the Downtown/Media area. No more new buildings and NO additional traffic!! Obviously don't add to any area that has traffic right now. Don't make any area worse. Use units on Burbank Blvd or Victory at the No Ho border. It's dead over there so a bit more traffic won't be worse.
- Multi family or mixed use housing would be beneficial along the bike path and the 5 fwy for example the end of the block at Lamer St
- I would love to see more multi-family housing built in single-family housing neighborhoods (similar to parts of the Media District). It would help space out housing density and traffic congestion.
- Rancho District.
- West Burbank, Northern Burbank and undeveloped areas around Olive and Burbank Blvd.

#### Comments for no additional housing:

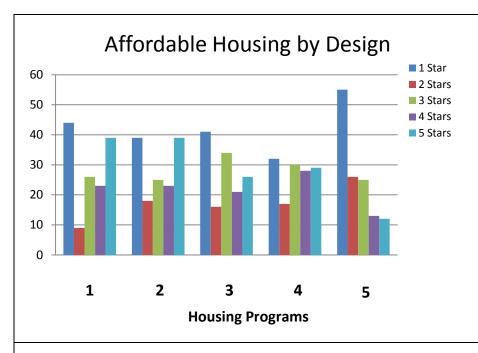
- Nowhere, water, electricity, infrastructure should not be built in Burbank!
- Not in Burbank. Too much traffic as it is. Stop taking government money. Enough people now
- No new housing
- None. We have enough. Let's take better care of what we have. This city has sadly gone downhill in the 25 years I've been here. I've never seen so much trash on the streets as I do now and our roads and trees have never been this neglected before. The traffic is horrendous. More housing and increasing our population in this already cramped city should not be our focus. Improving what we have should be the greater good.
- Nowhere. Don't give in to the State's tyrannical mandates.

### **Priority Housing Programs** Stabilizing Neighborhoods 90 ■ 1 Star 2 Stars 80 ■ 3 Stars 70 ■ 4 Stars 60 ■ 5 Stars 50 40 30 20 10 0 3 1 2 5 **Housing Programs**

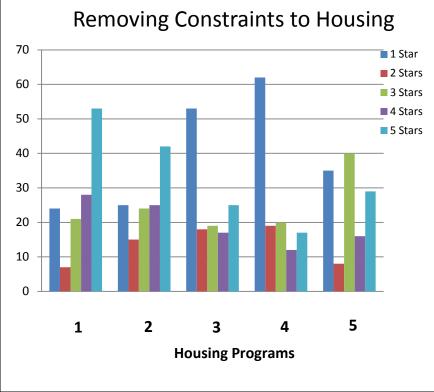
Ratings on Housing Programs (Weighted Average)	# Stars
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1. Acquisition/Rehab. of Apartments with Affordability Controls	3.5
2. Homeowner Rehab. Asst.	3.1
3. First-Time Homebuyer Asst.	3.5
4. Local Preference for Burbank Residents and Employees	3.8
5. Tenant Protection Asst.	3.1



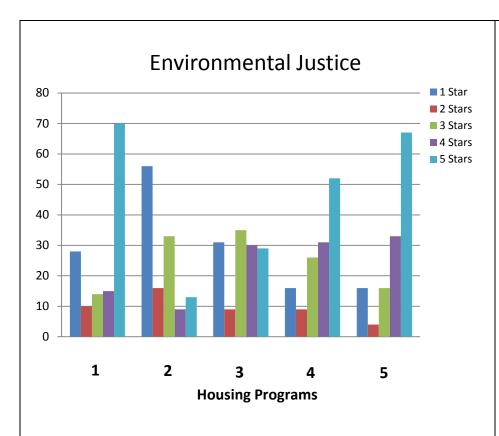
Ratings on Housing	
Programs	#
(Weighted Average)	<u>Stars</u>
1. Increase Density Near Transit	3.6
2. Increase Density in Multi- Family Zoned Neighborhoods	2.8
3. Establish Minimum Residential Densities	2.7
4. Allow 1-2 Additional Units on Single-Family Lots	2.7
5. Inclusionary Zoning and In- Lieu Fees	2.4
6. Commercial Linkage Fees for Affordable Housing	2.9
7. Affordable Housing on Surplus Public Land	3.7



Ratings on Housing Programs (Weighted Average)	# <u>Stars</u>
1. Incentives for ADUs	3.1
2. Tiny Homes/Micro Units	3.0
3. Manufactured Housing	2.8
4. Motel Conversions	3.0
5. Single Room Occupancy	2.3



<b>Ratings on Housing</b>	
Programs	#
(Weighted Average)	<u>Stars</u>
1. Streamline/Expedite Housing Development Approval Process	3.6
2. Reduce Development Fees in Exchange for Affordable Units	3.3
3. Increase Residential Densities	2.6
4. Reduce Multi-Family Parking Requirements	2.3
5. Modify Residential and Mixed-Use Development Standards	3.0



Ratings on Housing Programs (Weighted Average)	# <u>Star</u>
1. High Housing Cost	3.6
2. Linguistic Isolation (non- English Speaking)	2.3
3. Unemployment	3.1
4. Public Health	3.7
5. Environmental Pollution	4.0

#### Other Programs Suggested by Survey Participants:

#### **Stabilizing Neighborhoods**

- Burbank is a desirable neighborhood to live because it is one of the only safe cities in the Valley for families to live with a great public school system. The reason for that is that most people who live here are in single-family homes. The City should not put money towards something which negates its value proposition. People who need to live in apartments have several options nearby, but not here.
- I walk the neighborhoods surrounding the Chandler bike path and see many homes that look in very poor condition. Possibly they are owned by long-term elderly residents. I don't know. But helping elderly homeowners keep up their property would benefit them and future buyers.
- Is this a form of City run low-income buildings? I have an open mind to it but would want successful examples to model.
- Low & extremely low income units are needed not the so called affordable units.
- The only assistance that's needed for first time home buyers is to either completely ban or at least more heavily regulate flipping. House flipping in Burbank is out of control and prices so many young buyers out of the market entirely.
- We had no help to buy our 1st house not even from family. Nothing and we still did it. Had to start small with a condo. Sell, buy bigger with your equity.
- There are current programs already, including programs to help with down payments.
- Help younger folks and people of color who are new to homebuying.
- What is homeowner rehabilitation assistance?
- For energy, green space and conservation.
- And for building ADU.
- Yes, for homeowners. Not for employees no guarantee how long they will work in Burbank. They may simply get the help and change to a job in LA. I received NO preference when we bought our house and I worked at Disney here for 30 years! Still bought my Burbank house no preferences given.

- Reduces traffic and commute times which impact the traffic congestion and environmental impact in our city.
- Yes, only use already built apartments. NO NEW DEVELOPMENT.

#### **Planning For Production**

- Assist homeowners who are struggling to pay their mortgage and single young people who may not be able to afford a one-bedroom apartment in Burbank.
- Yes. much more of this.
- I can't find a description of what this means, but if it has to do with increasing the number of residents allowed in an area, then I'm all for it.
- We need more affordable housing, but not at the cost of what little open land that's left.
- Without consideration for cars and access, over crowded streets will get worse.
- Again, it's single-family or not. If we wanted lots of transient living or neighbors who have no skin in the game, we'd have chosen elsewhere. I grew up in a single-family neighborhood without too much traffic or cars parked everywhere. It is better, and we will make sure our children are raised the same way. It seems like that may be outside of California.
- Strongly disagree turning single-family lots to condos, apartment buildings or duplex or triplex. No additional construction on 91504 above Glenoaks.
- This will only cause more traffic and less social distancing. We don't have the infrastructure to support more people on R1 and especially R1H zoned lots.
- Unless the in-lieu fees are calculated fairly for real life affordability, this will not benefit actual affordable housing. I suggest you read this info here and made contact them for assistance https://inclusionaryhousing.org/designing-a-policy/off-site-development/in-lieu-fees/setting-the-in-lieu-fee/
- Dump the in-lieu fees part of the plan. it's just an attempt to push people deemed undesirable by a neighborhood into
  housing that is separate from the rest of the population. if you want to build in our city, providing low income housing
  in your project should be mandatory
- We are exploring exiting not only Burbank, but possibly California over this issue. Single-family property and neighborhoods are only the acceptable choice for our family. We will not allow our positive tax contributions to fund pensions and programs that remove our freedom to choose this form of housing. Anywhere without single-family housing is not a place we will live or send our children to school. We'll lose money escaping if we mistakenly chose Burbank for single-family.
- ABSOLUTELY NOT!! Burbank is one of the few areas in LA that retains a suburban neighborhood feel. That's one of the main reasons people choose to live here. If you take that away, you will see all existing residents' property values plummet. And for what? To solve the California housing shortage? While that's important, there's PLENTY of land in other cities. There's also the Inland Empire as a more affordable option
- It's important to keep R1 and R1H zoned homes as single-family living.
- Density is already overflowing. Parking is a nightmare on almost every street
- ABSOLUTELY NOT!!!
- Yes! This needs to happen to help reduce emissions.
- The recent proposed development and the prices they were proposing as affordable to work and live near transit in Burbank made no affordable sense unless the retail jobs paid \$20 p/h and the developers agreed to make more than a handful of units "affordable" by L.A. minimum wage standards. Plus living next to transit hubs with the bad air pollution L.A. already has is not a healthy solution to housing needs.

#### Affordable Housing By Design

- Motels are a dying model and could be a low income housing option.
- This only works for the many people who would benefit from this low price rent if the buildings are actually maintained & safe for tenants, and if the building owners are given additional financial assistance so they aren't tempted/forced to raise rents, evict to convert to condos, or sell to developers.
- This would greatly help the many families who were already struggling to pay their mortgages before the covid19 pandemic to potentially make extra income using an ADU or Tiny Home as a rental on their property. Alternately they could help their family members or friends with housing if they had lost theirs. Also providing financial incentives for

more eco-friendly ADUs and Tiny Homes would be an additional help positively affecting the environment, housing, and economy.

- None of these suggested programs will work for families- they are all about housing that will fit single people or perhaps couples. Affordable housing with enough space for a family is impossible to come by in Burbank and needs to be addressed. I have yet to see a plan from the City that does so. \$3-4 k per month in rent/mortgage is not affordable.
- R1H zoned areas are already crowed and we need to preserve them.
- Same answer as before. Single-family is best, from firsthand experience. This would end that and the extent that it exists now is too much. But we can probably pack in like 3 families on our lot, so it might be a good selling point to help get us to a state where people are free to set the rules for their neighborhoods and each home is owned by the occupants. Media industry isn't bound to So Cal anymore, which also helps.
- Mobile homes (aka manufactured housing) are a scam because you only own the home, NOT the land underneath it. If you owned both that would make more sense, otherwise it will never be a viable affordable housing solution.

#### **Removing Constraints to Housing**

- Having preapproved style plans for houses, complexes and ADUs.
- Increase the size for ADU, have preapproved plans.
- Shopping areas like Magnolia should have 1-2 stories of housing above them.
- Having senior services in a building housing seniors, pharmacy, doctors office etc. childcare business at large housing projects, grocery store at transit to reduce car needs. Japan as a model.
- This only works if the number of affordable housing units required in any new development are at minimum 50-60% of the development.
- If anyone wanted high density they would have gone there, choosing this option is directly in opposition to why people came here. You will drive people like us away. Our tax contribution to the pension fund is not small. Though paid enough, most of senior staff does not choose Burbank as their own home, and quality of life for single- family owners doesn't their paychecks, so why not? As long as the paycheck comes, it doesn't affect their day to day lives. Density goes up, Burbank goes down.
- Do not increase density.
- If you are serious about climate change, shouldn't we be planning for less vehicles and more green space?
- It depends on what those modifications and standards are.
- Do not modify R1 and especially R1H zones.
- Must remove the loop holes and conflicts of interest for elected officials.
- No way, Burbank fees need to be at the same levels as Glendale & Pasadena.
- Streets are often impassable due to cars double parked.
- No too many areas already have parking issues.
- Increase them! Get cars off the street and underground!! Only in California are cars allowed to ruin our streets.
- Needs more thought by everyone who ever tried to park east of Glenoaks Blvd!!!!!! Don't make the problem worse with reduced requirements.
- As it is, homes are built out of code. This would be even worse. However, raising fees for corrections and resubmitting would be more effective at streamlining poor workmanship by designers posing as architects and other nefarious practices trying to sneak non conforming structural elements past plan checks.

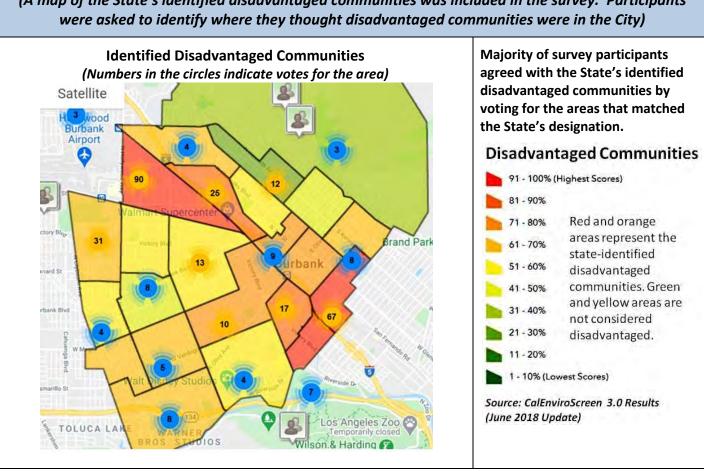
#### **Environmental Justice**

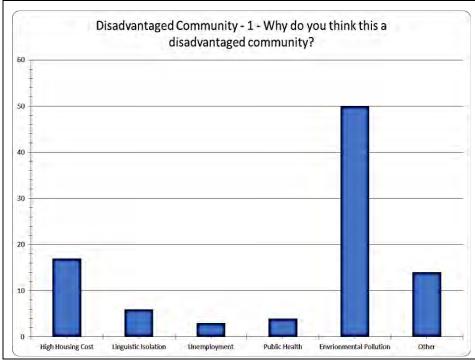
- English as a Second language needs to be encouraged with easy access to classes formal or informal that is fun and inclusive.
- Is this for or against? I am pro diversity and think English speaking should not matter.
- "Justice" in this sense is used amorphously in many cases like the other popular buzz words of the day and is frequently an opinion. But certainly helping people become employed would help their housing costs.
- Mentoring programs are needed. Internships. Trade schools (plumbing, electrical, construction). Gone are the days high school kids could get jobs at restaurants as those are now filled by adults.

- With Covid we can only prevent fraud and train younger people for the trades. Electrical, plumbers, framers etc.
- Dental for the young and elderly is highly overlooked.
- Housing cost is too high and condo, townhomes, ownership needs to be priority. City owned property needs to be used for low income housing that doesn't expire.
- The cost of rent and home purchase is extremely high in Burbank in comparison to the local neighboring communities.

### **Identify Disadvantaged Communities**

(A map of the State's identified disadvantaged communities was included in the survey. Participants were asked to identify where they thought disadvantaged communities were in the City)





Disadvantaged Community – Why do you think this is a disadvantaged community?	# votes
1. High Housing Cost	17
2. Linguistic Isolation (non- English Speaking)	6
3. Unemployment	3
4. Public Health	5
5. Environmental Pollution	50
6. Other	14

#### Other Reasons Suggested by Survey Respondents:

- Nearby train tracks and airport. Affected by both air and noise pollution.
- Close to the busy I-5 freeway, noise and air pollution.
- Freeway noise and traffic congestion due to Empire Center development.
- Noise pollution- airport.
- Close to freeways, less desirable part of the City, more distant access to City amenities.
- This area is sparse in terms of consumer facing businesses, mainly warehouses. This area likely has a lot of noise pollution due to proximity to airport.
- Airport adjacent.
- Airport
- Exposed to airport noise.
- Too adjacent to airport flight path. Buildings that should be affordable now owned by landlords who expect top dollar for very old, out of date units.
- Adjacent to industrial sites.
- Pollution from airport AND train proximity, and high housing costs.
- A surfeit of auto body shops, abandoned businesses, dumping zones and unkempt streets contribute to a deteriorating community area.
- So close to Victory, I-5 and the metro tracks. High traffic volume from people that don't live in Burbank
- So close to N. Hollywood subject to traffic that is "Cutting through" Burbank and is often unlawful
- Condition of properties and age of apartment buildings
- Apartments a little rundown
- Multi family dwelling could use some redevelopment
- This area looks very neglected. I see many apartments very populated.
- High density.
- High housing cost, increased crime, no useful police help.
- And high housing cost.
- This area is extremely unaffordable

- The lack of commerce, accessibility, and increased traffic in this housing area.
- "Traffic pollution from freeway
- The high cost of housing in this area is not commensurate with the wages and high turnover rate of jobs in the area. Property owners take advantage of the desperation and competitiveness of the workers in the area.
- Rent prices have skyrocketed around Magnolia Park driving out residents.
- Overcrowded and subpar housing.
- There are areas in NoHo that look run down. I'm assuming they can't afford up keep.
- Reports of crimes
- Overcrowding and high crime.
- Trash, shopping carts on the sidewalk, junk cars, loud music from apartments
- A lot of homeless near the park.
- Homelessness
- Homeless encampment at Olive and Beachwood, homeless mess in front of store on Verdugo across from McDonalds
- Space to build in this area, also closer to transit and City center.
- Ignored opportunities for development
- Very poorly planned parking that remains a constant problem and adds to environmental pollution as residents & guests drive around the neighborhood for 15-30 minutes looking for a place to park.
- Lousy public transportation
- How about planting more trees in this area?"
- Poverty
- City is considering programs that will tarnish the very reason that so many good people choose to live here: Single-family homes, a suburban community feel, and a great school system
- The area around Magnolia Park, especially between Chandler and the 134, are far from "disadvantaged", yet are marked as orange. Way off. Some of those neighborhoods are highly advantaged, luxury etc

## Appendix F-6: Comment Letters on Draft Housing Element

## DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION OF HOUSING POLICY DEVELOPMENT

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August 17, 2021

Patrick Prescott Community Development Director City of Burbank 150 N. Third St. Burbank, CA 91502

**Dear Patrick Prescott:** 

### RE: Review of the City of Burbank's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Burbank's (City) draft housing element received for review on June 18, 2021. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (b), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review. Our review was facilitated by a telephone conversation on August 10, 2021 with Assistant Community Development Director Federico Ramirez, Deputy City Planner Scott Plambaeck, Senior Planner Lisa Frank, and the City's consultant Karen Warner and team. In addition, HCD considered comments from Abundant Housing LA and Josh Albrektson pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (c).

The draft element addresses many statutory requirements; however, revisions will be necessary to comply with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code). The enclosed Appendix describes revisions needed to comply with State Housing Element Law.

To remain on an eight-year planning cycle, the City must adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date of October 15, 2021 for Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) localities. If adopted after this date, Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e)(4), requires the housing element be revised every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the statutory deadline. For more information on housing element adoption requirements, please visit HCD's website at: <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos/docs/sb375">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos/docs/sb375</a> final100413.pdf.

Public participation in the development, adoption and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. Throughout the housing element process, the City should continue to engage the community, including organizations that

represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available and considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

Pursuant to Government Code section 65583.3, subdivision (b), the City must utilize standards, forms, and definitions adopted by HCD when preparing the sites inventory. Please see HCD's housing element webpage at <a href="https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/index.shtml#element">https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/index.shtml#element</a> for a copy of the form and instructions. The City can reach out to HCD at <a href="mailto:sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov">sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov</a> for technical assistance. Please note, upon adoption of the housing element, the City must submit an electronic version of the sites inventory with its adopted housing element to <a href="mailto:sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov">sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov</a>.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the City to consider timing provisions and welcomes the opportunity to provide assistance. For information, please see the Technical Advisories issued by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research at: <a href="http://opr.ca.gov/docs/OPR">http://opr.ca.gov/docs/OPR</a> Appendix C final.pdf and <a href="http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final\_6.26.15.pdf">http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final\_6.26.15.pdf</a>.

Several federal, state, and regional funding programs consider housing element compliance as an eligibility or ranking criteria. For example, the CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grant; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities programs; and HCD's Permanent Local Housing Allocation consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65400. With a compliant housing element, the City meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the cooperation and dedication the City planning staff, and Karen Warner provided during the course of our review. We are committed to assisting the City in addressing all statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Divya Ram, of our staff, at Divya.Ram@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Land Use & Planning Unit Chief

**Enclosure** 

## APPENDIX CITY OF BURBANK

The following changes are necessary to bring the City's housing element into compliance with Article 10.6 of the Government Code. Accompanying each recommended change, we cite the supporting section of the Government Code.

Housing element technical assistance information is available on HCD's website at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos.shtml">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos.shtml</a>. Among other resources, the housing element section contains HCD's latest technical assistance tool, *Building Blocks for Effective Housing Elements (Building Blocks)*, available at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/index.shtml">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/index.shtml</a> and includes the Government Code addressing State Housing Element Law and other resources.

#### A. Review and Revision

Review the previous element to evaluate the appropriateness, effectiveness, and progress in implementation, and reflect the results of this review in the revised element. (Gov. Code, § 65588 (a) and (b).)

As part of the evaluation of programs in the past cycle, the element must provide an explanation of the effectiveness of goals, policies, and related actions in meeting the housing needs of special needs populations (e.g., elderly, persons with disabilities, large households, female headed households, farmworkers and persons experiencing homelessness).

### B. <u>Housing Needs, Resources, and Constraints</u>

1. Affirmatively further[ing] fair housing (AFFH) in accordance with Chapter 15 (commencing with Section 8899.50) of Division 1 of Title 2...shall include an assessment of fair housing in the jurisdiction (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(10)(A))

Integration and Segregation: The element includes limited local and regional data on integration and segregation of race, and no local and regional data on disability, familial status, and income. For example, while the element includes data on race, it does not include data and analysis on disability, familial status, and income. The element needs to include complete local and regional data on integration and segregation for the City and analyze it for both local and regional trends and patterns.

Racial/Ethnic Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAP): The element includes some data on R/ECAP but no data or analysis areas of affluence. The element needs to be revised to include local and regional data on areas of affluence and analyze this data for trends and patterns. The element should also provide an updated map and analysis on racial and ethnic distribution and poverty (page B-9).

<u>Access to Opportunity</u>: The element includes limited local data on access to opportunity of education, economic, transportation, and environment, and no regional

data on access to any of these opportunity areas. However, a complete analysis should include an analysis of disparities in relation to education, economic opportunity, transportation, and environmental factors at the regional level.

<u>Disproportionate Housing Needs including Displacement Risks</u>: The element includes some local and regional data on cost-burdened households, overcrowding, and substandard housing, homelessness, and limited discussion on displacement issues but does not include regional analysis on substandard housing and homelessness. The element should include a complete regional data for substandard housing and homelessness and analyze the data for trends and patterns. The element should also contain a more complete discussion and analysis of displacement risks. Please refer to page 40 of the AFFH guidebook (link: <a href="https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/index.shtml#guidancev">https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/affh/index.shtml#guidancev</a>) for specific factors that should be considered when analyzing disproportionate housing needs and displacement risks.

<u>Sites</u>: The element includes a map of the site inventory and states that the proposed sites to meet lower-income regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) are geographically distributed which results in these sites AFFH (page C-2). However, the accompanying analysis shall also be reflective of housing development at all incomelevels and evaluate the sites relative to socio-economic patterns. The site inventory analysis should address how the sites are identified to improve conditions (or if sites exacerbate conditions, how a program can mitigate the impact), whether the sites are isolated by income group and should be supported by local data and knowledge.

<u>Goals, Priorities, Metrics, and Milestones</u>: Goals and actions must create meaningful impact to overcome contributing factors to fair housing issues. Actions must also:

- Address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity.
- Replace segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns.
- Transform racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity; and
- Foster and maintain compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws.

Currently, the element identifies several programs to address fair housing issues. However, to facilitate meaningful change and address AFFH requirements, the element will need to add or revise/expand programs to demonstrate how it addresses fair housing issues.

2. Include an analysis of population and employment trends and documentation of projections and a quantification of the locality's existing and projected needs for all income levels, including extremely low-income households. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(1).)

While the element quantifies existing and projected extremely low-income (ELI) households, it must also analyze their housing needs. The analysis of ELI housing needs could consider tenure and rates of overcrowding and overpayment. To assist the analysis,

- see the enclosed data and sample analysis at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/housing-needs/extremely-low-income-housing-needs.shtml">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/housing-needs/extremely-low-income-housing-needs.shtml</a>.
- 3. Include an analysis and documentation of household characteristics, including level of payment compared to ability to pay, housing characteristics, including overcrowding, and housing stock condition. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(2).)
  - The element identifies the age of the housing stock (page 1-28). However, it must include analysis of the condition of the existing housing stock and estimate the number of units in need of rehabilitation and replacement. For example, the analysis could include estimates from a recent windshield survey or sampling, estimates from the code enforcement agency, or information from knowledgeable builders/developers, including non-profit housing developers or organizations. For additional information, see the Building Blocks at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/housing-needs/housing-stock-characteristics.shtml">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/housing-needs/housing-stock-characteristics.shtml</a>.
- 4. An inventory of land suitable and available for residential development, including vacant sites and sites having realistic and demonstrated potential for redevelopment during the planning period to meet the locality's housing need for a designated income level, and an analysis of the relationship of zoning and public facilities and services to these sites. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(3).)

The City has a RHNA of 8,772 housing units, of which 3,971 are for lower-income households. To address this need, the element relies on pending and entitled residential projects, specific plans, and accessory dwelling units (ADUs). To demonstrate the adequacy of these sites and strategies to accommodate the City's RHNA, the element must include complete analyses:

Progress in Meeting the RHNA: The element indicates (page 1-68) that 116 units affordable to very low-income households and 27 units affordable to low-income household have been built or are under construction or approved, but the element provides no information documenting how affordability of the units was determined. As you know, the City's RHNA may be reduced by the number of new units built since June 30, 2021; however, the element must describe the City's methodology for assigning these units to the various income groups based on actual sales price or rent level of the units and demonstrate their availability in the planning period. (Gov. Code, § 65583.1, subd. (d).) For additional information, see the Building Blocks at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/housing-needs/projected-housing-needs.shtml">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/housing-needs/projected-housing-needs.shtml</a>.

Realistic Capacity: While the element provides assumptions of buildout for sites included in the inventory, it must also provide support for these assumptions. For example, the element should demonstrate what specific trends, factors, and other evidence led to the assumptions. The estimate of the number of units for each site must be adjusted as necessary, based on the land use controls and site improvements, typical densities of existing or approved residential developments at a similar affordability level in that jurisdiction, and on the current or planned availability and

accessibility of sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities. The element also needs to analyze the likelihood that the identified units will be developed as noted in the inventory in zones that allow nonresidential uses (e.g., mixed-use). This analysis should consider the likelihood of nonresidential development, performance standards, and development trends supporting residential development. For additional information, see the Building Blocks at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/site-inventory-analysis/analysis-of-sites-and-zoning.shtml#zoning">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/site-inventory-analysis/analysis-of-sites-and-zoning.shtml#zoning</a>.

Small Sites: The site inventory identifies small sites to accommodate the City's lower-income RHNA. Sites smaller than a half-acre in size are deemed inadequate to accommodate housing for lower-income households unless it is demonstrated, with sufficient evidence, that sites are suitable to accommodate housing for lower-income households. The element should provide specific examples with the densities, affordability and, if applicable, circumstances leading to consolidation, such as common ownership. The element should relate these examples to the sites identified to accommodate the RHNA for lower-income households to demonstrate that these sites can adequately accommodate the City's lower-income housing need. Based on a complete analysis, the City should consider adding or revising programs to include incentives for facilitating development on small sites.

<u>Suitability of Nonvacant Sites and Candidate Sites for Rezoning</u>: The element identifies a large portion of its RHNA at all income levels on nonvacant sites including sites that will be rezoned to address the 6th cycle shortfall (page 1-66). The analysis mentioned a list of factors that were considered to determine development potential including age of structures and degree of underutilization. However, the element must include a complete analysis demonstrating the potential for redevelopment of nonvacant sites including the extent to which existing uses may constitute an impediment to additional residential development. The element could include the City's past experience with converting existing uses to higher density residential development, the current market demand for the existing use, an analysis of any existing leases or other contracts that would perpetuate the existing use or prevent redevelopment of the site for additional residential development, development trends, market conditions, and regulatory or other incentives or standards to encourage additional residential development on these sites.

In addition, the element should clearly identify the degree of reliance on nonvacant sites to accommodate the housing need for lower-income households. Please be aware that relying on nonvacant sites to accommodate 50 percent or more of the housing needs for lower-income households triggers requirements to make findings based on substantial evidence that the existing use is not an impediment and will likely discontinue in the planning period.

<u>Specific Plans</u>: The housing element relies upon specific plan areas, including the Golden State Specific Plan (GSSP) to accommodate 6,153 units of the City's RHNA including for lower-income households (pages 1-46 and 1-66). While the housing element indicates the GSSP's residential capacity and estimates the number of units

by income group, the element should also describe factors that that will lead to residential development of these specific plan areas. For example the element should describe required development standards, whether 100-percent residential development is allowed, necessary approvals or steps for entitlements for new development (e.g., design review, site plan review, etc.), and development agreements, and conditions or requirements such as phasing or timing requirements, that impact development in the planning period.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs): The element assumes an ADU buildout of 200 ADUs per year for a potential buildout of 1,600 units within the planning period. Given that the City has permitted 54 ADUs in 2018, 110 in 2019, 97 in 2020, and 179 in the first 6 months of 2021 (for an average of 98 units per year), it is not clear if a production level of 200 ADUs per year will be achievable over the planning period. As a result, the element should be updated to include a realistic estimate of potential ADU production. Depending on the analysis, the element must commit to monitor ADU production throughout the course of the planning period and implement additional actions if not meeting target numbers anticipated in the housing element. In addition to monitoring production, this program should also monitor affordability. Additional actions, if necessary, should be taken in a timely manner (e.g., within 6 months). Finally, if necessary, the degree of additional actions should be in stride with the degree of the gap in production and affordability. For example, if actual production and affordability of ADUs is far from anticipated trends, then rezoning or something similar would be an appropriate action. If actual production and affordability is near anticipated trends, then measures like outreach and marketing might be more appropriate.

Infrastructure: While the element identifies sufficient existing or planned water and sewer, it does not include availability and access to dry utilities. The element must add availability and access to dry utilities to accommodate the City's regional housing needs for the planning period. (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (b).) For additional information, see the Building Blocks at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/site-inventory-analysis/analysis-of-sites-and-zoning.shtml#environmental">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/site-inventory-analysis/analysis-of-sites-and-zoning.shtml#environmental</a>.

5. An analysis of potential and actual governmental constraints upon the maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for all income levels, including the types of housing identified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c), and for persons with disabilities as identified in the analysis pursuant to paragraph (7), including land use controls, building codes and their enforcement, site improvements, fees and other exactions required of developers, and local processing and permit procedures. The analysis shall also demonstrate local efforts to remove governmental constraints that hinder the locality from meeting its share of the regional housing need in accordance with Government Code section 65584 and from meeting the need for housing for persons with disabilities, supportive housing, transitional housing, and emergency shelters identified pursuant to paragraph (7). Transitional housing and supportive housing shall be considered a residential use of property and shall be subject only to those restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(5).)

Local Ordinances: The City's Growth Management Ordinance includes information on its purpose and analysis on constraints (page 1-49). However, the analysis should include the current number of units vs. units built out considering the RHNA. Furthermore, the element notes "the maximum allowed number of residential units beyond the approved maximum build out in the 1988 Land Use Element without voter approval" and that City Council extended Measure 1 to January 1, 2030. The Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (SB 330, 2019) was signed by Governor Newsom on October 9, 2019 and became effective on January 1, 2020. The Housing Crisis Act (Gov. Code, § 66300) generally prohibits a locality from enacting a development policy, standard or condition that reduces intensity, imposes moratoriums, enforces subjective design standards, or implements any provision that limits approvals or caps population. These provisions remain in effect until January 1, 2025. Specifically, Government Code section 66300, subdivision (b)(1)(D), with limited exception not applicable here, does not allow affected jurisdictions to adopt new or enforce existing limits on the number of land-use approvals or permits. The City should evaluate consistency with these requirements and if necessary, immediately void or suspend the annual growth cap.

<u>Fees and Exaction</u>: The element must describe all required fees for single family and multifamily housing development, including impact, water, sewer hookup fees, school, and other regional fees, and then, the element must analyze their impacts as potential constraints on housing supply and affordability. For example, the analysis could identify the total amount of fees and their proportion to the development costs for both single family and multifamily housing. For additional information and a sample analysis and tables, see the Building Blocks at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/constraints/fees-and-exactions.shtml">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/constraints/fees-and-exactions.shtml</a>.

<u>Local Processing and Permit Procedures</u>: The element states that a community meeting is required for multifamily projects (page 1-58). The element should describe and analyze how this meeting relates to the approval of the project, if the community meeting is required for both discretionary and non-discretionary projects, and any impacts to the project in terms of cost and approval certainty. In addition, the element should describe the City's SB 35 (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) streamline ministerial approval process and application.

Zoning, Development Standards and Fees: The element must clarify its compliance with new transparency requirements for posting all zoning, development standards and fees for each parcel on the jurisdiction's website.

Low Barrier Navigation Centers and Permanent Supportive Housing: Low barrier navigation centers and permanent supportive housing shall be a use by-right in zones where multifamily and mixed uses are permitted, including nonresidential zones permitting multifamily uses pursuant to Government Code sections 65651 and 65662. The element must demonstrate compliance with this requirement and include programs as appropriate.

Constraints on Housing for Persons with Disabilities: The element states the City utilizes an adopted reasonable accommodation (RA) policy (page 1-54). The analysis must include a list of the required approval findings for RA requests. Additionally, the

element states that community care facilitates serving seven or more persons is subject to a conditional use permit (page 1-50). The element should evaluate approval requirements for impacts on objectivity and approval certainty. For example, excluding this housing from residential zones, excluding community care facilitates from the definition of family (page 1-55), or imposing standards such as compatibility with surrounding uses without clarity would be considered a constraint. The element must include programs as appropriate to address identified constraints based on the outcomes of this analysis.

6. Analyze existing assisted housing developments that are eligible to change to non-low-income housing uses during the next 10 years due to termination of subsidy contracts, mortgage prepayment, or expiration of use restrictions. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(9) through 65583(a)(9)(D).)

The element states Media Village/Silverwinds has affordability in perpetuity (Page 1-37, Table 25); however, according to our resources at Community Housing Partnership (CHP), it is set to expire in 2029. The element must update or confirm this information. If units are identified as at-risk within a 10-year period, the analysis of at-risk units must include the following (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(9).):

- Earliest date of change from low-income use; and
- Estimated total cost for producing, replacing, and preserving the units at risk.
- Identification of public and private non-profit corporations known to the City/County to have the legal and managerial capacity to acquire and manage at-risk units.
- Identification and consideration of use of federal, state, local financing and subsidy programs.
- Specific and proactive program actions to preserve the at-risk units.

### C. Housing Programs

1. Identify actions that will be taken to make sites available during the planning period with appropriate zoning and development standards and with services and facilities to accommodate that portion of the city's or county's share of the regional housing need for each income level that could not be accommodated on sites identified in the inventory completed pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) without rezoning, and to comply with the requirements of Government Code section 65584.09. Sites shall be identified as needed to facilitate and encourage the development of a variety of types of housing for all income levels, including multifamily rental housing, factory-built housing, mobilehomes, housing for agricultural employees, supportive housing, single-room occupancy units, emergency shelters, and transitional housing. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(1).)

As noted in the Finding B4, the element does not include a complete sites inventory or analysis; as a result, the adequacy of sites and zoning has not been established. Based on the results of a complete sites inventory and analysis, programs may need to be added, or revised, to address a shortfall of sites and zoning for a variety of housing types.

<u>Sites Identified in Multiple Planning Periods</u>: The element must include a program for vacant sites identified in two of more consecutive planning periods' housing elements, or nonvacant sites identified in a prior housing element, that are currently identified to accommodate housing for lower-income households. The program must be implemented within the first three years of the planning period and commit to zone for the following:

- Sites must meet the density requirements for housing for lower-income households.
- Site must allow by-right approval for housing developments that include 20 percent or more of its units affordable to lower-income households (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (c).).

Nonvacant Sites Reliance to Accommodate RHNA: As the element relies upon nonvacant sites to accommodate the regional housing need for lower-income households, it should include a program(s) to promote residential development of those sites. The program could commit to provide financial assistance, regulatory concessions, or incentives to encourage and facilitate new, or more intense, residential development on the sites. Examples of incentives include identifying and targeting specific financial resources and reducing appropriate development standards. For additional information, see the *Building Blocks* at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/program-requirements/identify-adequate-sites.shtml">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/program-requirements/identify-adequate-sites.shtml</a>.

Lot Consolidation/Small Sites: As the element relies on consolidated small sites to accommodate the RHNA for lower-income households, it should include a program(s) to facilitate lot consolidation and development of housing on small sites. For example, the program could commit to (1) granting density bonuses above state density bonus law (Gov. Code, § 65915.); (2) deferring fees specifically for consolidation; (3) expediting permit processing; (4) identifying and targeting specific financial resources; and, (5) modifying development standards. For additional information, see the *Building Blocks*' at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/program-requirements/address-remove-mitigate-constraints.shtml">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/program-requirements/address-remove-mitigate-constraints.shtml</a>.

2. The housing element shall contain programs which assist in the development of adequate housing to meet the needs of extremely low-, very low-, low- and moderate-income households. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(2).)

While the element includes programs to assist in the development of very low-, low-, and moderate-income households, it must also include a program(s) to assist in the development of housing affordable extremely low-income (ELI) households. The City should also review and incorporate public comments as appropriate. Programs must be revised or added to the element to assist in the development of housing for ELI households. Program actions could include prioritizing some funding for housing developments affordable to ELI households and offering financial incentives or regulatory concessions to encourage the development of housing types, such as multifamily, single-room occupancy (SRO) units, to address the identified housing needs for ELI households. The element states there is need

for rentals for large households (page 1-19). The element should add a program to address this identified need. For additional information, see the Building Blocks at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/housing-needs/extremely-low-income-housing-needs.shtml">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/housing-needs/extremely-low-income-housing-needs.shtml</a>.

3. Address and, where appropriate and legally possible, remove governmental and nongovernmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing, including housing for all income levels and housing for persons with disabilities. The program shall remove constraints to, and provide reasonable accommodations for housing designed for, intended for occupancy by, or with supportive services for, persons with disabilities. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(3).)

As noted in Finding B5 the element requires a complete analysis of potential governmental constraints. Depending upon the results of that analysis, the City may need to revise or add programs and address and remove or mitigate any identified constraints.

4. Promote AFFH opportunities and promote housing throughout the community or communities for all persons regardless of race, religion, sex, marital status, ancestry, national origin, color, familial status, or disability, and other characteristics protected by the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 12900) of Division 3 of Title 2), Section 65008, and any other state and federal fair housing and planning law. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(5).)

As noted in Finding B1, the element must include a complete analysis of AFFH. Based on the outcomes of that analysis, the element must add or modify programs. Furthermore, the element must include metrics and milestones for evaluating progress on programs, actions, and fair housing results. For example, Program 3: Preserve and Protect Existing Tenants and Housing, states that implementation will address tenant protection. However, the program should be expanded to describe why and how this program will address inequities through listing specific deliverables, objectives, and metrics. All programs need to be reviewed to incorporate meaningful actions.

## D. <u>Public Participation</u>

Local governments shall make a diligent effort to achieve public participation of all economic segments of the community in the development of the housing element, and the element shall describe this effort. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd.(c)(8).)

While the element includes a general summary of the public participation process (page 1-5 and Appendix F), it must also describe how public comments were considered and incorporated into the element.

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Dear Patrick Prescott:

#### RE: City of Burbank's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Burbank's (City) draft housing element received for review on December 3, 2021. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (b), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review. Our review was facilitated by a conversation on January 28, 2022, with Federico Ramirez, Assistant Community Development Director; Scott Plambaeck, Deputy City Planner; Shipra Rajesh, Associate Planner and the City's consultants Karen Warner and Josh Oshimo. In addition, HCD considered comments from Abundant Housing LA pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (c).

The draft element addresses many statutory requirements; however, revisions will be necessary to comply with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code). The enclosed Appendix describes revisions needed to comply with State Housing Element Law.

As a reminder, the City's 6th cycle housing element was due October 15, 2021. As of today, the City has not completed the housing element process for the 6th cycle. The City's 5th cycle housing element no longer satisfies statutory requirements. HCD encourages the City to revise the element as described above, adopt, and submit to HCD to regain housing element compliance.

Public participation in the development, adoption and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. Throughout the housing element process, the City should continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available and considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

For your information, pursuant to Assembly Bill 1398 (Chapter 358, Statutes of 2021), if a local government fails to adopt a compliant housing element within 120 days of the statutory deadline (October 15, 2021), then any rezoning to accommodate the regional housing needs allocation (RHNA), including for lower-income households, shall be completed no later than one year from the statutory deadline. Otherwise, the local government's housing element will no longer comply with State Housing Element Law, and HCD may revoke its finding of substantial compliance pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (i).

Pursuant to Government Code section 65583.3, subdivision (b), the City must utilize standards, forms, and definitions adopted by HCD when preparing the sites inventory. Please see HCD's housing element webpage at <a href="https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/index.shtml#element">https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/index.shtml#element</a> for a copy of the form and instructions. The City can reach out to HCD at <a href="mailto:sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov">sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov</a> for technical assistance. Please note, upon adoption of the housing element, the City must submit an electronic version of the sites inventory with its adopted housing element to <a href="mailto:sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov">sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov</a>

Several federal, state, and regional funding programs consider housing element compliance as an eligibility or ranking criteria. For example, the CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grant; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities programs; and HCD's Permanent Local Housing Allocation consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65400. With a compliant housing element, the City meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the City to consider timing provisions and welcomes the opportunity to provide assistance. For information, please see the Technical Advisories issued by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research at: <a href="http://opr.ca.gov/docs/OPR Appendix C final.pdf">http://opr.ca.gov/docs/OPR Appendix C final.pdf</a> and <a href="http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final 6.26.15.pdf">http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final 6.26.15.pdf</a>.

HCD appreciates the cooperation and dedication the City planning staff, and Karen Warner provided during the course of our review. We are committed to assist the City in addressing all statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Divya Sen, of our staff, at <a href="mailto:Divya.Sen@hcd.ca.gov">Divya.Sen@hcd.ca.gov</a>.

Sincerely,

Paul McDougall Senior Program Manager

**Enclosure** 

## APPENDIX CITY OF BURBANK

The following changes are necessary to bring the City's housing element into compliance with Article 10.6 of the Government Code. Accompanying each recommended change, we cite the supporting section of the Government Code.

Housing element technical assistance information is available on HCD's website at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos.shtml">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos.shtml</a>. Among other resources, the housing element section contains HCD's latest technical assistance tool, *Building Blocks for Effective Housing Elements (Building Blocks)*, available at <a href="http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/index.shtml">http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/building-blocks/index.shtml</a> and includes the Government Code addressing State Housing Element Law and other resources.

#### A. Housing Needs, Resources, and Constraints

1. Affirmatively further[ing] fair housing in accordance with Chapter 15 (commencing with Section 8899.50) of Division 1 of Title 2...shall include an assessment of fair housing in the jurisdiction (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(10)(A))

<u>Disparities in Access to Opportunity</u>: The element includes limited local and regional data and analysis on access to opportunity of education, economic, transportation (pp. B-27 to B-34). However, a complete analysis should include an analysis of disparities in relation to education, economic opportunity, transportation at the regional level and analyze the data for trends and patterns.

<u>Disproportionate Housing Needs</u>: The element includes some local and regional data on cost-burdened households, overcrowding, homelessness and substandard housing, but does not include data on trends or patterns for regional analysis on homelessness. The element should include a complete regional data for homelessness and analyze the data and include an evaluation of impacts on protected characteristics, local patterns and access to opportunity such as services and programs.

Identified Sites and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH): While the element addresses most of the analysis on housing development at income-levels and evaluates the sites relative to socio-economic patterns (pp. B-46 to B-50), it must also include analysis for integration & segregation patterns and trends related to people with protected characteristics and lower incomes. Based on the final analysis, the site inventory analysis should be updated to address how the sites are identified to improve conditions (or if sites exacerbate conditions, how a program can mitigate the impact), whether the sites are isolated by income group. This analysis should be supported by local data and knowledge and other relevant factors. In addition, The element states that over one half of the lower-income units are on sites susceptible to displacement risk, the City should identify what measures will be utilized to provide protection from displacement pressures (p. B-49).

Goals, Priorities, Metrics, and Milestones: The element added contributing factors, priority level, and actions with limited metrics and milestones (pp. B-53 to B-57). Actions have milestones but must also have clear metrics to address progress and viability of prioritized actions and go beyond the status quo to address housing mobility enhancement, new housing choices, place-based strategies for community preservation and revitalization, and displacement protection. In addition, the element identifies a number or actions in Table B-10 that are not reflected in the program commitments (pp. 1-108). Housing element program actions must be revised for consistency.

2. An inventory of land suitable and available for residential development, including vacant sites and sites having realistic and demonstrated potential for redevelopment during the planning period to meet the locality's housing need for a designated income level, and an analysis of the relationship of zoning and public facilities and services to these sites. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(3).)

The City has a regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) of 8,772 housing units, of which 3,971 are for lower-income households. To address this need, the element relies on pending and entitled residential projects, specific plans, and accessory dwelling units (ADUs). To demonstrate the adequacy of these sites and strategies to accommodate the City's RHNA, the element must include complete analyses:

Realistic Capacity: While the element provides that "both specific plans selected sites within the respective planning areas exclusively nonresidential; however, for the Site Inventory, only sites with potential residential uses were included numerous" (pp. 1-85), this statement is insufficient to analyze the likelihood that the identified units will be developed as noted in the inventory in zones that allow nonresidential uses (e.g., mixed-use). To address this finding, the element could provide total potential of buildout of both specific plans and compare it to the capacity of selected sites and development trends supporting residential development.

<u>Small Sites</u>: The revised element includes a program to encourage lot consolidation for the small parcels identified in the inventory, but still does not analyze the City's capacity for aggregating small parcels. The analysis could describe the City's role or track record in facilitating small-lot consolidation, policies or incentives offered or proposed to encourage and facilitate lot consolidation, conditions rendering parcels suitable and ready for redevelopment, recent trends of lot consolidation, and/or information on the owners of each aggregated site. To assist in this analysis, the element could relate the conditions that led to the consolidation of projects listed on Table 1-42 to the identified sites.

<u>Large Sites</u>: Sites larger than 10 acres in size are deemed inadequate to accommodate housing for lower-income housing unless it is demonstrated that sites of equivalent size were successfully developed during the prior planning period for an equivalent number of lower-income housing units as projected for the site or unless the housing element describes other evidence to HCD that the site is adequate to accommodate lower income

housing. (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (c)(2)(A).) While the element includes some supporting analysis on TOD 4-Old IKEA and TOD 6-Burbank Town Center large sites, it should expand on how the example project provided are related to large sites by size, affordability, or other factors.

<u>Suitability of Nonvacant Sites</u>: While the element has some analysis that existing use is not an impediment on nonvacant sites to accommodate 50 percent or more of the housing needs for lower-income households (pp. 1-78 to 1-83, Appendix D), it must also include analysis on how the existing uses will likely discontinue in the planning period. The analysis could provide information on existing leases, provide relevant information from the Downtown TOD Specific Plan market study, connect market trends or past examples relating to identified sites to show the likelihood of discontinuation, and include specific programs to facilitate development on lower-income sites.

Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU): The City is counting an average of 200 ADUs per year for a total of 1,600 ADUs to accommodate its RHNA. HCD's records indicate that the City has permitted 54 ADUs in 2018, 110 in 2019, 97 in 2020. The City provided additional documentation stating that it has permitted 243 ADUs from January through September 2021. When considering ADU permits issued since September 2021, the City averages 134 ADUs a year. As a result, the element should be revised to reduce the number of ADUs to accommodate the City's RHNA. In addition, while the element added Program 6b (Track and Monitor Accessory Dwelling Units), it should be revised to commit to monitor ADU production and affordability on more frequently than mid-cycle.

3. An analysis of potential and actual governmental constraints upon the maintenance, improvement, or development of housing for all income levels, including the types of housing identified in paragraph (1) of subdivision (c), and for persons with disabilities as identified in the analysis pursuant to paragraph (7), including land use controls, building codes and their enforcement, site improvements, fees and other exactions required of developers, and local processing and permit procedures. The analysis shall also demonstrate local efforts to remove governmental constraints that hinder the locality from meeting its share of the regional housing need in accordance with Government Code section 65584 and from meeting the need for housing for persons with disabilities, supportive housing, transitional housing, and emergency shelters identified pursuant to paragraph (7). Transitional housing and supportive housing shall be considered a residential use of property, and shall be subject only to those restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (a)(5).)

<u>Local Processing and Permit Procedures</u>: While the element includes the purpose of the community meeting for multifamily (pp. 1-63), it should also provide detail information on the appeal process and analyze it for constraints. For example, the element could indicate if there are any requirements or parameters for requests for appeals.

Constraints on Housing for Persons with Disabilities: While the element includes reasonable accommodate process (pp. 1-58 to 1-59), it must include the findings for approval. The element should also analyze the finding that "for an accommodation to be denied, the requested accommodation must cause undue hardship or cause operational problems" for consistence with fair housing requirements. For example, HUD/DOJ guidance states, "For an accommodation to be denied, the requested accommodation must cause an undue financial and administrative burden or it would fundamentally alter the nature of the provider's operations."

#### **B.** Housing Programs

1. Identify actions that will be taken to make sites available during the planning period with appropriate zoning and development standards and with services and facilities to accommodate that portion of the city's or county's share of the regional housing need for each income level that could not be accommodated on sites identified in the inventory completed pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) without rezoning, and to comply with the requirements of Government Code section 65584.09. Sites shall be identified as needed to facilitate and encourage the development of a variety of types of housing for all income levels, including multifamily rental housing, factory-built housing, mobilehomes, housing for agricultural employees, supportive housing, single-room occupancy units, emergency shelters, and transitional housing.

(Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(1).)

As noted in Finding A2, the element does not include a complete site analysis, therefore, the adequacy of sites and zoning were not established. Based on the results of a complete sites inventory and analysis, the City may need to add or revise programs to address a

shortfall of sites or zoning available to encourage a variety of housing types. In addition,

the element should be revised as follows:

<u>Sites Identified in Multiple Planning Periods</u>: In conversations with the City, the two sites identified from the previous planning period is pending entitlement. Please be aware, should these entitlements not be completed, the City must allow by-right approval for housing developments that include 20 percent or more of its units affordable to lower-income households. (Gov. Code, § 65583.2, subd. (c).) The element should commit to monitor the pending entitlement of these projects and allow for by-right approval on those sites if projects are not approved as indicated.

Nonvacant Sites Reliance to Accommodate RHNA: As the element relies upon nonvacant sites to accommodate the regional housing need for lower-income households, it should include a program(s) to promote residential development of those sites. The program could commit to provide financial assistance, regulatory concessions, or incentives to encourage and facilitate new, or more intense, residential development on the sites. Examples of incentives include identifying and targeting specific financial resources and reducing appropriate development standards or proactively advertise and seek

- development opportunities on city-owned sites through requests for proposals or other mechanisms.
- 2. The Housing Element shall contain programs which assist in the development of adequate housing to meet the needs of extremely low-, very low-, low- and moderate-income households. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(2).)
  - While the element includes Program 10 (Inclusionary Housing Ordinance) to support rentals for large households, it should specifically address how the City is assisting large families through that ordinance. For example, the element could describe what incentives are being provided for the provision of large family units.
- 3. Address and, where appropriate and legally possible, remove governmental and nongovernmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing, including housing for all income levels and housing for persons with disabilities. The program shall remove constraints to, and provide reasonable accommodations for housing designed for, intended for occupancy by, or with supportive services for, persons with disabilities. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(3).)
  - As noted in Finding A3, the element requires a complete analysis of potential governmental constraints. Depending upon the results of that analysis, the City may need to revise or add programs and address and remove or mitigate any identified constraints.
- 4. Promote and affirmatively further fair housing opportunities and promote housing throughout the community or communities for all persons regardless of race, religion, sex, marital status, ancestry, national origin, color, familial status, or disability, and other characteristics protected by the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (Part 2.8 (commencing with Section 12900) of Division 3 of Title 2), Section 65008, and any other state and federal fair housing and planning law. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(5).)

As noted in Finding A1, the element must include a complete analysis of affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH). Based on the outcomes of that analysis, the element must add or modify programs.

### C. <u>Public Participation</u>

Local governments shall make a diligent effort to achieve public participation of all economic segments of the community in the development of the housing element, and the element shall describe this effort. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd.(c)(9).)

Moving forward and up to adoption, the City should continue to employ additional methods for public outreach efforts, particularly including lower-income and special needs households and neighborhoods with higher concentrations of lower-income and special needs households.

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June 3, 2022

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**Dear Patrick Prescott:** 

# RE: City of Burbank's 6th Cycle (2021-2028) Revised Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Burbank's (City) revised draft housing element update received for review on April 4, 2022 with revisions received on May 27, 2022. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (b), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review. In addition, HCD considered comments from Abundant Housing LA pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (c).

The revised draft housing element addresses most statutory requirements described in HCD's February 16, 2022 review; however, additional revision is necessary to fully comply with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code), as follows:

Affirmatively further[ing] fair housing (AFFH) in accordance with Chapter 15 (commencing with Section 8899.50) of Division 1 of Title 2...shall include an assessment of fair housing in the jurisdiction. (Gov. Code, § 65583, subd. (c)(10)(A).)

Goals and actions must significantly seek to overcome contributing factors to fair housing issues and include related metrics and milestones. Specifically programs should be modified to provide geographic targeting to address patterns and trends and increase housing mobility and choices in higher resourced areas of the City. In addition, some programs still require specific metrics to target meaningful fair housing results. Actions on Table B-11 that could be modified include:

Downtown TOD Specific Plan (Page B-67): Provide a goal or metric for the number of accessible units the City anticipates will be achieved.

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Production (Page B-67) and (Page B-74): Provide a goal or metric for the number of ADU units the City anticipates will be achieved. The

City could also provide geographic targeting for this program to increase production in existing higher resourced single family neighborhoods.

Rental Assistance Voucher Program (Page B-69): This action could include geographic targeting to ensure the provision of vouchers through out the City, especially in higher resourced neighborhoods.

Inclusionary Housing Ordinance (Page B-69): Provide a goal or metric for the number of units the City anticipates will be achieved. This metric could also include a geographic target for higher resourced areas.

Anti-displacement Programs ({age B-71): Provide specific metrics.

Healthy Homes (Page B-75): This program could include specific geographic targeting to improve conditions in vulnerable neighborhoods.

The element will meet the statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law once it has been revised and re-adopted to comply with the above requirements.

For your information, pursuant to Assembly Bill 1398 (Chapter 358, Statutes of 2021), as the City failed to adopt a compliant housing element within 120 days of the statutory deadline (October 15, 2021), Program 8 (Housing Opportunity Sites & Rezone Program) must be completed no later than one year from the statutory deadline. Otherwise, the local government's housing element will no longer comply with State Housing Element Law, and HCD may revoke its finding of substantial compliance pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (i).

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HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication Karen Warner, the City's consultant provided in preparation of the City's housing element and looks forward to receiving the City's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Divya Sen, of our staff, at Divya.Ram@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Senior Program Manager





May 24, 2021

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### Dear Councilmembers:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the process of updating the housing element of Burbank's general plan. We are writing on behalf of **Abundant Housing LA** and **YIMBY Law** regarding Burbank's 6th Cycle housing element update. **Abundant Housing LA** is a pro-housing, nonprofit advocacy organization working to help solve Southern California's housing crisis, and **YIMBY Law**'s mission is to make housing in California more accessible and affordable through enforcement of state housing law. We support more housing at all levels of affordability and reforms to land use and zoning codes, which are needed in order to make housing more affordable, improve access to jobs and transit, promote greater environmental sustainability, and advance racial and economic equity.

In October 2020, AHLA shared a letter with the City of Burbank, providing guidance on how the City should fulfill both the letter and the spirit of housing element law. We have reviewed the City's draft Housing Element, and have major concerns about the City of Burbank's willingness and ability to meet its state-mandated RHNA targets. The staff report and draft site inventory are inconsistent with HCD's instructions and the requirement that housing element updates affirmatively further fair housing under Assembly Bill 686.

### The following issues are of particular concern to us:

1. Planning's process for selecting sites and assessing their capacity does not accurately estimate parcels' likelihood of development or net new units if redeveloped. Therefore, Planning has not identified enough sites where 8,750 homes will realistically be developed by 2029.

An accurate assessment of the site inventory's housing capacity is necessary in order for the housing element to achieve sufficient housing production. The site capacity estimate should account for the following **two factors**:

- What is the likelihood that the site will be developed during the planning period?
- If the site were to be developed during the planning period, how many net new units of housing are likely to be built on it?

These are the **likelihood of development**<sup>1</sup> and **net new units if developed**<sup>2</sup> factors, as required by HCD guidelines. The portion of the jurisdiction's RHNA target that a site will realistically accommodate during the planning period is:

### (likelihood of development) x (net new units if developed) = realistic capacity.

Planning's analysis identifies 12 sites in Burbank's Downtown and 7 sites in the Golden State Specific Plan, totaling 95.7 acres and containing theoretical zoned capacity for about 6,100 housing units. However, Planning does not estimate the likelihood of development for these parcels. Instead, Planning only provides a cursory discussion of why these sites may be good candidates for redevelopment, without providing quantitative evidence or analysis. Although Planning claims "property owner and/or developer interest in acquiring and assembling underdeveloped parcels into larger development sites", Planning did not share any letters from property owners indicating their interest in selling or redeveloping these sites.

Per HCD guidelines, if a jurisdiction assigns more than 50% of its lower-income RHNA to nonvacant sites (as Burbank does), the jurisdiction must make findings supported by "substantial evidence" that the sites' existing uses are "likely to be discontinued during the planning period." Planning did not follow this instruction, which is a requirement under Assembly Bill 1397.

We disagree with Planning's contention that all 19 sites will all be redeveloped by 2029. For example, the Site Assessment assumes that all four acres of Golden State Specific Plan block No. 1 (Lima/Avon) will be built out at the density of Downtown Burbank (84 units per acre), producing 334 homes.<sup>5</sup> However, this block is entirely occupied by a variety of light industrial businesses, including the popular Lincoln Beer Company. Planning provided no evidence that the site is nonviable as industrial land, or that the various property owners intend to sell.<sup>6</sup>

### Similarly:

- The owners of TOD 6 (Burbank Town Center) spent \$60 million to renovate the property in 2018.<sup>7</sup> It seems unlikely that the property will be redeveloped with *any* housing, much less the anticipated 1,020 new homes.
- TOD 7, the Civic Center parking lots, are owned by the City of Burbank. The City showed no interest in developing any city-owned land during the previous RHNA cycle, and provided no evidence that this stance will change during the 6th cycle.
- TOD 8 is fully occupied by a variety of small businesses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> HCD Site Inventory Guidebook, pg. 20

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> HCD Site Inventory Guidebook, pg. 21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Burbank Draft Housing Element, pg. 1-71

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Gov't Code 65583.2(g)(2), also HCD Site Inventory Guidebook, pg. 26-28. "when a city or county is relying on nonvacant sites described in paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) to accommodate 50 percent or more of its housing need for lower income households, the methodology used to determine additional development potential shall demonstrate that the existing use identified pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) does not constitute an impediment to additional residential development during the period covered by the housing element. An existing use shall be presumed to impede additional residential development, absent findings based on substantial evidence that the use is likely to be discontinued during the planning period."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Draft Housing Element, pg. D-26

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> https://www.lincolnbeercompany.com/

https://www.burbanktowncenter.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/130/2018/10/BurbankRenovationsCostPlus FINAL-1.pdf

 GSSP 5 is the parking lot for a busy office complex which hosts Insomniac Games, a video game studio.

Housing production data from the 5th cycle further casts doubt on Planning's implicit assumption that all 19 sites will be redeveloped by 2029. At the outset of the 5th cycle, Burbank claimed a theoretical capacity of roughly 5,573 more housing units. Through 2019, Burbank permitted 501 housing units, which equates to 668 housing units permitted by the end of the 5th cycle (assuming that the same annual permitting pace continues through 2021). This implies that in Burbank, excess zoned capacity has a **12% likelihood of being developed** (668 actual units divided by 5,573 theoretical units).<sup>8</sup>

The City must *fairly* estimate the likelihood of development for all parcels on the suitable sites inventory. The City of Sacramento's <u>draft site inventory</u> provided a high-quality, numerical analysis of the likelihood of their sites' development through a "tiered classification system to classify the non-vacant underutilized sites". Sacramento's good approach offers a model for Burbank to build on.

### Recommendations:

- 1.1 Provide a quantitative estimate of parcels' development probabilities, and incorporate this factor into the estimate of sites' realistic capacity.
- 1.2 Report the proportion of sites in the previous housing element's inventory that were developed during the planning period.
- 1.3 Share letters from owners of the site inventory parcels, indicating their interest in selling or redeveloping these properties during the 6th Cycle.
- 1.4 Remove parcels from the site inventory where redevelopment is unlikely to occur during the 6th Cycle.
- 1.5 Commit to a mid-cycle review to verify Planning's assumptions about development probabilities. If it turns out that sites within a tier, or category, were developed at a lower-than-expected rate during the first half of the cycle, then the city should rezone for additional capacity or make other appropriate adjustments for the second half of the planning period.
- 1.6 If the City lacks enough suitable sites to achieve the RHNA target, rezone additional parcels where redevelopment is likely.
- 2. Planning assumes that 2,180 housing units that were approved or pending approval during the 5th Cycle will be built during the 6th Cycle, without accounting for the near-certainty that some projects will never be built.

The City counts 1,245 units in projects pending entitlement and 935 units in approved projects towards Burbank's 6th cycle RHNA target, and assumes that all 2,180 units will ultimately be

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> <u>Burbank 5th Cycle Housing Element, pgs. 20, 48</u>. Burbank's housing element claims a citywide capacity of 50,219 housing units under current zoning (pg. 48). Burbank had 44,646 units in 2010 (pg. 20). This suggests a citywide claimed capacity of 5,573 units.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Public Review Draft, City of Sacramento Housing Element 2021-2029, p. H-2-15

built. This is a faulty assumption: not every pending project gets approved, and not every approved project gets built. Although some of the projects listed here are currently under construction, like the First Street Village, most are not, and many may never be.

While the City may count permitted or entitled units towards its 6th Cycle RHNA goals, it must **realistically** estimate how many of these units will ultimately be built during the 6th Cycle, based on recent historical data. The <u>City of Los Angeles' Initial Study</u> counted active planning entitlements, approved planning entitlements with no building permit, and permitted projects that have not yet been completed towards its 6th Cycle RHNA goals, but discounted each category based on the share of proposed units expected to be built, using the City's historical data.

**Planning must incorporate a similar estimate into its Inventory Analysis.** Using data from recent projects, the City of Los Angeles estimated that 37% of projects with pending entitlements, 45% of projects with approved entitlements, and 79% of permitted projects, are ultimately completed.<sup>10</sup> Burbank, with more restrictive permitting and less than half the housing growth rate of Los Angeles, should discount the number of pending and approved entitlements counted toward its RHNA target by *at least* the same factors:

1,245 units pending entitlement x 37% chance of completion = 461 units 935 units entitled x 45% chance of completion = 421 units

Thus, the City might reasonably claim 882 units from pending and entitled projects towards the RHNA target. Alternatively, Planning could use local data from recent projects to estimate these percentages. But Planning should certainly not count 2,180 units towards its 6th cycle RHNA goal.

### **Recommendation:**

- 2.1 Provide a quantitative estimate of the likelihood that in-pipeline projects will be completed, based on historical data, and adjust the number of in-pipeline units counted towards the 6th cycle RHNA target accordingly.
- 3. Planning makes overly optimistic forecasts of future ADU production which are unlikely to be achieved even with aggressive policies, without providing evidence to support this claim.

HCD has established two safe harbors for forecasting ADU production during the 6th Cycle<sup>11</sup>. One option ("Option #1") is to project forward the local trend in ADU construction <u>since January 2018</u>. The other, <u>for use when no other data is available</u> ("Option #2"), assumes ADU production at five times the local rate of production prior to 2018.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Initial Study, City of Los Angeles, pg. 21 <sup>11</sup> HCD Site Inventory Guidebook, pg. 31

Burbank issued permits for 54 ADUs in 2018, 110 ADUs in 2019, and 112 ADUs in 2020. Under a correct calculation of HCD's "Option #1", Burbank would take the average of the ADU permitting trend between 2018 and 2020, and forecast that 92 ADUs will be permitted per year during the 6th Cycle. **This would allow for a total 6th cycle forecast of 736 ADUs**.

However, Planning counts 1,600 ADUs, or 200 ADUs per year, towards the City's RHNA target. Planning contends that a small reduction in processing fees, expedited application review, and pre-approved ADU plans will lead to a doubling in the number of ADUs permitted annually going forward.<sup>12</sup> But Planning provides no tangible evidence that these relatively minor incentives will yield this outcome.

The housing element therefore significantly overstates the likely production of ADUs during the 6th cycle, possibly as a tactic to avoid rezoning. Planning must correct its calculation of the ADU safe harbor, and simply apply the average of annual ADU permits issued between 2018 and 2020, per HCD's guidelines.

### **Recommendations:**

- 3.1 Burbank must use HCD's Option 1 safe harbor, and project that 736 ADUs will be permitted during the 6th Cycle. High-quality data is available on the local trend in ADU construction since January 2018, so this is the appropriate safe harbor to use. If the City believes that higher ADU production forecasts are warranted, it must provide well-grounded estimates, based on the pace of ADU production in neighboring jurisdictions, and must explain what programs or policy efforts it will adopt that would lead to higher ADU production than it currently observes.
- 3.2 Follow HCD's recommendation to track ADU and JADU creation and affordability levels, and commit to a review at the planning cycle midpoint to evaluate if production estimates are being achieved." Burbank's housing element should commit to mid-cycle rezoning if ADU production is lower than forecasted, and its midpoint review should be linked with immediate and automatic programs to increase housing production in the second half of the RHNA cycle. Our recommended approach is to incorporate by-right density bonuses on inventory sites, which would automatically take effect mid-cycle if the ADU target is not met. The density bonus should be large enough, and apply to enough parcels, to fully make up for any ADU production shortfall.
- 4. Planning did not propose adequate reforms to address the major constraints on redevelopment that exist in Burbank.

Building housing in Burbank is difficult, expensive, and time-consuming. Development timelines are long, with an average time of 12-16 months for multifamily project approval. Mixed-use projects take even longer, requiring a 3-4 year approval process and a conditional use permit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> Draft Housing Element, pg. 1-74

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> HCD Site Inventory Guidebook, pg. 31

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Draft Housing Element, 1-59

(for which approval can take 12-16 months alone).<sup>15</sup> This process is a major impediment to housing production.

Burbank's housing stock only grew 0.7% between 2015 and 2020<sup>16</sup> (putting it 43rd out of 89 jurisdictions in Los Angeles County), despite extremely strong demand for housing as evidenced by high rents (the median renter household pays \$1,555/month, 37rd-highest in Los Angeles County)<sup>17</sup>. Similarly, the ratio of home price to replacement cost is 2.6, one of the highest in the county.<sup>18</sup> Per Professor Chris Elmendorf of the University of California, Davis and his co-authors of <u>Superintending Local Constraints on Housing Development</u>, the above data suggest that restrictive land use rules are making homebuilding difficult in Burbank, leading to continued shortage and high costs.

Housing element law requires cities to provide an analysis of constraints on housing development, as well as a program to mitigate or remove these constraints. While the Draft Housing Element discusses constraints in detail, including long approval timelines, strict limits on building size, high construction costs, and a lack of local funding for affordable housing production, the report does not commit to a strong enough program to remove policy constraints that deter housing production. Merely recommending "a program to review and update the City's multi-family development standards, including re-evaluation of parking, setbacks, height and other standards to enable compact, well-designed multi-family product types" is inadequate: the City must commit to specific policy changes and rapid implementation.

Other cities in California have successfully implemented process reforms that streamline housing production. The City of Los Angeles' Transit Oriented Communities program approves qualifying projects by-right, leading to an average approval time of 6 months for by-right projects. Santa Monica recently made all new residential and mixed-use development project approvals by-right, and has gotten its approval time down to six months or less for most new development. But the best ordinance to emulate comes from Sacramento, where the Ministerial Housing Ordinance provides for ministerial approval of 2-150 unit mixed-use and multifamily projects within 60 days, and 151-200 unit mixed-use projects in 90 days.<sup>20</sup> This would dramatically streamline the process of building new housing, and reduce the administrative workload on city staff by reducing the number of unnecessary hearings and studies.

We urge Burbank to commit to major constraint removal policies in order to encourage strong housing growth at all levels of income.

# **Recommendations:**

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Draft Housing Element, 1-59

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> California Department of Finance, Report E-5, 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> American Community Survey

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Elmendorf et al., Superintending Local Constraints on Housing Development, 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Draft Housing Element, pg. 1-44

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> https://www.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Major-Projects/Ministerial-Housing

- 4.1 Establish a fast by-right review process for all new multifamily and mixed-use buildings which meet the zoning law and the General Plan. Sacramento's Ministerial Housing Ordinance is an excellent model to follow.
- 4.2 Pre-approve standard ADU, small-scale "missing middle" multifamily and small lot subdivision housing plans, allowing developers to receive a permit quickly if they use a pre-approved design.
- 4.3 Eliminate the conditional use permit requirement for mixed-use projects.
- 4.4 Reduce restrictions on maximum height, floor-area ratio, and lot coverage.
- 5. The housing element does not promote new housing opportunities on parcels where apartments are currently banned, even near the planned NoHo-Pasadena busway. Instead, it concentrates lower-income housing opportunities in areas with significant noise and air pollution exposure. This approach fails to affirmatively further fair housing and reverse existing patterns of residential segregation.

AB 686 (2018) requires housing element updates to "affirmatively further fair housing", which is defined as "taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and fosters inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics." The City must address the issue of residential segregation by accommodating the lower-income RHNA targets in a way that conforms with AFFH requirements.

In April 2021, HCD issued an <u>AFFH Guidance Memo</u>, which establishes a number of important principles for promoting fair housing, including:

- A city's AFFH analysis should reveal "current and historical spatial patterns of subsidized housing within and surrounding the jurisdiction, including emergency shelters, subsidized affordable housing, supportive housing, and usage of housing choice vouchers."<sup>21</sup>
- The distribution of housing-element inventory sites with lower or moderate income capacity must not be skewed toward lower-income neighborhoods. To demonstrate that the site inventory furthers fair housing, the city must calculate the percentage of households at lower, moderate, and above-moderate income levels in each census tract or "block group" in the city, and then do the same for the lower, moderate, and above-moderate-income RHNA units assigned to the tract or block group. The share of lower-income RHNA units assigned to tracts (or block groups) with a higher-than-average share of lower-income households should be less than the current share of lower-income households in those tracts.<sup>22</sup>
- The housing element must benchmark the citywide distribution of household incomes against the distribution in the county or region, and state. The AFFH program of a predominantly high-income city, like Burbank, must break down barriers that keep lower income and minority households from accessing housing in the city.<sup>23</sup>
- "Goals, policies, and actions" to further fair housing must be "aggressively set to overcome ... contributing factors [to fair housing problems, and thus] to meet the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> AFFH Guidance Memo, p. 46

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> AFFH Guidance Memo, p. 47

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> AFFH Guidance Memo, pp. 15, 32-34, 77

'meaningful impact' requirement in statute."<sup>24</sup> The list of actions shall include concrete timeframes for implementation, measurable outcomes, explicit prioritization ("high," "medium," or "low"), and "must be created with the intention to have a significant impact, well beyond a continuation of past actions."<sup>25</sup>

• "The schedule of actions generally must" (1) enhance the mobility of low-income and minority communities, (2) encourage the development of new affordable housing in high-opportunity areas, (3) protect existing residents from displacement, and (4) invest in disadvantaged places.<sup>26</sup>

In our region, housing policy and land use regulations were once used to exclude members of minority groups. Redlining and restrictive covenants, which restricted where Black, Latino, and Asian Americans could live, were once common in Los Angeles County. Discrimination in housing takes other forms today: even after *de jure* segregation was banned, opponents of neighborhood change in prosperous areas <u>weaponized zoning policy</u> to make apartment construction illegal in much of Los Angeles County, especially in high-income areas. Restrictive zoning has perpetuated historic patterns of segregation and exclusion, and continues to push housing opportunities for lower-income households away from high-cost, high-opportunity cities.

To this day, apartments are banned on 80% of the residentially-zoned land in Burbank. The median home sale price in Burbank was \$755,000 in 2018, and 54% of the city's renters are "rent-burdened" (i.e. they spend more than 30% of their income on rent)<sup>27</sup>. This denies historically disadvantaged groups housing opportunities near job centers, quality schools, and other public resources, a situation that persists today.

The City is obligated to promote fair housing opportunities and undo patterns of segregation. Burbank should follow HCD's recommendation that cities distribute lower-income housing opportunities throughout the city, and recommends that cities first identify development potential for lower-income housing in high-opportunity neighborhoods.<sup>28</sup> This would mean rezoning more parcels, including residential parcels currently zoned single-family only, to encourage enough housing growth to achieve the RHNA target in full.

However, the City's proposed site inventory does not include enough parcels to make achievement of the RHNA target likely. The city proposes no rezoning on any R1-zoned parcels, even those that are near the forthcoming NoHo-Pasadena Metro Busway. This is a recipe for missing the RHNA target, which means that the housing element is unlikely to advance the goal of socioeconomic integration or greater housing affordability.

Also, by proposing to accommodate 75% of the lower-income RHNA target in the Downtown and Airport districts only, which are locations with significant exposure to noise and air pollution, and by failing to encourage housing growth in other residential neighborhoods, where

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> AFFH Guidance Memo, p. 52

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> AFFH Guidance Memo pp. 52, 71

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> AFFH Guidance Memo, p. 54

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Abundant Housing LA letter to Burbank, October 2020

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> HCD Site Inventory Guidebook, pg. 3

environmental quality is significantly better, the City risks perpetuating the concentration of lower-income households in areas with poor environmental quality.

Burbank should promote additional housing opportunities, including housing for lower-income households, by allowing small apartment buildings and townhouses citywide. It is especially important for Burbank to legalize multifamily housing production near the NoHo-Pasadena Metro Busway. The line will serve most of Burbank's major employers and destinations<sup>29</sup>, with stations planned at Hollywood Way/134 (Warner Bros., Burbank Studios), Alameda/Naomi (Providence-St Joseph, Disney, CBS), Olive/Verdugo, Olive/Lake (Nickelodeon Animation), Olive/San Fernando (Downtown Burbank), and Glenoaks/Alameda.<sup>30</sup>

But outside Downtown, the housing element does not encourage new housing growth near any of these stations, even though many sites near the stations are perfect for redevelopment. Most commercial buildings near the busway stations are squat one- and two-story buildings built after World War II, with large surface parking lots. For example, the block bracketed by Verdugo, Parish, Olive and Reese is 100 yards away from a planned busway station. Currently, it has a few squat commercial buildings and 2.3 acres of surface parking.





Squat commercial buildings with large surface parking lots line the busway corridor.

The other buildings along this corridor also present opportunities for new housing. For example, the Buena Vista Branch Library has an oversized 1.9 acre parking lot, and the Olive Rec Center has a 2.8 acre parking lot. The same is true of residential areas, which frequently contain older tract homes on large lots.

The commercial areas near the busway are mostly zoned C2 (Limited Commercial), while the residential areas are mostly zoned R1 (Single-Family Residential), with high mandatory parking requirements, broad setbacks, and limited density. This means that Burbank's current zoning does not allow current and future residents to fully benefit from the busway.

30 http://media.metro.net/2021/4-1-21-NoHo-Pas-Community-Update-Meeting.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Namely, Warner Bros., Disney, Providence-St Joseph, Deluxe, ABC, and Nickelodeon.



Zoning map overlaid with planned Metro Busway stations.

The City should rezone all residential areas within a 10-minute walk of busway stations for apartments at Downtown densities, and rezone commercially-zoned land for mixed-use development, with loosened parking, setback, open space and height requirements. When rezoning, Burbank should emulate the City of Los Angeles's Transit Oriented Communities program, which offers generous by-right density bonuses to developers who include affordable housing in new developments near mass transit. Transit Oriented Communities has led to the proposal of over 30,000 homes (of which 20% are deed-restricted affordable units) in Los Angeles, built at no cost to the taxpayer.

New housing and businesses near transit are good for everyone. They're good for Burbank residents, particularly those who have been denied fair housing opportunities due to their race or income. They're good for City finances, due to increased property and sales taxes (Redwood City analyzed the impact of new housing construction on its General Fund, and found that each new multifamily unit brought in additional net revenue of \$254 per year). They're good for Burbank merchants, because new residents mean new customers. They're good for Burbank

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> https://meetings.redwoodcity.org/AgendaOnline/Meetings/ViewMeeting?id=2245&doctype=1

schools, which currently face declining enrollment due to the aging population.<sup>32</sup> They're good for the environment, because someone who lives and works in Burbank can walk, bike, or take the bus to work, instead of clogging the 134 freeway. And rezoning is good for current homeowners, because a parcel's value increases if it's legal to build more homes on that parcel.<sup>33</sup>

### **Recommendations:**

- 5.1 Upzone parcels located near transit, job centers, schools, and parks in order to expand the supply of housing in Burbank's highest-opportunity areas, including areas within a 10-minute walk of future busway stations. This should include R1 parcels where single-family detached homes are currently mandated by law.
- 5.2 Ensure that housing opportunities for lower-income households are not concentrated in neighborhoods with high concentrations of low and moderate income households, or in neighborhoods with significant exposure to noise or air pollution.
- 5.3 Enact a citywide small lot subdivision ordinance modeled on the policy in Los Angeles.
- 5.4 Introduce a density bonus program similar to Los Angeles' Transit Oriented Communities program (with 50-80% density bonuses) to permit additional affordable housing to be built near mass transit.
- 5.5 Eliminate on-site minimum parking mandates, which drive up the cost of housing production and reinforce car dependency.
- 5.6 Identify new funding sources and public resources to encourage the production of affordable housing, such as reform of the City's real estate transfer tax and introduction of congestion pricing.
- 5.7 Exempt parcels containing rent-restricted and de facto affordable housing units from rezoning.

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The City of Burbank has a legal obligation to sufficiently plan to meet current and future residents' housing needs, in a way that guarantees access to opportunity for Californians of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. The issues that we've highlighted above suggest that the City is not on a path to fulfilling this legal obligation. We urge you to change course and actively embrace this opportunity to provide a variety of attainable housing options for Burbank's residents and workers.

Finally, state law imposes penalties on jurisdictions that fail to adopt a compliant 6th Cycle housing element update by October 15, 2021. On that date, noncompliant jurisdictions will forfeit the right to deny residential projects on the basis of local zoning, so long as projects include at least a 20% set-aside for below market-rate units or are 100% moderate-rate projects<sup>34</sup>.

<sup>34</sup> California Government Code 65589.5(d)(5)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Draft Housing Element, 1-11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Upzoning Chicago: Impacts of a Zoning Reform on Property Values and Housing Construction

Noncompliant jurisdictions may also lose the ability to issue building permits, potentially including permits for kitchen and bath renovations. Jurisdictions that want to maintain local control over new development should therefore plan to adopt a compliant housing element update on time.

We request the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues to address the concerns raised in this letter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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June 28, 2021

Anthony Dedousis, Director of Policy and Research Abundant Housing LA

Subject: Follow Up Regarding Abundant Housing LA's Comments on Burbank Draft 6th Cycle Housing Element

Dear Mr. Dedousis:

The Community Development Department – Planning Division would like to thank you for reviewing and providing your comments and concerns regarding the City's Draft 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update. To follow up on the meeting we had earlier in June, and as discussed in City staff's presentation to the City Council on May 25, below is a summary of staff's responses to the key comments/concerns that were noted in your letter dated May 24, 2021. We hope that you will continue to engage with us as we await HCD's 60-day review of the City's draft 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element.

**Abundant Housing Comment #1:** Planning's process for selecting sites and assessing their capacity does not accurately estimate parcels' likelihood of development or net new units if redeveloped. Therefore, Planning has not identified enough sites where 8,750 homes will realistically be developed by 2029.

The opportunity sites in the draft housing element were selected based on site-specific factors that are supportive of redevelopment with housing during the 8-year planning period. The sites are also opportunity sites within the two major specific plan update projects (Golden State Specific Plan and the Downtown Burbank Transit Oriented Development TOD Specific Plan) currently underway in the City. Both specific plans are anticipated for consideration by the City Council within calendar year 2022. The approach taken to use opportunity sites from the specific plans as opportunity sites for the Housing Element is intended to establish consistency throughout the City's long range planning documents. The timing of the Housing Element coinciding with the specific plan projects provides a unique opportunity to do so. Additionally, the sites themselves are optimal for facilitating new housing development given their size, status of the existing uses, proximity to the City's job and transit centers (consistent with city, regional and state efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions), and direct communication from various developers and/or property owners indicating interest and intent to pursue housing.

The strategies being developed as part of the specific plans will be significant in increasing the likelihood of development on the housing element sites —and within the specific plan areas generally — by improving the development standards and streamlining project review. The Golden State Specific Plan also involves significant upzoning of residential density including on the opportunity sites. Additionally, the City recently received funds through SCAG's Sustainable Communities Program in addition to funds previously awarded through LEAP to update the existing Media District Specific Plan. This update is anticipated to occur in 2023 and would result in similar code and process improvements as those that will be established with the Golden State and Downtown TOD Specific Plans, and is noted in draft Housing Element Program #5.

In response to Abundant Housing's comments, City staff has added descriptions of the suitability of each opportunity site by summarizing our knowledge of site-specific factors that support housing development beyond having the zoning/General Plan in place to do so. These explanations are being included in the submittal to HCD and are enclosed with this letter for your reference. It is staff's intent to continue to augment the record concerning the viability of the opportunity sites while we await HCD's review of the draft plan. Additionally, Housing Element Program #5 was revised to include a mid-cycle review with respect to development of housing on the opportunity sites. The mid-cycle review will be an opportunity to assess the City's progress and, if necessary, make changes accordingly.

Comment #2: Planning assumes that 2,180 housing units that were approved or pending approval during the 5th Cycle will be built during the 6th Cycle, without accounting for the near-certainty that some projects will never be built.

The inclusion of housing units that are part of projects already-approved or pending approval is consistent with HCD sites inventory guidelines. Additionally, based on what the City has experienced with recent projects and the continued demand for housing we believe it's reasonable to assume the approved and pending projects will be built. Within the last 6 years only one developer ultimately opted not to move forward with their entitlement. Of the 8 entitled projects noted in the draft Housing Element, three are under construction and 5 are in plan check review.

We recognize that housing production in the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle was low. Since then the City Council adopted the Affordable Housing Strategy and the goal of facilitating the building of 12,000 new homes through 2035. City Council action in this regards has sent a positive message to the development community that the City is seeking to facilitate housing that helps to build neighborhoods and seeks to make positive inroads in our 3 to 1 jobs to housing imbalance. The 2,180 housing units in the pipeline reflects that policy and goal-setting at work. The housing element and specific plans will help to further advance these goals.

Comment #3: Planning makes overly optimistic forecasts of future ADU production which are unlikely to be achieved even with aggressive policies, without providing evidence to support this claim.

City staff continue to receive ADU applications, averaging about 5 submittals each week, and with the total number increasing each year since ADU regulations were updated by the State. From 2017 to date, the City has received 814 ADU submittals into plan check review and issued 445 ADU permits. From the demand the City has been experiencing over the past four years, the City

only sees ADU applications and permitting increasing. It is staff's assessment that our proposed numbers will be met as the City proposes new program initiatives as part of the Housing Update for the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle that will bolster ADU production (including reduced fees, reduced processing times for smaller ADUs, and creation of pre-approved ADU plans). Therefore, City staff and the consultant believe 200 ADUs per year for a total of 1,600 ADUs during the eight-year planning period is realistic and achievable.

Additionally, in response to Abundant Housing's comments the draft Housing Element includes an explicit commitment to provide mid-cycle review of ADU production.

Comment #4: Planning did not propose adequate reforms to address the major constraints on redevelopment that exist in Burbank.

Many of the strategies recommended by Abundant Housing are included in the draft Housing Element as part of the proposed programs. Objective development standards and by-right review processes would be established through the two Specific Plans for qualifying projects including removal of the CUP requirement. Fine-tuning of the details for how this would work are being addressed through the development of the Specific Plans, with the potential to be replicated in other areas of the City including as part of the eventual update to the Media District Specific Plan. Another separate program addresses updating the multifamily development standards, including parking, setbacks, height and other standards to better enable compact, well-designed multi-family product types.

The proposed Housing Element update also includes a program to create pre-approved ADU plans, and to pursue zoning updates that facilitate infill development in the form of small lot subdivision and missing middle housing.

Comment #5: The housing element does not promote new housing opportunities on parcels where apartments are currently banned, even near the planned NoHo-Pasadena busway. Instead, it concentrates lower-income housing opportunities in areas with significant noise and air pollution exposure. This approach fails to affirmatively further fair housing and reverse existing patterns of residential segregation.

As specified by HCD guidance, the AFFH requirement is based on the <u>Tax Credit Allocation Committee</u> maps that show the locations of High Resource and Highest Resource communities within each jurisdiction to identify areas of opportunity. AFFH requires cities with high resource neighborhoods to locate lower income housing opportunities equitably and predominately within the areas of High and Highest Resource. As discussed in the AFFH Appendix to the Housing Element update, the opportunity sites are located predominately in High and Highest Resource census tracts, with a couple sites located in moderate resource tracts, per the TCAC maps. As noted by AH, HCD recently released additional guidance information and the City will be able to receive feedback from HCD regarding compliance with this requirement. The census tract to the immediate east of the Hollywood Burbank Airport within the Golden State district, where several opportunity sites are identified, is also identified as a disadvantaged community per the CalEnviro Screen analysis conducted as part of the Environmental Justice component of the GP update, in that this area is exposed to relatively higher degree of exposure to noise and air pollution. Although the AFFH requirement is related to the TCAC maps for areas of opportunity, the Safety Element update being prepared in conjunction with the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element includes Environmental

Justice policies aimed at addressing these environmental hazards by investing in infrastructure improvements through the Golden State Specific Plan; incorporating project design features such as fixed windows, open space, increased tree plantings and higher MERV rated air filtration systems; and making use of the City's Complete Our Streets Plan to help evaluate streetscape design for new projects that considers all modes of transportation with the goal of providing safe and accessible travel to all individuals.

Again, we appreciate the input that Abundant Housing LA has provided to date and look forward to continuing the conversation. If you have questions, please contact me at FRamirez@burbankca.gov or 818-238-5250.

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August 27, 2021

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### Dear Councilmembers:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the process of updating the housing element of Burbank's general plan. We are writing on behalf of the Our Future LA Coalition regarding the 6th Cycle housing element update.

Why does this matter? Because we face a cascade of housing crises in our region. And while nearly everyone in Los Angeles County feels the crush of our housing crisis, Black and Latino residents feel it more than most:

- Black households have 1.12% the wealth of white households, and Latino households less than 5% (Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco)
- Black people make up 8% of the county population, but 33.7% of people experiencing homelessness (LAHSA)
- Even under COVID-related eviction moratoriums, Black and Latino neighborhoods face disproportionately higher eviction threats (Los Angeles Times, UCLA)

These are the effects of decades of racist policies that we have not eradicated: Restrictive covenants, exclusionary zoning, and redlining made it impossible for Black families to build wealth through homeownership, and result in lower homeownership and higher rents today. The California Constitution's Article 34 and local "crime-free housing" policies put roadblocks in the way of addressing racial divisions in Californians' housing affordability and security.

This impact was felt devastatingly during the pandemic, when essential workers living in overcrowded housing were exposed to COVID at work and had no choice but to expose their families at home, leading to disproportionate deaths among Black and Latino people. Neighborhoods in South and Southeast LA, where nearly 20% of homes are overcrowded (defined as more than one person per room) had COVID rates of roughly 14,000 cases per 100,000 people. Neighborhoods on the Westside, where less than 5% of homes are overcrowded, had rates well under 5,000 cases per 100,000 people. Death rates were similarly disproportionate -- at a time (January 2021) when the city of Beverly Hills was reporting 21 COVID deaths, and the neighborhood of Brentwood 9, the city of Compton reported 147, and the neighborhood of Westlake 202. In all, COVID-19 mortality rates in LA County were roughly twice as high for Black people (31 deaths/100,000 individuals) and Latinos (29/100K) as for whites (15/100K) (from CGLA).

Of the 3,007 counties in the United States, L.A. County ranks last in housing affordability, overcrowding, and unsheltered homelessness. We are not doing enough to preserve and create homes for working class and lower-income people. The affordable housing crisis, rampant speculation, and housing shortage have gotten so bad that lower-income Black and Latino families are being pushed out of their homes and communities at an alarming rate. At the rate we're going, next generations won't be able to live in Los Angeles County.

Los Angeles County is legally required to build 341,000 affordable homes by 2030. To truly address our needs, we need more than double that. At the rate we're going today, we might build 25,000. That's 7% of what's needed. That kind of failure will fall hardest on Black and Latino families, who disproportionately face eviction, homelessness and having to choose between rent and food. Our Future LA demands we not let that happen.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "When coronavirus invaded their tiny apartment, children desperately tried to protect dad", LA Times, 1/29/21

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> "We Are Forced to Live in These Conditions': In Los Angeles, Virus Ravages Overcrowded Homes", NY Times, 1/23/21

In order to create a better housing future, we must make every neighborhood resource-rich so people can live where they want to live and don't have to leave their community to find opportunity. We must also achieve equitable land use and zoning so that we open-up new areas to greater density and value capture, while also ensuring that areas already zoned for density are protected from environmental and spatial racism. As the region plans for growth, there must be no conversion of wildlife habitat to housing or further development in wildfire hazard areas, as identified by CalFire. We understand that the City cares deeply about these issues, and we hope to offer assistance in addressing them.

As it stands right now, the draft housing element will not meet Burbank's goals around equity and affordability. We submit these comments in the spirit of collaboration in order to partner and provide research, grounded data to help in meeting housing needs. We are interested in having a meeting to discuss these comments more.

# Our Future LA Housing Element Comments

### 1. Protections and preservation

- A. The housing element must do more to prioritize rezoning in transit-rich, job-rich, and high-resource neighborhoods, including single-family zoned areas. This is necessary to expand affordable housing opportunities while minimizing the impact on existing renters in multifamily-zoned areas.
- B. The housing element should expand just-cause eviction protections to cover all tenants and establish a corresponding enforcement program.
- C. The housing element should implement a local RSO or strengthen/reduce the annual allowable rent increase for the existing RSO program.
- D. The housing element should codify a tenant's right to counsel in an eviction proceeding.
- E. The housing element should strengthen its permanent tenant education program to inform tenants of their rights and how to access eviction defense resources.
- F. The housing element should exclude parcels containing RSO housing units in the housing element's site inventory.
- G. The housing element should require that no net loss provisions apply to parcels in the site inventory and rezoning program with a monitoring and implementation program.
- H. The housing element should institute local programs and funding sources for preservation of existing affordable housing.

# 2. Prioritization of affordable housing

- A. The housing element should utilize a value capture mechanism, such as inclusionary zoning, to locally fund and/or incentivize affordable housing.
- B. The housing element should prioritize creation of affordable housing on public land.
- C. The housing element should streamline affordable housing production.
- D. The housing element should include programs for 100% affordable housing zoning overlays, and should ensure that these overlays apply to high-opportunity areas.
- E. The housing element should include programs for 100% affordable housing zoning overlays, and should ensure that these overlays apply to high-opportunity areas currently zoned R1.

# 3. Site Capacity Assessment

A. The housing element should estimate and report both the likelihood of development and the net new units if developed of inventory sites, both vacant and nonvacant.

Comparison of claimed capacity vs. estimated realistic capacity

Income Category	RHNA Target	Claimed Capacity in Draft HE	NNL Buffer	Estimated Realistic Capacity in Draft HE	Recommended Realistic Capacity w/20% NNL	Realistic Capacity Gap
VLI + LI	3,971	4,212	6%	505	4,765	-4,260
МІ	1,409	1,512	7%	181	1,691	-1,509
AMI	3,392	4,219	24%	506	4,070	-3,564
Total	8,772	9,943	13%	1,193	10,526	-9,333

We estimate that the draft housing element will fall short of the RHNA goal, by 9,333 units of realistic capacity. The City must *fairly* estimate the likelihood of development for all parcels on the suitable sites inventory.

B. The housing element should report the proportion of sites from the previous housing element's inventory that were developed during the previous planning period, and HCD-recommended methodologies and data sources should be used in order to conduct a thorough "factors" analysis of sites' realistic development capacity.

- C. The housing element assigns more than 50% of the lower-income RHNA target to nonvacant sites, but should use statistical methods (e.g. surveying a random sample of owners of nonvacant sites) to determine that the sites' existing uses are likely to be discontinued during the planning period.
- D. A buffer of at least 15-30% extra capacity should be included in the housing element site inventory. This capacity buffer is especially necessary in order to accommodate the lower-income RHNA target.

See No Net Loss (NNL) section of 3A.

- E. The housing element should provide a quantitative estimate of the likelihood that in-pipeline projects will be completed, based on historical data, and should adjust the number of in-pipeline units counted towards the 6th cycle RHNA target accordingly.
- F. The housing element should commit to a mid-cycle review to verify the housing element's assumptions about development probabilities.

# 4. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

- A. The housing element should meaningfully increase the concentration of lower-income households in areas of the city where the existing concentration of lower-income households is low.
- B. The housing element should meaningfully reduce the concentration of lower-income households in areas with significant exposure to noise/pollution.
- C. The housing element should include a thorough analysis of local patterns in socioeconomic/racial segregation and integration, including patterns of overt racial or ethnic discrimination in the housing and land development market.
- D. The housing element should adequately prioritize high-opportunity census tracts and well-resourced areas (e.g. near transit, jobs, schools, parks, etc.) when selecting sites for lower-income housing opportunities.
- E. The housing element should adequately identify funding sources, public resources, and density bonus programs to maximize the likelihood that projects with below-market-rate units are built.
- F. The jurisdiction should adequately solicit public feedback and commentary on the housing element in a way that accurately reflects the jurisdiction's socioeconomic makeup.

# 5. Forecasts of ADU Development

A. The housing element should use an HCD-recommended safe harbor methodology for forecasting future ADU production.

- B. The housing element should provide for mid-cycle adjustments if inventory sites are developed at lower rates, or lesser densities, than the housing element anticipated and if ADU production falls short of projections. Mid-cycle adjustments should automatically implement a by-right density bonus on inventory sites, starting mid-cycle, and be large enough to make up for an ADU shortfall.
- C. The housing element should assess the affordability of forecasted ADUs using city-specific data; it instead uses a regional average.

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We request the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues to address the concerns raised in this letter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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September 29, 2021

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We support more housing at all levels of affordability and reforms to land use and zoning codes, which are needed in order to make housing more affordable, improve access to jobs and transit, promote greater environmental sustainability, and advance racial and economic equity.

In May 2021, <u>we submitted a comment letter</u> regarding the City's draft housing element update. In the letter, we highlighted significant inconsistencies with state housing element law, including the requirement that housing element updates affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH), as well as inconsistencies with the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)'s instructions regarding housing element design and implementation.

HCD's <u>recent comment</u> letter on the City's draft housing element update directly addresses many of the same deficiencies that our letter highlighted, and also states that "revisions will be necessary to comply with State Housing Element Law." We have provided a brief summary below (Exhibit A) illustrating how HCD's comments on the City's draft housing element are largely congruent with our previous analysis.

These deficiencies must be addressed in the final version of the housing element update. We urge the City to swiftly adopt a legally compliant housing element that accommodates the City's RHNA target and provides a variety of attainable housing options for the City's residents and workers.

Thank you f	for your	time and	l consideration

Sincerely,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> August 17, 2021 HCD Letter to the City of Burbank, pg. 1

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Exhibit A: Comparison of HCD Comment Letter and AHLA/YIMBY Law and Policy Recommendations

Deficiency	HCD Comment Letter Appendix	AHLA/YIMBY Law Comment Letter	AHLA/YIMBY Law Policy Recommendations
Insufficient AFFH analysis and policy reforms to promote integrated neighborhoods	Page 9: "As noted in Finding B1, the element must include a complete analysis of AFFH. Based on the outcomes of that analysis, the element must add or modify programs. Furthermore, the element must include metrics and milestones for evaluating progress on programs, actions, and fair housing results. For example, Program 3: Preserve and Protect Existing Tenants and Housing, states that implementation will address tenant protection. However, the program should be expanded to describe why and how this program will address inequities through listing specific deliverables, objectives, and metrics. All programs need to be reviewed to incorporate meaningful actions."  Page 2: "Goals and actions must create meaningful impact to overcome contributing factors to fair housing issues. [] Currently, the element identifies several programs to address fair housing issues. However, to facilitate meaningful change and address AFFH requirements, the element will need to add or revise/expand programs to demonstrate how it addresses fair housing issues"  Pages 1-2: "The element needs to include complete local and regional data on integration and segregation for the City and analyze it for both local and regional	Page 8: "Restrictive zoning has perpetuated historic patterns of segregation and exclusion, and continues to push housing opportunities for lower-income households away from high-cost, high-opportunity cities.  To this day, apartments are banned on 80% of the residentially-zoned land in Burbank. The median home sale price in Burbank was \$755,000 in 2018, and 54% of the city's renters are "rent-burdened" (i.e. they spend more than 30% of their income on rent). This denies historically disadvantaged groups housing opportunities near job centers, quality schools, and other public resources, a situation that persists today.  The City is obligated to promote fair housing opportunities and undo patterns of segregation. Burbank should follow HCD's recommendation that cities distribute lower-income housing opportunities throughout the city, and recommends that cities first identify development potential for lower-income housing in high-opportunity neighborhoods.	The City should rezone all residential areas within a 10-minute walk of busway stations for apartments at Downtown densities, and rezone commercially-zoned land for mixed-use development, with loosened parking, setback, open space and height requirements.  Do more to reduce the concentration of lower-income households in neighborhoods with high concentrations of low- and moderate-income households.  Identify new funding sources and public resources to encourage the production and preservation of affordable housing, such as a real estate transfer tax, an introduction of congestion pricing, creation of a local density bonus program, and active abatement of unhealthy facilities, such as pumping stations, incinerators, and other polluting infrastructure.  Exempt parcels containing rent-restricted and de facto affordable housing units from rezoning to prevent displacement of vulnerable households.

trends and patterns. [] The element
needs to be revised to include local and
regional data on areas of affluence and
analyze this data for trends and patterns.
The element should also provide an
updated map and analysis on racial and
ethnic distribution and poverty."

Page 2: "However, the accompanying analysis shall also be reflective of housing development at all income-levels and evaluate the sites relative to socio-economic patterns. The site inventory analysis should address how the sites are identified to improve conditions (or if sites exacerbate conditions, how a program can mitigate the impact), whether the sites are isolated by income group and should be supported by local data and knowledge."

This would mean rezoning more parcels, including residential parcels currently zoned single-family only, to encourage enough housing growth to achieve the RHNA target in full."

Ensure that "no net loss" provisions apply to parcels in the site inventory and rezoning program with an annual and ongoing monitoring and implementation program.

Prioritize the production of affordable housing on publicly-owned land, and offer that land to nonprofit developers at no cost as a lawful and bona fide concession through state density bonus law.

Create a 100% affordable housing zoning overlay that encompasses high-opportunity neighborhoods, including R1 zoned parcels.

# Poor site suitability and failure to analyze likelihood of discontinuation for nonvacant sites

Page 2: "While the element provides assumptions of buildout for sites included in the inventory, it must also provide support for these assumptions. For example, the element should demonstrate what specific trends, factors, and other evidence led to the assumptions. The estimate of the number of units for each site must be adjusted as necessary, based on the land use controls and site improvements, typical densities of existing or approved residential developments at a similar affordability level in that jurisdiction, and on the current or planned availability and accessibility of sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities. The element also needs to analyze the likelihood that the identified units will be developed as noted in the

Page 2: "Planning's analysis identifies 12 sites in Burbank's Downtown and 7 sites in the Golden State Specific Plan, totaling 95.7 acres and containing theoretical zoned capacity for about 6,100 housing units. However, Planning does not estimate the likelihood of development for these parcels. Instead, Planning only provides a cursory discussion of why these sites may be good candidates for redevelopment, without providing quantitative evidence or analysis. Although Planning claims "property owner and/or developer interest in acquiring and assembling underdeveloped parcels into larger

Provide a quantitative estimate of parcels' development probabilities, and incorporate this factor into the estimate of sites' realistic capacity. Valid methodologies include the Survey Method or the Historical Redevelopment Rate Method.

Report the proportion of sites in the previous housing element's inventory that were developed during the planning period.

Share letters from owners of the site inventory parcels, indicating their interest in selling or redeveloping these properties during the 6th Cycle.

inventory in zones that allow nonresidential uses (e.g., mixed-use).."

Page 4: "In addition, the element should clearly identify the degree of reliance on nonvacant sites to accommodate the housing need for lower-income households. Please be aware that relying on nonvacant sites to accommodate 50 percent or more of the housing needs for lower-income households triggers requirements to make findings based on substantial evidence that the existing use is not an impediment and will likely discontinue in the planning period."

Page 4: "The site inventory identifies small sites to accommodate the City's lowerincome RHNA. Sites smaller than a half-acre in size are deemed inadequate to accommodate housing for lower-income households unless it is demonstrated, with sufficient evidence, that sites are suitable to accommodate housing for lower-income households. The element should provide specific examples with the densities, affordability and, if applicable, circumstances leading to consolidation, such as common ownership. The element should relate these examples to the sites identified to accommodate the RHNA for lower-income households to demonstrate that these sites can adequately accommodate the City's lower-income housing need. Based on a complete analysis, the City should consider adding or revising programs to include incentives for facilitating development on small sites."

development sites", Planning did not share any letters from property owners indicating their interest in selling or redeveloping these sites.

Per HCD guidelines, if a jurisdiction assigns more than 50% of its lower-income RHNA to nonvacant sites (as Burbank does), the jurisdiction must make findings supported by "substantial evidence" that the sites' existing uses are "likely to be discontinued during the planning period." Planning did not follow this instruction, which is a requirement under Assembly Bill 1397."

Page 3: "Housing production data from the 5th cycle further casts doubt on Planning's implicit assumption that all 19 sites will be redeveloped by 2029. At the outset of the 5th cycle. Burbank claimed a theoretical capacity of roughly 5,573 more housing units. Through 2019, Burbank permitted 501 housing units, which equates to 668 housing units permitted by the end of the 5th cycle (assuming that the same annual permitting pace continues through 2021). This implies that in Burbank, excess zoned capacity has a 12% likelihood of being developed (668 actual units divided by 5,573 theoretical units)."

Remove parcels from the site inventory where redevelopment is unlikely to occur during the 6th Cycle.

Commit to a mid-cycle review to verify Planning's assumptions about development probabilities. If it turns out that sites within a tier, or category, were developed at a lower-than-expected rate during the first half of the cycle, then the city should rezone for additional capacity or make other appropriate adjustments for the second half of the planning period.

If the City lacks enough suitable sites to achieve the RHNA target, rezone additional parcels where redevelopment is likely.

	Page 7: "As noted in the Finding B4, the element does not include a complete sites inventory or analysis; as a result, the adequacy of sites and zoning has not been established. Based on the results of a complete sites inventory and analysis, programs may need to be added, or revised, to address a shortfall of sites and zoning for a variety of housing types."		
Failure to estimate realistic capacity for residential development in Specific Plan areas	Page 4: "The element identifies a large portion of its RHNA at all income levels on nonvacant sites including sites that will be rezoned to address the 6th cycle shortfall (page 1-66). The analysis mentioned a list of factors that were considered to determine development potential including age of structures and degree of underutilization. However, the element must include a complete analysis demonstrating the potential for redevelopment of nonvacant sites including the extent to which existing uses may constitute an impediment to additional residential development. The element could include the City's past experience with converting existing uses to higher density residential development, the current market demand for the existing use, an analysis of any existing leases or other contracts that would perpetuate the existing use or prevent redevelopment of the site for additional residential development, development trends, market conditions, and regulatory or other incentives or standards to encourage additional residential development on these sites."	Page 4: "We disagree with Planning's contention that all 19 sites will all be redeveloped by 2029. For example, the Site Assessment assumes that all four acres of Golden State Specific Plan block No. 1 (Lima/Avon) will be built out at the density of Downtown Burbank (84 units per acre), producing 334 homes. However, this block is entirely occupied by a variety of light industrial businesses, including the popular Lincoln Beer Company. Planning provided no evidence that the site is nonviable as industrial land, or that the various property owners intend to sell."  Page 4: "While the City may count permitted or entitled units towards its 6th Cycle RHNA goals, it must realistically estimate how many of these units will ultimately be built during the 6th Cycle, based on recent historical data. The City of Los Angeles' Initial Study counted active planning entitlements, approved planning entitlements with no building permit, and permitted	Provide a quantitative estimate of parcels' development probabilities, adjusted for the expected mix of residential vs. commercial development, and incorporate this factor into the estimate of sites' realistic capacity.  Provide a quantitative estimate of the likelihood that in-pipeline projects will be completed, based on historical data, and adjust the number of in-pipeline units counted towards the 6th cycle RHNA target accordingly. If the City does not have these data, it should apply the same discount as the City of Los Angeles due to the close proximity and microeconomic conditions that exist there.

		projects that have not yet been completed towards its 6th Cycle RHNA goals, but discounted each category based on the share of proposed units expected to be built, using the City's historical data.  Planning must incorporate a similar estimate into its Inventory Analysis. Using data from recent projects, the City of Los Angeles estimated that 37% of projects with pending entitlements, 45% of projects with approved entitlements, and 79% of permitted projects, are ultimately completed."	
Lack of concrete constraint removal and adequate rezoning program	Page 9: "As noted in Finding B5 the element requires a complete analysis of potential governmental constraints. Depending upon the results of that analysis, the City may need to revise or add programs and address and remove or mitigate any identified constraints."  Pages 5-6: "[T]he City's Growth Management Ordinance includes information on its purpose and analysis on constraints (page 1-49). However, the analysis should include the current number of units vs. units built out considering the RHNA. Furthermore, the element notes "the maximum allowed number of residential units beyond the approved maximum build out in the 1988 Land Use Element without voter approval" and that City Council extended Measure 1 to January 1, 2030. The Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (SB 330, 2019) [] generally	Pages 5-6: "Building housing in Burbank is difficult, expensive, and time-consuming. Development timelines are long, with an average time of 12-16 months for multifamily project approval. Mixed-use projects take even longer, requiring a 3-4 year approval process and a conditional use permit (for which approval can take 12-16 months alone). This process is a major impediment to housing production.  []  Housing element law requires cities to provide an analysis of constraints on housing development, as well as a program to mitigate or remove these constraints. While the Draft Housing Element discusses constraints in detail, including long	Create a high-quality local density bonus program, which would also apply to low-density parcels where apartments are banned today.  Pre-approve standard accessory dwelling unit (ADU), small-scale "missing middle" multifamily and small lot subdivision housing plans, allowing developers to receive a permit quickly if they use a pre-approved design.  Speed up the timeline for ministerial review, and expand ministerial review to apply to more projects.  Eliminate on-site parking requirements, instead allowing property owners to decide how much on-site parking is necessary.

prohibits a locality from enacting a development policy, standard or condition that reduces intensity, imposes moratoriums, enforces subjective design standards, or implements any provision that limits approvals or caps population. [...] The City should evaluate consistency with these requirements and if necessary, immediately void or suspend the annual growth cap."

Page 6: "The element must describe all required fees for single family and multifamily housing development, [...] and then, the element must analyze their impacts as potential constraints on housing supply and affordability."

Page 6: "Local Processing and Permit Procedures: The element states that a community meeting is required for multifamily projects (page 1-58). The element should describe and analyze how this meeting relates to the approval of the project, if the community meeting is required for both discretionary and non-discretionary projects, and any impacts to the project in terms of cost and approval certainty. In addition, the element should describe the City's SB 35 (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) streamline ministerial approval process and application.

Page 7: "As the element relies on consolidated small sites to accommodate the RHNA for lower-income households, it should include a program(s) to facilitate lot consolidation and development of housing

approval timelines, strict limits on building size, high construction costs, and a lack of local funding for affordable housing production, the report does not commit to a strong enough program to remove policy constraints that deter housing production." Reduce restrictions on maximum height, floor-area ratio, unit size, setbacks, and lot coverage.

Rezone parcels located near transit, job centers, schools, and parks in order to expand the supply of housing in high- and highest-resource areas, including R1 parcels where single-family detached homes are currently mandated by law.

Reduce fees on multifamily residential development.

Eliminate the conditional use permit requirement for mixed-use development.

	on small sites. For example, the program could commit to (1) granting density bonuses above state density bonus law (Gov. Code, § 65915.); (2) deferring fees specifically for consolidation; (3) expediting permit processing; (4) identifying and targeting specific financial resources; and, (5) modifying development standards."		
Unrealistic forecast of future ADU development	Page 5: "The element assumes an ADU buildout of 200 ADUs per year for a potential buildout of 1,600 units within the planning period. Given that the City has permitted 54 ADUs in 2018, 110 in 2019, 97 in 2020, and 179 in the first 6 months of 2021 (for an average of 98 units per year), it is not clear if a production level of 200 ADUs per year will be achievable over the planning period. As a result, the element should be updated to include a realistic estimate of potential ADU production.	Page 5: "Burbank issued permits for 54 ADUs in 2018, 110 ADUs in 2019, and 112 ADUs in 2020. Under a correct calculation of HCD's "Option #1", Burbank would take the average of the ADU permitting trend between 2018 and 2020, and forecast that 92 ADUs will be permitted per year during the 6th Cycle. This would allow for a total 6th cycle forecast of 736 ADUs.  However, Planning counts 1,600 ADUs, or 200 ADUs per year, towards the City's RHNA target. Planning contends that a small reduction in processing fees, expedited application review, and pre-approved ADU plans will lead to a doubling in the number of ADUs permitted annually going forward. But Planning provides no tangible evidence that these relatively minor incentives will yield this outcome."	Use HCD's Option 1 safe harbor, and project that 736 ADUs will be permitted during the 6th Cycle.  Follow HCD's recommendation to track ADU and JADU creation and affordability levels, and commit to a review at the planning cycle midpoint to evaluate if production estimates are being achieved.





December 16, 2021

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We are disappointed that the latest version of the City's housing element update does not meaningfully fix the deficiencies identified in our earlier comments or in HCD's review and comments. The City's housing element is inconsistent with HCD's instructions, does not comply with the requirement that housing element updates affirmatively further fair housing under Assembly Bill 686, and does not comply with Government Code Section 65583(c)'s requirement that housing elements include programs with concrete action steps to facilitate housing production.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> HCD, Review of the City of Burbank's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Draft Housing Element Update, 8/17/21, pg. 1

# The following issues that we raised earlier this year remain unaddressed:

- 1. Planning's process for selecting sites and assessing their capacity does not accurately estimate parcels' likelihood of development or net new units if redeveloped. Therefore, Planning has not identified enough sites where 8,750 homes will realistically be developed by 2029.
- 2. Planning assumes that 2,180 housing units that were approved or pending approval during the 5th Cycle will be built during the 6th Cycle, without accounting for the near-certainty that some projects will never be built.
- 3. Planning makes overly optimistic forecasts of future ADU production which are unlikely to be achieved even with aggressive policies, without providing evidence to support this claim.
- 4. Planning did not propose adequate reforms to address the major constraints on redevelopment that exist in Burbank.
- 5. The housing element does not promote new housing opportunities on parcels where apartments are currently banned, even near the planned NoHo-Pasadena busway. Instead, it concentrates lower-income housing opportunities in areas with significant noise and air pollution exposure. This approach fails to affirmatively further fair housing and reverse existing patterns of residential segregation.

## We also wish to raise the following issues that are specific to this latest draft:

#### **AB 1397 Compliance**

Under Assembly Bill 1397, when cities allocate over 50% of their lower-income RHNA targets to nonvacant sites (as Burbank does), they must demonstrate through **substantial evidence** that the current use of these sites is likely to be discontinued during the planning period.

While AB 1397 and HCD's existing guidance require cities to provide substantial evidence of nonvacant sites' likely discontinuation, cities have many options available to them for **how** to assess nonvacant site capacity. For example, cities could communicate with the owners of site inventory parcels, to find out whether they plan to redevelop their property into housing. Cities can survey a random, representative sample of property owners to estimate the overall likelihood that a site's existing use will discontinue in the near future. Cities can calculate the share of properties associated with permits for demolition, change of use, or redevelopment over the past few years, in order to estimate an overall likelihood of site discontinuation.

The proposed housing element relies on a relatively short list of 19 "Opportunity Sites" for most of the City's anticipated housing growth during the 6th Cycle, many of which are zoned for commercial uses and currently host businesses. Given that some of these businesses may be operating under long-term leases, and given that commercially-zoned sites can be redeveloped into uses other than 100% residential structures, it's especially important for cities to provide

strong evidence that these sites are likely to be redeveloped into residential or mixed-use developments.

Unfortunately, the City does not provide this evidence, nor does it attempt to estimate a likelihood of discontinuation based on recent redevelopment trends. Appendix D of the housing element provides information about each of the 19 Opportunity Sites, including whether city staff has spoken to the property's owners about their interest in redeveloping the site, the current building's age and use, and the building's current value relative to the value of the land.

While this information is useful for identifying sites that have a reasonable chance at being redeveloped in the future, this is not the same as providing firm evidence that redevelopment is <u>likely</u> to occur by 2029. Of course, planners are unable to predict with certainty whether a site will be redeveloped in the near future, which is why experts recommend that cities' housing elements provide theoretical zoned capacity equivalent to a multiple of the RHNA target. This is the approach <u>used in the City of Los Angeles' housing element</u>.

Additionally, the City has included multiple Opportunity Sites where redevelopment is far from likely. For example:

- TOD 3 (potential for 23 homes) is a collection of lots, including a large parcel owned by Caltrans, two restaurants, and a gas station. While City staff "has been engaged with Caltrans and the adjacent property owners about the viability of redeveloping these parcels as a cohesive mixed-use project"<sup>2</sup>, the housing element does not say when these discussions took place, or whether the owners of these properties are interested in selling their parcels to a single owner. Development projects that involve combining multiple parcels with different owners are often challenging, especially when the owner of the largest parcel is a state agency. While this project is certainly possible, it is far from a certainty.
- TOD 7 (potential for 379 homes) is the Civic Center's parking lots, owned by the City of Burbank. The City has not made a clear commitment to allowing the redevelopment of these sites, and redevelopment of publicly-owned land, while certainly possible, should not be treated as a sure thing.
- TOD 8 (potential for 88 homes) is fully occupied by a variety of small businesses. While the City states that "staff had previous discussions with the property owner about the redevelopment of this opportunity site as a residential/mixed use project", the City doesn't say when these discussions took place, or whether the owner is interested in redevelopment.

The City must present solid evidence that the owners of site inventory parcels (especially those with existing businesses and leases) are interested in redevelopment, and must discount sites by their likelihood of discontinuation. The City must also include additional parcels on their site inventory in order to achieve the RHNA target, which will likely necessitate rezoning.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Burbank Housing Element, Appendix D, November 2021, pg. D-16

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Burbank Housing Element, Appendix D, November 2021, pg. D-21

### Fair Housing Issues and AFFH Compliance

The latest version of the housing element provides additional detail on fair housing issues in Burbank, including segregation patterns, displacement risk, and major disparities in access to high-opportunity neighborhoods. This updated AFFH section includes detailed data, maps, and qualitative analysis explaining these issues and describing their impact in Burbank.

However, the housing element's proposed actions to actually encourage more housing opportunities in high-resource areas, a necessary component for AFFH compliance, are weak. As we described in Issue #1 of our May letter, the City's proposed sites inventory does not provide "substantial evidence" that discontinuation of the sites' existing uses is likely, does not provide evidence that the sites' owners are interested in redevelopment, and includes several large commercial sites where residential redevelopment is far from a sure thing. As we described in Issue #4 of our May letter, the City's housing element would do little to relieve the severe constraints on homebuilding (separate from restrictive zoning) that have made housing difficult to build in Burbank.

While the housing element includes a map of the sites inventory overlaid over census tracts' TCAC designations, indicating that most sites inventory parcels are located in census tracts categorized as High Resource TCAC, this matters little if, as is likely, many of these sites are not redeveloped during the 6th cycle.

Additionally, the updated housing element failed to include policies that would encourage denser development on R1-zoned parcels, even near the future NoHo-Pasadena busway, a shortcoming that we raised in Issue #5 of our June letter. This helps to explain why only 3 out of the 19 Opportunity Sites are located in census tracts with Highest Resource TCAC designations, 4 since R1 zoning predominates in these tracts.

Ending exclusionary zoning is necessary for the housing element to advance socioeconomic integration and greater housing affordability. The final housing element must make a stronger effort to affirmatively further fair housing by rezoning sites in low-density, high-resource areas of Burbank, particularly near transit corridors. This is necessary to ensure that sufficient housing opportunities, available at all levels of income, are created citywide, including in Highest Resource areas.

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Once again, we remind you that Burbank has a legal obligation to sufficiently plan to meet current and future residents' housing needs, in a way that guarantees access to opportunity for Californians of all racial and ethnic backgrounds. Concerned residents and equity advocates have consistently highlighted the above issues, and we believe that Burbank is not on a path to fulfilling its legal obligation.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Burbank Housing Element, Appendix B, November 2021, pg. B-45

We urge the City to swiftly adopt a legally compliant housing element that accommodates the City's RHNA target and provides a variety of attainable housing options for the City's residents and workers.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Appendix A: Comparison of HCD Comment Letter and AHLA/YIMBY Law Comment Letter and Policy Recommendations

Deficiency	HCD Comment Letter Appendix	AHLA/YIMBY Law Comment Letter	AHLA/YIMBY Law Policy Recommendations
Insufficient AFFH analysis and policy reforms to promote integrated neighborhoods	Page 9: "As noted in Finding B1, the element must include a complete analysis of AFFH. Based on the outcomes of that analysis, the element must add or modify programs. Furthermore, the element must include metrics and milestones for evaluating progress on programs, actions, and fair housing results. For example, Program 3: Preserve and Protect Existing Tenants and Housing, states that implementation will address tenant protection. However, the program should be expanded to describe why and how this program will address inequities through listing specific deliverables, objectives, and metrics. All programs need to be reviewed to incorporate meaningful actions."  Page 2: "Goals and actions must create meaningful impact to overcome contributing factors to fair housing issues. [] Currently, the element identifies several programs to address fair housing issues. However, to facilitate meaningful change and address AFFH requirements, the element will need to add or revise/expand programs to demonstrate how it addresses fair housing issues"  Pages 1-2: "The element needs to include complete local and regional data on integration and segregation for the City and analyze it for both local and regional	Page 8: "Restrictive zoning has perpetuated historic patterns of segregation and exclusion, and continues to push housing opportunities for lower-income households away from high-cost, high-opportunity cities.  To this day, apartments are banned on 80% of the residentially-zoned land in Burbank. The median home sale price in Burbank was \$755,000 in 2018, and 54% of the city's renters are "rent-burdened" (i.e. they spend more than 30% of their income on rent). This denies historically disadvantaged groups housing opportunities near job centers, quality schools, and other public resources, a situation that persists today.  The City is obligated to promote fair housing opportunities and undo patterns of segregation. Burbank should follow HCD's recommendation that cities distribute lower-income housing opportunities throughout the city, and recommends that cities first identify development potential for lower-income housing in high-opportunity neighborhoods.	The City should rezone all residential areas within a 10-minute walk of busway stations for apartments at Downtown densities, and rezone commercially-zoned land for mixed-use development, with loosened parking, setback, open space and height requirements.  Do more to reduce the concentration of lower-income households in neighborhoods with high concentrations of low- and moderate-income households.  Identify new funding sources and public resources to encourage the production and preservation of affordable housing, such as a real estate transfer tax, an introduction of congestion pricing, creation of a local density bonus program, and active abatement of unhealthy facilities, such as pumping stations, incinerators, and other polluting infrastructure.  Exempt parcels containing rent-restricted and de facto affordable housing units from rezoning to prevent displacement of vulnerable households.

trends and patterns. [] The element
needs to be revised to include local and
regional data on areas of affluence and
analyze this data for trends and patterns.
The element should also provide an
updated map and analysis on racial and
ethnic distribution and poverty."

Page 2: "However, the accompanying analysis shall also be reflective of housing development at all income-levels and evaluate the sites relative to socio-economic patterns. The site inventory analysis should address how the sites are identified to improve conditions (or if sites exacerbate conditions, how a program can mitigate the impact), whether the sites are isolated by income group and should be supported by local data and knowledge."

This would mean rezoning more parcels, including residential parcels currently zoned single-family only, to encourage enough housing growth to achieve the RHNA target in full."

Ensure that "no net loss" provisions apply to parcels in the site inventory and rezoning program with an annual and ongoing monitoring and implementation program.

Prioritize the production of affordable housing on publicly-owned land, and offer that land to nonprofit developers at no cost as a lawful and bona fide concession through state density bonus law.

Create a 100% affordable housing zoning overlay that encompasses high-opportunity neighborhoods, including R1 zoned parcels.

# Poor site suitability and failure to analyze likelihood of discontinuation for nonvacant sites

Page 2: "While the element provides assumptions of buildout for sites included in the inventory, it must also provide support for these assumptions. For example, the element should demonstrate what specific trends, factors, and other evidence led to the assumptions. The estimate of the number of units for each site must be adjusted as necessary, based on the land use controls and site improvements, typical densities of existing or approved residential developments at a similar affordability level in that jurisdiction, and on the current or planned availability and accessibility of sufficient water, sewer, and dry utilities. The element also needs to analyze the likelihood that the identified units will be developed as noted in the

Page 2: "Planning's analysis identifies 12 sites in Burbank's Downtown and 7 sites in the Golden State Specific Plan, totaling 95.7 acres and containing theoretical zoned capacity for about 6,100 housing units. However, Planning does not estimate the likelihood of development for these parcels. Instead, Planning only provides a cursory discussion of why these sites may be good candidates for redevelopment, without providing quantitative evidence or analysis. Although Planning claims "property owner and/or developer interest in acquiring and assembling underdeveloped parcels into larger

Provide a quantitative estimate of parcels' development probabilities, and incorporate this factor into the estimate of sites' realistic capacity. Valid methodologies include the Survey Method or the Historical Redevelopment Rate Method.

Report the proportion of sites in the previous housing element's inventory that were developed during the planning period.

Share letters from owners of the site inventory parcels, indicating their interest in selling or redeveloping these properties during the 6th Cycle.

inventory in zones that allow nonresidential uses (e.g., mixed-use).."

Page 4: "In addition, the element should clearly identify the degree of reliance on nonvacant sites to accommodate the housing need for lower-income households. Please be aware that relying on nonvacant sites to accommodate 50 percent or more of the housing needs for lower-income households triggers requirements to make findings based on substantial evidence that the existing use is not an impediment and will likely discontinue in the planning period."

Page 4: "The site inventory identifies small sites to accommodate the City's lowerincome RHNA. Sites smaller than a half-acre in size are deemed inadequate to accommodate housing for lower-income households unless it is demonstrated, with sufficient evidence, that sites are suitable to accommodate housing for lower-income households. The element should provide specific examples with the densities, affordability and, if applicable, circumstances leading to consolidation, such as common ownership. The element should relate these examples to the sites identified to accommodate the RHNA for lower-income households to demonstrate that these sites can adequately accommodate the City's lower-income housing need. Based on a complete analysis, the City should consider adding or revising programs to include incentives for facilitating development on small sites."

development sites", Planning did not share any letters from property owners indicating their interest in selling or redeveloping these sites.

Per HCD guidelines, if a jurisdiction assigns more than 50% of its lower-income RHNA to nonvacant sites (as Burbank does), the jurisdiction must make findings supported by "substantial evidence" that the sites' existing uses are "likely to be discontinued during the planning period." Planning did not follow this instruction, which is a requirement under Assembly Bill 1397."

Page 3: "Housing production data from the 5th cycle further casts doubt on Planning's implicit assumption that all 19 sites will be redeveloped by 2029. At the outset of the 5th cycle. Burbank claimed a theoretical capacity of roughly 5,573 more housing units. Through 2019, Burbank permitted 501 housing units, which equates to 668 housing units permitted by the end of the 5th cycle (assuming that the same annual permitting pace continues through 2021). This implies that in Burbank, excess zoned capacity has a 12% likelihood of being developed (668 actual units divided by 5,573 theoretical units)."

Remove parcels from the site inventory where redevelopment is unlikely to occur during the 6th Cycle.

Commit to a mid-cycle review to verify Planning's assumptions about development probabilities. If it turns out that sites within a tier, or category, were developed at a lower-than-expected rate during the first half of the cycle, then the city should rezone for additional capacity or make other appropriate adjustments for the second half of the planning period.

If the City lacks enough suitable sites to achieve the RHNA target, rezone additional parcels where redevelopment is likely.

	Page 7: "As noted in the Finding B4, the element does not include a complete sites inventory or analysis; as a result, the adequacy of sites and zoning has not been established. Based on the results of a complete sites inventory and analysis, programs may need to be added, or revised, to address a shortfall of sites and zoning for a variety of housing types."		
Failure to estimate realistic capacity for residential development in Specific Plan areas	Page 4: "The element identifies a large portion of its RHNA at all income levels on nonvacant sites including sites that will be rezoned to address the 6th cycle shortfall (page 1-66). The analysis mentioned a list of factors that were considered to determine development potential including age of structures and degree of underutilization. However, the element must include a complete analysis demonstrating the potential for redevelopment of nonvacant sites including the extent to which existing uses may constitute an impediment to additional residential development. The element could include the City's past experience with converting existing uses to higher density residential development, the current market demand for the existing use, an analysis of any existing leases or other contracts that would perpetuate the existing use or prevent redevelopment of the site for additional residential development, development trends, market conditions, and regulatory or other incentives or standards to encourage additional residential development on these sites."	Page 4: "We disagree with Planning's contention that all 19 sites will all be redeveloped by 2029. For example, the Site Assessment assumes that all four acres of Golden State Specific Plan block No. 1 (Lima/Avon) will be built out at the density of Downtown Burbank (84 units per acre), producing 334 homes. However, this block is entirely occupied by a variety of light industrial businesses, including the popular Lincoln Beer Company. Planning provided no evidence that the site is nonviable as industrial land, or that the various property owners intend to sell."  Page 4: "While the City may count permitted or entitled units towards its 6th Cycle RHNA goals, it must realistically estimate how many of these units will ultimately be built during the 6th Cycle, based on recent historical data. The City of Los Angeles' Initial Study counted active planning entitlements, approved planning entitlements with no building permit, and permitted	Provide a quantitative estimate of parcels' development probabilities, adjusted for the expected mix of residential vs. commercial development, and incorporate this factor into the estimate of sites' realistic capacity.  Provide a quantitative estimate of the likelihood that in-pipeline projects will be completed, based on historical data, and adjust the number of in-pipeline units counted towards the 6th cycle RHNA target accordingly. If the City does not have these data, it should apply the same discount as the City of Los Angeles due to the close proximity and microeconomic conditions that exist there.

		projects that have not yet been completed towards its 6th Cycle RHNA goals, but discounted each category based on the share of proposed units expected to be built, using the City's historical data.  Planning must incorporate a similar estimate into its Inventory Analysis. Using data from recent projects, the City of Los Angeles estimated that 37% of projects with pending entitlements, 45% of projects with approved entitlements, and 79% of permitted projects, are ultimately completed."	
Lack of concrete constraint removal and adequate rezoning program	Page 9: "As noted in Finding B5 the element requires a complete analysis of potential governmental constraints. Depending upon the results of that analysis, the City may need to revise or add programs and address and remove or mitigate any identified constraints."  Pages 5-6: "[T]he City's Growth Management Ordinance includes information on its purpose and analysis on constraints (page 1-49). However, the analysis should include the current number of units vs. units built out considering the RHNA. Furthermore, the element notes "the maximum allowed number of residential units beyond the approved maximum build out in the 1988 Land Use Element without voter approval" and that City Council extended Measure 1 to January 1, 2030. The Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (SB 330, 2019) [] generally	Pages 5-6: "Building housing in Burbank is difficult, expensive, and time-consuming. Development timelines are long, with an average time of 12-16 months for multifamily project approval. Mixed-use projects take even longer, requiring a 3-4 year approval process and a conditional use permit (for which approval can take 12-16 months alone). This process is a major impediment to housing production.  []  Housing element law requires cities to provide an analysis of constraints on housing development, as well as a program to mitigate or remove these constraints. While the Draft Housing Element discusses constraints in detail, including long	Create a high-quality local density bonus program, which would also apply to low-density parcels where apartments are banned today.  Pre-approve standard accessory dwelling unit (ADU), small-scale "missing middle" multifamily and small lot subdivision housing plans, allowing developers to receive a permit quickly if they use a pre-approved design.  Speed up the timeline for ministerial review, and expand ministerial review to apply to more projects.  Eliminate on-site parking requirements, instead allowing property owners to decide how much on-site parking is necessary.

prohibits a locality from enacting a development policy, standard or condition that reduces intensity, imposes moratoriums, enforces subjective design standards, or implements any provision that limits approvals or caps population. [...] The City should evaluate consistency with these requirements and if necessary, immediately void or suspend the annual growth cap."

Page 6: "The element must describe all required fees for single family and multifamily housing development, [...] and then, the element must analyze their impacts as potential constraints on housing supply and affordability."

Page 6: "Local Processing and Permit Procedures: The element states that a community meeting is required for multifamily projects (page 1-58). The element should describe and analyze how this meeting relates to the approval of the project, if the community meeting is required for both discretionary and non-discretionary projects, and any impacts to the project in terms of cost and approval certainty. In addition, the element should describe the City's SB 35 (Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017) streamline ministerial approval process and application.

Page 7: "As the element relies on consolidated small sites to accommodate the RHNA for lower-income households, it should include a program(s) to facilitate lot consolidation and development of housing

approval timelines, strict limits on building size, high construction costs, and a lack of local funding for affordable housing production, the report does not commit to a strong enough program to remove policy constraints that deter housing production." Reduce restrictions on maximum height, floor-area ratio, unit size, setbacks, and lot coverage.

Rezone parcels located near transit, job centers, schools, and parks in order to expand the supply of housing in high- and highest-resource areas, including R1 parcels where single-family detached homes are currently mandated by law.

Reduce fees on multifamily residential development.

Eliminate the conditional use permit requirement for mixed-use development.

	on small sites. For example, the program could commit to (1) granting density bonuses above state density bonus law (Gov. Code, § 65915.); (2) deferring fees specifically for consolidation; (3) expediting permit processing; (4) identifying and targeting specific financial resources; and, (5) modifying development standards."		
Unrealistic forecast of future ADU development	Page 5: "The element assumes an ADU buildout of 200 ADUs per year for a potential buildout of 1,600 units within the planning period. Given that the City has permitted 54 ADUs in 2018, 110 in 2019, 97 in 2020, and 179 in the first 6 months of 2021 (for an average of 98 units per year), it is not clear if a production level of 200 ADUs per year will be achievable over the planning period. As a result, the element should be updated to include a realistic estimate of potential ADU production.	Page 5: "Burbank issued permits for 54 ADUs in 2018, 110 ADUs in 2019, and 112 ADUs in 2020. Under a correct calculation of HCD's "Option #1", Burbank would take the average of the ADU permitting trend between 2018 and 2020, and forecast that 92 ADUs will be permitted per year during the 6th Cycle. This would allow for a total 6th cycle forecast of 736 ADUs.  However, Planning counts 1,600 ADUs, or 200 ADUs per year, towards the City's RHNA target. Planning contends that a small reduction in processing fees, expedited application review, and pre-approved ADU plans will lead to a doubling in the number of ADUs permitted annually going forward. But Planning provides no tangible evidence that these relatively minor incentives will yield this outcome."	Use HCD's Option 1 safe harbor, and project that 736 ADUs will be permitted during the 6th Cycle.  Follow HCD's recommendation to track ADU and JADU creation and affordability levels, and commit to a review at the planning cycle midpoint to evaluate if production estimates are being achieved.



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Subject: Response to 3rd Party Comments on Revised draft Burbank Housing Element - Abundant Housing LA 12/16/21 Comment Letter

Dear Ms. Sen:

To assist in your review of Burbank's revised Draft Housing Element submitted to HCD on December 3, 2021, we have prepared the following responses to comments raised by Abundant Housing LA in their December 16, 2021 comment letter on the Element.

**Comment #1 (pg 2):** Planning's process for selecting sites and assessing their capacity does not accurately estimate parcels' likelihood of development or net new units if redeveloped. Therefore, Planning has not identified enough sites where 8,750 homes will realistically be developed by 2029.

The opportunity sites in the draft housing element were selected based on site-specific factors that are supportive of redevelopment with housing during the 8-year planning period. The sites are also opportunity sites within the two major specific plan update projects (Golden State Specific Plan and the Downtown Burbank Transit Oriented Development TOD Specific Plan) currently underway in the City. Both specific plans are anticipated for consideration by the City Council within calendar year 2022. The approach taken to use opportunity sites from the specific plans as opportunity sites for the Housing Element is intended to establish consistency throughout the City's long range planning documents. The timing of the Housing Element coinciding with the specific plan projects provides a unique opportunity to do so. Additionally, the sites themselves are optimal for facilitating new housing development given their size, status of the existing uses, proximity to two of the City's major employment and transit centers (consistent with city, regional and state efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions), and direct and ongoing communication from various developers and/or property owners indicating interest and intent to pursue housing.

The strategies being developed as part of the specific plans will be significant in increasing the likelihood of development on the housing element sites —and within the specific plan areas generally — by establishing objective development standards and streamlining project review. The Golden State Specific Plan also involves significant upzoning of residential density including on the opportunity sites. Additionally, the City recently received funds through SCAG's Sustainable



Communities Program in addition to funds previously awarded through LEAP to update the existing Media District Specific Plan. This update is anticipated to occur in 2023 and would result in similar code and process improvements as those that will be established with the Golden State and Downtown TOD Specific Plans, and is noted in draft Housing Element Program #5.

In response to Abundant Housing's prior comments, City staff has added descriptions of the suitability of each opportunity site by summarizing our knowledge of site-specific factors that support housing development beyond having the zoning/General Plan in place to do so. Additionally, Housing Element Program #5 was revised to include a mid-cycle review with respect to development of housing on the opportunity sites. The mid-cycle review will be an opportunity to assess the City's progress and, if necessary, make changes accordingly.

**Comment #2 (pg 2):** Planning assumes that 2,180 housing units that were approved or pending approval during the 5th Cycle will be built during the 6th Cycle, without accounting for the nearcertainty that some projects will never be built.

The inclusion of housing units that are part of projects already-approved or pending approval is consistent with HCD sites inventory guidelines. Additionally, based on what the City has experienced with recent projects and the continued demand for housing we believe it's reasonable to assume the approved and pending projects will be built. Within the last 6 years only one developer ultimately opted not to move forward with their entitlement. Of the four entitled projects identified in the draft Housing Element, one is under construction, one has been issued building permits, and two are in plan check review.

We recognize that housing production in the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle was low. Since then, the City Council adopted the Affordable Housing Strategy and the goal of facilitating the building of 12,000 new homes through 2035. City Council action in this regard has sent a positive message to the development community that the City is seeking to facilitate housing that helps to build neighborhoods and seeks to make positive inroads in our 3 to 1 jobs to housing imbalance. The 2,180 housing units in the pipeline reflects that policy and goal-setting at work. The housing element and specific plans will help to further advance these goals. Furthermore, consistent with the City Council housing goal and the programs proposed in the Housing Element, the City Council affirmed its commitment to implementing these housing goals and programs by approving a mixed- use project of 862 rental dwelling units (including 69 deed-restricted units affordable to low-income households) at the former Fry's Electronic Store at 2311 N. Hollywood Way. The project was approved on November 18, 2021, and is the largest mixed use residential unit approved by the City in the last 20 years. The developer of this project is the same one that is currently constructing a 573-unit mixed use project approved by the City Council for the site located at 777 N. Front Street (a noted pipeline project).

**Comment #3 (pg 2):** Planning makes overly optimistic forecasts of future ADU production which are unlikely to be achieved even with aggressive policies, without providing evidence to support this claim.

City staff continue to receive ADU applications, averaging about 5-10 submittals each week, and with the total number increasing each year since ADU regulations were updated by the State. During the most recent three-year period (Jan 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2021), the City has issued building

permits for 542 ADUs, an average of 180 ADU permits per year, with 322 ADU permit issued in 2021 alone. From the demand the City has been experiencing over the past three years, the City only sees ADU applications and permitting increasing. It is staff's assessment that our proposed numbers will be met as the City proposes new program initiatives as part of the Housing Update for the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle that will bolster ADU production (including reduced fees, reduced processing times for smaller ADUs, and creation of pre-approved ADU plans). Therefore, City staff and the consultant believe 200 ADUs per year for a total of 1,600 ADUs during the eight-year planning period is realistic and achievable.

Additionally, in response to Abundant Housing's earlier comments, the Housing Element includes an explicit commitment to provide mid-cycle review of ADU production.

**Comment #4 (pg 2):** Planning did not propose adequate reforms to address the major constraints on redevelopment that exist in Burbank.

Many of the strategies recommended by Abundant Housing are included in the draft Housing Element as part of the proposed programs. Objective development standards and by-right review processes would be established through the two Specific Plans for qualifying projects including removal of the CUP requirement. Fine-tuning of the details for how this would work are being addressed through the development of the Specific Plans, with the potential to be replicated in other areas of the City including as part of the eventual update to the Media District Specific Plan. Another separate program addresses updating the multifamily development standards, including parking, setbacks, height, and other standards to better enable compact, well-designed multi-family product types.

The proposed Housing Element update also includes a program to create pre-approved ADU plans, and to pursue zoning updates that facilitate infill development in the form of small lot subdivision and missing middle housing. In regards to pre-approved ADU plans, the City has been in discussion with firms such as YIMYADU, Inc. to discuss the possibly of one or more product types that could be pre-approved by the City to streamline review and shorter processing times for this housing type.

Comment #5 (pg 2): The housing element does not promote new housing opportunities on parcels where apartments are currently banned, even near the planned NoHo-Pasadena busway. Instead, it concentrates lower-income housing opportunities in areas with significant noise and air pollution exposure. This approach fails to affirmatively further fair housing and reverse existing patterns of residential segregation.

LA Metro's North Hollywood (NoHo) to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor, scheduled to begin service in 2024, will extend 18 miles between the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys, providing east-west transit service to link key activity centers to improve access to jobs, education and essential services. The NoHo-Pasadena busway will have six stops within the City of Burbank, exiting SR-134 to serve the Burbank Media District and continuing along Olive Avenue to Glenoaks Boulevard. As depicted on the map which follows, two of these stops are in areas where the City is focusing future high density residential development: the station at Olive Avenue and N. San Fernando Boulevard is in the heart of Burbank's downtown where the Downtown TOD Specific Plan is planning for over 3,400 units, and the station at Alameda Avenue and Hollywood

Way falls within the Media District Specific Plan which the City has received funding to update through SCAG's Sustainable Communities Program to accommodate an estimated 2,000 new housing units.



In terms of the relationship of the 19 opportunity sites identified in the Housing Element to affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH), sites are located predominately in High and Highest Resource census tracts, with just one site and two pending projects located in a Moderate Resource tract, per the Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) maps (refer to Exhibit B-21 in Appendix B of the draft Housing Element).

The census tract to the immediate east of the Hollywood Burbank Airport within the Golden State district, where several opportunity sites are identified, is identified as a disadvantaged community per the CalEnviro Screen analysis conducted as part of the Environmental Justice component of the GP update, in that this area is exposed to relatively higher degree of exposure to noise and air pollution. Although the AFFH requirement is related to the TCAC maps for areas of opportunity, the Safety Element update being prepared in conjunction with the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element includes Environmental Justice policies aimed at addressing these environmental hazards by investing in infrastructure improvements through the Golden State Specific Plan; incorporating project design features such as fixed windows, open space, increased tree plantings and higher MERV rated air filtration systems; and making use of the City's Complete Our Streets Plan to help evaluate streetscape design for new projects that considers all modes of transportation with the goal of providing safe and accessible travel to all individuals. The aforementioned 862 unit development at the former Fry's Site (2311 N. Hollywood Way) is a real world example of this type of mixed use project approved by the City that includes many of the noted design features including MERV 13 filtration system, fixed windows, open space, tree plantings and a bike and pedestrian friendly paseo that provides a direct path from the lower income neighborhood south of the Metrolink rail line to the existing Metrolink Station on Vanowen Street.

**Comment #6 (pg 3):** The City has included multiple Opportunity Sties where redevelopment is far from likely. For example:

TOD 3 (potential for 23 homes) is a collection of lots, including a large parcel owned by Caltrans, two restaurants, and a gas station. While City staff "has been engaged with Caltrans and the adjacent property owners about the viability of redeveloping these parcels as a cohesive mixed-use project", the housing element does not say when these discussions took place, or whether the owners of these properties are interested in selling their parcels to a single owner. Development projects that involve combining multiple parcels with different owners are often challenging, especially when the owner of the largest parcel is a state agency. While this project is certainly possible, it is far from a certainty.

This opportunity site includes a 1960s IHOP restaurant, fast food eatery and gas station and adjacent 1.58-acre portion of land currently owned by Caltrans. Excluding the Caltrans parcel, the site has an improvement-to-land value ratio of just 0.17, indicating a strong potential for redevelopment with a higher value economic use. City staff has been engaged with Caltrans and the adjacent property owners about the viability of redeveloping these parcels as a cohesive mixed-use project including the introduction of affordable and market rate residential units in proximity to downtown. Redevelopment of the site is being evaluated as part of the Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan. This site falls within the Housing Element program to allow for a by-right ministerial review process for projects within the specific plans that include 100 dwelling units or fewer. The existing zoning of the Project site will be updated as a part of the Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan to include objective development standards making the project site more conducive for redevelopment. City Planning and Housing staff have initiated communication regarding relinquishment of this and other Caltrans property adjacent to street right of way in the City to facilitate land consolidation to build the projected 23 dwelling units at the proposed site. Furthermore, City's Planning and Economic Development team have continued outreach with property owners of the San Fernando Blvd. fronting properties to facilitate redevelopment including new housing opportunities at this TOD 3 site consistent with the Housing Element and subject to the development standards being developed as part of the upcoming Downtown Burbank Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Specific Plan.

**TOD 7** (potential for 379 homes) is the Civic Center's parking lots, owned by the City of Burbank. The City has not made a clear commitment to allowing the redevelopment of these sites, and redevelopment of publicly-owned land, while certainly possible, should not be treated as a sure thing.

The Civic Center site currently has no allowable residential density under the Institutional General Plan land use designation. As part of the Downtown TOD Specific Plan and Housing Element implementation, the site's density will be increased to allow up to 87 dwelling units per acre. This effort will help facilitate the planning and visioning process that the City is currently undertaking with the community and City decision makers to consider redevelopment of Cityowned properties within this opportunity site to include a new library, affordable and workforce housing, new office space, shared parking facilities, a transit plaza, and new public open spaces. The existing City Hall building will remain. As part of the development of the Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan, the City is developing a general concept for the Civic Center opportunity site that will consider the development of a Public-Private-Partnership ("P3") to help

facilitate the development of the project during the 2021-2029 planning period. The proposed land uses, including residential, will be evaluated as part of the Specific Plan's Program EIR with the intent to facilitate streamlined review of future development. The Specific Plan will also consider the potential use of transfer development rights, to allow transfer of unused density to other parcels within the Civic Center site. As of January 2022, the consultant team of economists and land use planners have been selected to assist the City in analyzing the site's potential for redeveloping a mix of uses including 379 housing units.

TOD 8 (potential for 88 homes) is fully occupied by a variety of small businesses. While the City states that "staff had previous discussions with the property owner about the redevelopment of this opportunity site as a residential/mixed use project", the City doesn't say when these discussions took place, or whether the owner is interested in redevelopment.

City staff had previous discussions with the property owner about the redevelopment of this opportunity site as a residential/mixed use project. The site currently contains multi-tenant office buildings in the City's Downtown. Most of the buildings on the site were constructed prior to 1980. The site itself is near the City's downtown adjacent to a Los Angeles County Courthouse and across the street from the City's Civic Center. The site is approximately half a mile from the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Train Station, within a High-Quality Transit Area. Per the TCAC Opportunity Map, the site is within a high resource area. The redevelopment effort is focused on facilitating a mixed-use project that combines the potential for new office space with new housing in a major employment and transportation hub. In addition, this site falls within the Housing Element program to allow for by-right ministerial review process for projects within the specific plans that include 100 dwelling units or fewer. The existing zoning of the Project site will be updated as a part of the Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan to include objective development standards making the project site more conducive for redevelopment. The City's Planning and Economic Development team have continued outreach with property owners and prospective developers of the subject site to facilitate redevelopment including new housing opportunities consistent with the Housing Element and subject to the development standards being developed as part of the upcoming Downtown Burbank Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Specific Plan.

**Comment #7 (pg 4):** The housing element fails to include policies that would encourage denser development on R-1 parcels.

The City's primary focus to accommodating future housing growth is to concentrate densities near employment and high quality transit, while preserving and enhancing existing neighborhoods. This is exemplified by the Golden State and Downtown TOD Specific Plans that will provide for over 6,000 additional high density housing units, as well as Media District which is projected to accommodate 2,000 new units. Within Burbank's single-family districts, more limited infill opportunities will be provided through the following:

Senate Bill 9, effective January 1, 2022, allows property owners to split a single-family zoned lot into two lots and/or place up to two housing units on a single-family zoned lot. The City is currently working on a Code update to implement the provisions of SB 9, expanding opportunities for residential infill in high resource single-family zones.

The City is also in the process of updating development standards for R-1 and R-1-H single family residential zones to facilitate development of single-family residential units by incorporating objective standards and eliminating the existing discretionary review process for development of single-family homes. The proposed update to single-family standards, in conjunction with existing regulations that facilitate the provision of ADUs and JADUs, will facilitate development on R-1 parcels.

Additionally, compliant with State law, the City updated its Code to permit transitional and supportive housing in R-1 and R-1-H single-family zones, expanding the variety of by-right housing options in single-family zones.

## Appendix A (pgs 6-12) Policy Recommendations:

Identify new funding sources and public resources to encourage the production and preservation of affordable housing.

As stated in Program 14, the City will be evaluating establishing an impact fee on non-residential development to provide an additional source of revenue for the Housing Trust Fund, similar to the City of Glendale. The City's Housing and Grants Division, along with the Burbank Housing Corporation, actively pursues funding sources in support of affordable housing, and as indicated in the AFFH, has secured Permanent Local Housing Allocation funds, and will be pursuing round 2 Project Homekey funds from the State.

Exempt parcels containing rent-restricted and de facto affordable housing from rezoning to prevent displacement of vulnerable households.

In contrast to Burbank's 5<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element which focused new housing growth on underutilized residential parcels, the 19 Housing Opportunity Sites in the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element are located entirely in non-residential districts, thereby minimizing any potential residential displacement. In addition, the City adheres to AB 1397, which requires development on Housing Element sites occupied by lower income households within the last five years to be replaced with affordable units.

Ensure that "no net loss" provisions apply to parcels in the site inventory and rezoning program with an annual and ongoing monitoring and implementation program.

To ensure the City's monitors its compliance with SB 166 (No Net Loss), Program 7 has been added to the Housing Element to develop a procedure to monitor the development of sites in the Housing Element and remaining capacity to address the RHNA by income category.

Prioritize the production of affordable housing on City-owned land, and offer that land to nonprofit developers at no cost as a lawful and bona fide concession under state density bonus law.

Approximately six acres within the Civic Center have been identified as an opportunity site in the Housing Element sites inventory. The City is currently undertaking a visioning process to evaluate redevelopment of City-owned properties within the Civic Center to include the integration of an

estimated 379 units of affordable and workforce housing. The TOD Specific Plan is incorporating concept planning for the Civic Center opportunity site to include a Public-Private Partnership (P3) to help facilitate development of the projects during the 2021-2029 planning period.

Commit to mid-cycle review to verify Planning's assumptions about development probabilities. If it turns out that sites were developed at a lower-than-expected rate, rezone for additional capacity or make other appropriate adjustments.

Program 5 commits the City to conduct a mid-cycle review (2025) to evaluate production levels in comparison to the RHNA, and if falling significantly short, to rezone additional sites to increase capacity.

Provide a quantitative estimate of the likelihood that in-pipeline projects will be completed, based on historical data, and adjust the number of in-pipeline units counted towards the RHNA accordingly. If the City doesn't have this data, it should apply the same discount as the City of Los Angeles due to the close proximity and microeconomic conditions that exist there.

The following table presents an update of the status of projects with development entitlements. As shown, all projects are moving forward. In addition, the former Fry's Electronics site which was identified as a pending project in the Draft Housing Element received its planning entitlements in November 2021. Within the last six years only one developer ultimately opted not to move forward with their entitlement.

Projects with Entitlements	Description	Zoning	Acres	# Units	Afford- ability	Project Status (as of Jan 2022)
<b>La Terra</b> 777 Front St	Mixed Use (573 apt. units, 307-room hotel, 1,067 sf retail)	Rezoned from AD (Auto Dealership) to PD 17-01	7 acres	573	Mod: 69 AMod: 504	Project currently undergoing plan check process to obtain building permits
First Street Village 315 N. First St	Mixed Use (275 apt units, 21,265 sf retail/ restaurant)	Rezoned from BCC-2 to PD 14-01	2.99 acres	275	Mod: 14 AMod: 261	Phase 1 of the project is under construction. Applicant undergoing plan check process to obtain building permits for Phase 2.
601-615 E. Cedar Ave.	MF residential	R-4, High Density Residential	0.8 acres	46	Very Low: 3 Low: 5 AMod: 24	Building Permits for the project were issued 4th Quarter of 2021
624-628 San Fernando Blvd	Mixed use (42 apt units and 14,800 sf commercial use)	BCC-3	0.71 acres	42	Very Low: 4 Low: 1 AMod: 37	Project currently undergoing plan check process to obtain building permits
Former Fry's Electronics Site 2311 N. Hollywood Way	Mixed Use (862 units, 151,800 sf office, 9,700 sf commercial uses)	C-3	10.43 acres	862	Very Low: 80 AMod: 782	Received Planning entitlements November 2021. Applicant will initiate the plan check process soon.

The eight pending projects totaling 626 units identified in the Housing Element are all in various stages of entitlement (excluding the former Fry's site since it is now entitled). Even if one or two

of these projects ultimately don't end up moving forward, the City has two recent SB 35 applications (see Table below) for a total of 471 units that would more than offset any losses. In summary, the market demand for residential development in Burbank is extremely robust, and the inclusion of entitled and pending projects in the sites inventory is warranted based on the City's experience with recent projects.

Recent Project Applications	Description	Zoning	Acres	# Units	Afford- ability	Project Status (as of Jan 2022)
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3000 Empire Ave.	340-unit	M-2 (General	1.97	340	Low: 271	SB-35 application (notice
	residential	Industrial)	acres	units	Mod: 68	of intent filed), SB 330
	building				AMod:1	preliminary application.
3001 Empire Ave.	131-unit	M-2 (General	0.68	131	Low: 104	SB-35 application (notice
	residential	Industrial)	acres		Mod: 26	of intent filed), SB 330
	building				AMod: 1	preliminary application.

Should you have any questions regarding our responses to these comments, please contact me at framirez@burbankca.gov or 818-238-5250.

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May 13, 2022

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Dear Director Velasquez:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the process of updating the Housing Element of Burbank's general plan. We are writing on behalf of **Abundant Housing LA (AHLA)** and **YIMBY Law** regarding Burbank's 6th Cycle Housing Element Update (HEU). **Abundant Housing LA** is a pro-housing, nonprofit advocacy organization working to help solve Southern California's housing crisis, and **YIMBY Law**'s mission is to make housing in California more accessible and affordable through enforcement of state housing law.

We support reforms to legalize more homes, make homes easier to build, increase funding for affordable housing, and protect tenants, which are all needed to make housing more affordable, improve access to jobs and transit, promote greater environmental sustainability, and advance racial and economic equity.

On <u>5/24/2021</u>, <u>9/29/2021</u> and <u>12/16/2021</u>, AHLA shared letters with Burbank and HCD, regarding drafts of the HEU, providing comments on how Burbank should fulfill both the letter and the spirit of housing element law.

On 2/1/2022, HCD sent a <u>letter</u> to Burbank regarding an earlier draft of the housing element, identifying corrections that need to be made to obtain certification of the plan. A subsequent draft Housing Element was received by HCD for review on 4/4/2022. The purpose of this letter is to provide our comments on the subsequent draft HEU.

We have reviewed the City's subsequent draft HEU received by HCD on 4/4/2022, and continue to have major concerns about Burbank's ability to meet its state-mandated RHNA targets.

On 12/16/2021, MapCraft Labs published <u>an analysis</u><sup>1</sup> of an earlier draft of the HEU, which was commissioned by AHLA. The purpose of the analysis was to evaluate Burbank's sites inventory to assess its likely impact on housing production. The analysis found a capacity shortall of between approximately 1,100 and 2,300 units and made several recommendations for improving the Housing Element, which are summarized below.

The 2/1/2021 HCD review letter identified deficiencies in the previous draft HEU. This letter concludes by highlighting common themes in AHLA and HCD's comments.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> MapCraft Labs (2021). "Burbank Housing Element Analysis Results" page 1.

# <u>Discussion of issues that AHLA raised previously:</u>

**Comment 1:** "Planning's process for selecting sites and assessing their capacity does not accurately estimate parcels' likelihood of development or net new units if redeveloped. Therefore, Planning has not identified enough sites where [8,772] homes will realistically be developed by 2029."

The HEU relies on just 19 sites to accommodate a large portion of the RHNA. Many of these sites have substantial constraints to housing in the form of existing structures and environmental factors. For example, a major grouping of seven housing opportunity sites is located in the Golden State Specific Plan (GSSP) area, which is in close proximity to the Hollywood Burbank Airport and characterized by existing industrial uses. These factors raise concerns about future residents' exposure to noise and pollution from existing uses and related questions about how these environmental conditions may deter developers from building housing. One of the sites, "GSSP 3 - Valhalla", which is supposed to accommodate 678 homes, is located in the airport influence area, and may face additional development constraints, such as on building height, which should be analyzed<sup>2</sup>. On another site, "GSSP 7 - Empire", Burbank claims capacity for 510 homes, but the aerial image provided shows a substantial portion of the site is covered with existing buildings<sup>3</sup>. While redevelopment of this site may be technically possible, the plan should include an analysis of likely constraints to that redevelopment, such as existing leases, so that the likelihood of redevelopment during the planning period can be properly accounted for.

Furthermore, the sites inventory is required to specify the projected number of units at each affordability level for each site, per HCD's standard form<sup>4</sup>, yet this information is missing in the sites inventory<sup>5</sup>. Burbank has an obligation to present substantial evidence that existing uses will discontinue during the planning period because non-vacant sites are accommodating over half of the lower-income RHNA<sup>6</sup>, but it is not clear exactly where the lower-income RHNA would be accommodated. This issue is especially relevant because Burbank saw only 26% of its 5th cycle RHNA actually built, with significant shortfalls of housing affordable to moderate, low and very low income households<sup>7</sup>. The 6th cycle RHNA numbers are significantly higher, meaning more effort will be required to meet them.

In the Downton TOD Specific Plan area, analysis of existing leases to assess realistic development potential is critical. For example, on site "TOD 6 - Burbank Town Center" Burbank claims capacity for 1,020 homes, and states that the property was purchased by a firm interested in redevelopment. However, the site is developed with a large indoor mall where many existing leases could constrain redevelopment over the next eight years. Perhaps a developer could buy out those leases, but that would increase the cost and affect the feasibility

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element, page 1-80.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element Appendices, page D-24.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> California Government Code Section 65583.3.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element Appendices, pages D-8 - D-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> California Government Code Section 65583.2.(g)(3)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element Appendices, page C-13.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element Appendices, page D-19.

of any potential redevelopment, and particularly of any below market rate units that may be included in such a development, as Burbank's inclusionary zoning ordinance would require. This is the site with the largest claimed capacity for new housing in the plan (about 12% of the RHNA), and the assumptions around realistic development capacity here must be better supported.

**Comment 2:** "Planning assumes that 2,180 housing units that were approved or pending approval during the 5th Cycle will be built during the 6th Cycle, without accounting for the near-certainty that some projects will never be built."

The sites inventory now claims 2,431 units from entitled or "pending" projects<sup>9</sup>. However, it is not legitimate to assume that 100% of proposed, entitled, or even permitted units will actually be built. In all of these scenarios there is some probability that the project will not be completed. Burbank can and should report and assess what these probabilities are with reference to its own historical experience with past projects and discount the number of units claimed as in pipeline appropriately. Furthermore, the number of units claimed must be specified at each affordability level.

**Comment 3:** "Planning makes overly optimistic forecasts of future ADU production which are unlikely to be achieved even with aggressive policies, without providing evidence to support this claim."

The plan states that 181 ADUs were permitted annually between 2019 and 2021 and then projects 200 ADUs per year over the planning period. HCD lays out a safe harbor option for projecting ADUs based on permitting trends since 2018<sup>10</sup>. While it is conceivable that programs to promote ADUs could result in production during the planning period exceeding the historical average, we recommend adhering to the historical average since 2018 for purposes of projections to account for factors that could depress ADU production during the planning period, such as a recession. A conservative ADU forecast also creates an additional buffer in case the plan's expectations on other sites are not met, as seems probable (see discussion above under Comment 1).

**Comment 4:** "Planning did not propose adequate reforms to address the major constraints on redevelopment that exist in Burbank."

Program 10<sup>11</sup> includes evaluating Burbank's Inclusionary Zoning Ordinance and should include specific reform commitments to make it less burdensome and more effective at producing housing at all income levels. For rental housing developments the ordinance currently requires 10% of homes to be affordable for lower-income households and 5% to be affordable for very low income households. This framing is not well aligned with the state density bonus law

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element Appendices, page D-7.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> HCD Site Inventory Guidebook, page 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element, page 1-107.

because that law requires the granting of one density bonus for qualifying projects<sup>12</sup>. Burbank's requirements for low income and very low income units each would individually trigger a state density bonus, but those bonuses do not "stack" as a matter of state law. It would be better to specify a menu of options at different affordability levels, at the lower end of what triggers a state density bonus. For example requiring 10% of units for low-income households or 5% for very low income households, instead of requiring both. In this manner a homebuilder would qualify for a state density bonus to offset the feasibility challenges that can come with requiring affordable units. Of course, a builder could always choose to exceed the minimum affordability requirements, if incentives are properly structured so that pathway is feasible.

Program 5 discusses revisions to parking requirements consistent with state density bonus law. Parking requirements increase the cost of housing, reduce the density of development, and exacerbate environmental problems, and we advocate for their abolition at the state and local level. State density bonus law lays out three different scenarios whereby parking requirements may be reduced, and different reductions, based on the level of affordability and other factors<sup>13</sup>. Since Burbank has an inclusionary zoning ordinance that triggers state density bonuses, projects will qualify for this parking relief regardless of what Burbank does to change parking requirements in its municipal code. A more meaningful action would be to propose eliminating residential parking requirements or at least reducing them to levels below what state density bonus law makes available.

The plan makes the problematic decision to steer development away from areas zoned single-family residential, instead directing it to the Downtown TOD Specific Plan Area and Golden State Specific Plan Area. Single-family zoning is a significant constraint to housing production, and particularly the production of affordable housing. While the plan does include some positive programs around ADUs, such as pre-approved plans and reduced fees, the plan should go farther to promote housing opportunities in exclusionary areas. Cities are required to permit ADUs and SB 9 duplexes and lot splits by state law. Burbank should go beyond strategies that are driven by state law and legalize bungalow courts, townhomes, and small apartment buildings in all residential neighborhoods, with reasonable public safety exceptions such as for high fire hazard severity zones.

The lack of funding for affordable housing as a constraint merits further consideration. For example, Program 1a discusses using \$5 million in redevelopment successor agency funding to purchase ten market rate units and preserve them as affordable 14. The analysis of the inclusionary zoning ordinance does not make clear how much money it has raised in in-lieu fees or how many affordable units have been built under its provisions, if any. Given the scarcity of available funding, it is critical that Burbank commit to raising more funding locally and aligning its affordable housing incentives and mandates well with the state density bonus law, as discussed above.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> California Government Code Section 65915.(b)(1)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> California Government Code Section 65915.(p)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element, page 1-101.

Per HCD's review letter, the HEU in Program 7<sup>15</sup> commits to rezoning certain sites identified but not redeveloped in prior planning periods for 20% affordable projects to be approved by right. However, we recommend extending by right approval to all 20% affordable projects, or even more broadly (where not already covered by other ministerial approval programs), because this standard would be easier to track and administer and is more supportive of housing construction than the minimum standard in state law.

**Comment 5:** "The housing element does not promote new housing opportunities on parcels where apartments are currently banned, even near the planned NoHo-Pasadena busway. Instead, it concentrates lower-income housing opportunities in areas with significant noise and air pollution exposure. This approach fails to affirmatively further fair housing and reverse existing patterns of residential segregation."

With regard to affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH), Exhibit B-25<sup>16</sup>, which shows the sites inventory overlaid on a map of low to moderate income population, is concerning. The map shows that the vast majority of opportunity sites are located in areas with the highest concentrations of low to moderate income households. This means that the HEU is unlikely to reverse patterns of socioeconomic segregation in Burbank, which is essential to AFFH. Furthermore, Exhibit B-27<sup>17</sup>, shows a significant proportion of opportunity sites are located in areas that are designated as susceptible to displacement or areas of ongoing displacement. To some extent this approach is justified, since this is the area where Downtown Burbank is located, and a place where future residents would have good access to jobs and transit. However, it is critical to strengthen programs to protect residential tenants. Program 3<sup>18</sup>, on this subject, mainly references compliance with existing state laws, but Burbank should go further, for example by establishing a robust right to compensation in a no-fault eviction for redevelopment and a right to return at the previous rent for some period of time. Policies such as these would help steer investment to areas where fewer tenants would be displaced. However, this must be accompanied by strong policies to create more housing opportunities in other parts of the city, particularly in areas zoned single-family residential.

As discussed above in Program 1, a significant portion of the sites inventory is located in the Golden State Specific Plan area, where existing industrial uses and the airport not only constrain redevelopment, but also raise environmental justice concerns for future residents of the area.

The planned North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Project would run through southern Burbank along Olive Avenue and Glenoaks Boulevard, with a connection to the Downtown Burbank Metrolink station. Although the plan references some future rezoning of the Media District in Program 5<sup>19</sup>, the commitment is somewhat vague and this area is not part of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element, page 115.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element, page B-57

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element, page B-60

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element, page 1-102.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Burbank Subsequent Draft Housing Element, page 1-103.

the sites inventory. The HEU should take full advantage of the opportunity to plan for more homes at all income levels near high-quality transit, which allows people to lower their transportation costs and live more sustainably.

## **Rezoning Deadline**

California Government Code Section 65583.(c)(1)(A) states in part "a local government that fails to adopt a housing element that the department has found to be in substantial compliance with this article within 120 days of the statutory deadline in Section 65588 for adoption of the housing element, rezoning of those sites, including adoption of minimum density and development standards, shall be completed no later than one year from the statutory deadline in Section 65588 for adoption of the housing element." The statutory deadline for jurisdictions in the SCAG region, such as Burbank, was 10/15/2021. Per HCD's website, the subsequent draft HEU was received for review on 4/4/2022, after the 120 day grace period had elapsed.

Some of the programs (e.g. Programs 12, 14, 18) to rezone and adopt supportive development standards, target implementation dates after the one-year rezoning deadline of 10/15/2022. However, this schedule is not available to jurisdictions that fail to obtain certification of their housing elements in a timely manner, as described above. Therefore, HCD should clarify that compliance with the one-year rezoning deadline is required.

# MapCraft Analysis:

The <u>MapCraft analysis</u> of the HEU commissioned by AHLA found that the capacity claimed in the sites inventory could fall short by approximately 1,100 to 2,300 units. The finding lends support to our conclusion that the sites inventory is not adequately considering realistic development capacity of non-vacant sites. The analysis considered historic development scale and financial feasibility analysis under different parking requirements scenarios. The analysis makes the following recommendations:

- 1. "Right-sizing claimed capacity on sites in the current site inventory, both by reducing expectations on many sites and being more ambitious in upzoning other sites. The city could revisit additional opportunities to rezone more parcels in the inventory, particularly in areas like Downtown and along commercial corridors like West Olive Avenue."
- 2. "Adding more sites to the site inventory and evaluating rezoning of those sites. Excluding ADUs, the inventory addresses only 3.5% of the city's 4,200 parcels, so there are many places that could be explored further to address this potential shortfall."
- 3. "Reducing or eliminating parking requirements and promoting automobile alternatives to reduce households' demand for parking. If developers could meet household demand with fewer on-site parking stalls, it could make multifamily development in many parts of the City more economically feasible."
- 4. "Introducing new economic incentives to increase the financial feasibility of redevelopment, especially for projects that include below-market-rate units."

5. "Consider establishing development minimums to ensure high utilization of sites with feasible housing capacity."

# **Comparison of HCD Comment Letter and AHLA/YIMBY Law Comment Letter:**

The table below lists the comment numbers that are relevant to the categories of deficiencies identified, along with a summary of key AHLA and YIMBY Law policy recommendations for each category.

Deficiency	AHLA/YIMBY Law Comment Letter	HCD Comment Letter	Key AHLA/YIMBY Law Policy Recommendations
Sites Inventory	1, 2, 3	A2	Improve analysis of constraints to housing production such as environmental factors in the GSSP area, and existing leases.  Inventory must project units at each affordability level for each site.  Adjust the number of units expected from in-pipeline projects to reflect the reality that not all projects will be built, based on historical trends in Burbank.  Use the HCD ADU forecast safe harbor based on permitting trends since 2018.
Funding and Promoting Affordable Housing and Housing for Special-Needs Groups	4	B2	Commit to raising local funds to fund affordable housing and better align inclusionary zoning ordinance with state density bonus law.
Governmental Constraint Removal	4	A3, B1, B3	Better align the inclusionary zoning ordinance with state density bonus law.  Eliminate parking requirements or at least reduce them beyond what state density bonus law already accomplishes.  Upzone single-family areas to allow

			a balanced mixture of housing types going beyond state ADU law and SB 9.
AFFH Analysis and Programs to Promote Integrated Neighborhoods	5	A1, B4	Upzone single-family areas to allow a balanced mixture of housing types going beyond state ADU law and SB 9.  Strengthen anti-displacement policies, including a robust right to compensation for a no-fault eviction and right to return at previous rent for some period of time.  GSSP sites are problematic due to existing industrial uses and the airport raising environmental justice concerns.  Take advantage of the opportunity to allow more housing at all income levels near planned BRT stations.
Public Participation	We concur with HCD's comment	С	Improve outreach methods to lower income and special-needs households.

We request the opportunity to meet with you and your colleagues to address the concerns raised in this letter. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Subject: Response to May 13th, 2022 Comment Letter on Revised draft Burbank 2021-2029 Housing Element

The following memo summarizes comments Abundant Housing LA and Yimby Law provided to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on Burbank's draft Housing Element in a letter dated May 13, 2022, and provides City staff's response to each comment raised. In a telephone conversation on July 6, 2022, HCD confirmed that Burbank's draft Housing Element fully complies with state Housing Element statutes.

Comment #1 (pg 2): Planning's process for selecting sites and assessing their capacity does not accurately estimate parcels' likelihood of development or net new units if redeveloped. Therefore, Planning has not identified enough sites where [8,772] homes will realistically be developed by 2029.

The opportunity sites in the draft housing element were selected based on site-specific factors that are supportive of redevelopment with housing during the 8-year planning period. The sites are also opportunity sites within the two major specific plan update projects (Golden State Specific Plan and the Downtown Burbank Transit Oriented Development TOD Specific Plan) currently underway in the City. Both specific plans are anticipated for consideration by the City Council within fiscal year 2022-2023. The approach taken to use opportunity sites from the specific plans as opportunity sites for the Housing Element is intended to establish consistency throughout the City's long range planning documents. The timing of the Housing Element coinciding with the specific plan projects provides a unique opportunity to do so. Additionally, the sites themselves are optimal for facilitating new housing development given their size, status of the existing uses, proximity to two of the City's major employment and transit centers (consistent with city, regional and state efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions), and direct and ongoing communication from various developers and/or property owners indicating interest and intent to pursue housing.

The strategies being developed as part of the specific plans will be significant in increasing the likelihood of development on the housing element sites —and within the specific plan areas generally — by establishing objective development standards and streamlining project review. The Golden State Specific Plan also involves significant upzoning of residential density including on the opportunity sites. Additionally, the City received funds through SCAG's Sustainable

Communities Program in addition to funds awarded through LEAP to update the existing Media District Specific Plan. This update is anticipated to occur in 2023 and would result in similar code and process improvements as those that will be established with the Golden State and Downtown TOD Specific Plans, and is noted in draft Housing Element Program #5.

In response to Abundant Housing's prior comments, City staff has added descriptions of the suitability of each opportunity site by summarizing our knowledge of site-specific factors that support housing development beyond having the zoning/General Plan in place to do so. Additionally, Housing Element Program #5 was revised to include a mid-cycle review with respect to development of housing on the opportunity sites. The mid-cycle review will be an opportunity to assess the City's progress and, if necessary, make changes accordingly.

Comment #1a (pg 2): Sites located in the GSSP are close to the Hollywood Burbank Airport and are characterized by existing industrial uses, raising concerns about future residents' exposure to noise and pollution and how these environmental factors may deter developers from building housing.

Approval of an 862-unit mixed use project on the former Fry's site in the GSSP illustrates how project design features and mitigation measures can allow residential uses to safely be introduced in the area. The Fry's site is adjacent to the Airport Influence Area and railroad right of way. The approved project includes numerous measures to address noise control such as MERV 13 filtration system, sound baffling glass barriers, and interior design of units to maintain interior unit noise to 45 dBA, to name a few. The project is consistent with the City's Burbank2035 General Plan goals and policies that seek to facilitate mixed use and transit-oriented development projects near public transit and employment centers while ensuring that new residential development located near the airport, railroad, and freeways are designed to address any potential health risks in compliance with City green building codes, the City's Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan (updated May 2022), and Burbank2035 Land Use, Housing, Air Quality/Greenhouse Gas, and Mobility Elements. Any future development in the GSSP will be required to receive similar clearances to the Frys site from the FAA and the Airport Land Use Committee before obtaining approval from the City for development.

In addition to the Fry's site, the City has received a Notice of Intent to Submit an SB 35 application on three other sites in the GSSP, including 148 units being proposed at 2814 W. Empire Avenue, 340 units proposed for 3000 W. Empire Avenue, and 131 units being proposed at 3001 W. Empire Avenue; a fourth SB 35 application has also been received outside the GSSP for 144 units at 3201 W. Olive Avenue. These projects are indicative of the high level of development interest in the area and provide evidence that the existing conditions are not serving as an impediment to residential development.

Comment #1b (pg 2): The sites inventory is required to specify the projected number of units at each affordability level for each site.

The completed HCD Sites Inventory Table has been added to Appendix D of the Housing Element. Please use the following link to access the docmeunt: https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/

Comment #1c (pg 2-3): Redevelopment of the Burbank Town Center site (TOD Site 6) may be constrained by existing leases. This site has the largest claimed capacity for new housing in the Housing Element and the assumptions around realistic development capacity need to be better supported.

As of November 2021, the Onni Group has acquired the Burbank Town Center for redevelopment purposes, and has been in discussions with City staff about the pending Downtown Burbank TOD Specific Plan as it relates the Town Center site. In May of 2022, City staff met with the property owner's representatives and architects about a potential mixed-use project at the subject site. The property owner's representatives conveyed their interest in being involved in the Downtown TOD Specific Plan process to provide input on a mixed-use project of the subject site that is consistent with the Specific Plan project objectives and with the Program Environmental Impact Report to preserve any future opportunities for streamlined project review and environmental assessment. While they are still defining the precise scope of their project, Onni's goal is to develop well in excess of the 1,020 units identified in the Housing Element for this site, as confirmed in a May 2022 letter sent by the Onni's Vice President of Development to the City. Communications between staff and the property owner's representatives is ongoing.

Comment #2 (pg 3): Planning assumes that 2,431 housing units that were approved or pending approval during the 5th Cycle will be built during the 6th Cycle, without accounting for the near-certainty that some projects will never be built.

The inclusion of housing units that are part of projects already-approved or pending approval is consistent with HCD sites inventory guidelines. Additionally, based on what the City has experienced with recent projects and the continued demand for housing we believe it's reasonable to assume the approved and pending projects will be built. Within the last 6 years only one developer ultimately opted not to move forward with their entitlement. Of the six entitled projects identified in the draft Housing Element, two are under construction, one has been issued building permits and have demolished existing buildings onsite, one has been issued building permits, and two are in plan check review. In addition, as shown in Table 1-42 in the Housing Element, the City has two additional pending projects on Empire Avenue for which staff has received a Notice of Intent to Submit an SB 35 application for a total of 471 units; these proposed units haven't been included in the sites inventory as formal applications have not yet been submitted.

We recognize that housing production in the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle was low. Since then, the City Council adopted the Affordable Housing Strategy and the goal of facilitating the building of 12,000 new homes through 2035. City Council action in this regard has sent a positive message to the development community that the City is seeking to facilitate housing that helps to build neighborhoods and seeks to make positive inroads in our 3 to 1 jobs to housing imbalance. The 2,180 housing units in the pipeline reflects that policy and goal-setting at work. The housing element and specific plans will help to further advance these goals. Furthermore, consistent with the City Council housing goal and the programs proposed in the Housing Element, the City Council affirmed its commitment to implementing these housing goals and programs by approving a mixed- use project of 862 rental dwelling units (including 80 deed-restricted units affordable to very low-income households) at the former Fry's Electronic Store at 2311 N. Hollywood Way. The project was approved by the City Council on November 18, 2021, and is the largest mixed use residential unit approved by the City in the last 20 years. The developer of this project is the same

one that is currently constructing a 573-unit mixed use project approved by the City Council for the site located at 777 N. Front Street (a noted pipeline project).

Comment #3 (pg 3): Planning makes overly optimistic forecasts of future ADU production which are unlikely to be achieved even with aggressive policies, without providing evidence to support this claim.

City staff continue to receive ADU applications, averaging about 5 – 10 submittals each week, and with the total number increasing each year since ADU regulations were updated by the State. During the most recent three-year period (Jan 1, 2019 – Dec 31, 2021), the City has issued building permits for 542 ADUs, an average of 181 ADU permits per year, with 322 ADU permit issued in 2021 alone. Between January 1 – May 13, 2022, the City issued 85 building permits for ADUs; extrapolating this rate over a one-year period equates to 236 permits, demonstrating the continued demand for ADUs in the community. From the demand the City has been experiencing over the past three years, the City only sees ADU applications and permitting increasing. It is staff's assessment that our proposed numbers will be met as the City proposes new program initiatives as part of the Housing Update for the 6th Cycle that will bolster ADU production (including reduced fees, reduced processing times for smaller ADUs, and creation of pre-approved ADU plans). Therefore, City staff and the consultant believe 200 ADUs per year for a total of 1,600 ADUs during the eight-year planning period is realistic and achievable.

Additionally, in response to Abundant Housing's earlier comments, the Housing Element includes an explicit commitment to provide mid-cycle review of ADU production.

Comment #4 (pg 3): Planning did not propose adequate reforms to address the major constraints on redevelopment that exist in Burbank.

Many of the strategies recommended by Abundant Housing are included in the draft Housing Element update as part of the proposed programs. Objective development standards and by-right review processes would be established through the two Specific Plans (i.e., Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plans) for qualifying projects including removal of the CUP requirement. Fine-tuning of the details for how this would work are being addressed through the development of the Specific Plans, with the potential to be replicated in other areas of the City including as part of the eventual update to the Media District Specific Plan. Another separate program addresses updating the multifamily development standards, including parking, setbacks, height, and other standards to better enable compact, well-designed multi-family product types.

The proposed Housing Element update also includes a program to create pre-approved ADU plans, and to pursue zoning updates that facilitate infill development in the form of small lot subdivision and missing middle housing. In regards to pre-approved ADU plans, the City has been in discussion with firms such as YIMBYADU, Inc. to discuss the possibly of one or more product types that could be pre-approved by the City to streamline review and shorter processing times for this housing type.

Comment #4a (pg 3): Housing Element Program 10 to update Burbank's Inclusionary Ordinance should include specific commitments to make it less burdensome and more effective at producing

affordable housing. The structure of the ordinance is not well aligned with state density bonus law.

As shown in Table 1-42, Burbank has numerous projects in the pipeline that are complying with the City's current inclusionary requirements and providing affordable units within their projects. Most of these projects are also taking advantage of state density bonus law to achieve additional units. The City is in the process of updating its Inclusionary Housing Ordinance and is projected to have the draft update of the local inclusionary housing regulations completed by the end of 2022. As part of this update, changes to the Ordinance will be evaluated, which are complementary to current state density bonus law.

Comment #4b (pg 4): Housing Element Program 5 discusses revisions to parking requirements consistent with state density bonus law. A more meaningful action would be to propose eliminating residential parking requirements or at least reducing to a level below what state density bonus law makes available.

Housing Element Program 9 identifies numerous incentives the City will offer in the TOD and GSSP specific plans to promote development on its Housing Element sites. Among these are to reduce parking requirements consistent with standards available under density bonus law, with potential further reductions in exchange for provision of community benefits.

Comment #4c (pg 4): The housing element fails to include policies that would encourage denser development on R-1 parcels.

The City's primary focus to accommodating future housing growth is to concentrate densities near major employment centers and high-quality transit, while preserving and enhancing existing neighborhoods. This is exemplified by the Golden State and Downtown TOD specific plans that will provide for over 6,000 additional high density housing units, as well as Media District, which is projected to accommodate up to 2,000 new units. Within Burbank's single-family districts, more limited infill opportunities will be provided through the following:

Senate Bill 9, effective January 1, 2022, allows property owners to split a single-family zoned lot into two lots and/or place up to two housing units on a single-family zoned lot. The City approved an urgency ordinance for SB 9 and is currently working on a Code update to implement the provisions of SB 9, expanding opportunities for residential infill in high resource single-family zones.

The City approved updated development standards in March 2022 for R-1 and R-1-H single family residential zones to facilitate development of single-family residential units by incorporating objective standards and eliminating the existing discretionary review process for development of single-family homes. The proposed update to single-family standards, in conjunction with existing regulations that facilitate the provision of ADUs and JADUs, will facilitate development on R-1 parcels.

Additionally, compliant with State law, the City updated its Code to permit transitional and supportive housing in R-1 and R-1-H single-family zones, expanding the variety of by-right housing options in single-family zones.

Comment #4d (pg 4): The Housing Element should go farther to promote housing in single-family areas than just permitting ADUs and SB 9 duplexes and lot splits as required under state law, such as allowing bungalow courts, townhomes and small apartment buildings.

Housing Element Program 12 identifies several actions the City will undertake to promote homeownership opportunities for first-time homebuyers which will also serve to open up single-family neighborhoods to a broader range of housing types. These include:

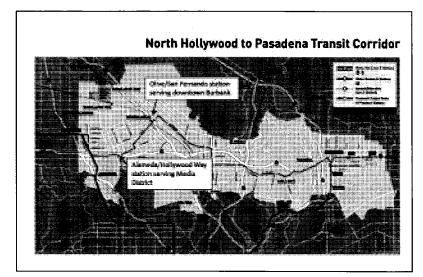
- Creation of a small lot subdivision ordinance to accommodate single-family infill housing in commercial and multi-family neighborhoods
- Evaluating allowing "duet homes" duplexes, which are sold and owned separately within single-family zones
- Support co-housing communities that are individually owned, private units clustered around common facilities
- Incentivizing the construction of missing middle housing of 15-30 units to the acre including smaller apartments, townhome and rowhouse style development

Comment #4e (pg 5): Two sites included in the Housing Element Site Inventory for lower-income housing were also in the previous (5<sup>th</sup> cycle) Burbank Housing Element and have projects pending entitlement: The Premier on First and 529-537 E. Palm Avenue. If projects are not approved as indicated, the City will allow for by-right approval of any future projects on these sites that set-aside at least 20 percent of units as affordable to lower income households, as required under state law. We recommend extending by right approval to all 20% affordable projects.

As presented in Housing Element Program 5, the City is going beyond what is required under state law, allowing by right processing on sites within the TOD and GSSP specific plans for projects proposing 100 or less units.

Comment #5 (pg 5): The housing element does not promote new housing opportunities on parcels where apartments are currently banned, even near the planned NoHo-Pasadena busway. Instead, it concentrates lower-income housing opportunities in areas with significant noise and air pollution exposure. This approach fails to affirmatively further fair housing and reverse existing patterns of residential segregation.

LA Metro's North Hollywood (NoHo) to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor, scheduled to begin service in 2024, will extend 18 miles between the San Fernando and San Gabriel Valleys, providing east-west transit service to link key activity centers to improve access to jobs, education and essential services. The NoHo-Pasadena busway will have six stops within the City of Burbank, exiting SR-134 to serve the Burbank Media District and continuing along Olive Avenue to Glenoaks Boulevard. As depicted on the map below, two of these stops are in areas where the



City is focusing future high density residential development: station at Olive Avenue and N. San Fernando Boulevard is in the heart of Burbank's downtown where the Downtown TOD Specific Plan is planning for over 3,400 units, and the station at Alameda Avenue and Hollywood Way falls within the Media District Specific Plan which the City has received funding to update through SCAG's Sustainable Communities Program to accommodate an estimated up to 2,000 new housing units.

In terms of the relationship of the 19 opportunity sites identified in the Housing Element update to affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH), sites are located predominately in High and Highest Resource census tracts, with just one site and two pending projects located in a Moderate Resource tract, per the Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) maps (refer to Exhibit B-21 in Appendix B of the draft Housing Element).

The census tract to the immediate east of the Hollywood Burbank Airport within the Golden State district, where several opportunity sites are identified, is identified as a disadvantaged community per the CalEnviro Screen analysis conducted as part of the Environmental Justice component of the General Plan update, in that this area is exposed to relatively higher degree of exposure to noise and air pollution. Although the AFFH requirement is related to the TCAC maps for areas of opportunity, the Safety Element update being prepared in conjunction with the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element includes Environmental Justice policies aimed at addressing these environmental hazards by investing in infrastructure improvements through the Golden State Specific Plan; incorporating project design features such as fixed windows, open space, increased tree plantings and higher MERV rated air filtration systems; and making use of the City's Complete Our Streets Plan to help evaluate streetscape design for new projects that considers all modes of transportation with the goal of providing safe and accessible travel to all individuals. The aforementioned 862 unit development at the former Fry's Site (2311 N. Hollywood Way) is a real world example of this type of mixed use project approved by the City that includes many of the noted design features including MERV 13 filtration system, fixed windows, open space, tree plantings and a bike and pedestrian friendly paseo that provides a direct path from the lower income neighborhood south of the Metrolink rail line to the existing Metrolink Station on Vanowen Street.

**Comment #5a (pg 5):** The majority of Housing Element sites are located in areas with the highest concentrations of low and moderate income households. Thus, the Housing Element is unlikely to reverse patterns of socioeconomic segregation, which is essential to AFFH.

As depicted in Figure B-25, census tracts with a high percentage (50-75%) of low - moderate income households are concentrated along the I-5 corridor. These generally coincide with the transit and jobs-rich areas that are proposed for future investment and new development of residential and commercial uses with the adoption and implementation of the Burbank Downtown TOD and Golden State specific plans. Development of mixed income housing in these areas will help to integrate a wider range of housing opportunities in census tracts identified as high and highest resource by TCAC (California Tax Credit Allocation Committee).

Comment #5b (pg 5): A significant proportion of the housing opportunity sites are located in areas designated as susceptible to displacement. It is critical to strengthen programs to protect residential tenants, accompanied by programs to create more housing opportunities in other parts of the city, and in single-family areas in particular.

Development on Housing Element opportunity sites will not directly cause significant displacement as they are currently developed with predominately non-residential uses. However, new market rate development in areas already at-risk of displacement may place upward pressure on rents, resulting in the potential displacement of existing lower income residents. Locating lower income sites in these areas can help to protect vulnerable residents from being displaced under changing market pressures.

Burbank carries out several anti-displacement programs including limits on rent increases and prohibiting evictions without just cause for tenants that have resided in their units for more than 12 months; providing relocation fees when state or federal funds are utilized; and offering existing households an opportunity to return to the new development. The City implements the requirements of California Government Code Section 65583.2(g)(3), which requires that for any proposed development on a site that has had residential uses within the past five years that are or were subject to lower income affordability restrictions, or are or were occupied by lower income households, the City shall require the replacement of all affordable units at the same or lower income level as a condition of development on the site.

**Comment #6 (pg 6):** Some of the programs to rezone and adopt supportive development standards target implementation dates after the one-year rezoning deadline.

The referenced Housing Element Housing Plan programs 12, 14 and 18 involve Burbank Municipal Code text amendments but do not involve amendments to the Zoning Map. In addition, SB 197 has extended the rezoning deadline to February 2025 for SCAG jurisdictions with a Housing Element found in compliance within one year of the 2021 statutory deadline.

Should you have any questions regarding our responses to these comments, please contact me at <a href="maintex@burbankca.gov">framirez@burbankca.gov</a> or 818-238-5250.

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Re: Policy Revisions for the General Plan Update and Safety Element Update

The purpose of this memo is to identify revisions to the General Plan, including the Safety Element, to be compliant with current State law. This memo provides an overview of applicable regulations and guidance and the newly revised policies and implementation actions based on new requirements. The memo also identifies revisions to incorporate Environmental Justice goals, policies, and objectives into the General Plan pursuant to SB 1000.

# Overview of Applicable Regulation and Guidance

#### **Assembly Bill 747. Evacuation Routes**

Beginning January 1, 2022, AB 747 requires all cities and counties to identify evacuation routes in the safety elements of their general plans either as part of an update to their Local Hazard Mitigation Plan or after that update occurs. The bill requires evaluation of evacuations route capacity, safety, and viability under a range of emergency scenarios. The bill allows cities or counties with an adopted local hazard mitigation plan, emergency operation plan, or other document that fulfills commensurate goals and objectives, to summarize or incorporate the information from these plans or documents in the safety element to comply with this requirement.

#### Senate Bill 99. Residential Emergency Evacuation Routes

SB 99 requires all cities and counties, upon the next revision of the housing element on or after January 1, 2020, to update the safety element to include information identifying residential developments in hazard areas that do not have at least two emergency evacuation routes.

#### **Senate Bill 379. Climate Change Adaptation**

SB 379 requires all cities and counties to include climate adaptation and resiliency strategies in the safety elements of their general plans upon the next revision beginning January 1, 2017. The bill requires the climate adaptation update to include a set of goals, policies, and objectives for their communities based on the vulnerability assessment, as well as implementation measures, including the conservation and implementation of natural infrastructure that may be used in adaptation projects.

#### Assembly Bill 2140. Integration of Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

AB 2140 authorizes a city, county, or a city and county to adopt a federally specified local hazard mitigation plan along with its Safety Element Update. Incorporation of the local hazard mitigation plan in the safety element makes the jurisdiction eligible to be considered for part or all of its local-share costs on eligible Public Assistance funding to be provided by the state through the California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA). The local hazard mitigation plan must be approved by FEMA and the Office of Emergency Services to qualify jurisdictions for federal financial assistance.

#### Senate Bill 1241. State Responsibility Areas and Very High Fire Severity Zones

SB 1241 revises the safety element requirements for state responsibility areas and very high fire hazard severity zones and require review and update of the safety element, upon the next revision of the housing element on or after January 1, 2014, as necessary to address the risk of fire in state responsibility areas and very high fire hazard severity zones.

#### Senate Bill 1000. Environmental Justice

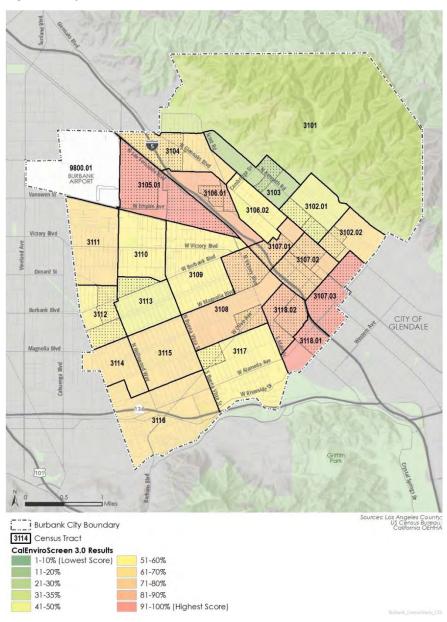
SB 1000 states that revisions or adoption of two or more elements of a general plan on or after January 1, 2018 trigger a requirement to "adopt or review the environmental justice Element, or the environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives in other elements." Per Government Code \$65040.12(e), environmental justice is "the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the development, adoption, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies." Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives must aim to reduce health risks to disadvantaged communities (DACs), promote civil engagement, and prioritize the needs of these communities.

Per SB 1000, the California EPA uses CalEnviroScreen, a mapping tool to identify disadvantaged communities throughout the State. CalEnviroScreen uses a variety of statewide indicators to characterize pollution burden (the average of exposures and environmental effects) and population characteristics (the average of sensitive populations and socioeconomic factors). The model scores each of the indicators using percentiles and combines the scores to determine a CalEnviroScreen score for a given census tract relative to others in the state. Figure 1 and

Table 1, provided below, display CalEnviroScreen results for Burbank. Seven census tracts in central, northwest, and southeast Burbank (see Figure 1 and		

Table 1) have a combined DAC score of 75% or higher, thus exceeding the minimum criterion for DAC designation. As mandated under SB 1000, the Safety Element update must consider strategies to create economic and fair housing opportunities and avoid discrimination for all socio-economic groups.

Figure 1 City of Burbank CalEnviroScreen Results<sup>1</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The higher the score, the more disadvantaged the community based on pollution burden and population characteristics.

Table 1 City of Burbank CalEnviroScreen Overall Scores

Census Tract	Overall Score Percentile Range	Pollution Burden	Population Characteristics
6037310100	30-35%	94	10
6037310300	25-30%	70	16
6037310201	45-50%	66	36
6037310202	60-65%	65	50
6037310400	65-70%	98	36
6037310602	55-60%	92	33
6037310701	75-80%	98	43
6037310702	70-75%	99	36
6037310703	90-95%	100	56
6037310601	80-85%	98	55
6037310501	90-95%	98	71
6037310900	55-60%	99	23
6037310800	75-80%	99	39
6037311802	85-90%	100	55
6037311801	90-95%	100	60
6037311000	55-60%	94	28
6037311700	55-60%	99	25
6037311100	65-70%	96	38
6037311200	50-55%	70	37
6037311300	40-45%	66	31
6037311500	60-65%	83	44
6037311600	60-65%	93	33
6037311400	60-65%	80	42

Light orange shading corresponds to CalEnviroScreen scores between 71% and 80%, dark orange corresponds to scores between 81% and 90%, and light red corresponds to scores between 91% and 100%

Source: OEHHA 2018

# Policy Revisions

Key areas of the Burbank Safety Element that were updated include flooding and fire hazards as well as emergency response and preparedness, especially as they relate to the City's projected climate change exposure, vulnerability, and environmental justice issues. Table 2 displays revised and new policies for the Safety Element Update and other Elements. Since the City already has a Climate Change Element, climate change policies are placed in the Climate Change Element and referenced in the Safety Element. Table 3 and Table 4 displays revised existing environmental justice policies in the Land Use, Mobility, Noise, and Open Space and Conservation Elements. These policies are related to prioritizing decision making and therefore implementation actions are not included.

**Table 4** identifies the revisions to existing environmental justice policies that are included throughout the General Plan. All new text is <u>underlined</u>.

**Table 2 Safety Element Updates** 

Chapter &	New Policy or Revisions	Implementation
Goal	(new text <u>underlined</u> )	
Air Quality and Climate Change	New Policy – Policy 4.3 Consider climate change vulnerability in planning decisions, including those involving new public facilities and private development.	As part of the current and future updates to City's planning documents related to climate change vulnerability and adaptation (e.g. Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, Emergency Operations Plan, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan etc.) revise applicable vulnerability and adaptative capacity as well as mitigation and adaptation strategies, as new data and approaches become available.
Safety – Emergency Response and Preparedness	Policy 1.1 Regularly update all hazard mitigation plans, disaster preparedness and emergency response plans.	Update all disaster preparedness and emergency response plans every 5 years, when the City's Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Update is required. Include the latest climate change projections for each climate-related risk and focus on the most vulnerable populations.
	Policy 1.5 Establish designated emergency response and evacuation routes throughout the city, for each climate hazard (e.g., flooding, fire, etc.), focusing on the most vulnerable populations.	Describe emergency response documents and evacuation routes in related City policy documents such as Hazard Mitigation Plan, and other disaster and emergency response plans.
Safety – Fire Protection	Policy 4.6 Reduce fire hazards associated with older buildings, multi-story structures, and industrial facilities. Increase the resilience of existing development in high-risk areas built prior to modern fire safety codes or wildfire hazard mitigation guidance.	Update building codes in high fire hazard severity areas to meet or exceed hardening² requirements in Chapter 7A of the California Building Code or other applicable codes.  Investigate the need for an outreach program to residents in houses located in the VHFHSZ. Outreach could include providing workshops or seminars related to:  1. Creating defensible space 2. Hardening homes 3. Improving landscaping with more fireresistant plants 4. Inspecting homes for fire hazards 5. Develop an evacuation plans for individual homes/neighborhoods
	New Policy – Policy 4.8 Use public funding, where available, to the greatest extent practical to assist private landowners in implementing defensible space and building retrofits to achieve a low risk condition.	Investigate federal, state, and private funding available to conduct outreach to residences located in the VHFHSZ.
	New Policy – Policy 4.9 Ensure that all new residential development, located in any hazard area, has at least two emergency evacuation routes.	The City's Fire Department will review all new residential planned development projects to ensure development contains at least two viable emergency evacuation routes.
	New Policy – Policy 4.10 Continue annual brush inspections and enforce clearance	

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  Repairing the vulnerabilities that make a home susceptible to wildfire by reducing the chance of ignition from flying embers.

Chapter &	New Policy or Revisions	Implementation
Goal	(new text <u>underlined</u> )	
	requirements on public and private property within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), as dictated by Cal Fire, in accordance with the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Safe Regulations, California Building Standards Code, and Burbank Municipal Code related to ongoing maintenance of vegetation clearance on public and private roads, roadside fuel reduction plan, and defensible space clearances.	
	New Policy – Policy 4.11 Continue to sponsor and support public education programs, such as neighborhood events, the Burbank Fire Department websites and social media contents, and printed educational materials to promote defensible space and emergency evacuation. Prioritize outreach and public education programs for vulnerable populations, as identified by CalEnviroScreen.	
	New Policy – Policy 4.12 Increase the resilience of new development in very high fire severity zones in compliance with the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Safe Regulations, California Building Standards Code, and Burbank Municipal Code.	
	New Policy – Policy 4.13 Increase the resilience of existing development in very high fire severity zones built prior to modern fire safety codes or wildfire hazard mitigation guidance in compliance with the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Safe Regulations, California Building Standards Code, and Burbank Municipal Code.	
	New Policy – Policy 4.14 Require development of new public facilities, when feasible, to be located outside of very high fire severity zone to ensure critical infrastructure is fire resilient.	
Safety – Seismic Safety	Policy 5.2 Require geotechnical reports for new development projects in areas with the potential for liquefaction or landslide.  Include projected climate change impacts of slope stability changes after wildfires and develop mitigation strategies for areas deemed at risk to slope instability.	Update City codes and policies to assess geotechnical hazards and require geotechnical reports for new development projects in areas with the potential for liquefaction or landslide. These reports should address the degree of hazard, design parameters for the project based on the hazard, and appropriate risk reduction measures.
	New Policy – Policy 5.6 Ensure that water supplies are not interrupted by seismic events such as surface rupture, ground	As part of the next Urban Water Management Plan update, address peak load water supply requirements through a seismic vulnerability

Chapter & Goal	New Policy or Revisions	Implementation
Cour	(new text <u>underlined</u> )  shaking, ground failure, tsunami, seiche, or dam failure.	risk assessment of current water supply systems. If the vulnerability assessment indicates insufficient water supply due to damage from a seismic event, designate emergency sources of water.
Safety – Flood Safety	Policy 6.1 Inform applicants of flood risks and development requirements within the 100-year, 200-year, or 500-year floodplains or in other high-risk inundation areas and require incorporation of risk reduction measures to achieve an acceptable level of risk from potential flooding hazards.  Recommend hazard mitigation where possible. Mitigation measures should include the projected impacts from climate change.	None required as this policy update would be consistent with 9-1-2-G103.10 of the Burbank Municipal Code.
	Policy 6.3 Continue to maintain and upgrade the City-operated flood control system to ensure the system is capable of protecting existing and planned development. Include evaluation of the system under projected changes in storm frequency and intensity.	Policy 6.4 Consult with Los Angeles County and other agencies to maintain and improve capacity of local and regional flood control systems. As part of the development of a stormwater master plan, evaluate capacity of local and regional flood control systems based on current and projected changes in storm frequency and intensity.
	Policy 6.6 Prepare and update a stormwater master plan to-Ensure proper maintenance and improvements to storm drainage facilities. Evaluate maintenance and improvements to storm drainage facilities based on projected changes to storm frequencies and intensity.	Develop and maintain a stormwater master plan that addresses regulatory requirements, stormwater collection systems in the City, potential climate change impacts, operations and maintenance, financial considerations, and funding strategies.
	New Policy – Policy 6.8 Whenever feasible, locate new essential public facilities, including health care facilities, emergency shelters, fire stations, emergency command centers, and emergency communications facilities, outside flood hazard zones.	None required as this policy update would be consistent with 9-1-2-G103.10 of the Burbank Municipal Code.
Safety- Airport Hazards	Policy 7.2 Ensure that land uses, densities, and building heights within Airport Land Use Compatibility Zones, including those in disadvantaged communities, are compatible with safe operation of Bob Hope (Hollywood Burbank) Airport.	None required.
Safety – Hazardous Materials	Policy 8.3 Distribute information and use incentives and disincentives to reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous materials where feasible. Encourage and promote practices that will reduce the use of hazardous materials and the generation of hazardous waste at its source, recycle the remaining hazardous wastes for reuse, and treat those wastes that cannot be reduced at the source or recycled.	Utilize LA County's resource guides for proper hazardous waste disposal for homes and businesses in the City. Implementation of this guide would be completed in cooperation and coordination with the Los Angeles County Fire Health HazMat Division, LA County Department of Public Health Environmental Health Services Division, and Burbank Fire Department.

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# **New Policy or Revisions** (new text underlined)

#### *Implementation*

New Policy – Policy 8.9 Reduce the loss of life, property, and injures incurred as a result of hazardous materials spills by offering comprehensive spill prevention information to businesses using hazardous materials, public education, and emergency response programs. Focus outreach and emergency response on vulnerable populations.

As part of the next Hazard Mitigation Plan update, develop public education materials, prevention plans, and emergency response plans for hazardous materials spills in coordination with the Los Angeles County Fire Health HazMat Division, LA County Department of Public Health Environmental Health Services Division, and Burbank Fire Department.

The following tables show the City's current environmental justice policies, new policies, and new implementation actions in the Air Quality and Climate Change and Safety Elements. All new text is <u>underlined</u>. To comply with SB 1000, Burbank should seek to reduce pollution exposure, promote public facilities, promote food access, promote safe and sanitary homes, promote physical activity, reduce unique or compounded health risks, promote civic engagement, and prioritize the needs of disadvantaged communities. A number of the existing policies below have been revised to focus on the needs of disadvantaged communities in Burbank (Census Tracts: 6037310701, 6037310703, 6037310601, 6037310501, 6037310800, 6037311802, and 6037311801).

Implementation of policies that aim to increase civic engagement of vulnerable populations should include partnering with local community-based organizations, advocacy groups, and trusted leaders that work in the identified DACs. Additionally, it will be critical for the City to continue removing barriers to participation such as timing, transportation, childcare, use of jargon, meeting format, power dynamics, and level of prior knowledge regarding the planning process. Increasing accessibility of information could include providing bilingual documentation since some of the DACs in the City are majority Hispanic (Census Tracts: 6037310501 and 6037311802).

Table 3 Environmental Justice Policies and Implementation for the Air Quality and Climate Change and Safety Elements

Chapter & Section	New Policy or Revisions (new text <u>underlined</u> )	Implementation
Air Quality and Climate Change	Policy 1.12 Provide public information describing air quality standards, health effects, and efforts that residents and businesses can make to improve regional air quality, especially for disadvantaged populations. Encourage businesses and residents to participate in SCAQMD's public education programs.	Use CalEnviroScreen and the California Healthy Places Index tool to focus outreach and education to the Census Tracts with the poorest air quality. Provide all education materials in English, Spanish, and Armenian.
	Policy 2.2 Separate sensitive uses such as residences, schools, parks, and day care facilities from sources of air pollution and toxic chemicals. Provide proper site planning and design features to buffer and protect when physical separation of these uses is not feasible. Focus resources and planning efforts in the most disadvantaged communities first.	Policy 2.5 already requires the use of the use of recommendations from the California Air Resources Board's Air Quality and Land Use Handbook to guide decisions regarding location of sensitive land uses. To supplement this, the additional implementation action is proposed:  Utilize the City's Complete Streets Plan when developing and evaluating streetscape design and design of new projects. Consider additional project design features such as fixed windows, open space, trees, and the latest recommendation for MERV rating air filtration

		systems (specifically for developments in proximity to freeways). Also, use CalEnviroScreen, the California Healthy Plac Index tool, and the California Water Boards' GeoTracker tool to focus resources and planning efforts to the Census tracts with the poorest air quality and those closest to sour of toxic chemicals.
	Policy 2.4 Reduce the effects of air pollution, poor ambient air quality, and urban heat island effect with increased tree planting in public and private spaces, especially in disadvantaged communities.	Explore federal, state, and private funding t support tree-planting efforts in disadvantag communities. Use the California Healthy Plandex to increase tree planting in neighborhoods with the least amount of trecanopy (tracts 3107.01, 3017.02, 3118.02 at 3118.01) and park access (including but not limited to Census tracts 3106.02, 3112.00, 3113.00, and 3115.00).
	Policy 3.4 Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from new development, including housing for very low, low and moderate income households, by promoting water conservation and recycling; promoting development that is compact, mixeduse, pedestrian-friendly, and transit-oriented; promoting energy-efficient building design and site planning; and improving the jobs/housing ratio. Focus resources to help facilitate sustainability planning and design in the most disadvantaged communities.	Explore federal, state, and private funding t facilitate sustainability planning and design development in disadvantage communities (census tracts: 6037310701, 6037310703, 6037310601, 6037310501, 6037310800, 6037311802, and 6037311801).
	Policy 3.6 Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging the retrofit of older, energy inefficient buildings, focusing retrofits in the most disadvantaged communities first.	Explore federal, state, and private funding t support building retrofits in disadvantaged communities.
	Policy 3.8 Facilitate the ‡transition of all economic sectors, new development, and existing infrastructure and development to low- or zero-carbon energy sources. Encourage implementation and provide incentives for low- or zero-carbon energy sources. Focus transition and incentives for low- or zero-carbon energy sources in disadvantaged communities first.	Explore federal, state, and private funding t support building retrofits in disadvantaged communities.
	Policy 4.1 Evaluate the potential effects of climate change on Burbank's human and natural systems and prepare strategies that allow the City to appropriately respond. Focus on the most disadvantaged communities first.	As part of the current and future updates to City's planning documents related to climat change vulnerability and adaptation (e.g. Lot Hazard Mitigation Plan, Emergency Operation Plan, Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan etc.) revise applicable vulnerability and adaptation capacity as well as mitigation and adaptation strategies with the most vulnerable communities as high priorities (as described the Cal OES Adaptation Planning Guide).
Safety	<b>Policy 1.3</b> Sponsor and support public education programs for emergency preparedness and disaster response.	Provide outreach information in English, Spanish and Armenian and focus efforts in communities most at risk to disasters, for example, those in high fire hazard areas.

Table 4 displays revised existing environmental justice policies in the Land Use, Mobility, Noise, and Open Space and Conservation Elements. These policies are related to prioritizing decision making and therefore implementation actions are not included.

# Table 4 Environmental Justice Policies in the Land Use, Mobility, Noise, and Open Space and Conservation Elements

Chapter &	New Policy or Revisions
Section	(new text <u>underlined</u> )

#### Land Use

**Policy 1.5** Carefully review and consider non-residential uses with the potential to degrade quality of life, especially focusing on discouraging generators of high levels of air pollution, including toxic air contaminants that would further harm disadvantaged communities.

**Policy 2.6** Design new buildings to minimize the consumption of energy, water, and other natural resources. Develop incentives to retrofit existing buildings for a net reduction in energy consumption, water consumption, and stormwater runoff. <u>Focus incentives in disadvantaged communities.</u>

**Policy 2.8** Support the development of urban agriculture and community gardens in public and private spaces, with a focus on disadvantaged communities.

**Policy 4.7** Encourage artists, craftspeople, architects, and landscape architects to play key roles in designing and improving public spaces, <u>especially in disadvantaged communities</u>.

**Policy 4.9** Improve parking lot aesthetics and reduce the urban heat island effect by providing ample shade, low-water landscaping, and trees, <u>especially in disadvantaged communities</u>.

**Policy 4.11** Ensure that public infrastructure meets high-quality urban design and architecture standards. Remove, relocate, or improve the appearance of existing infrastructure elements that are unsightly or visually disruptive, especially in disadvantaged communities.

**Policy 5.5** Provide options for more people to live near work and public transit by <u>allowing</u> <u>facilitating</u> higher residential densities <u>and increased affordable housing development</u> <u>opportunities</u> in employment centers such as Downtown Burbank, <u>and</u> the Media District, <u>and</u> the Golden State area.

**Policy 6.1** Recruit and attract new businesses. Use these businesses to act as catalysts to attract other businesses. Continue to utilize public-private partnerships and other incentives to enhance economic vitality, especially in disadvantaged communities.

**Policy 7.2** Provide clear, easily understandable, and accessible information to promote community involvement in the planning process. <u>Outreach efforts should involve all residents and businesses</u>, including disadvantaged communities that have not historically been engaged in <u>City decision making</u>.

**Policy 7.3** Consistently seek direct public involvement in the planning process for new projects and plans, as well as for everyday planning matters. <u>Engagement efforts should involve all residents and businesses</u>, including disadvantaged communities that have not historically been engaged in City decision making.

**Policy 7.4** Hold community meetings, workshops, charrettes, etc., and provide other opportunities for input on different days and times and at various locations throughout the city, including in disadvantaged communities, to maximize opportunity for public input.

**Policy 7.5** Continually expand the use of technology to disseminate planning information and solicit input from the public. Use technology and other methods to provide opportunities for the planning process to become less formal <u>and more inclusive of disadvantaged communities, such as providing planning information in multiple languages such as Spanish and Armenian</u>.

**Policy 8.3** Require that building envelopes preserve access to light and air, provide adequate open space, and maintain appropriate setbacks, <u>especially in disadvantaged communities</u>. Ensure that privacy is respected to the extent feasible in an urban environment.

**Policy 8.5** Ensure that second-accessory dwelling units, child day-care facilities, and group living facilities are allowed, as required by and consistent with state and federal laws. Regulate such uses to the extent allowed by law to prevent unintended effects on any disadvantaged community the neighborhood and to avoid a proliferation of such uses in one neighborhood.

**Policy 9.1** Provide opportunities to create neighborhoods with easy walking access to daily needs. Allow for small non-residential uses that provide service and convenience for neighborhood residents, if such uses would not adversely affect residents, especially those in disadvantaged communities.

**Policy 10.8** To the extent allowed by State law, Ffuture development projects with housing shall be subject to a discretionary reviewed process to ensure compatibility with nearby neighborhoods. Within the Airport Influence Area, which includes disadvantaged communities, projects with housing must meet all safety and noise policies in the adopted Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Plan.

**Policy 12.1** Direct heavy industrial uses and other uses with potential adverse effects to locate in appropriate areas away from residential areas, <u>disadvantaged communities</u>, and other sensitive uses.

**Policy 13.1** Ensure that public facilities meet the needs of the community and effectively and equitably provide service to the entire City, including disadvantaged communities.

**Policy 13.2** Ensure that public facilities maintain compatibility with surrounding land uses and minimize negative effects on neighboring uses <u>and disadvantaged communities</u>.

**Policy 14.1** Provide parks for the use and benefit of the general public, including disadvantaged communities. Allow retail and other ancillary uses only when directly related to the primary park and recreational use.

**Policy 14.3** Design expansions or enhancements to existing park facilities to minimize effects on the surrounding neighborhood and disadvantaged communities.

#### Mobility

**Policy 1.1** Consider economic growth, transportation demands, and neighborhood character in developing a comprehensive transportation system that meets Burbank's needs. <u>Ensure that transportation</u> is available and connects to the most disadvantaged communities.

**Policy 2.2** Weigh the benefits of transportation improvements, policies, and programs against the likely external costs. <u>As appropriate, focus transportation improvements in disadvantaged communities where there would be the most benefit.</u>

**Policy 2.3** Prioritize investments in transportation projects and programs that support viable alternatives to automobile use <u>and</u>, as appropriate, that improve transportation systems serving disadvantaged communities.

**Policy 4.1** Ensure that local transit service is reliable, safe, and provides high-quality service to major employment centers, shopping districts, regional transit centers, residential areas, and <u>disadvantaged communities</u>.

**Policy 4.2** Use best-available transit technology to better link local destinations and improve rider convenience and safety, including specialized services for <u>people living with disabilities</u>, youth and the elderly.

**Policy 4.4** Advocate for improved regional bus transit, bus rapid transit, light rail, or heavy rail services linking Burbank's employment, residential centers, <u>and disadvantaged communities</u> to the rest of the region.

**Policy 4.7** Integrate transit nodes and connection points with adjacent land uses and public pedestrian spaces to make them more convenient to transit users, especially in disadvantaged communities.

**Policy 6.3** Pursue comprehensive neighborhood protection programs to avoid diverting unwanted traffic to adjacent streets, neighborhoods, or <u>disadvantaged communities</u>.

**Policy 9.3** Provide access to transportation alternatives for all users, including senior, disabled, youth, <u>disadvantaged</u>, and other transit-dependent residents.

Noise

- **Policy 1.4** Maintain acceptable noise levels at existing noise-sensitive land uses, <u>including disadvantaged communities</u>.
- **Policy 1.5** Reduce noise from activity centers located near residential areas <u>and disadvantaged</u> <u>communities</u>, in cases where noise standards are exceeded.
- **Policy 3.2** Encourage coordinated site planning and traffic management that minimize traffic noise affecting noise-sensitive land uses and disadvantaged communities.
- **Policy 3.5** Monitor Assess noise level <u>impacts</u> in residential neighborhoods, <u>including</u> <u>disadvantaged communities</u>, <u>and</u> reduce traffic noise exposure through implementation of the neighborhood protection plans.
- **Policy 3.8** Within the Airport Influence Area, seek to inform residential property owners, including those in disadvantaged communities, of airport-generated noise and any land use restrictions associated with high noise exposure. (same as Policy 5.4)
- **Policy 3.6** Prohibit heavy trucks from driving through residential neighborhoods <u>and disadvantaged communities</u>.
- **Policy 3.7** Where feasible, employ noise-cancelling technologies such as rubberized asphalt, fronting homes to the roadway, or sound walls to reduce the effects of roadway noise on sensitive receptors. <u>Focus implementation of noise-cancelling technologies in disadvantaged communities most burdened by roadway noise.</u>
- <u>Policy 3.8 Policy 5.4</u> Within the Airport Influence Area, seek to inform residential property owners, <u>including those in disadvantaged communities</u>, of airport-generated noise and any land use restrictions associated with high noise exposure.
- **Policy 5.2** Work with regional, state, and federal agencies, including officials at Bob Hope (Hollywood Burbank) Airport, to implement noise reduction measures and to monitor and reduce noise associated with aircraft, particularly as it affects noise-sensitive uses and disadvantaged communities.
- Policy 5.4 Within the Airport Influence Area, seek to inform residential property owners, including those in disadvantaged communities, of airport-generated noise and any land use restrictions associated with high noise exposure. (Same as Policy 3.8)

#### Open Space and Conservation

- **Policy 1.1** Encourage <u>inclusive</u> citizen interest and participation in open space management and development. <u>To ensure equity, seek participation in disadvantaged communities</u>.
- **Policy 1.4** Facilitate a continuing program of environmental resource presentations, surveys, and workshops to educate and inform the public. <u>Include programming in disadvantaged communities with less access to green space.</u>
- **Policy 2.4** Seek opportunities to develop additional parks and open space in under-resourced areas-where needed, including pocket parks, dog parks, athletic fields, amphitheaters, gardens, and shared facilities.
- **Policy 3.1** Improve and rehabilitate existing parks and recreation facilities <u>equitably</u>. <u>As</u> appropriate, focus improvements in disadvantaged communities.
- **Policy 3.7** Ensure that the public transit system connects parks and recreation facilities to the rest of the <u>City, including disadvantaged communities</u>.
- **Policy 4.1** Provide a variety of arts, cultural, historical, fitness, and environmental education programs at parks and recreation facilities. <u>Ensure that programming is aimed at all areas of the city, including disadvantaged communities.</u>
- **Policy 4.2** Enhance and expand existing recreation programs in response to community demographics and needs. <u>As appropriate, focus enhancements and expansions in underresourced communities.</u>
- **Policy 9.4** Pursue infrastructure improvements that would expand communitywide use of recycled water. Such improvements shall be pursued equitably throughout the City.
- **Policy 10.5** Promote technologies that reduce use of non-renewable energy resources. <u>As</u> appropriate, provide incentives for such improvements equitably throughout the city.

(Special Note to the Reader: All updates to the Safety Element are noted as text that is <u>underlined</u> <u>and/or strikethrough</u>.)

## INTRODUCTION

# **Protecting What Matters**

Burbank is a safe community with high-quality emergency services and a high level of emergency preparedness. The Safety Element offers tools to address threats like natural and human-caused hazards, crime, and homeland security. Future planning decisions must be considered in the context of natural hazards such as earthquakes and floods, and provision of police, fire, and emergency medical services.



The City develops and supports programs that take a bite out of crime.

# **Purpose and Statutory Requirements**

The Safety Element satisfies the requirements of state planning law and is a mandated component of Burbank2035. Section 65302(g) of the California Government Code sets forth the following list of hazards that the element must cover, if these hazards pertain to conditions in the city: seismically induced conditions including ground shaking, surface rupture, ground failure, tsunami, seiche, and dam failure; slope instability leading to mudslides and landslides; subsidence, liquefaction, and other geologic hazards; flooding; wildland and urban fires; and evacuation routes; and climate change. State law allows communities to address additional safety issues. The following additional issues are addressed in this Safety Element: police protection, fire protection, emergency response and preparedness, airport safety, and hazardous materials.

#### **Relationship to Other Elements**

The Safety Element identifies areas prone to natural hazards, which must be considered in the designation of land uses in the Land Use Element. For example, proposed land uses must comply with the land use compatibility standards contained in this element for various types of hazards. Traffic-calming goals and policies in the Mobility Element may have implications for emergency response, and recommendations for evacuation and emergency access routes in the Safety Element affect the Mobility Element. The Open Space and Conservation Element is also linked to the Safety Element, because open

space zones and allowable uses are often related to hazard-prone locations. For example, areas prone to land sliding hazards are often set aside as open space because their steep slopes limit other uses.

### **Relationship to All-Hazard Mitigation Plan**

California Assembly Bill 2140 (2006) allowed cities and counties to adopt a local hazard mitigation plan (HMP), specified in the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, as a part of their safety elements. The bill limits funds from the California Disaster Assistance Act for jurisdictions that have not adopted a Hazard Mitigation Plan as part of their Safety Element. Specifically, Section 8685.9 of the California Government Code states, "the state share shall not exceed 75% of total state eligible costs unless the local agency is located within a city, county, or city and county that has adopted a local hazard mitigation plan in accordance with the federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 ... as part of the safety element of its general plan." If a jurisdiction has adopted a HMP as part of its Safety Element then the legislature may provide a state share of costs in excess of 75%.

Burbank's All-Hazard Mitigation Plan was first adopted by the City Council in 2005 in compliance with federal regulations. The purpose of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan is to integrate hazard mitigation strategies into the City's daily activities and programs. The All-Hazard Mitigation Plan assesses risk from earthquakes, transportation accidents, transportation loss, wild land/urban interface fires, terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, utility loss or disruption, water and wastewater disruption, hazardous materials incidents, aviation disasters, information technology loss or disruption, severe weather, explosions, economic disruption, floods, drought, dam failure, sinkholes, volcanic activity, and special events.

The All-Hazard Mitigation Plan as amended by the Burbank City Council from time to time is hereby incorporated into the Burbank2035 Safety Element by reference as though it were fully set forth herein. In the event of any conflict between the provisions of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan and the provisions of Burbank2035, the provisions of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan shall control. A copy of the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan is on file in the Community Development Department for use and examination by the public.

#### SAFETY GOALS AND POLICIES

The goals and policies contained in this Safety Element provide Burbank with a framework for keeping residents, businesses, and visitors safe from natural and human hazards. They also provide increased safety for the City's emergency response personnel. Where the policies below refer to location-based hazards, those hazards are as illustrated in the Safety Plan.

#### **GOAL 1 EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND PREPARATION**

Burbank is prepared to respond to emergency situations.

- Policy 1.1 Regularly update all <u>hazard mitigation plans</u>, disaster preparedness and emergency response plans.
- Policy 1.2 Coordinate disaster preparedness and emergency response with appropriate agencies, neighboring cities, and the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority.
- Policy 1.3 Sponsor and support public education programs for emergency preparedness and disaster response.

- Policy 1.4 Promote the development of community or neighborhood disaster relief groups and workplace self-help groups to improve the effectiveness of local emergency response teams.
- Policy 1.5 Establish designated emergency response and evacuation routes throughout the city, for each climate hazard (e.g., flooding, fire, etc.), focusing on the most vulnerable populations.

#### Goal 2 Police Protection

Burbank provides high-quality police protection services to residents and visitors.

- Policy 2.1 Maintain an average police response time of less than 4 minutes to emergency calls for service.
- Policy 2.2 Ensure adequate staffing, facilities, equipment, technology, and funding for the Burbank Police Department to meet existing and projected service demands and response times.
- Policy 2.3 Provide and use up-to-date technology to improve crime prevention.
- Policy 2.4 Develop and support crime prevention programs throughout the city, including the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) and Neighborhood Watch programs.
- Policy 2.5 Provide public education for neighborhood safety programs to encourage active participation by Burbank residents and businesses.

#### **GOAL 3 CRIME PREVENTION**

Burbank is protected from the threat of civil disturbances and terrorism and is prepared to achieve and maintain a safe and secure environment to reduce the number of lives lost, injuries, and amount of property damage.

- Policy 3.1 Adapt to the changing safety needs of the community.
- Policy 3.2 Reduce opportunities for criminal activity through physical design standards such as CPTED and youth programs, recreation opportunities, educational programs, and counseling services.

#### **GOAL 4 FIRE PROTECTION**

Burbank provides high-quality fire protection services to residents and visitors. Threats to public safety are reduced and property is protected from wildland and urban fire hazards.

- Policy 4.1 Maintain a maximum response time of 5 minutes for fire suppression services. Require new development to ensure that fire response times and service standards are maintained.
- Policy 4.2 Provide adequate staffing, equipment, technology, and funding for the Burbank Fire Department to meet existing and projected service demands and response times.
- Policy 4.3 Implement fire prevention and suppression programs in areas of high fire hazard risk, including both urban and wildland areas.

- Policy 4.4 Maintain adequate fire breaks in areas within and adjacent to areas of high wildfire risk.
- Policy 4.5 Coordinate firefighting efforts with local, state, and federal agencies.
- Policy 4.6 Increase the resilience of existing development in high-risk areas built prior to modern fire safety codes or wildfire hazard mitigation guidance. Reduce fire hazards associated with older buildings, multi-story structures, and industrial facilities.
- Policy 4.7 Maintain adequate fire suppression capability in areas of intensifying urban development, as well as areas where urban uses and open spaces mix.
- <u>Policy 4.8 Use public funding, where available, to the greatest extent practical to assist private landowners in implementing defensible space and building retrofits to achieve a lowrisk condition.</u>
- <u>Policy 4.9 Ensure that all new residential development, located in any hazard area, has at least two emergency evacuation routes.</u>
- Policy 4.10 Continue annual brush inspections and enforce clearance requirements on public and private property within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), as dictated by Cal Fire, in accordance with the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Safe Regulations, California Building Standards Code, and Burbank Municipal Code related to ongoing maintenance of vegetation clearance on public and private roads, roadside fuel reduction plan, and defensible space clearances.
- Policy 4.11 Continue to sponsor and support public education programs, such as neighborhood events, the Burbank Fire Department websites and social media contents, and printed educational materials to promote defensible space and emergency evacuation.

  Prioritize outreach and public education programs for vulnerable populations, as identified by CalEnviroScreen.
- <u>Policy 4.12 Increase the resilience of new development in very high fire severity zones in compliance</u>
  <u>with the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Safe Regulations, California Building</u>
  <u>Standards Code, and Burbank Municipal Code.</u>
- Policy 4.13 Increase the resilience of existing development in very high fire severity zones built prior to modern fire safety codes or wildfire hazard mitigation guidance in compliance with the Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Safe Regulations, California Building Standards Code, and Burbank Municipal Code.
- <u>Policy 4.14 Require development of new public facilities, when feasible, to be located outside of very high fire severity zone to ensure critical infrastructure is fire resilient.</u>

#### **GOAL 5 SEISMIC SAFETY**

Injuries and loss of life are prevented, critical facilities function, and property loss and damage is minimized during seismic events.

Policy 5.1 Require geotechnical reports for development within a fault area that may be subject to risks associated with surface rupture.

- Policy 5.2 Require geotechnical reports for new development projects in areas with the potential for liquefaction or landslide. <u>Include projected climate change impacts of slope stability changes after wildfires and develop mitigation strategies for areas deemed at risk to slope instability.</u>
- Policy 5.3 Enforce seismic design provisions of the current California Building Standards Code related to geologic, seismic, and slope hazards.
- Policy 5.4 Encourage and facilitate retrofits of seismically high-risk buildings to reduce risks from seismic ground shaking.
- Policy 5.5 Facilitate the retrofitting of bridges and highway structures in the city to reduce risks associated with seismic ground shaking.
- Policy 5.6 <u>Ensure that water supplies are not interrupted by seismic events such as surface rupture, ground shaking, ground failure, tsunami, seiche, or dam failure.</u>

#### **GOAL 6 FLOOD SAFETY**

Potential risks—such as injury, loss of life and property, and economic and social disruption—caused by flood and inundation are minimized.

- Policy 6.1 Inform applicants of flood risks and development requirements within the 100-year, 200-year, or 500-year floodplains or in other high-risk inundation areas and require incorporation of risk reduction measures to achieve an acceptable level of risk from potential flooding hazards. Mitigation measures should include the projected impacts from climate change. Recommend hazard mitigation where possible.
- Policy 6.2 Continue to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program to ensure that flood insurance will be available to individuals in the community. Publicize the availability of flood insurance to Burbank residents and business owners.
- Policy 6.3 Continue to maintain and upgrade the City-operated flood control system to ensure the system is capable of protecting existing and planned development. <u>Include evaluation of the system under projected changes in storm frequency and intensity.</u>
- Policy 6.4 Consult with Los Angeles County and other agencies to maintain and improve capacity of local and regional flood control systems.
- Policy 6.5 Enforce regulations prohibiting the draining of rainwater into the sewer system.
- Policy 6.6 Prepare and update a stormwater master plan to Ensure proper maintenance and improvements to storm drainage facilities. Evaluate maintenance and improvements to storm drainage facilities based on projected changes to storm frequencies and intensity.
- Policy 6.7 Employ strategies and design features to reduce the area of impervious surface in new development projects.
- <u>Policy 6.8</u> Whenever feasible, locate new essential public facilities, including health care facilities, emergency shelters, fire stations, emergency command centers, and emergency communications facilities, outside flood hazard zones.

#### **GOAL 7 AIRPORT HAZARDS**

Threats to public safety, lives, and property resulting from an airport-related incident are reduced.

- Policy 7.1 Maintain consistency with the Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Plan as it pertains to Bob Hope Airport.
- Policy 7.2 Ensure that land uses, densities, and building heights within Airport Land Use Compatibility Zones, including those in disadvantaged communities, are compatible with safe operation of Bob Hope (Hollywood Burbank) Airport.
- Policy 7.3 Review and update City procedures for responding to airport and aircraft-related emergencies.
- Policy 7.4 Coordinate disaster response with the <u>Bob Hope</u> <u>Hollywood Burbank</u> Airport Fire Department.

#### **GOAL 8 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

Hazardous materials threats to public health and safety are reduced.

- Policy 8.1 Review proposed projects involving the use or storage of hazardous materials.
- Policy 8.2 Encourage businesses and organizations that store and use hazardous materials to improve planning and management procedures.
- Policy 8.3 Encourage and promote practices that will reduce the use of hazardous materials and the generation of hazardous waste at its source, recycle the remaining hazardous wastes for reuse, and treat those wastes that cannot be reduced at the source or recycled. Distribute information and use incentives and disincentives to reduce or eliminate the use of hazardous materials where feasible.
- Policy 8.4 Maintain a hazardous materials response capability that will adequately handle Burbank's hazardous materials safety needs.
- Policy 8.5 Consult with appropriate agencies regarding hazardous materials regulations.
- Policy 8.6 Provide the residents of Burbank with information on the proper storage and disposal of hazardous materials and e-waste and encourage the use of City disposal facilities.
- Policy 8.7 Include information on soil contamination and storage of hazardous materials in the City's Geographic Information System.
- Policy 8.8 Advocate the continued review and mitigation of the effects of operation of natural gas and petroleum pipelines, and other pipelines used to transport hazardous substances.
- Policy 8.9 Reduce the loss of life, property, and injures incurred as a result of hazardous materials spills by offering comprehensive spill prevention information to businesses using hazardous materials, public education, and emergency response programs. Focus outreach and emergency response on vulnerable populations.

### **SAFETY PLAN**

As in all communities, human activities and natural conditions in Burbank affect residents' quality of life. It is essential to provide an environment where businesses and residents can not only prosper and feel

safe, but also be prepared for emergency situations. The City can minimize hazards and protect public health and private property through a combination of appropriate land use planning, development review, and emergency preparedness planning.

# **Emergency Services and Safety**

Achieving ideal response levels from law enforcement and emergency service providers requires coordination between the City and the community. The Burbank Police and Fire Departments work with the community to identify the levels of service desired and continually assess services, facilities, equipment, and personnel to determine their ability to meet current and future demands. The locations of Burbank's existing emergency service facilities, including fire services and police services, are dispersed throughout the community to adequately respond to and serve all areas, including SRAs or VHFHSZs. Fire Station 16 (1600 North Bel Aire Drive) is located in the northeastern fire zone and Fire Station 11 (311 East Orange Grove Avenue), although not in the northeastern fire zone, also serves the area. Fire Station 12 (644 North Hollywood Way) is not located in the fire zone but serves the southern fire zone in the city.

The Police and Fire Departments will continue to use public outreach and education to increase community awareness regarding hazards, emergency response, and homeland security in Burbank. In addition, the City will support programs that address crime and fire prevention activities. The Burbank Police and Fire Departments will continue proactive training and planning programs, and will use state-of-the-art technology to improve response and increase public safety.

#### Police Services

The Burbank Police Department responds to emergency situations and patrols neighborhoods and commercial areas of the city to promote a safe environment. The staff maintains official criminal records, investigates crime, and, in an emergency, assesses the situation and quickly dispatches appropriate emergency responders. The Police Department operates five facilities: Police Headquarters located at 200 North Third Street, the animal shelter at 1150 North Victory Place, a police pistol range at 2244 Wildwood Canyon, the City Jail, and a heliport in Sun Valley.

The Police Department uses 11 patrol beats to provide services to all portions of the city and respond to calls outside of Burbank, if needed. The average response time for emergency calls in 2009 was 3 minutes, 12 seconds, and the average response time for non-emergency calls was 16 minutes.

The Burbank Police Department maintains mutual aid agreements with the police departments for the Cities of Los Angeles, San Fernando, Glendale, and Pasadena, and shares resources and receives assistance from those departments, if needed. In addition, as part of the State Emergency Aid System, the Police Department will provide a specified number of officers and equipment to other jurisdictions in the event of an incident. The department can also request aid from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department or the California Emergency Management Agency.

#### **Crime Prevention through Environmental Design**

Burbank values environmental design as a tool to help prevent crime. The concepts of crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) offer non-invasive and permanent measures to prevent crime in the city. CPTED includes the following five concepts: territoriality, natural surveillance, activity support, access control, and maintenance.

Territoriality: Demarcating the boundary of a property or an area through walls and fences can discourage intrusion. People tend to protect territory that they feel is their own and to respect the

territory of others. Low decorative fences, artistic pavement treatments, well-designed signs, good property maintenance, and high-quality landscaping express pride in ownership and identify personal space.

Natural Surveillance: Arranging populated functions or rooms in homes and businesses to face the street allows easy surveillance by residents and employees. Crime is discouraged by designing and orienting buildings and public spaces, and placing physical features, activity centers, and people, in ways that maximize the ability of others to see what is going on. Conversely, barriers such as bushes, sheds, or shadows make observing activities difficult. Windows or doors oriented to streets and public areas, in conjunction with landscaping and lighting that promote natural surveillance from inside a home or building and from the outside by neighbors, are effective means of passive crime prevention.

Access Control: Circulation and access to sites and buildings can be controlled by designating paths and placing bollards or fences to limit access.

Activity Support: Supporting activities on the street attracts people and encourages natural surveillance. Encouraging legitimate activity in public spaces helps discourage crime. Improvements such as a basketball court in a public park and community activities such as a clean-up day, block party, or civic or cultural event bring people out, get them involved, and help discourage vagrancy and potential illegal acts. Providing a mix of land uses, types of residential development, and public or quasi-public spaces encourages diverse households and patterns of activity. The resulting round-the-clock activity and increase in eyes on the street raises the level of security.

*Maintenance*: Maintaining sidewalks, street trees, lighting, and private property discourages negative behavior such as littering and vandalism.

CPTED concepts enable developers and designers to incorporate crime prevention measures into building design. Territoriality can be achieved by demarcating boundaries with various surface treatments and careful design to make intrusion and suspicious activities easy to identify. Building orientations that face the street, window placements and size, and provision of lighting allow neighbors to survey their neighborhood and discourage intrusion. Pathways and obstructions such as walls and gates allow property owners and the City to control access.

Crime prevention relies on programs implemented by government agencies. To reduce crime, the City will emphasize the need for well-lighted community areas and extra surveillance in areas susceptible to high crime rates, such as parking lots. Complementary uses within mixed-use areas will be encouraged to reduce crime. Activity support is strengthened by intentionally placing programs and activities in areas that improve the perception of safety and discourage potential offenders.

The success of CPTED depends on maintenance of all these programs. Maintaining streets, lighting, and landscaping facilitate natural surveillance and access control. Maintaining private and public properties requires participation from property owners and City departments. Continuing and monitoring CPTED programs will help to promote safety in Burbank neighborhoods.

#### **Fire Services**

The Burbank Fire Department consists of six divisions: Fire Prevention, Suppression, Emergency Medical Services, Disaster Preparedness, Equipment Maintenance, and Training and Safety. These divisions function in a manner that allows the Fire Department to effectively serve the community in emergency and nonemergency situations.

The Burbank Fire Department operates six fire stations, as listed below and a Fire Training Center:

- Station 11—311 East Orange Grove Avenue
- Station 12—644 North Hollywood Way
- Station 13—2713 West Thornton Avenue
- Station 14—2305 West Burbank Boulevard
- Station 15—1420 West Verdugo Avenue
- Station 16—1600 North Bel Aire Drive
- Fire Training Center—1845 North Ontario Street

The Fire Training Center is used both for training purposes and as an Emergency Operations Center in times of emergency.



Burbank's Fire Department operates from six fire stations distributed throughout the city.

The Fire Department has jurisdiction over all fires and life-threatening incidents in the city. Even when private companies have their own trained firefighting personnel and equipment who respond first to a fire emergency, the Fire Department takes over control of the scene. The only exception to this is on interstate and state highways, where the California Highway Patrol has ultimate responsibility.

The Burbank Fire Department is a member of the Verdugo Fire Communications Center, a regional communications center that fields calls for service for the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, Pasadena, Alhambra, Arcadia, Monrovia, Montebello, Monterey Park, San Gabriel, San Marino, Sierra Madre, and South Pasadena. The communications center was established by the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena under a "no borders" agreement in which the closest fire station to a reported incident responds to the call, regardless of jurisdiction. The remaining nine jurisdictions subsequently joined the Communications Center.

Because no community has resources sufficient to cope with all emergencies that could occur, a statewide system of mutual aid provides assistance. Mutual aid requests are processed through the California Emergency Management Agency. Under this system, each jurisdiction relies on its own and/or the neighboring jurisdiction's resources to deal with a disaster before calling for outside assistance.

The Burbank Fire Department also operates a multifaceted public education program, aimed at students, businesses, senior citizens, scouts and other clubs, and the city's residents at large. These programs are an important part of the Fire



The headquarters building for both the Burbank Police and Fire Departments is located at the intersection of North Third Street and Orange Grove Avenue.

Department's efforts to prevent fire and other disasters in the community. Among the Fire Department's public education efforts are public school demonstrations, safety talks, annual events (e.g., Disaster Preparedness Fair, Fire Prevention Week, Fire Service Day), and informational inserts in utility bills.

#### Fire Hazards

Fire is a safety concern both within the urban area of Burbank and in hillside areas. Urban fire risks are reduced by enforcing code provisions and maintaining a high-quality fire department. Wildland fires are

most problematic along the developed residential fringes of the hillsides. Dry vegetation, seasonal swings in precipitation, and wind conditions combine to increase the potential for wildfires.

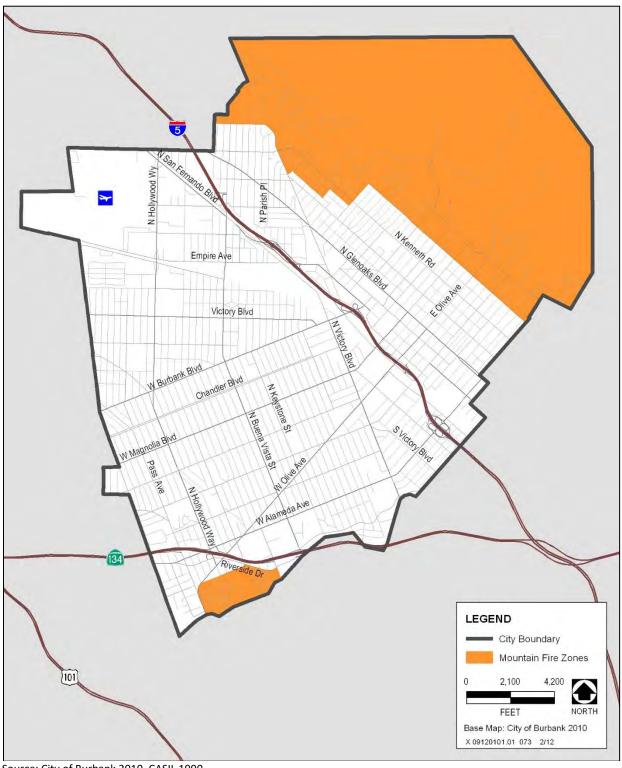
#### Wildland Fires

Like any urban environment, Burbank is subject to fire hazards. In particular, Burbank's location adjacent to the Verdugo Mountains and the Hollywood Hills makes the city susceptible to loss from fire in the urban-wildland interface, where urban uses begin to mix with undeveloped land in its natural state. The hills are already at risk of wildfire because of their vegetation and climate; where the city's urban uses extend into the hills, this risk combines with additional sources of fire and special difficulties in firefighting in these areas (which have steep slopes and fewer access points).

Two Mountain Fire Zones, as illustrated in Exhibit S-1, are designated by the Burbank Fire Department. One zone is located along the foothills of the Verdugo Mountains in northeast Burbank, and the other is located in southwestern portion of the city adjacent to the Warner Bros. Studios. The Fire Department's mission during a wildland fire is to protect life, property, and the environment. All available personnel and equipment are used to protect structures and provide perimeter control within the urban-wildland interface. See Exhibit S-2 for the City's Very High Fire Severity Zones, Public Services and Zoning.

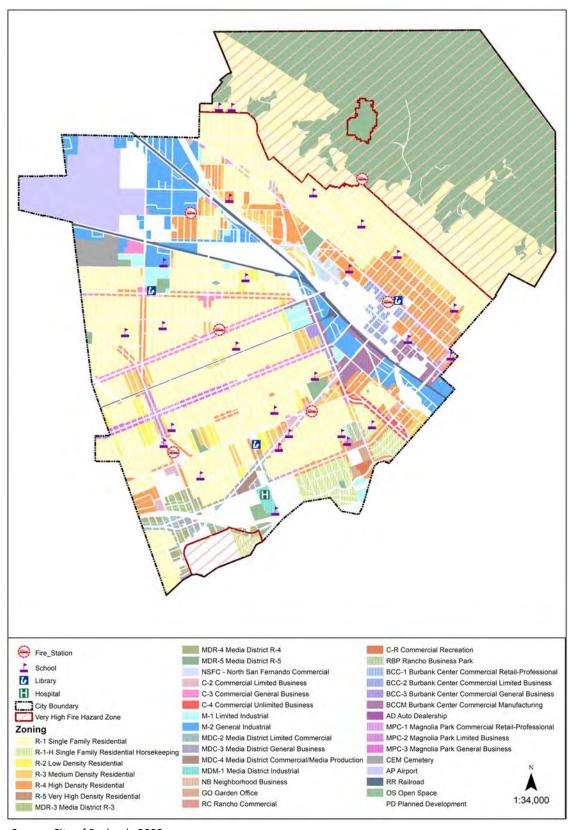
#### **Fire Responsibility and Planning**

The City will continue to reduce the potential for dangerous fires by operating the focused divisions within the Burbank Fire Department to implement fire hazard education, fire protection, and fuel modification programs, and to make sure that the city maintains sufficient emergency capacity, as described in the 2011 Burbank All-Hazard Mitigation Plan, Burbank Fire Hazard Reduction Program (Brush Clearance) and the 2019 County of Los Angeles All-Hazards Mitigation covering Los Angeles County, California. These include the Fire Prevention Bureau, the Fire Film Safety Office, the Fire Suppression Division, Emergency Medical Services, and Emergency Management. In addition, the City will work closely with the local water districts and the County to ensure that water pressure is adequate for fire-fighting purposes. Development proposals within high fire areas will be required to provide appropriate and adequate safeguards and response capabilities to prevent the loss of structures and to ensure established development does not experience reduced service. New development may be required to pay development impact fees toward this end, subject to a nexus study and assurance as to the rough proportionality of project impacts to the demands for required new fire facilities and/or equipment.



Source: City of Burbank 2010, CASIL 1990

**Exhibit S-1. Fire Zones** 



Source: City of Burbank, 2022

**Exhibit S-2. Very High Fire Hazard Zones, Public Services, and Zoning** 

#### **Urban Fires**

While wildland fires pose a serious threat in areas located within and adjacent to the Verdugo Mountains, the rest of the city is susceptible to the threat of urban fires. Structure fires and grass fires present a safety hazard for Burbank's residents, visitors, and properties. Burbank contains some land uses that may be more susceptible than others to property damage and/or loss of life (e.g., the Media Studios, high-rise buildings, and Bob Hope Airport).

Most fire protection services are provided by the Burbank Fire Department, which also provides emergency medical services, fire prevention services, and disaster preparedness services throughout the city. Bob Hope Airport has its own fire department, which responds to fire incidents at the airport. Warner Bros. Studios also has its own fire department to respond to incidents that may occur on studio property.

## **Disaster and Emergency Preparedness**

Being prepared and knowing what courses of action to take in case of emergencies reduces the chance of injury and damage. Educating staff members and the public about hazards prepares them mentally and physically, leading to quick and appropriate responses. The City will initiate and support the practice of emergency evacuation measures at home, at work, and in schools to reduce the effects of emergencies on everyday life.

#### All-Hazard Mitigation Plan and Multi-Hazard Functional Plan

Burbank's All-Hazard Mitigation Plan identifies and characterizes hazards facing the city, ranging from earthquakes to floods to information technology disruptions. The plan identifies strategies and mitigation actions to reduce the risks posed by these hazards. The City also has a Multi-Hazard Functional Plan, which addresses the City's planned response to extraordinary emergency situations associated with natural disasters, technological incidents, and national security emergencies.

#### **Emergency Operations**

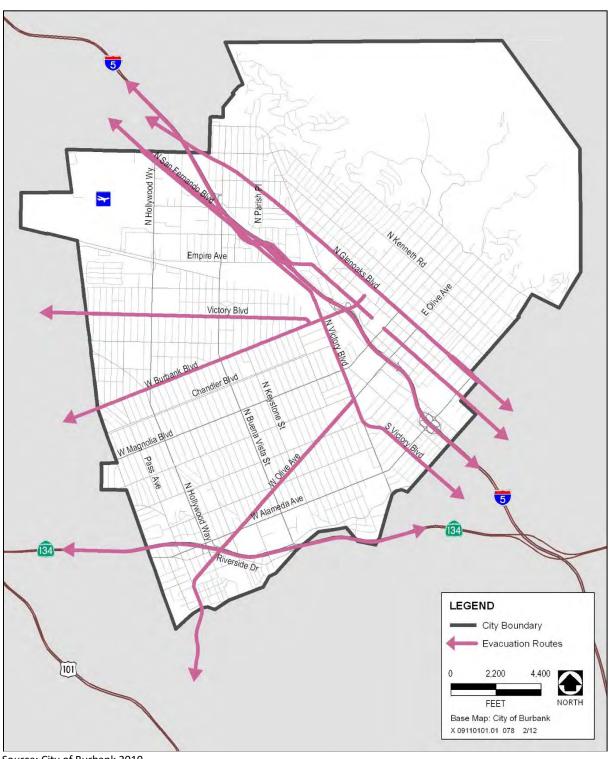
When a major emergency or disaster occurs, the City's Emergency Operations Center is activated to coordinate response by staff members and representatives from various City departments who are assigned emergency management responsibilities. The Disaster Preparedness Division of the Burbank Fire Department coordinates most disaster response in the city. The Police Department assists in many phases of disaster response, especially traffic control and controlling civil disturbances.

#### **Emergency Access and Evacuation**

Emergency vehicles primarily use main streets during an emergency. In the event of an—citywide evacuation, the primary routes used, if available, are Glenoaks Boulevard, San Fernando Boulevard, Burbank Boulevard, and Victory Boulevard (Exhibit S-23). Most areas of the City have at least two evacuation routes. The only two locations with only one evacuation route are Country Club Drive above N. Sunset Canyon Drive and Hamline Place, a cul-de-sac at the end of Groton Drive. Both locations are in the foothills of the Verdugo Mountains in the eastern portion of the City and development of additional evacuation routes is not feasible for either.

The City promotes the use and maintenance of back-up power generators in critical facilities such as group care homes, day care centers, hospitals, and other health care facilities, and in emergency and high-risk facilities such as Bob Hope Airport, schools, and other sites that are likely to be used as shelters. As of 2011, the City is equipped to provide facilities for evacuees at the Tuttle Adult Center, Robert Ovrom Community Center, and Olive Recreation Center. The Joslyn Adult Center may also be used as an

evacuation center for senior citizens. However, none of these facilities currently have the amenities needed to use these facilities as overnight stay locations. The McCambridge Recreation Center and Verdugo Recreation Center can accommodate overnight stays in the event of an emergency. Additional facilities may be added in the future based on need.



Source: City of Burbank 2010

Exhibit S-23. Evacuation Routes

## **Geologic and Seismic Hazards**

As in other communities in the Los Angeles region, seismic hazards are the most substantial environmental hazards affecting land uses in Burbank. Earthquakes and their related effects (seismic shaking, surface rupture, liquefaction, landslides, and subsidence) have the greatest potential to affect a large portion of the city's population. Sound planning practices and continued improvements to buildings and structures will minimize risks from seismic hazards.

#### **Earthquakes**

An earthquake is a manifestation of the constant movement and shifting of the earth's surface. Movement occurs along fractures or faults, which represent the contact point between two or more geologic units. Earth movement, known as seismic activity, causes pressure to build up along a fault, and the release of pressure results in the ground-shaking effects that are known as an earthquake. Earthquakes can cause damage through surface fault rupture, ground shaking, liquefaction, and landslides. These topics are described in more detail below.

#### **Surface Fault Rupture**

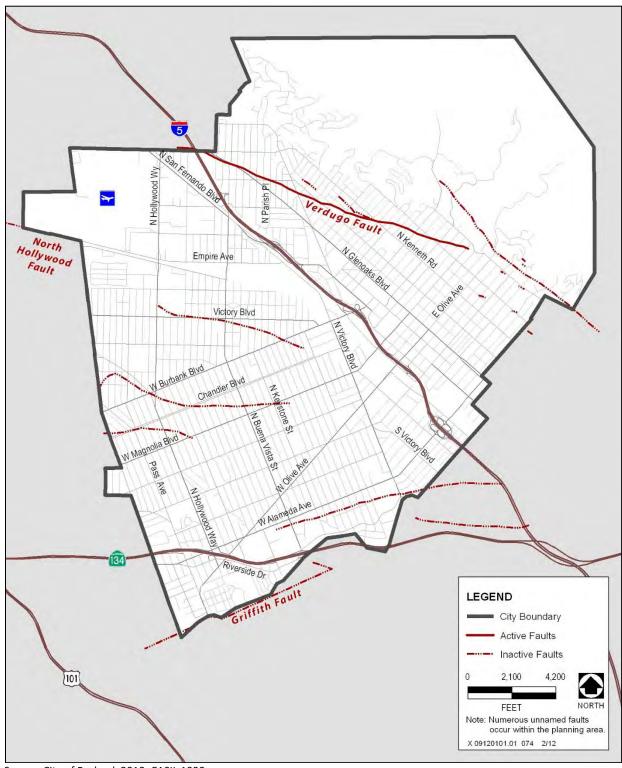
Surface fault rupture is an actual cracking or breaking of the ground along a fault during an earthquake. Structures built over an active fault can be torn apart if the ground ruptures. The potential for surface fault rupture exists along the traces of active faults and is generally limited to a linear zone a few yards wide. Burbank contains one active fault, the Verdugo Fault, located just south of the Verdugo Mountains. Other active faults exist in the region, but they are not located within Burbank, so those faults do not pose the risk of surface fault rupture in the city. Exhibit S-34 illustrates faults in the city and nearby vicinity.

The Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act requires the State of California to map areas with high risk for surface fault rupture. This law prohibits locating structures designed for human occupancy on top of the surface traces of active faults, thereby reducing the loss of life and property from an earthquake. No Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone has been designated in Burbank.

#### **Ground Shaking**

Ground shaking is motion that occurs as a result of energy released during an earthquake. Ground shaking could damage or destroy buildings, bridges, and pipelines, depending on the magnitude of the earthquake, the location of the epicenter, and the character and duration of the ground motion. The characteristics of the underlying soil and rock and, where structures exist, the building materials used and the workmanship of the structures are important details to consider when determining the potential effect of seismic ground shaking.

In addition to the Verdugo Fault, several other active faults have the potential to cause ground shaking that would affect Burbank. These faults are the San Fernando Fault (northwest of Burbank), Sierra Madre Fault (at the base of the San Gabriel Mountains east of Burbank), Hollywood Fault (south of Burbank), Newport-Inglewood Fault (12.5 miles southwest of Burbank), and the Raymond Fault (6 miles southeast of Burbank). The San Andreas Fault, a large fault that runs nearly the entire length of California, is located approximately 27 miles to the northwest. Although these faults would not cause a surface rupture in Burbank, a seismic event on any of these faults could cause ground shaking that could damage structures and facilities in the city.



Source: City of Burbank 2010, CASIL 1990

Exhibit S-34. Fault Locations

#### Liquefaction

Liquefaction is a destructive side of seismic shaking. Liquefaction happens when shaking increases pore water pressure and causes the soil to lose its strength and behave as a liquid. The excess pore pressures are often pushed upward through fissures and soil cracks, which causes water-soil slurry to bubble onto the ground surface.



Steep slopes, such as those in the Verdugo Mountains in the northern part of Burbank, are subject to landslide hazards.

Liquefaction occurs primarily in saturated and loose, fine- to-medium-grained soils, in areas where the groundwater table lies within 50 feet of the surface.

As illustrated in Exhibit S-45, much of Burbank is located atop soils susceptible to liquefaction, particularly in areas west of the Golden State Freeway (I-5). In general, soils in these areas are recently deposited sediments that may include potentially liquefiable layers. Except in some areas along the Ventura Freeway (SR 134) in the southwestern portion of the city, most groundwater underlying Burbank is deeper than 100 feet below the ground surface. Groundwater levels have been dropping because of pumping in water wells. As long as groundwater continues to be extracted in the upper Los Angeles River area and annual rainfall remains at normal levels, groundwater levels in Burbank can be expected to remain deeper than 50 feet, resulting in a low risk of liquefaction for most of the city.

#### **Landslides and Mudslides**

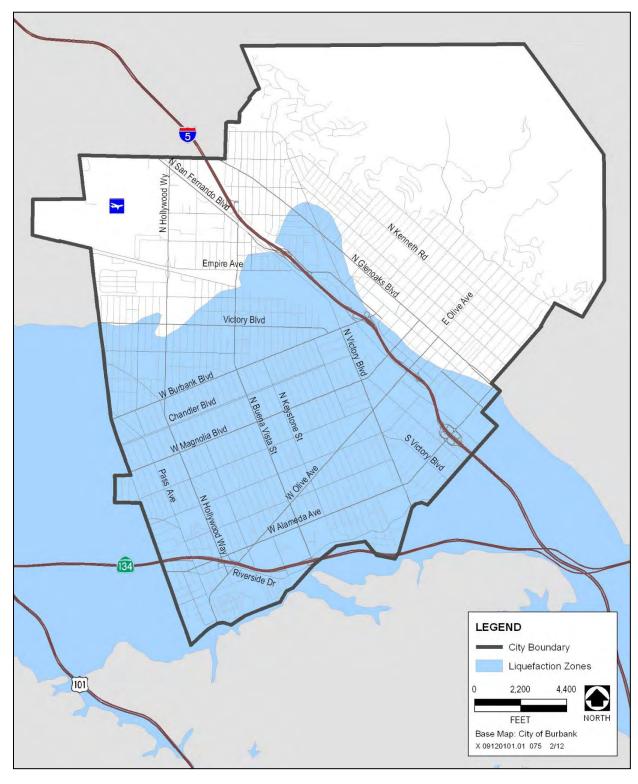
Landslide hazards are related to both slope and to seismic activity. Mudslide hazards are related to storm events, especially following long dry periods or fires that have reduced hillside vegetation. The City will work to mitigate mudslide and landslide hazards for both existing and new development.

A landslide is the downhill movement of masses of earth material under the force of gravity. Factors contributing to landslide potential are steep slopes, unstable terrain, and proximity to earthquake faults. The process of landsliding typically involves the surface soil and an upper portion of the underlying bedrock. Movement may be very rapid, or so slow that a change of position is noticed only over a period of weeks or years. The size of a landslide can range from several square feet to several square miles. Mudflows consist of rivers of rock, earth, and other debris saturated with water. Flows develop when water rapidly accumulates in the ground during heavy rainfall, changing the earth into a flowing river of mud or slurry. These mudflows can strike with little or no warning at avalanche speeds. Mudslide potential exists in the hillside portions of Burbank during heavy rains, especially in areas recently affected by fire.

In Burbank, hazards from landslides and mudslides are limited to properties at the base of undeveloped or unimproved slopes in the Verdugo Mountains, north of Sunset Canyon Drive. Exhibit S-<u>56</u> illustrates locations that are subject to landslide hazards.

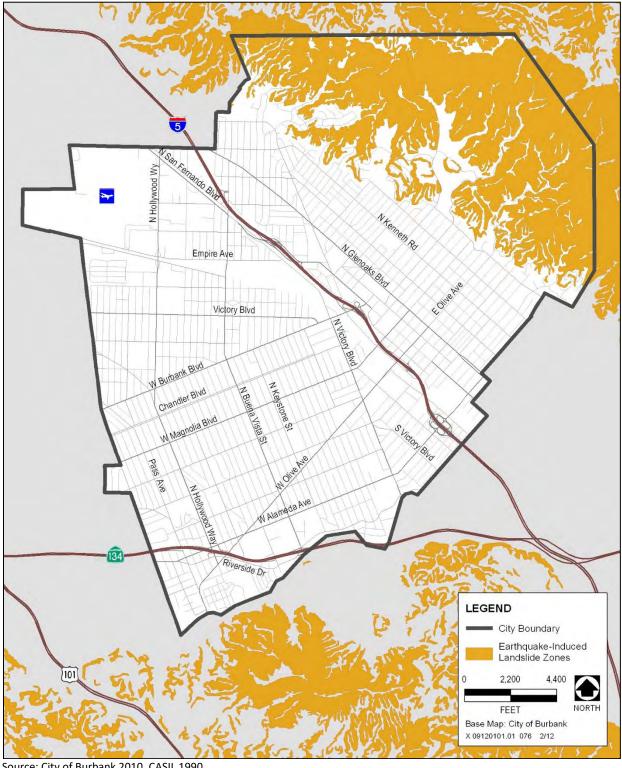
#### **Flood Hazards**

Flooding may occur in Burbank when streams and channels overflow as a result of excessive precipitation, storm runoff, or inadequate, undersized, or unmaintained storm drainage infrastructure. Flood zones, including areas with flood hazards from potential overflow from drainage channels, are shown in Exhibit S-67.



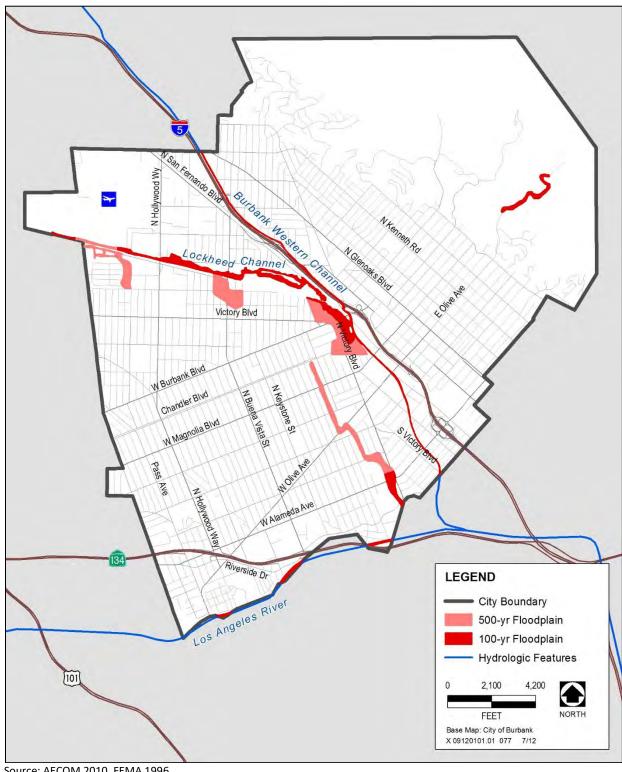
Source: City of Burbank 2010, CASIL 1990

Exhibit S-4<u>5</u>. Liquefaction Zones



Source: City of Burbank 2010, CASIL 1990

Exhibit S-56. Earthquake-Induced Landslide Zones



Source: AECOM 2010, FEMA 1996

Exhibit S-67. FEMA Flood Zone Areas

Flood hazards related to storm events generally are described in terms of the "100-year flood," which is the largest flood event that may be expected to occur within 100 years. This flood is considered a severe flood, but one that can be reasonably predicted and thus reasonably mitigated. The "500-year flood" is the largest flood event that may be expected to occur within 500 years. Other areas of Burbank may be affected by smaller storm events, such as the 10-year storm event.

Burbank's stormwater is managed by the storm drainage system, including surface stormwater channels. The City is studying the storm drainage system to determine the condition of the entire system and the need for new and/or updated facilities. The City's storm drain master plan describes necessary improvements to the stormwater drainage system to accommodate growth anticipated as a result of Burbank2035.

#### **Dam Inundation Hazards**

Dam inundation describes flooding that could result from the structural failure of a dam, generally caused by seismic activity. Seismic activity may also cause inundation by a seismically induced wave, called a seiche, that overtops the dam without also causing dam failure. Landslides flowing into a reservoir could also cause dam failure or overtopping.

Three reservoirs upstream from Burbank, Reservoirs #1, #4, and #5, are classified as dams by the California Department of Water Resources. Though small, these reservoirs impound more than 50 acre-feet of water. However, these reservoirs are not large enough to result in considerable risk of inundation in Burbank that would result from failure of any of the facilities.

# **Airport Operations**

Bob Hope Airport is located in the northwestern corner of the city. The airport serves commercial airlines and the needs of military aviation and general aviation. The Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority runs the airport and maintains a contract with Airport Group International, Inc., to provide daily operations and maintenance. In 2009, approximately 4.6 million passengers used Bob Hope Airport, for an average of about 12,600 passengers per day.

Although hazardous incidents associated with air transportation are extremely rare, aircraft accidents have the potential to be severe. The City works in consultation with the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena



Bob Hope Airport, run by the Burbank-Glendale-Pasadena Airport Authority, served approximately 4.6 million passengers in 2009.

Airport Authority to minimize hazards associated with air transportation and plan for a coordinated response to any potential incident.

#### **Air Crash Hazards**

An "aircraft emergency" is any crash, accident, fire, or other disaster involving aircraft or any potential mishap for which standby equipment has been alerted by the Burbank Air Traffic Control Tower. An airport disaster has the potential to affect almost any part of Burbank because virtually all populated areas of the city are within the perimeter of building height limitations imposed by Part 77 of the Federal Aviation Regulations. Numerous secondary hazards could result from an airport-related disaster, such as fires, hazardous materials incidents, traffic disruption, and loss of utilities.

Bob Hope Airport has a Federal Aviation Administration—approved Airport Emergency Plan. This plan establishes actions that responsible agencies should take to respond promptly to emergencies, minimizing the possibility and extent of personal injury and property damage around the airport. The Airport Fire Department is the first responder to all airport emergencies, but the Burbank Fire Department has ultimate responsibility for all incidents in the city.

The Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Commission has adopted an Airport Influence Area for Bob Hope Airport. This describes the area in which noise, overflight, safety, or airspace protection factors may affect land uses or necessitate restrictions on those uses, as determined by the Airport Land Use Commission. The Airport Influence Area (shown in Exhibit N-3) is generally defined by the 65-dBA CNEL noise contour (described in the Noise Element). In accordance with state regulations (Section 11010 of the Business and Professions Code and Sections 1102.6, 1103.4, and 1353 of the Civil Code), the seller of a property in the Airport Influence Area must provide the purchaser with a Real Estate Transfer Disclosure Statement that includes a "Notice of Airport in Vicinity," indicating that the property is located in an Airport Influence Area.

The Los Angeles County Airport Land Use Plan identifies two safety zones within the planning boundaries of the airport: the Approach Surface and the Runway Protection Zone. The Approach Surface governs the height of objects on or near the airport. This surface is an imaginary inclined plane that extends from the end of the runway surface to an outward distance that is dependent on runway use. The width and slope of the Approach Surface also depend on runway use. Generally, objects are not allowed to extend above this imaginary plane. If one does, it must be marked or removed.

The Runway Protection Zone is the ground-level area that provides for unobstructed passage of landing aircraft through the airspace above. This zone begins at the end of the runway surface, and its size is dependent on the designated use of the runway. This area should be kept free of all obstructions; no structure should be permitted or people allowed to congregate in this zone.

### **Hazardous Materials and Human-Caused Hazards**

Manufacturing, transporting, and storing hazardous materials in an urban environment can pose threats to the safety of workers, and to the safety of businesses and residences located near these materials. The City recognizes the importance of identifying and regulating the use, production, and transportation of hazardous materials and making planning decisions to minimize exposure to hazards. Hazardous materials—cleaning products, paints, solvents, and fuels—are commonly used and found in small quantities throughout Burbank.

#### **Transport of Hazardous Materials**

Hazardous materials are transported through Burbank on roadways (highways and city streets), by rail, by pipeline, and in the air. Types of hazardous cargo regularly transported into, out of, and through the city consist of flammable liquids, corrosive materials, compressed and/or poisonous gases, explosives, flammable solids, and irritating materials.

Accidents on major roadways could result in releases of hazardous materials. The U.S. Department of Transportation regulates the transport of hazardous materials on city streets, I-5, and SR 134. When acutely toxic hazardous materials are transported, the California Highway Patrol must be notified. If city streets are used, the Burbank Police Department must be notified. The City does not designate specific haul routes for hazardous materials, because the handlers and users of hazardous materials are dispersed throughout the city.

The Southern Pacific Railroad operates several miles of rail lines in the city that may be used to transport hazardous materials. The Burbank Fire Department tracks real-time incident data for hazardous materials transport and passenger railroad travel. The Fire Department also maintains an inventory of the loads of hazardous materials shipped through the city.

A hazardous materials incident involving aircraft traveling to or from Bob Hope Airport is less likely than an incident involving another mode of transport. The Airport Fire Department would be the first to respond to an incident occurring at the airport, and the Burbank Fire Department would assume command after arriving at the site. If an incident were to occur outside of the airport property, the Airport Fire Department could assist the Burbank Fire Department or other agencies as necessary.

#### **Former Landfills**

Areas formerly used as landfills contain wastes that can release toxins into the air or contaminate groundwater. The City operates one active landfill, Burbank Landfill, located in the Verdugo Mountains. The Burbank Recycling Center, located approximately five minutes from Downtown, is a private/public partnership that houses a materials recovery facility, buyback drop-off center, used-oil center, compost corner, and learning center. This facility collects and diverts wastes that contribute to landfill capacity.

In addition, two former landfill sites are located in the city. The former Stough Park Landfill is located in Stough Park near the Starlight Bowl and DeBell Golf Course. This facility was closed and solid waste was then transported to Burbank Landfill, located nearby. This site is monitored and inspected regularly by the Los Angeles County Environmental Health Department. Other former landfill sites include the former Sunset Canyon Dump, located at the edge of the Verdugo Mountains near the entrance to Stough Park. This site has been developed with residential uses, but is still monitored by the Los Angeles County Environmental Health Department to ensure that the former landfill uses do not result in potential public safety issues.

#### **Pipelines**

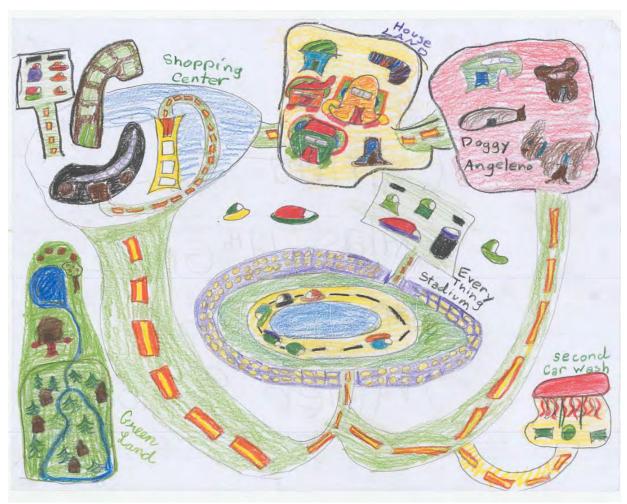
Underground pipelines that transport and deliver natural gas, liquid petroleum, and other products can be found throughout Burbank. Most homes and businesses require small pipelines to deliver these products. Larger transmission pipelines are less common in urbanized areas, but they pose the greatest threat in the event of upset.

Several large pipelines are located in the city. If any of these pipelines crack or are broken, major hazardous materials incidents may result. These underground pipelines, typically located 42 inches below the ground surface, include gas fuel supply lines and crude-oil shipping lines. The Pacific Pipeline System, Inc., has a 20-inch crude-oil pipeline that runs parallel to the Southern Pacific Railroad's right-of-way. The Four Corners Pipeline Company has a 14-inch petroleum pipeline that runs from north to south following Glenoaks Boulevard to Tulare Avenue, traveling south on Sixth Street to Glendale. A 30-inch Southern California Gas Company natural gas pipeline runs south on Glenoaks Boulevard to Glendale. Other smaller pipelines that also contain natural gas follow Hollywood Way, Verdugo Avenue, and Burbank Boulevard. The Burbank Fire Department maintains a list of the major pipelines in the city.

#### **Underground Storage Tanks**

Underground storage tanks (USTs) are used to store a variety of materials, including hazardous chemicals. Some of the most common UST contents are gasoline, diesel, other petroleum fuels, and solvents.

The Health Hazardous Materials Division of the Los Angeles County Fire Department is the Certified Uniform Program Agency for Burbank. The Burbank Fire Department serves as a Participating Agency that implements some requirements of the Certified Uniform Program Agency, including disclosure of hazardous materials and UST regulation requirements. The overall purpose of the UST program is to protect public health and safety and the environment from releases of petroleum and other hazardous substances from tanks. The program includes requirements for tank installation, construction, testing, leak detection, spill containment, and overfill protection. Cleanup of leaking tanks often requires a soil and groundwater investigation and remediation under the direction of a regulatory agency.



Burbank in 2035: Drawing by Camila Salas of Miller Elementary School

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# **MEMORANDUM**



**DATE:** August 11, 2022

TO: City Planning Board

FROM: Fred Ramirez, Assistant Community Development Director - Planning

VIA: Scott Plambaeck, Planning Manager & For St

BY: Shipra Rajesh, Senior Planner SR

SUBJECT: Draft Recirculated Environmental Impact Report for the 2021-2029

Housing Element, Safety Element, and Environmental Justice General

Plan Updates

In anticipation of the upcoming August 22, 2022, Planning Board public hearing, the staff wanted to provide each Board member with an electronic copy of the Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the 2021-2029 Housing Element, Safety Element, and Environmental Justice General Plan Updates (the Project). Additionally, the flash drive includes the DEIR for the Project that was originally circulated in January of 2022.

The City revised the Draft EIR to address comments received on the Draft EIR. Consistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, the City recirculated the revised sections of the Draft EIR to provide an opportunity to the public to comment on the Recirculated Draft EIR. After the 47-day public review period for the Recirculated Draft EIR ends on September 6, 2022, staff and the City's environmental consultant will review and respond to the public comments. These responses will be incorporated in the Final Environmental Impact Report (Final EIR), along with Findings of Fact, Statement of Overriding Consideration, and Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP). Prior to approving the 2021-2029 6th Cycle Housing Element Update and related General Plan updates, the City Council is required review and certify the EIR.

The links to the 2021-2029 Housing Element, Safety Element, and Environmental Justice General Plan Updates, original DEIR and the Recirculated DEIR are provided below. Next week, staff will distribute the full agenda packet to the Board including the staff report.

# **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report
<a href="https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Burbankhousing-and-Safety-Element-Update-Recirculated-DEIR.pdf">https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Burbankhousing-and-Safety-Element-Update-Recirculated-DEIR.pdf</a>

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Attachment 3: 2021-2029 Housing Element, Safety Element, and Environmental Justice General Plan Updates <a href="https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/">https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/</a>

# 2 Responses to Comments on the Draft EIR

This section includes comments received during the circulation of the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) prepared for the Burbank Housing and Safety Element Update (hereafter referred to as the "Housing and Safety Element Update" or "Project").

The Draft EIR was circulated for a 65-day public review period that began on January 26, 2022, and ended on March 31, 2022. The City of Burbank received 143 comment letters on the Draft EIR. The commenters and the page number on which each commenter's letter appear are listed below. Responses to oral comments received during the Planning Board meeting held on March 14, 2022, are provided under the Planning Board (P) and Speaker (S) sections as identified below. Among the letters received by Organizations, one separate commenter (i.e., Mitchell M. Tsai) raised specific concerns regarding the adequacy of the Draft EIR whereas the remaining commenters raise non-CEQA issues pertaining solely to the proposed Project and/or other topics unrelated to the Draft EIR. Therefore, this letter is addressed first to maintain the focus on the Draft EIR prepared for the proposed Project.

In addition, the Project Description, Biological Resources, and Utilities/Service Systems sections of the Draft EIR were recirculated for a 47-day review period that began on July 22, 2022. Responses to comments received on the Recirculated Draft EIR, including oral comments during the Planning Board meeting held on August 22, 2022, are provided in Section 3 of the Final EIR.

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A-3	Erinn Wilson-Olgin, Environmental Program Manager I – South Coast Region, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (March 18, 2022)	2-9
A-4	Dianne Doesserich, Team Manager, Environmental Planning Section, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (March 30, 2022)	2-14
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Any changes made to the text of the Draft EIR correcting information, data, or intent, other than minor typographical corrections or minor working changes, are noted in the Final EIR as changes from the Draft EIR. Where a comment results in a change to the Draft EIR text, a notation is made in the response indicating that the text is revised. Changes in text are signified by strikeouts (strikeouts) where text is removed and by underlined font (underlined font) where text is added. All revisions to the Draft EIR can be found in Section 4, Errata, of the Final EIR.

# Letter A-1

**COMMENTER:** Andrew Salas, Chairman, Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation

**DATE:** January 31, 2022

# Response A-1.1

The commenter states that the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation are in agreement with the Housing Element Update and requests consultation for any and all future projects within Burbank that include ground disturbance.

The comment is noted, but does not raise specific concerns that pertain to the adequacy of the EIR. All future projects requiring ground disturbance within Burbank will provide a request for consultation to the Gabrieleno Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation.

# Letter A-2

**COMMENTER:** Miya Edmonson, LDR/CEQA Branch Chief, California Department of

Transportation

**DATE:** March 16, 2022

### Response A-2.1

The commenter provides a description of the Project and states that vehicle miles traveled (VMT) is the primary metric in identifying transportation impacts for all future development projects.

The Project complies with CEQA's requirements for transportation analyses because VMT was used as the primary metric in identifying the Project's potential transportation impacts in Section 4.11, *Transportation*, of the Draft EIR.

# Response A-2.2

The commenter states that the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) supports the implementation of complete streets and pedestrian safety measures and that the EIR should ensure all modes of travel are served well by planning and development activities.

Caltrans' support for implementation of complete streets and pedestrian safety measures is noted. As discussed under Impact TRA-3 in Section 4.11, *Transportation*, of the Draft EIR, reasonably foreseeable development accommodated under the Housing Element Update would be reviewed by the appropriate City staff to ensure consistency with all applicable City and State design standards, including standards for project access points, location, and design, sight lines, roadway modifications, and provisions for bicycle and pedestrian transportation connections.

### Response A-2.3

The commenter encourages the City to evaluate the potential of Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies and Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) applications in order to better manage the transportation network, as well as transit service and bicycle or pedestrian connectivity improvements.

As discussed in Section 4.11, *Transportation*, of the Draft EIR, the City of Burbank has an ITS that allows the monitoring and control of traffic signals from a central operations center. City staff can manually adjust traffic signals remotely from the central operations center to respond to collisions, weather, special events, and other major incidents. The City's ITS is interconnected with the Los Angeles County traffic signal Information Exchange Network and shares information with Los Angeles City and County, and the cities of Glendale and Pasadena. In addition, traffic signal timing is also coordinated with Caltrans.

The Draft EIR discusses potential TDM strategies in Section 4.11, *Transportation*, to address the VMT per employee and VMT per service population impacts but concludes that enacting TDM measures at an employer location or to address service population impacts is generally beyond the scope of the Housing Element. Therefore, it is infeasible to mitigate the VMT per employee and VMT per service population impacts. However, as each individual project is processed through the entitlement process, VMT impacts will be addressed and mitigated where feasible.

### Response A-2.4

The commenter encourages the preparation of traffic safety impact analysis for all developments in the CEQA review process.

The comment is noted, but does not raise specific concerns that pertain to the adequacy of the EIR. The Housing Element is a land use plan and as such does not grant entitlement for any specific project or future development. All development projects under the CEQA review process would be required to assess the project's impacts on transportation, including whether the project would conflict with a program, plan, ordinance or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities; conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.3(b); or substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature or incompatible use. The Draft EIR also discusses both bicycle and pedestrian safety at a citywide level from a plan/policy consistency perspective.

### Response A-2.5

The commenter replicates the information provided in the Draft EIR on page 4.11-16, acknowledging that the information provided in the Draft EIR is correct.

The comment is noted. No further response is required.

# Response A-2.6

The commenter recommends preparation of a post-development VMT analysis for each individual development project within the Plan Area that includes mitigation measures to reduce any significant traffic impacts.

Implementation of the requirement to conduct a post development VMT analysis for each development project in the Housing Element plan area (which is the entire City) is beyond the scope of the EIR, is not a requirement of CEQA, and is not currently required as a process that has been adopted by the City of Burbank. Requiring a post development VMT analysis as described in the comment would be unduly burdensome to housing developers and the City of Burbank, and could add an additional impediment to housing production. Projects requiring subsequent environmental analysis where that analysis identifies a VMT impact, and proposes VMT mitigation measures, would be required by the City to adhere to a Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program to ensure that when mitigation measures are implemented, they can demonstrate the ability to reduce the project's VMT impact to less than significant.

# Letter A-3

**COMMENTER:** Erinn Wilson-Olgin, Environmental Program Manager I – South Coast Region,

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

**DATE:** March 18, 2022

# Response A-3.1

CDFW thanked the City for the opportunity to provide comments and recommendations regarding those activities involved in the project that may affect fish and wildlife and actions for which they may have regulatory authority.

This comment does not address a deficiency in the Draft EIR. This comment has been noted but no response is necessary.

### Response A-3.2

The comment provides an overview of CDFW and its roles as trustee agency and responsible agency under CEQA.

This comment indicates that the CDFW expects that it may need to exercise regulatory authority as provided by the Fish and Game Code, including Section 1600 et. seq. (lake and streambed alteration regulatory authority), Section 2050 et. seq. ("take" of species protected under the California Endangered Species Act [CESA]), and Section 1900 et. seq. (CESA-listed rare plants pursuant to the Native Plant Protection Act). The comment recommends that the Project proponent obtain appropriate authorization under the Fish and Game Code.

The comments and recommendations for species protected under CESA have been incorporated as stated in Response A-3.3, below, and in the Biological Resources section of the Recirculated Draft EIR. With the modification to Mitigation Measure BIO-1, we do not anticipate "take" or need for a lake and streambed alteration agreement for development under the Housing Element Update.

### Response A-3.3

The comment provides a summary of the proposed project and summarizes recommendations to assist the City in adequately identifying, avoiding, and/or mitigating the Project's significant, or potentially significant, direct and indirect impacts on fish and wildlife resources. In addition, the comment suggests recommended measures or revisions in later comments be included in a science-based monitoring program that contains adaptive management strategies as part of the project's Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP).

Individual responses regarding the CDFW's concerns on environmental impacts are addressed below in Responses A-3.4 through A-3.10. A MMRP will be published with the Final EIR to assist the City in implementing the mitigation stipulated in the EIR and as reflected in the Recirculated Draft EIR. No revisions are necessary relative to this comment.

# Response A-3.4

The comment suggests that the Project may result in adverse impacts to least Bell's vireo (*Vireo bellii pusillus*), a federally and State-listed Endangered species, by causing nest abandonment, reproductive suppression, or incidental loss of fertile eggs or nestlings.

On April 20, 2022, City staff had a call with CDFW staff to discuss the March 18, 2022 comment letter. Based on the discussion, the following revisions have been made to Section 4.2, *Biological Resources*, of the Draft EIR, which has been included in the Recirculated Draft EIR that was released for a 47-day public review period on July 22, 2022.

The revisions to Mitigation Measure BIO-1 addresses CDFW's concerns regarding potential impacts to least Bell's vireo, bat species, or monarch butterflies. Related edits to the biological resources analysis are also shown in the Recirculated Draft EIR.

# BIO-1 Biological Resources Avoidance

For individual housing developments that will include disturbance of vegetation, trees, structures, or other areas where biological resources could be present, a qualified biologist shall be retained by the applicant to conduct an initial site assessment that will include review of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) and iNaturalist maps to determine where sightings have occurred or habitats for the least Bell's vireo, bat species, or monarch butterflies have previously been identified.

If construction activities or other disturbances occur in areas within 500 feet of a previously identified habitat or observation according to CNDDB or iNaturalist, the following measures shall be implemented:

- Prior to the issuance of a grading permit, a qualified biologist shall be retained by the
  project applicant to conduct a biological resources reconnaissance of the site. The qualified
  biologist shall thoroughly report on the biological resources present on a project site and
  submitted to the City.
- If the biologist determines that special-status species may occur, focused surveys for special-status plants shall be completed in accordance with Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Sensitive Natural Communities (California Department of Fish and Wildlife [CDFW], March 20, 2018) and Guidelines for Conducting and Reporting Botanical Inventories for Federally Listed, Proposed and Candidate Plants (USFWS, September 23, 1996). If it is determined that the project site has suitable habitat for special-status wildlife, focused surveys shall be conducted to determined presence/absence including species-specific surveys in accordance with CDFW or United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) protocols for State or federally listed species, respectively, that may occur.
- If it is determined that a special-status species may be impacted by a specific project, consultation with USFWS and/or CDFW shall occur prior to issuance of a development permit from the City to determine measures to address impacts, such as avoidance, minimization, or take authorization and mitigation. The report shall include a list of special-status plants and wildlife that may occur on the project site and/or adjacent area. If construction activities or other disturbances occur during the bird nesting season (February 1 through August 31), prior to issuance of grading permits for individual housing developments that will include disturbance of vegetation, structures, or other areas where bird nests could be present, the following requirements shall be implemented:

- Applicant shall submit a pre-construction nesting bird survey shall be conducted no more than seven days prior to initiation of grading or construction activities. The nesting bird preconstruction survey shall be conducted on foot on the construction site, including a 100-foot buffer, and in inaccessible areas (e.g., private lands) from afar using binoculars to the extent practical. The survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist familiar with the identification of avian species known to occur in southern California and a copy of the study shall be submitted to the Community Development Department and Building and Safety Division. The cost to hire a qualified biologist shall be borne entirely by the developer/project applicant.
- If nests are found, an avoidance buffer shall be demarcated by a qualified biologist with bright orange construction fencing, flagging, construction lathe, or other means to mark the boundary. All construction personnel shall be notified as to the existence of the buffer zone and to avoid entering the buffer zone during the nesting season. No parking, storage of materials, or construction activities shall occur within this buffer until the biologist has confirmed that breeding/nesting is completed, and the young have fledged the nest. Encroachment into the buffer shall occur only at the discretion of the qualified biologist.
- A survey report shall be prepared by the qualified biologist documenting and verifying compliance with the above requirements and applicable State and Federal regulations protecting birds that shall be submitted to the City of Burbank. The qualified biologist shall serve as a construction monitor during those periods when construction activities would occur near active nest areas to ensure that no inadvertent impacts on these nests would occur.

The full text of the Recirculated Draft EIR is available on the City's website at the following link: https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Burbank-Housing-and-Safety-Element-Update-Recirculated-DEIR.pdf

#### Response A-3.5

The comment states that the Project may result in impacts to bat species, such as pallid bat (*Antrozous pallidus*), big free tailed bat (*Nyctinomops macrotis*), and hoary bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*), which are designated as Species of Special Concern (SSC). The Draft EIR does not provide avoidance or mitigation measures to reduce impacts to bat species within the Project site. The comment suggests that the Project may result in direct impacts to bat species, including removal of trees, vegetation, and/or structures that provide roosting habitat, and therefore has the potential for the direct loss of bats. The comment also suggests that indirect impacts from future housing developments may result from increased noise disturbances, human activity, dust, ground disturbing activities, and vibrations caused by heavy equipment.

The comment states that bats are considered non-game mammals and are afforded protection by State law from take and/or harassment (Fish and Game Code Section 4150; California Code of Regulations Section 251.1). In addition, the comment noted that several bat species known to occur within the Project vicinity are considered SSC and take would be considered a significant impact.

The revisions to Section 4.2, *Biological Resources*, of the Draft EIR address CDFW's concerns regarding potential impacts to least bat species. Refer to Response A-3.4.

### Response A-3.6

The comment states that the Project may result in impacts to monarch butterflies (*Danaus plexippus*) and monarch butterfly overwintering habitat through vegetation removal and tree trimming associated with future housing development. The agency states that there are 65 observations of monarch butterflies within the city recorded in iNaturalist and that there are numerous eucalyptus trees within the Project site that potentially provide overwintering habitat for the species. If eucalyptus trees are removed during the overwintering period, direct impacts such as injury or mortality, reduced health and vigor, and reduced success during spring and summer migration may occur. The comment states that the Draft EIR does not provide avoidance or mitigation measures to reduce impacts to the monarch butterfly within the Project site.

The comment states that monarch butterflies are a federal candidate for listing under the Endangered Species Act, is included on CDFW's *Terrestrial and Vernal Pool Invertebrates of Conservation Priority* list, and identified as a Species of Greatest Conservation Need in California's *State Wildlife Action Plan*. In addition, Fish and Game Code Section 1002 prohibits the take or possession of wildlife without a valid Scientific Collection Permit issued by CDFW, which applied to handling monarchs, removing them from the wild, or otherwise taking them for scientific or propagation purposes. Lastly, the comment states that Fish and Game Code Section 1374 directs the Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program to recover and sustain populations of monarch butterflies. The comment states that impacts to the monarch butterfly may require a mandatory finding of significance because the Project would potentially directly or indirectly reduce the number of monarch butterflies through habitat loss. The comment includes recommendations that the Draft EIR require future project proponents to avoid and minimize impacts to monarch butterflies by enhancing native, insecticide-free nectar sources, avoid planting additional tropical milkweeds, and avoid using pesticides, insecticides, and soils fumigants.

The revisions to Section 4.2, *Biological Resources*, of the Draft EIR address CDFW's concerns regarding potential impacts to monarch butterflies. Refer to Response A-3.4.

#### Response A-3.7

The comment requests that all occurrences of special status species on the project site be documented via the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) Field Survey Forms and that the Final EIR include measures where lead agencies of individual projects tiering from the Final EIR report any special status species detected during preparation of project-level environmental impact analyses/environmental documents.

The revisions to Section 4.2, *Biological Resources*, of the Draft EIR address CDFW's concerns regarding potential impacts to special status species. Refer to Response A-3.4.

### Response A-3.8

The comment includes recommendations that the City update the Project's proposed biological mitigation measures and condition the environmental document to include mitigation measures recommended in their letter. This comment reiterates comments provided in the letter.

Field surveys will be conducted as necessary and in conjunction with a proposed specific development project under the Housing Element Update. The mitigation measures and recommendations provided by the agency are addressed in Response A-3.4. Section 5, *Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program*, of the Final EIR incorporates the revised mitigation measure outlined in Response A-3.4. The MMRP is intended to track and ensure compliance with adopted

mitigation measures during the Burbank Housing and Safety Element Update implementation phase. For each mitigation measure recommended in the Final EIR for the Project, specifications are made in the MMRP that identify the action required, the monitoring that must occur, and the agency or department responsible for oversight.

### Response A-3.9

The commenter summarizes the CDFW filing fee requirements.

Comment noted. The CDFW filing fee will be paid along with the County fee for the filing of the Notice of Determination.

### Response A-3.10

The commenter appreciates the opportunity to comment on the Project to assist the City of Burbank in adequately analyzing and minimizing/mitigating impacts to biological resources. The comment requests an opportunity to review and comment on any response that the City has to their comments and to receive notification of any forthcoming hearing date(s) for the project.

As required under CEQA, the agency will be provided notice of the Final EIR and any forthcoming hearing date(s) for the project.

# Letter A-4

**COMMENTER:** Dianne Doesserich, Team Manager, Environmental Planning Section,

Metropolitan Water District of Southern California

**DATE:** March 30, 2022

# Response A-4.1

The commenter provides a description of the Project and provides background information on the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan).

The comment is noted. Individual responses to Metropolitan's comments are provided below.

# Response A-4.2

The commenter states that implementation of the Project could result in potential impacts to Metropolitan's Santa Monica Feeder and East Valley Feeder pipelines and appurtenant. The comment also notes a map of the facilities in relation to the Project has been attached to the letter and states that it will be necessary for the City to consider these facilities in its project planning.

The comment is noted, but does not raise specific concerns that pertain to the adequacy of the EIR. Individual development projects accommodated under the Housing Element Update will be evaluated to determine proximity to these facilities and whether the proposed projects could result in potential impacts to these facilities.

# Response A-4.3

The commenter states that Metropolitan requires that any future design plans for development accommodated under the Project that are located in the area of Metropolitan's pipelines be submitted to Metropolitan for review and written approval. The comment also provides information to assist applicants with preparing project plans that are compatible with Metropolitan's facilities and easements, including the "Guidelines for Improvements and Construction Projects Proposed in the Area of Metropolitan's Facilities and Rights-of-Way," which is attached to the letter.

The comment is noted, but does not raise specific concerns that pertain to the adequacy of the EIR. Metropolitan is currently on the City's list of agencies to contact for all CEQA documents and therefore, will have the opportunity to review all future projects going through the CEQA process. The attachment detailing information to assist applicants with preparing project plans that are compatible with Metropolitan's facilities and easements is acknowledged but is not relevant to the adequacy of the Draft EIR.

### Response A-4.4

The commenter encourages individual projects under the Housing Element Update to use mitigation measures, such as using water efficient fixtures, drought-tolerant landscaping, and reclaimed water, to offset any increase in water use associated with the project.

Policy 3.9 of the Housing Element encourages the use of sustainable and green building design features in new and existing housing, such as working with Burbank Water and Power, and other partners, on energy retrofit programs.

# Response A-4.5

The commenter notes their appreciation to provide input in the planning process and looks forward to receiving future documentation and plans for this project.

This comment does not pertain to the analysis and findings of the Draft EIR. As required under CEQA, the agency will be provided notice of the Final EIR and any forthcoming hearing date(s) for the project.

# Letter O-1

**COMMENTER:** Mitchell M. Tsai, Attorney, on behalf of Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters

(SWRCC)

**DATE:** March 14, 2022

### Response O-1.1

The commenter offers an introduction to the labor union that is submitting the comment and notes the legal precedents for commenting on an EIR under CEQA during the approval process. The commenter requests that the City of Burbank send all notices referring or related to the Project to SWRCC.

SWRCC has been added to the Project mailing list. Individual responses to each comment are provided below.

### Response O-1.2

The commenter states that the City should require the use of a local skilled and trained workforce to benefit the community's economic development and environment. The commenter provides supporting statements and notes that local hire and skilled and trained workforce requirements would assist with reducing environmental impacts and improving the Project's economic impact as the length of vendor trips would likely be reduced due to workers residing within 10 miles or less of the project sites, resulting in a reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions as well as localized economic benefits.

Implementation of the requirement to use a local skilled and trained workforce is beyond the scope of the Draft EIR since labor and employment is not a required topic under CEQA. Nonetheless, the commenter's recommendations are noted for review and consideration by the City's decision-makers. In addition, as discussed in Section 4.5, *Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, of the Draft EIR, the Project's impacts to GHG emissions would be less than significant because the Housing Element Update would be consistent with measures from the State Scoping Plan and GHG emission would not exceed per capita emissions levels identified in the State Scoping Plan. The Housing Element Update would also be consistent with the goals of the 2020-2045 SCS/RTP and the Burbank2035 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan.

### Response O-1.3

The commenter quotes statements from the GHG technical report attached to the letter and notes that skilled and trained workforce requirements and policies have significant environmental benefits as they improve an area's jobs-housing balance, decreasing the amount of and length of job commutes and their associated GHG emissions.

Refer to Response O-1.2 regarding skilled and trained workforce requirements and policies and associated GHG emissions.

# Response O-1.4

The commenter notes that cities are increasingly adopting local skilled and trained workforce policies and requirements into general plans and municipal codes and provides the City of Hayward as an example.

The comment is noted, but does not raise specific concerns that pertain to the adequacy of the Draft EIR. The comment will be provided to the City's decisionmakers for their consideration. No further response is required.

### Response O-1.5

The commenter provides supporting statements and notes that local hire mandates and skill training are critical facets of a strategy to reduce VMT and that placing jobs near housing is insufficient to achieve VMT reductions since the skill requirements of available local jobs must be matched to those held by local residents. The commenter also provides supporting statements and notes that some municipalities have tied local hire and skilled and trained workforce policies to local development permits to address transportation issues.

Refer to Response O-1.2 regarding skilled and trained workforce requirements and policies and associated GHG emissions.

### Response O-1.6

The commenter states that the City should consider utilizing skilled and trained workforce policies and requirements to benefit the local area economically and mitigate GHG, air quality, and transportation impacts.

Refer to Response O-1.2 regarding skilled and trained workforce requirements and policies and associated GHG emissions.

# Letters O-2 through O-132

**COMMENTER:** Refer to individuals O-2 through O-132 listed in **Error! Reference source not** 

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**DATE:** March 13, 2022 – March 29, 2022

Response for Letters O-2 through O-132

The comment notes membership with Carpenters Local 661 and offers an introduction to the labor union. The comment requests that labor standards and/or policies are included in the Housing Element Update and that future projects under the Housing Element Update require family supporting wages, skills training, and job access to community members. The comment also specifically notes that the construction workforce for future projects should require family health plans, skilled workforce standards, paid sick leave, pension, vacation-holiday pay, and high-quality bidder standards to ensure that contractors comply with labor laws.

The commenters' requests for changes to the Housing Element Update are noted, but does not raise issues with the adequacy of the analysis or conclusions in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR is not intended or required to provide justification for the Project. Rather, the EIR is an informational document that is intended to provide public agencies and the public with detailed information about the effect that the Project is likely to have on the environment. This EIR also identifies ways in which the significant effects of the Project might be minimized and identifies alternatives to the Project. The City is not required to consider such comments or requests to change the Project in its CEQA analysis absent a commenter providing substantial evidence that the proposed change would feasibly reduce one or more significant adverse environmental impacts identified in the Draft EIR. Requests for changes to the Project may be addressed through the planning process outside of the CEQA process.

# Letter I-1

**COMMENTER:** Emily Gabel-Luddy

**DATE:** March 31, 2022

### Response I-1.1

The commenter states that the letter contains comments regarding both the Draft EIR and Housing Element. The commenter discusses 2020 census data and notes that there are a significant number of disadvantaged neighborhoods in Burbank. The commenter also states that State pre-emption of local decision making is confirmed by the inadequacy of the Draft EIR to serve as a basis for decision-makers on the Housing and Safety Elements.

Individual responses to each comment are provided below. This comment does not contain a substantive comment on the analysis in the Draft EIR. The comment will be provided to the City's decisionmakers for their consideration. No further response is required and no revisions to the Draft EIR are necessary.

### Response I-1.2

The commenter states that the Draft EIR uses incongruous data sets, such as when discussing housing unit numbers. The commenter notes that all the acronyms are difficult to understand and reconcile in a rational manner. The commenter also states that the housing units listed in the Draft EIR differ from SCAG, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), and the California Department of Finance (DOF), and that housing units in the Draft EIR conflict with the DOF housing units listed in the Housing Element.

Please refer to pages A-1 to A-2 in the glossary of the Housing Element for a list of abbreviations. The DOF housing data provides the current estimated number of housing units within the city and serves as a baseline for Project analysis. SCAG's 2020 RTP/SCS Demographics & Growth Forecast provides growth projections for housing units in the city in the year 2045. The Housing Element Update is required to plan for the RHNA allocation, which reflects the number of housing units needed to meet existing need and accommodate projected need. Under the RHNA allocation, the City is required to provide the capacity to accommodate the development of at least 8,772 housing units during the 2021-2029 planning period. Due to the 15 percent buffer recommended by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), as well as the interpolation for housing growth assumed under the City's two Specific Plans, the estimated number of housing units analyzed in the Draft EIR was changed to 10,456 housing units. As discussed under Impact POP-1 in Section 4.8, Population and Housing, of the Draft EIR, the Project would facilitate housing development beyond what is forecasted in SCAG's 2020 RTP/SCS. However, SCAG's 2020 RTP/SCS was released prior to the 2021-2029 RHNA allocations and therefore, did not include the RHNA allocations in the 2045 housing projections. SCAG's 2020 RTP/SCS will be updated to reflect new forecasts for each city in the region.

The City's existing housing units in the Housing Element conflict with the number of units in the Draft EIR because at the time the Housing Element was prepared, the most current housing unit estimates available were from 2020 DOF data (44,978 units). When the Draft EIR was prepared, 2021 DOF estimates were available (45,069 units). The difference in these two estimates is 91 units, or approximately 0.2 percent, which is negligible and does not change the significance determinations presented in the Draft EIR.

### Response I-1.3

The commenter states that the algorithms used to produce data in the analysis cannot account for local nuances, activities, historic growth patterns, infrastructure, non-profits, etc.

This comment does not contain a substantive comment on the analysis in the Draft EIR. No revisions to the Draft EIR are necessary; nonetheless, the comment will be provided to the City's decisionmakers for their consideration. No further response is required.

# Response I-1.4

The commenter questions how the City Council will make a Finding of Overriding Consideration for the identified significant and unavoidable impacts to sewers and what benefit would outweigh these impacts. The commenter notes that the Draft EIR identifies an elaborate uncharted approach that Public Works Department's (PWD) would take over time. The commenter also questions the maximum amount of housing units that would be permitted before reaching significant and unavoidable sewer impacts and how much the Project would need to be modified to reduce potential impacts to a less than significant level.

As required under CEQA, the significant and unavoidable impact to sewerage system will be further considered by the City Council. If the City Council determines that the Project generally meets the City's objectives for the Housing Element, a Finding of Overriding Consideration will be made, which includes findings and proposed short-term and long-term measures to address sewage capacity issues attributed to the new housing units projected as part of the Housing Element Update that protect public health and safety as it relates to the safe conveyance, storage and treatment of sewage resulting from future housing production under this project. Potential benefits that may outweigh the significant and unavoidable impact include: meeting the City's fair share, plus a reasonable buffer, of the regional housing need to accommodate projected population growth within the city and region; providing housing sites that accommodate a range of housing types to meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents; and promoting non-discrimination and fair and equal housing opportunities for all persons.

Based on the PWD's calculations under Impact UTIL-3 in Section 4.12, *Utilities/Service Systems*, of the Draft EIR and Recirculated Draft EIR, the Project would be anticipated to generate an estimated peak discharge of 6.3 million gallons per day (mgd). In addition, as discussed under Impact UTIL-3 in Section 4.12, *Utilities/Service Systems*, of the Draft EIR, Burbank's PWD is currently working on both a Cost of Service/Rate Study and Needs Assessment for the Burbank Water Reclamation Plant (BWRP). PWD will also be preparing a new Sewer System Master Plan in FY 2022/23 to evaluate the City's sewer conveyance and treatment system over the next twenty years, which is inclusive of the proposed Housing Element update planning and implementation period, as well as developing the appropriate sewer facility impact fee to ensure that developers pay their fair share of the cost to expand and upgrade the capacity of the BWRP treatment facilities.

The citywide analysis of the Housing Element Update was analyzed under a Program EIR, which does not require analysis of each individual project. As such, it is not possible with the current level of information provided to reduce all variables related to sewage capacity to a single number of housing units that can be built before negatively impacting the sewer conveyance system. The City sewer system is a network of over 230 miles of interconnected gravity sewer pipelines and certain areas of the City have more available sewer capacity than others. For example, a specific location in the City may utilize a sewer tributary flow path that has available capacity for several additional housing units; whereas a separate location that is only a block away may utilize a very different

tributary sewer flow path that cannot support any additional housing units. In addition, impacts to the BWRP due to the addition of significant housing units needs to be evaluated at a project level through a Sewer Capacity Analysis. Furthermore, all proposed housing units at specific locations/property addresses throughout the City that are included as part of the Project would be incorporated into and assessed as part of the BWRP Needs Assessment and new Sewer System Master Plan.

Please note that for proposed developments with a significant increase in housing units that trigger a Sewer Capacity Analysis, which is any project with a net increase of five or more additional multifamily housing units, developers will be required to upgrade City sewer infrastructure that is directly impacted by the proposed project, and/or contribute their fair share cost of the sewer improvements as determined by the Public Works Director or their designee.

Since this will have a significant impact to both the City's conveyance system and treatment plant there are mitigation measures that can be implemented at the project level, but not under this Programmatic EIR. Nonetheless, the Recirculated Draft EIR includes the following mitigation measures that would address potential impacts related to the City's wastewater conveyance system but would not reduce potential impacts to a level of less than significant due to the exceedance of the available wastewater treatment capacity at BWRP associated with full buildout of the Housing Element Update. Mitigation Measures UTIL-3a and 3b would reduce short-term impacts, and Mitigation Measures UTIL-3c and 3d require the preparation of plans, and the implementation of infrastructure capacity and conveyance expansion and upgrades as needed by the infrastructure plans for long-term solutions.

# UTIL-3a Sewer System Upgrades by Developers

A Sewer Capacity Analysis shall be required for individual housing projects of five (5) or more multi-family units, so the City may identify sewer infrastructure upgrades that can be implemented by developers when a nexus and rough proportionality is established between proposed project(s) impact to City sewer infrastructure. The SCA must be completed as part of the City's development review process or prior to the submittal of plan check documents, whichever occurs first.

# UTIL-3b Sewage Diversion

Per the City's Public Works Department there are several locations throughout the City of Burbank where sewage can potentially be diverted away from the BWRP and conveyed to the City of Los Angeles' Hyperion wastewater treatment system. As a short-term measure, diversion of sewage may be used to alleviate capacity concerns for certain sewage conveyance pipelines (but not all pipelines) as well as temporarily lowering the influent flows to the BWRP. Diverting flows to the Los Angeles system would result in an increase in one-time Sewer Facility Charges (SFCs) and other recurring annual charges (capital improvement and operation & maintenance fees) that shall be paid to the City of Los Angeles. Therefore, if the sewage analysis determines that diversion is feasible, the applicant will be required to contribute a fair share fee, which shall be estimated based on the preliminary billing estimates received from the City of Los Angeles, to offset to the cost of diversion to the City of Los Angeles.

# UTIL-3c Sewer System Master Plan

The City shall prepare a new Sewer System Master Plan in 2023 to evaluate the City's sewer conveyance and treatment system over the next twenty years, which is inclusive of the proposed Housing Element update planning and implementation period, as well as developing the appropriate sewer facility impact fees to ensure that developers pay their fair share of the cost to expand and upgrade the capacity of the BWRP treatment facilities.

# UTIL-3d Expansion and Upgrades to BWRP Treatment Facilities

The City shall expand and upgrade the BWRP treatment facilities as needed consistent with the City's Sewer Master Plan including but not limited to, the acquisition of land adjacent to the BWRP facilities, the addition of new primary clarifiers, increased capacity in the equalization basins, and upgrades to other parts of the sewage treatment process.

The full text of the Recirculated Draft EIR is available on the City's website at the following link: https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Burbank-Housing-and-Safety-Element-Update-Recirculated-DEIR.pdf

# Response I-1.5

The commenter states that there are significant inconsistencies between the RHNA, SCAG's forecasts for the region and Burbank, and the existing 2021 DOF numbers. The commenter also states that the large discrepancy between the RHNA allocation and SCAG's 2030 housing unit forecast needs a full explanation. Lastly, the commenter states that Burbank's RHNA allocation does not make sense and that the City should demand an audit of the SCAG RHNA numbers prior to approving the Project.

Refer to Response I-1.2 regarding the inconsistencies between the SCAG, RHNA, and DOF forecasts. SCAG's 2020-2030 growth forecast is used as the basis for calculating projected household growth. A jurisdiction's projected housing need is calculated based on this household growth in addition to a calculated future vacancy need and replacement need. The RHNA also includes a jurisdiction's existing housing needs, which includes factors related to access to transit and jobs. For additional information, please refer to https://scag.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/scag-final-rhnamethodology-030520.pdf?1602189316.

As noted in the Draft Burbank Housing Element, the State is in a worsening affordable housing crisis. Implementation of the Project would assist in alleviating the housing crisis by meeting the City's fair share, plus a reasonable buffer, of the regional housing need to accommodate projected population growth within the city and region consistent with the RHNA allocation, providing housing sites that accommodate a range of housing types to meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents, continuing to facilitate the development of housing affordable for all economic segments of the community and make inroads in addressing the city's jobs-to-housing imbalance, and focusing on removing governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing. Due to the current housing crisis, RHNA allocations throughout the State are high, and City staff and consultants were aware that appeals were not being granted.

### Response I-1.6

The commenter states that SCAG's 2020 RTP/SCS estimates fewer residents, jobs, and housing units by 2040 than under the 2016 RTP/SCS. The commenter questions how the lower numbers for residents, jobs, and housing units are reconciled with the RHNA for Burbank.

Refer to Response I-1.5 regarding the City's RHNA allocation.

#### Response I-1.7

The commenter states that the disparity among housing unit numbers in SCAG, RHNA, and DOF forecasts need to be reconciled. The commenter questions how an additional 10,456 housing units in the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element is justifiable given the current six percent vacancy rate. The commenter also notes that the DOF forecast for housing units in the Housing Element is different from the DOF forecast in the Draft EIR.

As discussed on pages 1-27 to 1-28 in the Housing Element, a vacancy rate measures the overall housing availability in a community and is often a good indicator of how efficiently for-sale and rental housing units are meeting the current demand for housing. A vacancy rate of five percent for rental housing and two percent for ownership housing is generally considered healthy and suggests that there is a balance between the demand and supply of housing. A lower vacancy rate may indicate that households are having difficulty in finding housing that is affordable, leading to overcrowding or households having to pay more than they can afford. In addition, refer to Response I-1.2 regarding the inconsistencies between the SCAG, RHNA, and DOF forecasts.

# Response I-1.8

The commenter questions what the justification is for the 15 percent housing unit buffer and states that the Draft EIR should study resulting impacts without the 15 percent buffer. The commenter also questions what statute requires this buffer, if the buffer is a State mandate, why there is no discussion in the alternatives section about the buffer's impacts on sewers, and the justification of the buffer with the arrival of Senate Bill (SB) 9, SB 10, and SB 35.

The City included the buffer to meet the State requirement to include a sufficient buffer in the Inventory of Sites to accommodate future reductions in the sites identified for affordable housing as they are developed with another use during the eight-year cycle, or the jurisdiction could be required to conduct further rezoning during the planning period if insufficient sites are available for housing. To ensure that sufficient capacity exists in the housing element to accommodate the RHNA throughout the planning period, HCD recommends that jurisdictions create a buffer in the housing element inventory of at least 15 to 30 percent more capacity than required. The buffer is needed to ensure that the jurisdiction can meet the RHNA, which as noted previously is the build out of the RHNA allocation of 8,772 housing units. As stated in Section 6.3, *Alternatives Considered but Rejected*, of the Draft EIR, a reduced RHNA buffer was considered as an alternative to reduce significant impacts. However, in order to comply with State requirements, a sufficient buffer to the RHNA is needed; therefore, this alternative is not feasible and was rejected from further consideration.

The Draft EIR does not analyze housing development under SB 9 or SB 10 because they are the State's action that went into effect January 1, 2022. The EIR is required to look at the existing conditions at the time of the distribution of the Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR, which was March 2021. In addition, the analysis of 10,456 housing units in the Draft EIR is a conservative approach as the Housing Element estimates maximum growth potential.

SB 9 allows a subdivision of single family residential (R-1 and R-1-H) lots into two lots and allows for construction of up to four dwelling units, inclusive if ADU ad JADU, on each lot. Therefore, up to a total of 8 residential units (4 per each lot) can be created from the one existing single-family zoned property. The City adopted an urgency ordinance for implementing SB 9 on April 5, 2022, to limit the number of residential units yielded from an existing single family zoned property to a maximum of four residential units (2 residential units per lot). The City already accounts for a main dwelling with accessory dwelling units (ADU) and Junior ADUs, so potential environmental impacts for the addition of one unit on an existing residential lot would be nominal. The ordinance adopted by the City for implementing SB 9 will significantly reduce the development impacts on the City's infrastructure and utility services by limiting the maximum number of units per single-family residential lot to four consistent with City's available infrastructure.

SB 10 allows for cities to zone for smaller housing developments of up to 10 units per lot. However, this is a voluntary effort that the City is not undertaking.

Regarding SB 35, this law now mandates the ministerial process for certain development projects instead of the discretionary review process. SB 35 may alter the City's process for approval of housing development, but does not alter the allowable base density. As such, developers will have to abide by the base density and the density bonus law.

### Response I-1.9

The commenter questions what factors were used to quantify reductions in GHG emissions and whether the waiver of the Clean Air Act was reinstated. The commenter notes that if this waiver has been reinstated, GHG emissions would likely be lower.

As discussed under *Methodology* in Section 4.5, *Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, of the Draft EIR, total GHG emissions under the Housing Element Update were calculated according to the methodology explained in Appendix A of the California Emissions Estimator Model (CalEEMod) User Guide (Version 2020.4.0), and account for the 2019 Building Energy Efficiency Standards (Title 24). The CalEEMod run calculates the emissions from the following sources: transportation, electricity, natural gas, water supply, solid waste, other area sources (such as landscaping), and construction emissions (amortized). To account for the continuing effects of the State's Renewables Portfolio Standard Program, the energy intensity factors included in the Project's CalEEMod were reduced to reflect 67 percent renewable energy procurement in 2030. Mobile source emissions were estimated using vehicle activity data presented in Section 4.11, *Transportation*, of the Draft EIR and vehicle emission rates from the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) 2017 Emission Factor model. Per capita and per employee VMT were found to diminish due to reduced trip lengths.

On March 9, 2022, the United States Environmental Protection Agency reinstated California's authority under the Clean Air Act to implement its own GHG emission standards and zero emission vehicle sales mandate. The Draft EIR is required to look at the existing conditions at the time of the distribution of the NOP, which was March 2021. Therefore, the reinstatement was not in effect when the Draft EIR was circulated for public review in January 2022.

### Response I-1.10

The commenter replicates the information provided on page 4.5-10 of Section 4.5, *Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, of the Draft EIR and notes that Burbank should be proud of its past record of reductions in GHG emissions.

This comment does not address a deficiency in the Draft EIR. No revisions to the Draft EIR are necessary and no further response is required.

### Response I-1.11

The commenter questions what assumptions were made for the growing use of electric vehicles and where the discussion and assumptions about electric vehicles by 2029 for mobile sources are in Section 4.5, *Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, of the Draft EIR.

As described under *Methodology* in Section 4.5, *Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, of the Draft EIR, fleet mix and vehicle emission rates in CalEEMod are based off CARB's 2017 Emission Factor (EMFAC2017) model. The EMFAC model uses trends in vehicle sales data to estimate the future mix of vehicles present on California's roads, as detailed in depth in the EMFAC2017 technical documentation: https://ww3.arb.ca.gov/msei/downloads/emfac2017-volume-iii-technical-documentation.pdf. In addition, as discussed under Impact GHG-1, mobile source emissions generated by build out of the City's RHNA allocation would be reduced with implementation of standards under the California Advanced Clean Cars Program, which requires the CARB to develop and adopt regulations to achieve "the maximum feasible and cost-effective reduction of GHG emissions from motor vehicles," and SCAG's 2020-2045 RTP/SCS, which leverages technology innovations such as electric vehicles.

# Response I-1.12

The commenter questions where the policy to upgrade existing homes to greater energy efficiency is in the air quality section of the Draft EIR.

The policy referred to in this comment is Policy 3.8 of the Draft Housing Element, which was included under Impact AQ-1 in Section 4.1, *Air Quality*, of the Draft EIR as a policy that would help reduce air pollutant emissions through promoting transportation and land use design factors, resulting in VMT reductions.

Please note, since the Draft EIR was released for public review, the Housing Element has updated this policy and renumbered it as Policy 3.9. This revision was made as indicated in Section 4, *Errata to the Draft EIR*.

#### Response I-1.13

The commenter questions the threshold of a 400,000-car intersection and where this threshold is justified. The commenter questions whether the future forecast of 67,000 daily trips will generate carbon monoxide (CO) emissions equal to a 400,000-car intersection due to the additional idling time at the at the Victory Boulevard and Burbank Boulevard five-point intersection.

The threshold of a 400,000-car intersection is based on the ratio of the most stringent 1-hour carbon monoxide (CO) standard of 20 parts per million (ppm) and the South Coast Air Quality Management District's 2003 Air Quality Management Plan's estimated 1-hour CO concentration value of 4.6 ppm at the intersection within the South Coast Air Basin expected to experience the highest CO concentrations. As discussed under Impact AQ-3 in Section 4.1, *Air Quality*, of the Draft EIR, the 1-hour CO standard of 20 ppm would not likely be exceeded at this intersection until the intersection exceeded more than 400,000 vehicle trips per day. In addition, the Burbank Victory Boulevard/Victory Place and Burbank Boulevard intersection, which the commenter is referring to, is the highest volume intersection in Burbank and is estimated to have 67,500 average daily trips with implementation of the Project, which is approximately 17 percent of the threshold of a

400,000-car intersection. Therefore, the Housing Element Update would not have potential to contribute to localized CO concentrations at intersections that exceed State CO standards.

### Response I-1.14

The commenter states that the Draft EIR contains contradiction on impacts related to "unplanned growth" and that new housing units occurring "anywhere in the city" is considered unplanned growth. The commenter also states that the Draft EIR fails to discuss the impacts of SB 9 and SB 10, which would result in an unknown number of new housing units in unknown locations and adds that the Housing Element induces direct (population, housing) and indirect (services, quality of life infrastructure) growth.

As discussed in Section 2, Project Description, of the Recirculated Draft EIR, new housing units may occur anywhere in the city where residential uses are permitted, as well as in areas that may be rezoned in the future to allow for multi-family residential and mixed-use residential of adequate density to meet State-required housing production and affordability targets. However, the Housing Element Update does identify 19 locations as opportunity sites that have the greatest potential to accommodate the RHNA's housing growth allocated for the city and are shown in Figure 2-3 of the Draft EIR. These sites are underutilized and located in urbanized areas of the city, and they have been previously developed or disturbed. In addition, individual development projects accommodated under the Housing Element Update would require project-level CEQA review, which would identify and require mitigation for any potential site-specific impacts associated with population and housing and utilities and service systems. Furthermore, as discussed in Section 5, Other CEQA Considerations, of the Draft EIR, the Housing Element Update would not result in unplanned growth but would rather ensure that the projected growth is accommodated. The Housing Element Update is anticipated to satisfy the anticipated population growth in the region in an efficient manner consistent with State, regional and local policies and with the projected growth forecast for Burbank and the surrounding region.

Refer to Response I-1.8 regarding SB 9 and SB 10.

#### Response I-1.15

The commenter states that impacts on VMT should be assessed and that growth-inducing VMT impacts are not addressed. The commenter also states that the analysis needs to look at the job/housing balance in the Burbank area and whether it would increase growth of jobs and how it would affect VMT impacts.

The transportation analysis presented in Section 4.11, *Transportation*, of the Draft EIR accounts for the growth in population, employment and households associated with the 2029 Housing Element and uses the SCAG travel demand model to assess VMT. The future year VMT was calculated for three different metrics:

- VMT per capita
- VMT per employee
- VMT per service population

Impact TRA-2 in Section 4.11, *Transportation*, of the Draft EIR assesses the Project's VMT impacts and concluded that the Housing Element Update would reduce VMT in the three target populations (per service population, per capita, and per employee); however, it would not reduce VMT by more than the required 15 percent, resulting in a significant and unavoidable impact. Therefore, the

impacts associated with growth under the Housing Element Update are disclosed in the Draft EIR. It should be noted that the Plan does not contain any new roadway infrastructure or measures that would lead to induced VMT.

Regarding the jobs/housing balance in the city of Burbank, the transportation analysis assesses the effects of a 19 percent change in population and households along with a 10 percent increase in employment, some of which is associated with mixed use residential developments. The jobs/housing balance improves by approximately 7 percent from the baseline year, with an average daily VMT of 18.1, to 2029, with an average daily VMT of 16.7, and all VMT metrics improve over the baseline values against which the impacts are assessed.

In addition, as discussed under Section 5.3, *Growth Inducing Impacts*, of the Draft EIR, the City's existing roadway network would largely accommodate reasonably foreseeable development under the Housing Element Update. In the event that roadway upgrades are required to serve specific future development, such upgrades would likely be minor (e.g., lane reconfiguration or restriping) and would not include the construction of new roads. Therefore, the Project would not result in the extension of infrastructure to undeveloped areas which would remove an obstacle to growth. In addition, Section 5.3 states that new residential development accommodated under the Housing Element Update would increase employment, which would be within regional forecasts. New residential development would also accommodate new employees rather than induce people to move to the region, resulting in lower VMT.

#### Response I-1.16

The commenter states that the loss of housing units to short-term rentals should be discussed and addressed in the population and housing section of the Draft EIR. The commenter adds that loss of these housing units exacerbates the housing shortage and that requiring these homes to become available for long-term rent or sales would assist the City in making more progress towards achieving the RHNA allocation.

Section 4.8, *Population and Housing*, of the Draft EIR, analyzes the thresholds under CEQA, which include whether the Project would induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (e.g., by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (e.g., through extension of roads or other infrastructure) or displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere. Economic analysis of issue, such as short-term rentals, is beyond the scope of the EIR.

#### Response I-1.17

The commenter states that the paradigm shift of work/commute patterns resulting from the pandemic should be discussed in either the GHG, Population and Housing, or Transportation section of the Draft EIR as work-commute patterns have new implications for VMT, GHG, and RHNA. The commenter questions how the impacts of these shift of work patterns are accounted for in the Draft EIR.

The shift in work/commute patterns attributable to the Covid-19 pandemic are not included in the transportation analysis in the Draft EIR. The Draft EIR analysis relies on pre-pandemic assumptions from a transportation perspective. The long-term effects of the pandemic on travel behavior and travel patterns have not yet stabilized and thus are not fully known.

According to the City's Assistant Community Development Director overseeing Transportation Planning, it is too early to predict whether the impact due to the pandemic has caused a permanent

paradigm shift in work/commute patterns on VMT. The Draft EIR has generally assumed trip assumptions for VMT analysis based on pre-pandemic patterns, and analyzes the ability of implementation of the Housing Element's goals and policies to reduce VMT from this pre-pandemic level. Travel and trip generation trends since the height of the pandemic indicate that VMT may be returning to pre-pandemic levels. However, even if the pandemic were to cause a permanently-changed level of VMT in the City, increasing housing in Burbank to address the job-housing imbalance, and locating much of that housing near transit, as proposed in the Housing Element, will help reduce per employee VMT and GHG emissions due to reduced trip lengths, regardless of whether baseline VMT has been fundamentally changed due to the pandemic.

### Response I-1.18

The commenter states that the water supply discussion in Section 4.12, *Utilities/Service Systems*, of the Draft EIR, needs to discuss the contemporary drought more completely given the significant loss of snowpack and the Governor's latest order to local water agencies to develop their own plans for the drought. The commenter also states that the water supply discussion needs to clearly state where the snowpack is estimated to be in 2029 by using interpolation or another method.

As discussed in Section 4.12, *Utilities/Service Systems*, of the Recirculated Draft EIR, citywide water demand has declined compared to the early 1970s due to efficient water use after major droughts in the 1970s, 1990s, and especially in response to the previous significant water shortage and closure of major industries. In addition, Impact UTIL-2 concluded that growth under the Project is accounted for in the City of Burbank Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), as informed by the General Plan, and that sufficient water supplies are available to serve reasonably foreseeable development accommodated under the Housing Element Update during normal (water year), dryyear, and multiple-dry-year (drought) conditions through the year 2045, resulting in less than significant impacts.

In addition, Section 4.5, *Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, of the Draft EIR, includes discussion on the loss of snowpack and states that future projections indicate that average spring snowpack in the Sierra Nevada and other mountain catchments in central and northern California will decline by approximately 66 percent from its historical average by 2050.

#### Response I-1.19

The commenter states that the cumulative impacts analyses are deficient because SB 9, SB 10, and SB 35 are not assessed or identified as part of the Project.

Refer to Response I-1.8 regarding SB 9, SB 10, and SB 35.

#### Response I-1.20

The commenter questions what is required to reach water conservation level needs to provide water to the 10,456 housing units.

Refer to Response I-1.18 regarding the Project's projected water supply and demand.

Burbank Water and Power's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), which serves as the long-term planning document that will help to ensure that the City can provide its customers with reliable water supplies through 2045 (https://www.burbankwaterandpower.com/water/water-supply/urban-water-management-plan), contains future water supply and demand projections with the assumption that 12,000 new housing units will be added to the City by 2035. Based on the

analysis in the UWMP and with concurrence from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, the City has sufficient water supply to meet the additional water demand from 12,000 new housing units.

#### Response I-1.21

The commenter questions what cumulative effects will result from additional development and loss of open space. The commenter also questions the effect on urban heat island and on climate change.

Reasonably foreseeable development accommodated under the Housing Element Update would be focused in urban areas that have already been previously developed. The Housing Element identifies 19 locations as opportunity sites which have the greatest potential to accommodate the RHNA's housing growth allocated for the city and are shown in Figure 2-3, of the Draft EIR. Impact GHG-1 in Section 4.5, *Greenhouse Gas Emissions*, of the Draft EIR concluded that the Housing Element Update would be consistent with all State, regional, and local plans to reduce GHG emissions, resulting in less than significant impacts to GHG emissions and climate change. In addition, the Project would be consistent with the actions under Measure E-1.7 in the Burbank 2035 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, which include amending the Zoning Ordinance to require installation of two on-site shade trees for each new single-family residential unit, continuing Burbank Water and Power's Made in the Shade Program, and updating the Street Tree Plan and Urban Forestry Program.

As discussed under Impact REC-1 in Section 4.10, *Recreation*, of the Draft EIR, the *Open Space and Conservation Element* of the Burbank2035 General Plan establishes a requirement for three acres of new parkland per 1,000 new residents. This requirement applies to large residential developments and would result in parkland dedications, improvements, or in-lieu payments if a project applicant is not able to dedicate land or the land is considered unsuitable for park or recreation use.

#### Response I-1.22

The commenter notes that Metropolitan's service area includes other cities and that there should be a quantitative, service area-wide cumulative analysis to assess water supply demands. The commenter questions what level of water conservation would be required to meet water supply for 10,456 additional housing units in the city and if it is feasible. The commenter also questions what impacts landscaping will have on the heat island effect.

Please see Response I-1.20 regarding water conservation levels required to meet water supply for 10,456 additional housing units. Metropolitan's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan provides an assessment of Metropolitan's ability to meet expected water demands in the region through the year 2045 under normal water years, single dry-years, and five-year drought sequences. Metropolitan's approximate 52,000 square-mile service area covers the Southern California coastal plain and extends approximately 200 miles along the Pacific Ocean from the city of Oxnard on the north to the international boundary with Mexico on the south and reaches as far as 70 miles inland from the coast, and includes portions of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, and Ventura counties. The 2020 UWMP indicates the Metropolitan has sufficient water supplies to meet expected service area demands under normal water year, single dry-yeas, and five-year drought conditions.

Regarding landscaping, see Response I-1.21.

#### Response I-1.23

The commenter states that the cumulative impacts fail to address direct and indirect impacts, loss of greenery, infrastructure construction to increase provisions of recycled water to neighborhoods, and impacts of new piping to provide recycled water. The commenter questions why no cumulative analysis has been conducted regarding what infrastructure is required to be upgraded to accommodate these new housing units.

The cumulative impacts section included for each environmental issue area in the Draft EIR takes into consideration future housing development accommodated under the Housing Element Update, as well as cumulative development citywide and within neighboring cities. As discussed under Section 4.12.4, Cumulative Impacts, of the Draft EIR, future housing development facilitated by the Housing Element Update, in conjunction with cumulative development citywide and within neighboring cities that are also served by the respective service areas, would increase demands for utilities that could require facility expansion or construction. Potential impacts would be site-specific and would require evaluation on a case-by-case basis at the project level when future development is proposed in accordance with the proposed Project. Discretionary projects would require separate review, which would address potential impacts to utilities and service systems, as well as the identification and implementation of project-specific mitigation measures, including conducting an updated sewer service constraints analysis to identify deficiencies in existing utility systems and a resulting update in City fees for new development projects to help offset the cost of any future necessary upgrades on a project-specific basis as deemed necessary. However, cumulative impacts associated with wastewater generation were found to be significant as wastewater generation for full buildout of the proposed Housing Element Update is estimated to be up to approximately 6.3 mgd, which is not within the City's currently available treatment capacity of 4 mgd.

Reasonably foreseeable development accommodated under the Housing Element Update would be focused in urban areas that have already been previously developed and contain existing utility connections. Potential construction impacts associated with connecting to existing infrastructure would be temporary.

#### Response I-1.24

The commenter states that the Section 6, *Alternatives*, of the Draft EIR is inadequate because the analysis should provide an alternative that addresses the significant impacts under the proposed Project. The commenter adds that the alternatives should not have significant and unavoidable impacts and should realistically address the potential for impacts to wastewater, water, and other infrastructure systems associated with the level of proposed development.

As discussed in Section 6, *Alternatives*, of the Draft EIR, three potential alternatives were considered but rejected. The first alternative considered, which included relocating housing units to the undeveloped mountain area in the northeastern portion of the city, was rejected as it would be in conflict with the Safety Element of the Burbank2035 General Plan as residences would have been placed in a high fire area. The second alternative considered, which included increasing density in the single-family residential neighborhoods and away from freeway corridors, was rejected as it would not reduce any significant and unavoidable impacts of the proposed Project, increase VMT, and require policy revisions to the City's General Plan. The last alternative considered, which included lowering the 15 percent RHNA buffer, was rejected as it would not comply with State requirements. No other feasible alternatives were identified that would address the Project's

significant impacts. Section 15126.6(a) of the CEQA Guidelines states that "[a]n EIR is not required to consider alternatives which are infeasible."

#### Response I-1.25

The commenter provides two added alternatives that should be assessed. The first alternative includes removing the 15 percent buffer and the second alternative includes reducing all infrastructure impacts to a level of insignificance. The commenter also states that allowing housing anywhere in the city does not afford the City to reasonably plan for the increase in locational and cumulative infrastructure demands.

Refer to Response I-1.24 regarding the removal of the 15 percent buffer alternative and Response I-1.14 regarding potential locations within the city for development accommodated under the Housing Element Update.

Refer to Response I-1.20 regarding Burbank Water and Power's ability to provide sufficient water supply to meet the additional water demand from 12,000 new housing units.

#### Response I-1.26

The commenter quotes analysis on pages 5-4 to 5-5 of Section 5, *Other CEQA Considerations*, of the Draft EIR, which relates to wastewater generation, and states that CEQA requires the analysis of Project impacts and not "reasonably foreseeable development" impacts.

The Housing Element is a policy document and does not directly result in the development of housing projects. The Draft EIR is a programmatic EIR which used a conservative approach to the analysis by evaluating impacts of the development of housing required under the City's regional housing need as well as from housing developed on sites identified in the Housing Element site inventory. Individual development projects accommodated under the Housing Element Update would require project-level CEQA review, which would identify and require mitigation for any potential site-specific impacts associated with wastewater.

#### Response I-1.27

The commenter questions if there is a policy recommendation in the Safety Element to armor soft story housing in the face of inevitable earthquakes.

Armoring soft story housing is not a specific policy included in the Safety Element. However, Policy 5.3 under Goal 5, *Seismic Safety*, includes enforcement of seismic design provisions of the current California Building Standards Code related to seismic hazards. All housing projects are required to comply with this policy.

#### Response I-1.28

The commenter requests that the Public Review of the Housing Element section be moved to the appendices.

The 6th cycle planning requirements place added emphasis on demonstrating sufficient opportunities for public review of the draft Housing Element, summary of key comments received, and how these comments are addressed in the Element. This discussion is thus included in the body of the Housing Element public participation section of the Introduction.

#### Response I-1.29

The commenter requests revision of Policy 2.4 in the Housing Element to engage proactive code enforcement to return unauthorized short-term rentals to the city's housing market.

The City Council has reviewed options for abatement of unauthorized short-term rentals and has decided not to pursue at this time.

#### Response I-1.30

The commenter requests that a new policy be added under Goal 3 of the Housing Element that establishes a task force comprised of the Burbank Senior Board and Burbank Committee on Disabilities to determine state-of-the-art housing development examples for housing of persons with disabilities; and incorporates these objective standards into all density bonus and inclusionary zoning projects. SB 35, SB 9, and SB 10.

A policy establishing a task force comprised of the Burbank Senior Board and Burbank Committee on Disabilities to determine state-of-the-art housing development can be created upon direction from the City Council and is outside of the scope of the Draft EIR. Additionally, all housing units are required to comply with the California Building and Safety Code which includes objective development standards for designing buildings for persons with disabilities. As a matter of education and outreach, housing developments have been and can continue to be presented, as appropriate, to boards and commissions citywide with an interest/commitment\_on housing development.

Refer to Response I-1-.8 regarding SB 35, SB 9, and SB 10.

#### Response I-1.31

The commenter requests that a new policy be added under Goal 5 of the Housing Element that establishes a pre-qualification program with the Burbank Housing Corporation for elderly renter households in the extremely-low-income category and large family households in the low-income category, and support their relocation to stabilized extremely low/low-income homes.

This comment does not pertain to the adequacy of the EIR. Nonetheless, in response to the commenter's requestion, I Burbank Housing Corporation (BHC) is a Community Housing Development Organization, a private nonprofit, community-based organization (a separate entity from the City) that develops affordable housing. BHC has received this designation as the City's partner in the creation of affordable housing utilizing federal HOME funds along with other restricted housing funds. The City does not have the authority to dictate policy of this private, nonprofit developer. However, BHC continues to work with the City to serve the needs of the community via financing of housing developments with restricted housing funds. These housing developments include new construction and the acquisition and rehabilitation of existing units. The units are made available at affordable rents for extremely-low, very-low, lower and moderateincome households. Elderly renter households with limited income, and in some cases on the Section 8 program, are already occupying extremely-low income units in the BHC portfolio. Furthermore, BHC has utilized financing to create larger units with two-and threebedrooms to accommodate larger families. Interested and eligible households can apply when BHC opens their waiting list(s). An initial application is submitted to BHC as a pre-qualification measure to determine household income (extremely-low, very-low, lower and moderate-income), and household size for appropriate unit size (one, two or three-bedroom, etc.). When a unit is available, eligible households are matched to available units. If income and household size changes, BHC will work with households to relocate to an appropriate unit to meet income level and household size.

#### Response I-1.32

The commenter states that the Neighborhood Revitalization paragraph on page 33 of the Housing Element should include the daycare and job search centers as well as the afterschool center that is in the Burbank Housing Corporation but serves the entire neighborhood.

The following has been added to the Neighborhood Revitalization paragraph on page 33 of the Housing Element: "and to provide services to residents and the greater neighborhood including day care, after-school programs and job search assistance."

#### Response I-1.33

The commenter notes that the Map of Focus Neighborhoods on page 1-34 of the Housing Element needs correction.

The Map of Focus Neighborhoods on page 1-34 of the Housing Element has been corrected.

#### Response I-1.34

The commenter states that the definition for "affordable unit" in the Housing Element could be tied to the percent of area median.

The definition refers to "income qualified household" because affordability is relative to the specific income level. Table 1-24 in the Housing Element provides affordable rent specific income level thresholds by income level, which is based on percent area median income, and compares with average rents in Burbank.

#### Response I-1.35

The commenter states that the definition for "Burbank Housing Corporation" in the Housing Element is more inclusive than housing.

Per page 1-97 in the Housing Element, the following has been added to the definition: "BHC also provides services to enrich the quality of life for residents, especially for children and youth, and operates four activity centers with after school programs, and two child development centers."

#### Response I-1.36

The commenter states that the definition for "by-right development" in the Housing Element doesn't require public hearings

This is the definition utilized by HCD and is consistent with Government Code Section 65583.2 (i).

#### Response I-1.37

The commenter states that the definition for "Grants" in the Housing Element should list and describe all available State and federal grants.

Please refer to Table 1-45 in the Housing Element.

#### Response I-1.38

The commenter states that the definition for "Conditional Use Permit" in the Housing Element should be identified as quasi-judicial.

The comment is noted, but no revision has been made to the Housing Element.

#### Response I-1.39

The commenter states that the definition for "Density Bonus" in the Housing Element needs a simpler definition.

The intent of the definitions included in the Glossary are to provide the lay public a general understanding of terms used in the Housing Element. Please refer to page 1-52 to 1-53 for more detail on density bonus incentives.

#### Response I-1.40

The commenter states that the definition for "Dissimilarity Index" in the Housing Element needs a clear definition.

The intent of the definitions included in the Glossary are to provide the lay public a general understanding of terms used in the Housing Element. Please refer to page B-15 for a detailed discussion of the Dissimilarity Index.

#### Response I-1.41

The commenter states that the definition for "Homeless" in the Housing Element should include unsheltered who live in vehicles.

The following has been added to the definition of homeless on page 1-24 of the Housing Element: "Also includes persons living in a car, van or RV/camper."

#### Letter I-2

COMMENTER: Susan O'Carroll

DATE: March 31, 2022

#### Response I-2.1

The commenter requests to be added to the mailing list for all Project-related notices.

The commenter has been added to the Project mailing list.

#### Response I-2.2

The commenter states that the Draft EIR is fatally flawed and fails to accurately or completely analyze the impacts of upzoning and the construction of 10,456 housing units in Burbank over the next eight years. The commenter notes that the Housing Element would result in a 23 percent increase in housing units, and associated population, in eight years, but only identifies two significant unmitigated impacts.

The commenter does not provide substantial evidence to support their comment that more Project impacts would be considered significant and unmitigable or the need for new analysis or conclusions in the EIR. No revisions to the Draft EIR are necessary. The comment will be provided to the City's decisionmakers for their consideration. No further response is required.

#### Response I-2.3

The commenter states that expanding sewer treatment capacity by 57 percent would represent a substantial impact.

Refer to Response I-1.4 regarding the revised wastewater analysis under the Recirculated Draft EIR. The full text of the Recirculated Draft EIR is available on the City's website at the following link:

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#### Response I-2.4

The commenter states that the Draft EIR's analysis of direct impacts to public services and utilities lacks needed quantification and accurate conclusions. The commenter also states that the Draft EIR needs to include quantification of the increase in demand for water, other utilities, and public services and needs to compare those numbers to existing and planned capacity.

The Housing Element is a policy document and does not directly result in the development of housing projects. The Draft EIR is a programmatic EIR which used a conservative approach to the analysis by evaluating impacts of the development of housing required under the City's regional housing need as well as from housing developed on sites identified in the Housing Element site inventory. Individual development projects accommodated under the Housing Element Update would require project-level CEQA review, which would identify and require mitigation for any potential site-specific impacts associated with water supply, utilities and service systems, and public services. In addition, the Draft EIR included quantified analysis at a programmatic level for impacts associated with air quality, GHG emissions, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation, and utilities and service systems.

#### Response I-2.5

The commenter states that the Draft EIR has failed to comply with CEQA's requirement to address indirect impacts resulting from the project, such as the impacts of the construction and operation of additional sewage facilities.

As discussed under Impact UTIL-1 in Section 4.12, *Utilities/Service Systems*, of the Recirculated Draft EIR, implementation of Mitigation Measure UTIL-1 would require a sewer service constraints analysis by PWD to identify a wastewater connection fee for the recovery of the City's costs of future upgrades that are proportional to the individual projects' impacts to the City's wastewater system. The potential indirect impacts associated with sewage facilities are unknown at this time because the sewer service constraints analysis has not been completed. Therefore, the direct and indirect Project impacts associated with new or expanded wastewater conveyance are significant and unavoidable.

At the project level, future individual projects accommodated under the Housing Element Update would require project-level CEQA review, which would identify and require mitigation for any potential site-specific impacts associated with the construction of new or expanded wastewater treatment facilities.

Also, refer to Response I-1.4 regarding the revised wastewater analysis under the Recirculated Draft EIR. The full text of the Recirculated Draft EIR is available on the City's website at the following link:

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#### Response I-2.6

The commenter states that the cumulative impact analysis needs to address the impact of the City's projected housing increase in combination with the projected housing increases in neighboring jurisdictions, such as the City of Los Angeles. The commenter questions how this cumulative development in combination with the proposed Project impact public services and utilities in the Burbank area. The commenter also questions how assumptions regarding water availability be justified given the massive upzoning of California and states that impacts to water and other service availability was not adequately addressed in the Draft EIR.

The cumulative impacts section included for each environmental issue area in the Draft EIR takes into consideration future housing development accommodated under the Housing Element Update, as well as cumulative development citywide and within neighboring cities. The Housing Element is a policy document and does not directly result in the development of housing projects. The Draft EIR is a programmatic EIR which used a conservative approach to the analysis by evaluating impacts of the development of housing required under the City's regional housing need as well as from housing developed on sites identified in the Housing Element site inventory; however, the Housing Element Update does not directly result in development of housing on the identified sites. Individual development projects accommodated under the Housing Element Update would require project-level CEQA review, which would identify and require mitigation for any potential site-specific and cumulative impacts associated with water supply, utilities and service systems, and public services.

#### Response I-2.7

The commenter states that in the cumulative impact analysis the Draft EIR must address the impact of the Project in combination with the RHNA targets for the greater Los Angeles area, SB 9, SB 10, SB 35, and similar legislation not accounted for in recent housing element updates.

Refer to Response I-2.6 regarding the cumulative impact analysis and Response I-1.8 regarding SB 9, SB 10, and SB 35.

#### Response I-2.8

The commenter states that it is important for the Draft EIR to accurately disclose the impacts of mandates imposed on the City through recent State legislation and the projected harmful effect of those mandates on the quality of life in Burbank and the City's ability to provide basic public services and functioning infrastructure. The commenter also states that one of the key purposes of CEQA is to disclose the environmental values of elected officials to the public and that it is important for the Draft EIR to disclose the impacts which the State legislature has chosen to impose on the City via legislative mandates to the public. Lastly, the commenter states that the Draft EIR must be rewritten to acknowledge additional significant project and cumulative impacts, and recirculated for additional public review and comment before any action can be taken to certify the EIR or approve the Project.

The scope of the EIR is to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with the development of reasonably foreseeable development accommodated under the Housing Element Update. Refer to Response I-1.8 regarding SB 9 and SB 10.

As described in Section 15002 of the CEQA Guidelines, the basic purposes of CEQA are to inform governmental decision makers and the public about potential, significant environmental effects of the Project; identify the ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced; prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes in projects through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures when the governmental agency finds the changes to be feasible; and disclose to the public the reasons why a governmental agency approved the Project in the manner the agency chose if significant environmental effects are involved. Refer to Response I-2.6 regarding cumulative impacts. Significant impacts at a programmatic level have been disclosed which will be assessed by the decisionmakers. Any potential impacts at a project level will require further CEQA analysis.

#### Response I-2.9

The commenter thanks the City in advance for their consideration and for correcting the fatal EIR flaws and more accurately disclosing to Burbank residents the impacts of the Project and cumulative law changes.

Individual responses to each comment have been provided above.

# Planning Commission Public Comment Meeting March 14, 2022

#### Comment P-1

**COMMENTER:** Christopher Rizzotti, Planning Board (Chair)

#### Response P-1.1

The commenter noted that the Draft EIR analysis was thin and added that traffic counts and intersection impacts were not detailed like in previous EIR documents.

SB 743 introduced changes that include the elimination of auto delay, level of service, and other similar measures of vehicular capacity or traffic congestion as the basis for determining significant CEQA impacts for land use projects and plans in California. For the purpose of this land use plan, the City applies a VMT methodology to assess the transportation impacts, which is consistent with the technical guidance provided by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. In addition, refer to Response I-1.26 regarding the Draft EIR.

#### Response P-1.2

The commenter noted that the Draft EIR did not include discussion of electric vehicles which will have an impact on emissions through 2029. The commenter questioned if the electrical grid would have the ability to withstand the increase in electric vehicles through 2029 and how homeowners living in apartments would be able to charge their electric vehicles.

Refer to Response I-1.11 regarding electric vehicles.

#### Response P-1.3

The commenter noted that the Draft EIR did not include discussion on the impacts of SB 9 and 10 and stated that this discussion should be included in the EIR.

Refer to Response I-1.8 regarding SB 9 and 10.

#### Response P-1.4

The commenter noted that water and sewer impacts are a huge topic.

Refer to Impacts UTIL-1 and UTIL-2 for impacts associated with water supply and Impacts UTIL-1 and UTIL-3 for impacts associated with sewers in Section 4.12, *Utilities/Service Systems*, of the Recirculated Draft EIR. As discussed under Impact UTIL-3, sewer impacts would be significant and unavoidable as the Project would generate approximately 6.3 mgd of wastewater which would exceed BWRP's wastewater treatment capacity of 4 mgd and no feasible mitigation measure has been identified at the plan level to reduce impacts.

Refer to Response I-1.4 regarding the revised wastewater analysis under the Recirculated Draft EIR. The full text of the Recirculated Draft EIR is available on the City's website at the following link:

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#### Response P-1.5

The commenter noted that the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) was not analyzed in the Draft EIR and stated that discussion on the BRT should be included. The commenter questioned if the BRT would induce growth since it would upzone all properties within 0.5-mile of the BRT.

The BRT is not part of the Project Description for the Housing Element Update; therefore, it is not analyzed in the EIR. However, as discussed under Impact 3.1-2 in Section 3.1, *Transportation*, of the Draft EIR for the North Hollywood to Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Corridor Project, VMT is forecast to decrease during project operation due to the increased use of transit with implementation of the BRT in comparison to the Existing 2017 and 2042 Baseline scenarios. The BRT is expected to attract new transit riders which would encourage a shift from automobile use to public transit as well as providing improved regional connectivity and local transit access to corridor destinations.

#### Response P-1.6

The commenter noted that the city's population is decreasing rather than increasing and that the city has a current vacancy rate of 6.7 percent. The commenter questioned how to reconcile the difference between the RHNA and SCAG forecasts.

Refer to Response I-1.5 regarding the city's population forecast and Response I-1.7 regarding the vacancy rate.

#### Response P-1.7

The commenter questioned what agency determined the RHNA allocation and what factors went into the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA housing allocation.

As discussed in SCAG's Final RHNA Allocation Methodology published March 5, 2020, SCAG is required to develop a final RHNA methodology to distribute existing and projected housing need for the 6th cycle RHNA for each jurisdiction, which will cover the planning period October 2021 through October 2029. Factors for determining the 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle RHNA housing allocation included a jurisdiction's household growth between 2020-2030, future vacancy need, replacement need, and transit and job accessibility.

#### Response P-1.8

The commenter noted that the 15 percent housing buffer is large and questioned how this buffer was determined. The commenter also questioned if the City could develop their own buffer or if this was a State mandate.

Refer to Response I-1.8 regarding the RHNA buffer.

#### Response P-1.9

The commenter questioned how the Project could have less than significant impacts when there would be an increase in population and growth. The commenter noted that there would be potential impacts related to electricity, traffic/congestion, air quality, jobs, sewer, and wastewater.

Refer to Response I-1.26 relating to Project impacts.

#### Response P-1.10

The commenter questioned why Table 2.2 in the Draft EIR included very-low- and low-income ADUs and stated that the City does not have requirements for ADUs to be very-low or low in terms of pricing, so was unsure what the table was referring to.

In December 2020, SCAG released a "Regional Accessory Dwelling Unit Affordability Analysis." SCAG conducted this analysis to "provide local governments in the region with assumptions for ADU affordability that can be used to assign ADUs to income categories for the purpose of Sixth Cycle Housing Elements." Table 1-22 in the Housing Element presents SCAG's affordability assumptions for ADUs in Los Angeles County's inland jurisdictions, providing the basis for assigning affordability to projected ADUs in Burbank's Housing Element Update. As shown, 15 percent of ADUs are estimated by SCAG to be affordable to extremely low-income households (0-30 percent AMI), 9 percent affordable to very low-income households (31-50 percent AMI), and 45 percent affordable to low income households (51-80 percent AMI). Consistent with this analysis, a February 2020 rent survey conducted of 50 ADUs in and around Burbank documented a median rent of \$1,500, providing an affordable rental option for many one- and two-person lower income households.

#### Response P-1.11

The commenter questioned how the City Council could adopt the EIR since there are significant, unmitigable impacts related to sewers and stated that this needed further explanation.

As required under CEQA, the significant and unavoidable impact to sewers would be further considered by the City Council. If the City Council determines that the Project generally meets the City's objectives for the Housing Element, a Finding of Overriding Consideration will be made. Potential benefits that may outweigh the significant and unavoidable impact include: meeting the City's fair share, plus a reasonable buffer, of the regional housing need to accommodate projected population growth within the city and region: providing housing sites that accommodate a range of housing types to meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents; and promoting non-discrimination and fair and equal housing opportunities for all persons.

#### Response P-1.12

The commenter raised questions related to the Safety Element and Environmental Justice Updates, including whether soft story apartments and condominiums were considered and what environmental justice would mean for overcrowding and congestion.

Refer to Response I-1.27 regarding soft story housing. Regarding environmental justice, in accordance with SB 1000, the nature of the policies is to prioritize public improvements in disadvantage communities, improve public health from environmental pollution like improving air quality, and improving the accessibility of City communication and do not directly address overcrowding and congestions.

## Comment P-2

**COMMENTER:** Bob Monaco, Planning Board

Response P-2.1

The commenter raised concerns regarding the Project's impacts on traffic/congestion, infrastructure, water, and electricity due to the resulting population increase. The commenter also stated that infrastructure will be needed to support the additional housing and population resulting from the Project.

Refer to Response P-1.1 regarding impacts related to traffic/congestion and Response I-1.26 regarding Project impacts.

#### Comment S-1

**COMMENTER:** Sean Mann

#### Response S-1

The commenter noted that he is a member of the SWRCC and offered an introduction to the labor union. The commenter offered a case that using local labor for projects implemented under the Housing Element Update would support reduced GHG emissions and VMT.

Refer to Response O-1.2 regarding skilled and trained workforce requirements and policies and associated GHG emissions.

#### Comment S-2

**COMMENTER:** Michael McCarron

#### Response S-2

The commenter noted that he is a member of Carpenters Local 661 and offered an introduction to the labor union. The commenter requested that labor standards and/or policies are included in the Housing Element Update and that future projects under the Housing Element Update require family supporting wages, skills training, and job access to community members.

Refer to Response for Letters O-2 through O-132 regarding the request for labor standards and/or policies.

## Comment S-3

**COMMENTER:** Jerred Langford

#### Response S-3

The commenter noted that he is a member of Carpenters Local 661 and offered an introduction to the labor union. The commenter stated that a rapid underground economy is taking control of construction workers. The commenter requested that labor standards and protection are included in the Housing Element Update and that future projects under the Housing Element Update require family supporting wages, skills training, and job access to community members.

Refer to Response for Letters O-2 through O-132 regarding the request for labor standards and/or policies.



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## 1 Introduction

This document is the focused Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report (Recirculated Draft EIR) for the Burbank Housing and Safety Element Update (hereafter referred to as the "Housing and Safety Element Update" or "Project"), which would apply to the entire geographic area located within the boundaries of the City of Burbank. The proposed Project involves an update to the Housing Element for the 2021-2029 planning period, along with minor updates to the Safety, Land Use, Open Space and Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Change, Noise, and Mobility Elements, and the incorporation of environmental justice policies into the City's Burbank2035 General Plan. The Housing and Safety Element Update establishes programs, policies and actions to further the goal of meeting the existing and projected housing needs of all household income levels of the community, provides evidence of the City's ability to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation through the year 2029, as established by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and identifies any rezoning program needed to reach the required housing capacity. The Project also includes necessary updates to the Safety Element triggered under State law by an update to the Housing Element.

The Housing Element Update would lay the foundation for achievement of the City's fair share housing needs for approximately 10,456 additional units. Technical amendments would be made to the Safety Element to ensure consistency with the Housing Element Update and to achieve compliance with State, regional, and local policies and guidelines. The Safety Element Update includes measures to consider climate change, update hazard mitigation plans, updated flood hazard requirements. In addition, the Update to the Burbank2035 General Plan would consider environmental justice strategies to reduce pollution exposure, promote public facilities, promote food access, promote safe and sanitary homes, promote physical activity, reduce unique or compounded health risks, promote civic engagement, and prioritize the needs of disadvantaged communities. Therefore, the Project is subject to environmental review requirements under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of this document is to analyze disclose the revised and new mitigation measures associated with public comments received regarding the analyses for the Biological Resources and Utilities/Service Systems.

This section discusses: (1) the EIR background; (2) the purpose and legal authority for preparing a Recirculated Draft EIR; (3) the organization of the Recirculated Draft EIR; and (4) the environmental review process.

## 1.1 Environmental Impact Report Background

In 2018, the City initially reviewed the proposed Project and prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report ("Original Draft EIR"). A Notice of Preparation (NOP) for a Draft EIR was prepared in compliance with Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines by the Community Development Department and distributed to the State Clearinghouse, Office of Planning and Research, responsible agencies and other interested parties on February 22, 2021. The NOP for the Original Draft EIR was circulated for 30 days, until March 23, 2021. In addition, the City distributed a recirculated NOP of the EIR for an extended the review period to April 15, 2021. The original NOP stated that the EIR would analyze the addition of 8,800 units under the RHNA that was conducted for the Housing Element Update. However, it was determined that the EIR would analyze 10,456 units to account for the 2029 interpolated housing growth assumed under the two Specific

Plans along with the City's RHNA allocation. Therefore, the NOP was recirculated on March 17, 2021, with the higher number. Appendix A of the Original Draft EIR contain copies of the two NOPs, along with the written responses to the NOPs.

The Original Draft EIR was released for public review on January 26, 2022 and was available for review and comments until March 31, 2022. A Final EIR has not yet been prepared for the proposed project because, based on issues raised in comments on the Draft EIR, sections to the Original Draft EIR have been revised and recirculated.

The Recirculated Draft EIR includes revisions to three sections of the Original Draft EIR, consisting of Section 2, *Project Description*; Section 4.2, *Biological Resources*; and Section 4.12, *Utilities/Service Systems*.

As discussed in detail below, the City is recirculating the Draft EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, Subdivisions a(1), a(3) and (c), which require the modified or new sections of an EIR to be circulated in certain circumstances. The full Original Draft EIR is available for public viewing at the Community Services Building located at 150 North Third Street, 1st Floor, Burbank, CA 91510, and on the City's website using the following link: https://www.burbankhousingelement.com/

## 1.2 Purpose and Legal Authority

CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5 requires that a lead agency recirculate an EIR, or portions of an EIR, when significant new information is added to the EIR after public notice for public review of the Draft EIR, but prior to certification. New information added to an EIR is not "significant" unless the EIR is changed in a way that deprives the public of a meaningful opportunity to comment upon a substantial adverse environmental effect of the project, or a feasible way to mitigate or avoid such an effect (including a feasible project alternative) that the project's proponent has declined to implement.

"Significant new information" requiring recirculation includes, for example, a disclosure showing that:

- (1) A new significant environmental impact would result from the project or from a new mitigation measure proposed to be implemented.
- (2) A substantial increase in the severity of an environmental impact would result unless mitigation measures are adopted that reduce the impact to a level of insignificance.
- (3) A feasible project alternative or mitigation measure considerably different from others previously analyzed would clearly lessen the environmental impacts of the project, but the project's proponents decline to adopt it.
- (4) The draft EIR was so fundamentally and basically inadequate and conclusory in nature that meaningful public review and comment were precluded. (CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, subdivisions (a)[1]-[4])

In this case, new information requiring recirculation includes modifications to the following Draft EIR sections: Project Description, Biological Resources, and Utilities/Service Systems.

Under CEQA, if the revision is limited to a few chapters or portions of the Draft EIR, the lead agency only needs to recirculate the chapters or portions that have been modified (CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, subdivisions (c)). Recirculation of a Draft EIR requires notice pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15087 and consultation pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15086.

## 1.3 Summary of the Recirculated Draft EIR

In accordance with State mandates, the City has prepared this Recirculated Draft EIR pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, Subdivision (g). To help the reader locate information of particular interest, the following is a brief summary of the contents of each chapter of the Recirculated Draft EIR. Refer to the Original Draft EIR for the chapters and sections that are not included in the Recirculated Draft EIR.

- Introduction. This section provides introductory information, background information regarding the Original EIR, purpose and legal authority of the Recirculated Draft EIR, and describes the environmental review process for the Recirculated Draft EIR.
- Section 2: Project Description. This section identifies the project location, summarizes the
  proposed Project (including a change since the Original Draft EIR was published), identifies
  Project characteristics and associated anticipated development, and outlines the Project
  objectives.
- Section 4: Environmental Impact Analysis (Biological Resources and Utilities/Service Systems). This section contains the two revised environmental impact sections that supersede the corresponding sections of the Original Draft EIR.

The proposed Project for the Recirculated Draft EIR consists of the same development and land uses described in Section 2, *Project Description*, and includes a revision to the Housing Element Update based on public comments received regarding workforce training and prevailing wages. The Biological Resources section has been revised based on comments provided by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) on the Draft EIR, which indicate that development under the proposed Project may result in adverse impacts to the least Bell's vireo, bat species, and monarch butterflies through vegetation and tree removal. As such, Mitigation Measure BIO-1 has been revised to address these potential impacts. In addition, the Utilities/Service Systems section still deems the impacts associated with the City's wastewater conveyance system as significant and unavoidable; however, the revised analysis provides additional mitigation measures noted therein as Mitigation Measures UTIL-3a through UTIL-3d that would reduce the short-term impacts and require the preparation of plans and implementation of infrastructure capacity and conveyance expansion and upgrades as needed by the infrastructure plans for long-term solutions.

### 1.4 Environmental Review Process

The Recirculated Draft EIR is being circulated for a 47-day review period during which written comments on the scope and adequacy of the document can be submitted to the City Community Development Department. The public review period is from July 22, 2022, until September 6, 2022. All comments on the Recirculated Draft EIR should be sent to the following City contact by September 6<sup>th</sup>:

Shipra Rajesh, Senior Planner Community Development Department Planning Division 150 North Third Street Burbank, California 91510 As CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.5, Subdivision (f)(2) permits, the City requests that reviewers limit the scope of their comments to the revised sections included in the Recirculated Draft EIR. Following the 47-day public review period, the City will prepare responses to the written comments received during the recirculation period that relate to the revised and recirculated portions of the Recirculated Draft EIR, as well as written comments previously received during the initial circulation period that relate to the portions of the Original Draft EIR that have not been recirculated and will compile the comments and responses into a Final EIR, which will consist of the following:

- Comments and Responses to Comments on the Recirculated Draft EIR, received during the 47-day public comment period (responses to comments related to recirculated sections included in the Recirculated Draft EIR only);
- Comments and Responses to Comments on all sections of the Original Draft EIR received during the original 65-day public comment period;
- Corrections or additions to the Draft EIR and Recirculated Draft EIR, if any; and
- The Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program.

The Final EIR will provide the basis for City decision-makers, such as the City Planning Commission and City Council to consider the environmental implications of the proposed project as well as possible ways to mitigate any potential significant environmental impacts. Prior to planning on the proposed project, the City must certify that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with CEQA and was presented to the City's decision-making body, that the decision-making body reviewed and considered the information contained in the Final EIR prior to approving the proposed project, and that the Final EIR reflects the lead agency's independent judgment and analysis.

## 2 Project Description

This section describes the proposed Burbank Housing and Safety Element Update<sup>1</sup> (hereafter referred to as "Housing and Safety Element Update" or "Project"), including the Project applicant, the Project area and existing land uses, major Project characteristics, Project objectives, and the discretionary actions needed for approval.

## 2.1 Project Proponent

City of Burbank - Community Development Department 150 North Third Street Burbank, California 91502

## 2.2 Lead Agency Contact Person

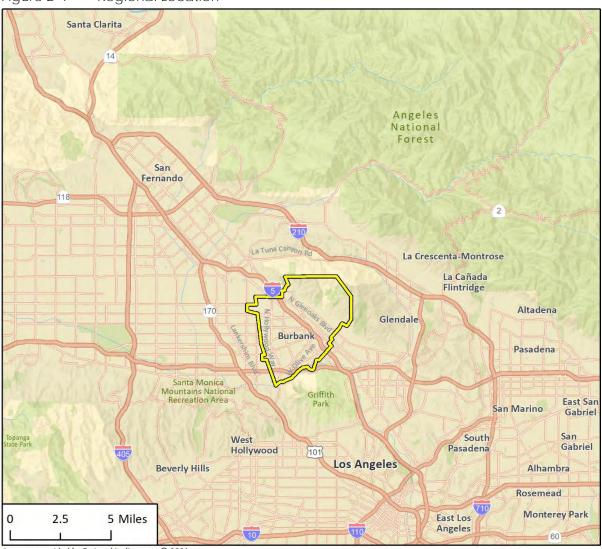
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## 2.3 Project Location

The Housing and Safety Element Update would apply to the entire geographic area located within the boundaries of the City of Burbank, which encompasses 17.1 square miles. Burbank is located in the central portion of Los Angeles County, approximately 12 miles north of downtown Los Angeles. The City is generally bounded by the Verdugo Mountains to the northeast, the City of Glendale to the southeast, the City of Los Angeles to the south and west. The City is bisected by the Interstate 5 (I-5) Freeway and the Metrolink Commuter Rail. Figure 2-1 and Figure 2-2, below, illustrate the location of the City in a regional and local context.

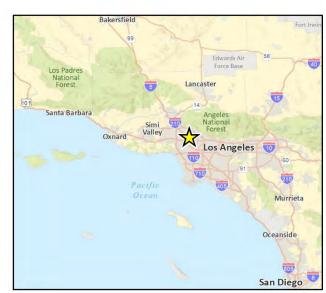
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The proposed Project will also include updates to the Safety Element and the various other elements of the General Plan to incorporate the goals, policies and objectives related to Environmental Justice. These updates are required for compliance with State law and to ensure consistency with the updated Housing Element. The title of the proposed Project is "Burbank Housing and Safety Element Update."

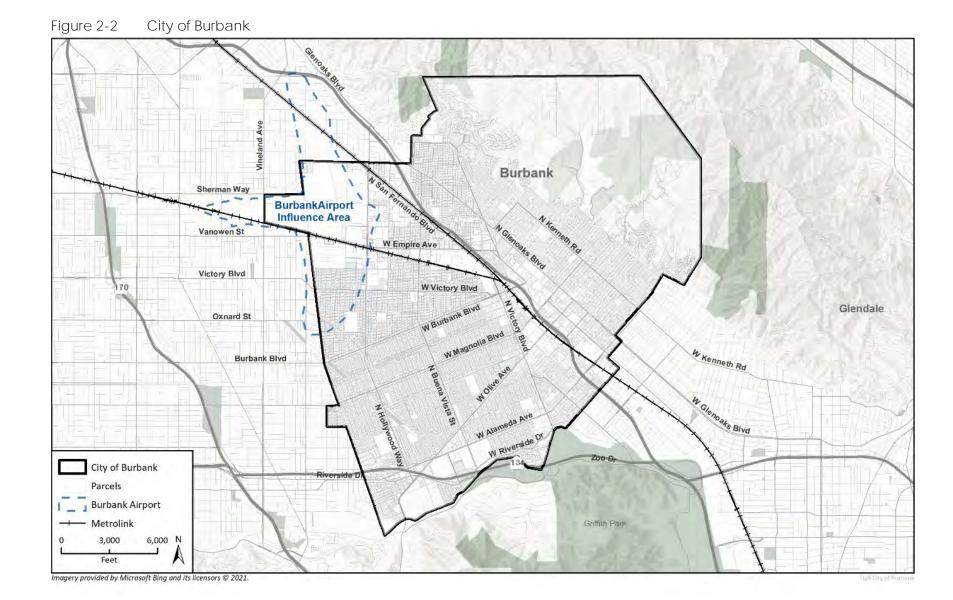
Figure 2-1 Regional Location



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## 2.4 Existing Area Characteristics

## 2.4.1 Current Land Use Designation and Zoning

The Burbank2035 General Plan includes a variety of land use designations, including Low, Medium, and High Density Residential; Corridor and Regional Commercial; four specific plan commercial areas and two commercial/industrial areas; Open Space; Institutional; and Airport. Land uses in Burbank's various neighborhoods and commercial areas include single-family and multi-family residential housing, mixed-use development, public spaces like parks and playgrounds, and some industrial land uses. The Zoning Code includes various zones that correspond to the GP land uses, including residential, commercial, media district, business, auto dealership, industrial, airport, railroad, cemetery, and open space.

## 2.4.2 Land Uses in Surrounding Cities

The City is generally bounded by the Verdugo Mountains to the northeast, the City of Glendale to the southeast, the City of Los Angeles to the south and the west. The Verdugo Mountains consist of largely open space with parks and trails for recreational activities. The City of Glendale is a suburban city with large residential areas and regional commercial sites. Directly south in the City of Los Angeles is the neighborhood of Hollywood with residences, commercial areas, and recreational facilities such as Griffith Park, golf courses, and public parks. To the west is the San Fernando Valley area of the City of Los Angeles. This area consists of suburban neighborhoods with commercial areas and residences.

## 2.5 Project Characteristics

The Housing and Safety Element Update would apply to the entire geographic area located within the boundaries of the City of Burbank, which encompasses 17.1 square miles. The Project would involve an update to the Housing Element of the City's Burbank2035 General Plan for the 2021-2029 planning period, along with minor updates to the Safety, Land Use, Open Space and Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Change, Noise, and Mobility Elements, and the incorporation of environmental justice policies into the Burbank2035 General Plan as required by State law. The proposed Housing Element Update establishes programs, policies, and actions to further the goal of meeting the existing and projected housing needs of all household income levels of the community; provides evidence of the City's ability to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation through the year 2029, as established by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG); and identifies any rezoning program needed to reach the required housing capacity. The Safety Element update is triggered by various new provisions of State law, and the environmental justice policies would be added pursuant to the requirements of Senate Bill 1000 (SB 1000) which requires that revisions or adoption of two or more elements of a general plan on or after January 1, 2018 "adopt or review the Environmental Justice Element, or the environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives in other elements" to focus on the inclusion of disadvantaged communities (DACs) in decision making procedures as well as increasing protections for these communities.

### 2.5.1 Housing Element Update

The Housing Element is comprised of the following major components:

- Review of effectiveness of existing Housing Element
- Assessment of existing and projected housing needs
- Identification of resources financial, land, administrative
- Evaluation of constraints to the development of housing
- Housing Plan goals, policies, and programs including Programs 10 and 11 that provide for updates to local density bonus and inclusionary housing regulations that require an economic feasibility analysis to evaluate the potential impact of adding workforce training and prevailing wage requirements to new housing developments

The Housing Element Update would provide a framework for accommodating new housing at all levels of affordability that is within access to transit, jobs, services, and open spaces within the 8-year planning period of October 2021-October 2029. New housing units may occur anywhere in the City where residential uses are permitted, as well as in areas that may be rezoned in the future to allow for multi-family residential and mixed-use residential of adequate density to meet State-required housing production and affordability targets as discussed below.

#### 2.5.2 RHNA Allocation

SCAG has allocated the region's 1,341,827 housing unit growth needs to each city and county through a process called the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation. The RHNA represents the minimum number of housing units that the City is required to plan for in its housing element by providing "adequate sites" through the Burbank2035 General Plan and zoning residential capacity. As shown in Table 2-1, Burbank's RHNA allocation for the 2021-2029 planning period (6<sup>th</sup> RHNA cycle) is 8,772 units, which is distributed among four income categories (HCD 2020). Additionally, the City is required to provide a sufficient buffer beyond that required by the RHNA to ensure that adequate site capacity exists throughout the eight-year planning period.

Table 2-1 RHNA Percentage of Income Distribution

Income Level	Percent of Area Median Income (AMI)	Units	Percent
Very Low	0-50%	2,553	29%
Low	51-80%	1,418	16%
Moderate	81-120%	1,409	16%
Above Moderate	>120%	3,392	39%
Total		8,772	100%
Source: SCAG 2021			

Table 2-2 shows the estimated number and affordability level of housing units to accommodate the City's RHNA under the existing General Plan and zoning, including projects that are entitled and pending entitlement, specified housing opportunity sites, Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) expected to be developed over the course of the planning period, and units produced through the City's committed assistance program. As shown in Table 2-2, these sources total 7,569, which falls short of the RHNA allocation by 1,203 units.

Table 2-2 Estimated Net Housing Units for the City of Burbank

			Income	Distribution		
Sites/Projects	Total Net Units	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate	
2021 – 2029 RHNA Targets	8,772	2,553	1,418	1,409	3,392	
Entitled Projects	1,845	91	6	83	1,665	
Pending Entitlement	490	27	138	29	296	
Opportunity Sites (Zoning in place)	3,624	1,995	1,072	280	277	
Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) <sup>1</sup>	1,600	384	704	32	480	
Committed Assistance <sup>2</sup>	10	10	0	0	0	
Total Site Capacity	7,569	4,4	27	424	2,718	
RHNA Surplus/(Shortfall)	(1,203)	+4	56	(985)	(674)	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> ADUs are small backyard units that are either attached or detached from a single-family home.

To make up for this shortfall of 1,203 units, the Housing Element includes a housing program to rezone additional opportunity sites through adoption of two specific plan projects: the Downtown Transit-Oriented-Development Specific Plan (Downtown TOD) and the Golden State Specific Plan (GSSP) (see Figure 2-3 for the Specific Plan locations and opportunity sites). Adoption of these Specific Plans will provide the necessary zoning, objective development standards, and processing procedures to facilitate the production of the shortfall of housing units required to accommodate the City's RHNA during the Housing Element planning period. The zone changes required by these Specific Plans will be adopted in 2022-2023, or within three years of the start of the planning period as required by State law.

Table 2-3 shows the number of units expected from the rezoning of the Specific Plan areas. With the additional rezone sites the City would exceed the RHNA requirement by 1,239 units with an additional 2,442 units accommodated. The State requires jurisdictions to create a sufficient buffer in the Housing Element sites inventory beyond that required by the RHNA to ensure that adequate site capacity exists throughout the eight-year planning period. The Notice of Preparation that was circulated on March 17, 2021 for the proposed Project included an estimated growth of 10,088 housing units based on the City's RHNA allocation and 15 percent buffer. However, the estimated growth for the purpose of this analysis was changed to 10,456 housing units to account for the 2029 interpolated housing growth assumed under the two Specific Plans along with the City's RHNA allocation.

Table 2-3 Projected Specific Plan Units

Specific Plan	Total Net Units
Downtown TOD rezone sites	627
Golden State Specific Plan rezone sites	1,815
Total	2,442
Existing GP Units (from Table 2-2)	7,569
New Total with Specific Plans, Entitled/Pending Projects and ADUs	10,011
RHNA Surplus/(Shortfall)	1,239

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Committed Assistance units are units that the City has provided a legally enforceable agreement to provide. This is through an ongoing partnership with the Burbank Housing Corporation. See the Housing Element for further discussion.

#### Housing Element Opportunity Sites

The opportunity sites summarized in Table 2-3 include 19 locations that have the greatest potential to accommodate the RHNA's housing growth allocated for Burbank. Twelve of the opportunity sites are located in the proposed Downtown TOD Specific Plan area and seven sites are located in the proposed Golden State Specific Plan area. The locations of these sites are shown in Figure 2-3. The zone changes, where applicable, are shown on Table 2-4.

Table 2-4 Rezoning in Housing Opportunity Sites

	Project	APNs	Gross Acres	Current Zoning District	Current Residential Density Units/Acre	Proposed Zoning Uses	Rezone?
TOD	Plan Projects						
1	TOD-1 Carl's Jr	2460-010-010 2460-010-011 2460-010-012 2460-010-013	0.31	NSFC (North San Fernando Commercial)	43	Residential (max. 43 du/acre)	No
		2460-010-014 2460-010-033 2460-010-036	0.98	NSFC (North San Fernando Commercial)	27	Residential (max. 27 du/acre) Commercial (max. 1.0	No
						FAR)	
		Total	1.29				
2	TOD-2 Kmart	2460-006-045 2460-007-036	6.43	NSFC (North San Fernando	27	Residential (max. 27 du/acre)	No
				Commercial)		Commercial (max. 1.0 FAR)	
3	TOD-3 Caltrans/IHOP	2460-021-017 2460-021-018 2460-021-019	2.87	NSFC (North San Fernando Commercial)	27	Residential (max. 27 du/acre) Commercial (max. 1.0	No
		2460-021-020 2460-021-027 2460-021-028				FAR)	
4	TOD-4 Old Ikea	2460-023-044 2460-023-045	12.06	PD (Planned Development)	87	Residential (max. 87 du/acre)	No
		2460-023-046 2460-023-047 2460-023-060				Commercial (max. 2.5 FAR)	
		2460-031-007 2460-031-008	1.74	BCC-2 (Burbank Center	87	Residential (max. 87 du/acre)	No
		2460-031-016 2460-031-018 2460-031-019 2460-031-029 2460-031-044 2460-031-045		Commercial Limited Business)		Commercial (max. 2.5 FAR)	
		Total	13.80				
5	TOD-5 Ashley Home/El	2460-023-056 2460-023-057	2.71	PD (Planned Development)	87	Residential (max. 87 du/acre)	No
	Pollo					Commercial (max. 2.5 FAR)	

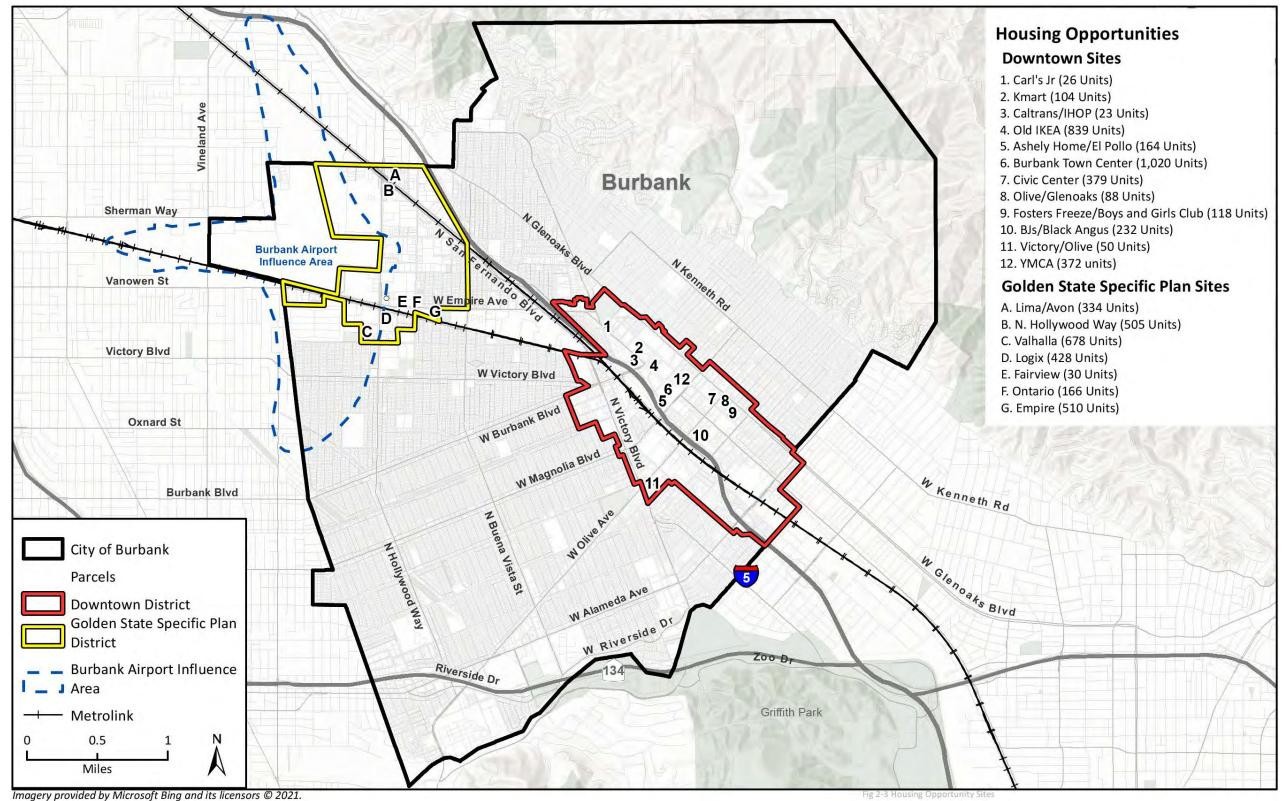
	Project	APNs	Gross Acres	Current Zoning District	Current Residential Density Units/Acre	Proposed Zoning Uses	Rezone?
6	TOD-6 Burbank Town Center	2460-023-048 2460-023-049 2460-023-050 2460-023-052 2460-023-054 2460-023-063 2460-023-064 2460-023-996	16.75	PD (Planned Development)	87	Residential (max. 87 du/acre) Commercial (max. 2.5 FAR)	No
7	TOD-7 Civic Center	2453-008-900 2453-009-902 2453-008-903 2453-008-905 2453-008-910 2453-008-911 2453-008-912	4.68	PD (Planned Development)	0	Residential (max. 87 du/acre) Commercial (max. 2.5 FAR)	Yes
		2455-021-906	1.56	R-4 (Residential Multiple Medium Density) and C-3 Commercial General Business	0	Residential (max. 87 du/acre) Commercial (max. 2.5 FAR)	Yes
		Total	6.24				
8	TOD-8 Olive/ Glenoaks	2453-014-002 2453-014-003 2453-014-008 2453-014-024 2453-014-025	0.50	BCC-3 (Burbank Center Commercial General Business)	87	Residential (max. 87 du/acre) Commercial (max. 2.5 FAR)	No
		2453-014-012 2453-014-014 2453-014-022 2453-014-023 2453-014-026 2453-014-029	1.05	BCC-2 (Burbank Center Commercial Limited Business)	87	Residential (max. 87 du/acre) Commercial (max. 2.5 FAR)	No
		Total	1.55				
9	TOD-9 Fosters Freeze/ Boys and Girls Club	2453-021-026 2453-021-027 2453-021-029 2453-021-030	0.74	BCC-3 (Burbank Center Commercial General Business)	87	Residential (max. 87 du/acre) Commercial (max. 2.5 FAR)	No
		2453-021-032 2453-021-033 2453-021-035	1.20	BCC-2 (Burbank Center Commercial Limited	43	Residential (max. 87 du/acre) Commercial (max. 2.5	Yes
		2453-021-041 2453-021-046 2453-021-062		Business)		FAR)	
		2453-021-046	1.94			FAK)	

	Project	APNs	Gross Acres	Current Zoning District	Current Residential Density Units/Acre	Proposed Zoning Uses	Rezone?
10	TOD-10 BJs/Black Angus	2453-011-029 2453-018-017	3.83	BCC-2 (Burbank Center Commercial Limited Business)	87	Residential (max. 87 du/acre) Commercial (max. 2.5 FAR)	No
11	TOD-11 Victory/Olive	2451-016-011 2451-016-012 2451-016-013 2451-016-014	2.88	BCCM (Burbank Center Commercial Manufacturing)	27	Residential (max. 27 du/acre) Commercial (max. 1.0 FAR)	No
12	TOD-12 YMCA	2460-034-021 2460-035-005 2460-035-007 2460-035-008	0.88	BCC-2 (Burbank Center Commercial Limited Business)	87		Yes
		2460-035-001 2460-035-003	1.07	BCC-3 (Burbank Center Commercial General Business)	87		Yes
		2460-035-014 2460-035-016 2460-035-017 2460-035-018	1.50	PD (Planned Development)	87		Yes
		Total	2.66				
GSSI	P Projects						
Α	GSSP-1 Lima/Avon	2466-001-015 2466-001-022 2466-001 023 2466-001-024 2466-001-025 2466-001-026 2466-001-029 2466-001-030 2466-001-046 2466-001-063 2466-001-064 2466-001-077 2466-001-081	4.00	M-2 (Manufacturing General Industries)	27 1.25 FAR	Residential (max. 120 du/acre) Commercial (2.0 FAR)	Yes

	Project	APNs	Gross Acres	Current Zoning District	Current Residential Density Units/Acre	Proposed Zoning Uses	Rezone?
В	GSSP-2 North Hollywood Way	2466-005-003 2466-005 013 2466-005 017 2466-005-024 2466-005-025 2466-006-003 2466-006-004 2466-006-005 2466-006-006 2466-006-007 2466-006-008 2466-006-009 2466-006-010 2466-006-011	5.28	M-2 (Manufacturing General Industries)	27 1.25 FAR	Residential (max. 120 du/acre) Commercial (4.5 FAR)	Yes
С	GSSP-3 Valhalla	2463-001-005 2463-001-006 2463-001-007 2463-001-008 2463-001-011 2463-001-012	8.10	M-1 (Manufacturing Limited Industries)	27 1.25 FAR	Residential (max. 120 du/acre) Commercial (2.0 FAR)	Yes
D	GSSP-4 Logix	2463-010-001	4.46	M-2 (Manufacturing General Industries)	27 1.25 FAR	Residential (max. 120 du/acre) Commercial (2.0 FAR)	Yes
E	GSSP-5 Fairview	2464-006-045	0.65	M-2 (Manufacturing General Industries)	58 1.25 FAR	Residential (max. 58 du/acre) Commercial (1.25 FAR)	No
F	GSSP-6 Ontario	2464-004-036	1.73	PD (Planned Development)	58 1.25 FAR	Residential (max. 120 du/acre) Commercial (3.0 FAR)	Yes
G	GSSP-7 Empire	2464-001-002 2464-001-003 2464-001-007 2464-001-015 2464-001-019 2464-001-020 2464-001-021	6.33	M-2 (Manufacturing General Industries)	58 1.25 FAR	Residential (max. 58 du/acre) Commercial (2.0 FAR)	Yes
		2464-001-906	0.06	RR (Railroad)	0	Residential (max. 100 du/acre) Commercial (2.0 FAR)	Yes

Note: As part of the rezoning and resulting 6,066 units in the TOD and GSSP specific plans (net increase of 2,442 additional units under current General Plan), the City included a projection of 1.4 million square feet of new commercial space.

Figure 2-3 Specific Plan and Housing Opportunity Locations



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## 2.5.3 Safety Element Update

The Safety Element Update will ensure consistency with the Housing Element Update and will comply with recent State legislation and guidelines (including Assembly Bill 162, Senate Bill 1241, Senate Bill 99, Assembly Bill 747, Senate Bill 1035 and Senate Bill 379). Amendments incorporate data and maps, address vulnerability to climate change, incorporate policies and programs from the City's Hazard Mitigation Plan and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan, as well as partial or full integration of other City documents and programs (including but not limited to: Ready Burbank and the Emergency Survival Program). Key areas of the Burbank Safety Element Update include updated flooding and fire hazard maps, emergency response and preparedness, especially as they relate to the City's projected climate change exposure, and vulnerability. The Safety Element amendments will be submitted to the California State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection (CalFire) for review.

## 2.5.4 Environmental Justice Update

SB 1000 states that revisions to or adoption of two or more elements of a general plan on or after January 1, 2018 trigger a requirement to "adopt or review the Environmental Justice Element, or the environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives in other elements." Environmental justice goals, policies, and objectives must aim to reduce health risks to DACs, promote civic engagement, and prioritize the needs of these communities. The Project also includes minor updates to policies and implementation measures for the Safety, Land Use, Open Space and Conservation, Air Quality and Climate Change, Noise, and Mobility Elements of the Burbank2035 General Plan. These updates focus on the inclusion of disadvantaged communities in decision making procedures as well as increasing protections for these communities. Figure 2-4, provided below, displays CalEnviroScreen results for Burbank. There are several designated DACs identified in central, northwest, and southeast Burbank. These seven census tracts have overall scores that meet or exceed the minimum criteria for DAC designation based on pollution burden and population characteristics.

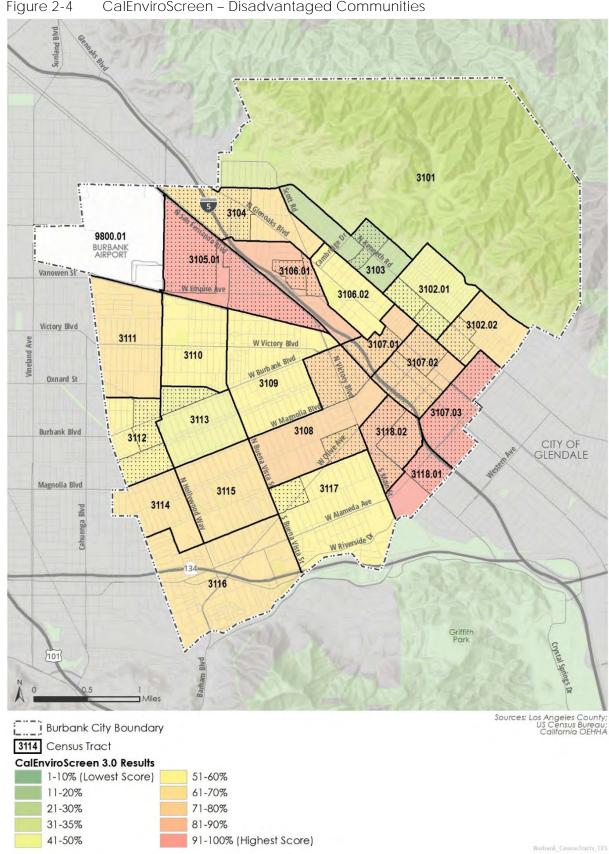


Figure 2-4 CalEnviroScreen - Disadvantaged Communities

# 2.6 Project Objectives

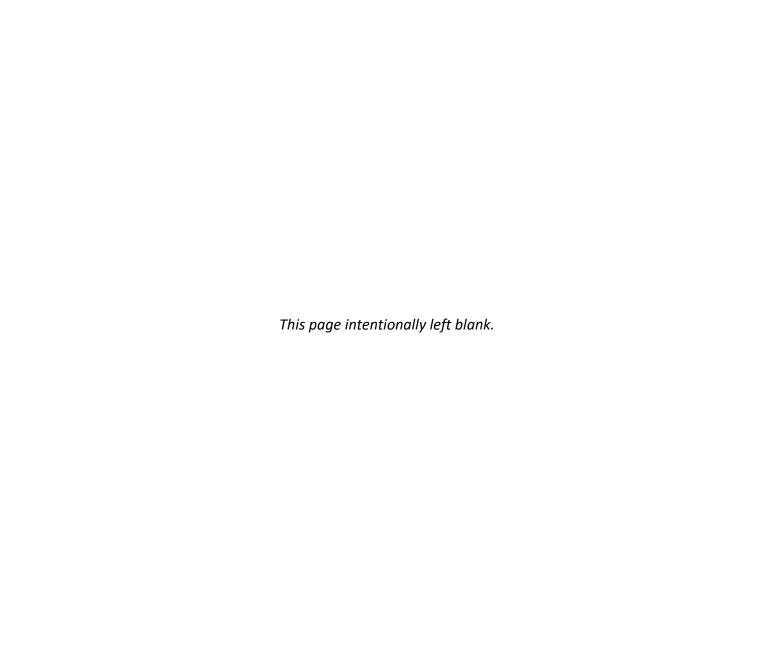
- Meet the City's fair share, plus a reasonable buffer, of the regional housing need to accommodate projected population growth within the City and region consistent with the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allocation
- Conserve and enhance the quality of existing housing and neighborhoods
- Provide housing sites that accommodate a range of housing types to meet the diverse needs of existing and future residents
- Continue to facilitate the development of housing affordable for all economic segments of the community and make inroads in addressing the City's jobs-to-housing imbalance
- Focus on removing governmental constraints to the maintenance, improvement, and development of housing
- Promote non-discrimination and fair and equal housing opportunities for all persons

# 2.7 Required Approvals

The Project would require the following discretionary approvals:

- Certification of this EIR prepared for the proposed Project
- Adoption of the Housing Element Update for the 2021-2029 planning period
- Adoption of updates to the Safety Element
- Adoption of updates to other Burbank2035 General Plan elements to incorporate environmental justice policies
- Rezoning of opportunity sites within the Specific Plan areas

After adoption by the City Council, the updated Housing Element will be submitted to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for certification. The Safety Element updates will be submitted to CalFire for their review and approval.



# 4.2 Biological Resources

This section assesses potential impacts to biological resources. The urbanized environment in the City of Burbank (City) limits the abundance and diversity of biological resources that are present and those that may be affected by the proposed project. As such, the biological resources addressed in this section are limited to nesting birds, bats, raptors, and their habitats. Moreover, the Initial Study (Appendix B of the Original Draft EIR) concludes that reasonably foreseeable development under the Housing and Safety Element Update (proposed Project) would not have the potential to result in significant effects related to other biological resource topics, such as wetlands, streams, rivers, and riparian habitat; wildlife movement; Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs); and other applicable plans, policies, and ordinances intended to preserve and/or protect biological resources. Thus, these topics are not further addressed herein.

# 4.2.1 Environmental Setting

## a. Regional Setting

The City of Burbank, where development resulting from the Housing and Safety Element Update would occur, lies in Los Angeles County, which encompasses approximately 4,084 square miles. The County borders 70 miles of coast on the Pacific Ocean and extends west to the Mojave Desert. The County is divided west-to-east by the San Gabriel Mountains, which are part of the Transverse Ranges of southern California. The region's climate is characteristic of a Mediterranean climate system with hot, dry summers and cooler, wetter winters.

# b. Project Setting

The Housing Element and Safety Update would apply to the entire geographic area located within the boundaries of the City of Burbank, which encompasses 17.1 square miles. Burbank is located in the central portion of Los Angeles County, approximately 12 miles north of downtown Los Angeles. The northeastern part of the City is located along the foothills of the Verdugo Mountains and the western edge of the City is located near the eastern part of the San Fernando Valley. The City is bisected by the Interstate 5 (I-5) and is adjacent to the developed areas of the cities of Los Angeles and Glendale.

Burbank is comprised mainly of residential and commercial land uses, but also contains various patches of open space. Three types of open space, totaling approximately 2,700 acres, occur throughout the City: public parks, public and private open space areas and cemeteries. Multiple public parks are located throughout the City. Private open spaces areas include the Lakeside Country Club at the south end and the Valhalla Cemetery south of Hollywood Burbank Airport. The Verdugo Mountains provide important habitat connectivity for many plant and animal species. Open space areas in the City are meant to be preserved, with only minimal structures and improvements that are necessary and complementary to the open space use. Per Policy 8.1 of the Open Space and Conservation Element of the City's Burbank2035 General Plan, development that diminishes sensitive or protected plant and animal communities is prohibited (City of Burbank 2013a). Of the 732 acres of parks in Burbank, approximately 603 acres are on the edge of the City, near the Verdugo Mountains. Urbanization in the City has substantially reduced the abundance and diversity of biological resources, though landscaped areas such as street medians, parkways, and other green areas are located throughout the City and provide habitat for nesting birds and potentially other wildlife (City of Burbank 2013a).

# 4.2.2 Regulatory Setting

## a. Federal Regulations

# Federal Endangered Species Act

Under the Federal Endangered Species Act (ESA or FESA), authorization is required to "take" a listed species. Take is defined under Section 3 of the ESA as "to harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct." Under federal regulation (50 Code of Federal Regulations [CFR] Sections 17.3, 222.102), "harm" is further defined to include habitat modification or degradation where it would be expected to result in death or injury to listed wildlife by significantly impairing essential behavioral patterns, including breeding, feeding, or sheltering. Critical habitat is a specific geographic area(s) that is essential for the conservation of a threatened or endangered species and that may require special management and protection. Critical habitat may include an area that is not currently occupied by the species but that will be needed for its recovery. Section 7 of the ESA outlines procedures for federal interagency cooperation to conserve federally listed species and designated critical habitat.

Section 7(a)(2) of the ESA and its implementing regulations require federal agencies to consult with US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to ensure that they are not undertaking, funding, permitting, or authorizing actions likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. For projects where federal action is not involved and take of a listed species may occur, the project proponent may seek to obtain an incidental take permit under Section 10(a) of the ESA. Section 10(a) allows USFWS to permit the incidental take of listed species if such take is accompanied by a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) that includes components to minimize and mitigate impacts associated with the take.

The USFWS and NMFS share responsibility and regulatory authority for implementing the ESA (7 United States Code [USC] Section 136, 16 USC Section 1531 et seq.).

## Migratory Bird Treaty Act

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) makes it unlawful at any time, by any means or in any manner, to pursue, hunt, take, capture, or kill migratory birds, and prohibits the removal of nests occupied by migratory birds. The USFWS administers the MBTA.

## Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 USC §§ 668 – 668d)

The Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act makes it illegal to possess, sell, or hunt bald and golden eagles, including their feathers, nests, eggs, or body parts.

#### b. State Regulations

## California Endangered Species Act

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) is responsible for administration of the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). For projects that may affect both a State and federal listed species, compliance with the FESA will satisfy the CESA, provided the CDFW determines that the federal incidental take authorization is consistent with the CESA.

Take is defined in the California Fish and Game Code (CFGC) Section 86 as "hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill, or attempt to hunt, pursue, catch, capture, or kill." The CESA allows for take incidental to otherwise lawful activities under CFGC Section 2081. Project proponents wishing to obtain incidental take permits are able to do so through a permitting process outlined in California Code of Regulations (CCR) Section 783.

Projects that may result in a take of a California listed species require a take permit under the CESA. The federal and State acts lend protection to species considered rare enough by the scientific community and trustee agencies to warrant special consideration, particularly with regard to protection of isolated populations, nesting or den locations, communal roosts, and other essential habitat. Unlike the FESA, the CESA prohibits the take of not just listed endangered or threatened species, but also candidate species (species petitioned for listing).

## The CESA defines an endangered species as:

...a native species or subspecies of a bird, mammal, fish, amphibian, reptile, or plant which is in serious danger of becoming extinct throughout all, or a significant portion, of its range due to one or more causes, including loss of habitat, change in habitat, overexploitation, predation, competition, or disease.

#### A threatened species is defined as:

...a native species or subspecies of a bird, mammal, fish, amphibian, reptile, or plant that, although not presently threatened with extinction, is likely to become an endangered species in the foreseeable future in the absence of the special protection and management efforts required by this chapter. Any animal determined by the commission as rare on or before January 1, 1985 is a threatened species.

#### Candidate species are defined as:

...a native species or subspecies of a bird, mammal, fish, amphibian, reptile, or plant that the commission has formally noticed as being under review by the department for addition to either the list of endangered species or the list of threatened species, or a species for which the commission has published a notice of proposed regulation to add the species to either list.

Candidate species may be afforded temporary protection as though they were already listed as threatened or endangered at the discretion of the Fish and Game Commission. Unlike the FESA, CESA does not include listing provisions for invertebrate species. Article 3, Sections 2080 through 2085, of the CESA addresses the taking of threatened or endangered species by stating:

...no person shall import into this State, export out of this State, or take, possess, purchase, or sell within this State, any species, or any part or product thereof, that the commission determines to be an endangered species or a threatened species, or attempt any of those acts, except as otherwise provided.

### Fully Protected Species (CFGC §§ 3511, 4700, 5050, 5515)

California Fully Protected Species designation protects wildlife species that are rare or face possible extinction. Fully Protected Species include designated birds (Section 3511), mammals (Section 4700), reptiles and amphibians (Section 5050), and fish (Section 5515).

# Natural Communities Conservation Planning Act

The Natural Communities Conservation Planning Act was established by the California Legislature, is directed by the CDFW, and is implemented by the State, as well as public and private partnerships to protect habitat in California. The Natural Communities Conservation Planning Act takes a regional approach to preserving habitat. A Natural Communities Conservation Plan (NCCP) identifies and provides for the regional protection of plants, animals and their habitats, while allowing compatible and appropriate economic activity. Once an NCCP has been approved, CDFW may provide take authorization for all covered species, including fully protected species, Section 2835 of the CFGC.

# Nesting Bird Protection (CFGC §§ 3503, 3503.5, 3513, 3800)

According to CFGC Section 3503 it is unlawful to take, possess, or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any bird [except English sparrows (*Passer domesticus*) and European starlings (*Sturnus vulgaris*)]. Sections 3503 and 3513 prohibit the taking of specific birds, their nests, eggs, or any portion thereof during the nesting season. Section 3503.5 specifically protects birds in the orders Falconiformes and Strigiformes (birds-of-prey). Section 3513 essentially overlaps with the federal MBTA, prohibiting the take or possession of any migratory nongame bird. Section 3800 states that all birds occurring naturally in California that are not resident game birds, migratory game birds, or fully protected birds are nongame birds.

## c. Local Regulations

### Burbank2035 General Plan Goal and Policies

**Goal 6: Open Space Resources.** Burbank's open space areas and mountain ranges are protected spaces supporting important habitat, recreation, and resource conservation.

**Policy 6.2:** Protect the ecological integrity of open spaces and maintain and restore natural habitats and native plant communities.

Goal 8: Biological Resources. Burbank's high-quality biological communities are sustained

**Policy 8.1:** Prohibit development that jeopardizes or diminishes the integrity of sensitive or protected plant and animal communities.

**Policy 8.2:** Improve ecological and biological conditions in urban and natural environments when reviewing proposals for site development, as well as when making public improvements.

# 4.2.3 Impact Analysis

# a. Thresholds of Significance

Thresholds of significance are based on the Biological Resources questions in Appendix G of the CEQA Guidelines. The Initial Study prepared for the Project (Appendix B of the Original Draft EIR) determined that a potentially significant impact might occur under the following threshold and therefore will be analyzed in this section of the EIR.

 Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special-status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or US Fish and Wildlife Service The Initial Study (Appendix B of the Original Draft EIR) determined that the Project could result in potentially significant impacts related to nesting birds under Threshold 1. As such, an analysis of this issue is included in this section of the EIR. The Initial Study found no potentially significant impacts related to special status species (Threshold 1), riparian habitat or sensitive natural communities (Threshold 2), state or federally protected wetlands (Threshold 3), wildlife movement (Threshold 4), local biological resource policies or ordinances (Threshold 5), or habitat conservation plans (Threshold 6). However, due to comments received by the CDFW, the potential impacts to special status species, including bats, raptors, and butterflies, are included in under the Threshold 1 analysis.

- 1. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or US Fish and Wildlife Service
- 2. Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means
- 3. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites
- 4. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance
- 5. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan

# b. Project Impacts

**Threshold 1:** Would the project have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or US Fish and Wildlife Service?

Impact BIO-1 The Project could result in direct or indirect impacts to biological resources through vegetation removal and construction activities. Impacts would be less than Significant with mitigation incorporated.

Development would be prioritized on infill sites in urbanized areas of the City. Reasonably foreseeable development under the Housing Element Update would be primarily concentrated on underutilized sites that have been previously developed and disturbed, but that may still contain vegetation or structures suitable to support nesting birds. The Housing Element Update includes 19 rezoning sites, 12 of which are concentrated in the urban downtown region of Burbank and 7 of which are located in urban areas near the Hollywood Burbank Airport. Although these rezoning sites are urban and developed, the existing buildings and associated ornamental vegetation may provide suitable habitat for nesting birds and raptors. For example, the Downtown BJs/ Black Angus housing opportunity site has multiple trees surrounding the existing buildings that could support nests. As a result, development under the Housing Element Update could directly and indirectly affect nesting birds, which, as described in the *Environmental Setting*, are protected under CFGC Sections 3503, 3503.5, and 3513, as well as the MBTA. CFGC Sections 3503, 3503.5, and 3513 identify take, possession, or destruction of native birds, nests, and eggs as unlawful. Section 3503.5 of the Code

protects all birds-of-prey and their eggs and nests against take, possession, or destruction. Section 3515 makes it a State-level offense to take any bird in violation of the federal MBTA. Violation of these provisions would be considered a potentially significant impact.

Construction of reasonably foreseeable development under the proposed Project could potentially occur during the bird nesting season, which is generally from March 1 through August 31 and begins as early as February 1 for raptors. As such, potential construction impacts resulting in vegetation trimming or removal during the nesting season would have the potential to disturb active nests, either directly (e.g., injury, mortality, or disruption of normal nesting behaviors) or indirectly (e.g., construction noise, dust, and vibration from equipment). In addition, based on comments provided by the CDFW on the Draft EIR, development under the proposed Project may result in adverse impacts to the following biological resources: least Bell's vireo (Vireo bellii pusillus), a federally and State-listed Endangered species, by causing nest abandonment, reproductive suppression, or incidental loss of fertile eggs or nestlings if development occurs during the breeding and nesting season; bat species, such as pallid bat (Antrozous pallidus), big free tailed bat (Nyctinomops macrotis), and hoary bat (Lasiurus cinereus), which are designated as Species of Special Concern (SSC), by removal of trees, vegetation and/or structures that may provide roosting habitats; and monarch butterflies (Danaus plexippus) and monarch butterfly overwintering habitat through vegetation and tree removal. Therefore, construction activities have the potential to disturb biological resources, which would be a potentially significant impact.

# Mitigation Measure

The following mitigation measure requires an initial site assessment for biological resources. Surveys may be required for sites that are in proximity to previously identified areas where habitats for the least Bell's vireo, bat species, or monarch butterflies have previously been identified, and for development activities that would occur during the nesting season.

#### BIO-1 Biological Resources Avoidance

For individual housing developments that will include disturbance of vegetation, trees, structures, or other areas where biological resources could be present, a qualified biologist shall be retained by the applicant to conduct an initial site assessment that will include review of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) and iNaturalist maps to determine where sightings have occurred or habitats for the least Bell's vireo, bat species, or monarch butterflies have previously been identified.

If construction activities or other disturbances occur in areas within 500 feet of a previously identified habitat or observation according to CNDDB or iNaturalist, the following measures shall be implemented:

- Prior to the issuance of a grading permit, a qualified biologist shall be retained by the project applicant to conduct a biological resources reconnaissance of the site. The qualified biologist shall thoroughly report on the biological resources present on a project site and submitted to the City.
- If the biologist determines that special-status species may occur, focused surveys for special-status plants shall be completed in accordance with *Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Sensitive Natural Communities* (California Department of Fish and Wildlife [CDFW], March 20, 2018) and *Guidelines for Conducting and Reporting Botanical Inventories for Federally Listed, Proposed and Candidate Plants* (USFWS,

- September 23, 1996). If it is determined that the project site has suitable habitat for special-status wildlife, focused surveys shall be conducted to determined presence/absence including species-specific surveys in accordance with CDFW or United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) protocols for State or federally listed species, respectively, that may occur.
- If it is determined that a special-status species may be impacted by a specific project, consultation with USFWS and/or CDFW shall occur prior to issuance of a development permit from the City to determine measures to address impacts, such as avoidance, minimization, or take authorization and mitigation. The report shall include a list of special-status plants and wildlife that may occur on the project site and/or adjacent area.

If construction activities or other disturbances occur during the bird nesting season (February 1 through August 31), prior to issuance of grading permits for individual housing developments that will include disturbance of vegetation, structures, or other areas where bird nests could be present, the following requirements shall be implemented:

- Applicant shall submit a pre-construction nesting bird survey shall be conducted no more than seven days prior to initiation of grading or construction activities. The nesting bird pre-construction survey shall be conducted on foot on the construction site, including a 100-foot buffer, and in inaccessible areas (e.g., private lands) from afar using binoculars to the extent practical. The survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist familiar with the identification of avian species known to occur in southern California and a copy of the study shall be submitted to the Community Development Department and Building and Safety Division. The cost to hire a qualified biologist shall be borne entirely by the developer/project applicant.
- If nests are found, an avoidance buffer shall be demarcated by a qualified biologist with bright orange construction fencing, flagging, construction lathe, or other means to mark the boundary. All construction personnel shall be notified as to the existence of the buffer zone and to avoid entering the buffer zone during the nesting season. No parking, storage of materials, or construction activities shall occur within this buffer until the biologist has confirmed that breeding/nesting is completed, and the young have fledged the nest. Encroachment into the buffer shall occur only at the discretion of the qualified biologist.
- A survey report shall be prepared by the qualified biologist documenting and verifying compliance with the above requirements and applicable State and Federal regulations protecting birds that shall be submitted to the City of Burbank. The qualified biologist shall serve as a construction monitor during those periods when construction activities would occur near active nest areas to ensure that no inadvertent impacts on these nests would occur.

# Significance After Mitigation

Implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-1 would reduce potential impacts to biological resources to a less-than-significant level by ensuring that biological resources are identified and avoided, as necessary, which would avoid potential conflicts with the MBTA and CFGC.

# 4.2.4 Cumulative Impacts

The area to analyze cumulative biological resource impacts includes the City limits. As defined in Section 3.3, vegetation, including trees, located in the City could potentially support nesting migratory birds, as well as bats, raptors, and butterflies. As discussed previously, the CFGC and MBTA protect migratory avian species when they are nesting. Compliance with the CFGC and MBTA by all reasonably foreseeable development under the Housing and Safety Element Update would

ensure that cumulative impacts to migratory birds would not be significant. Such regulatory compliance, including implementation of Mitigation Measure BIO-1, would ensure that the implementation of the proposed Project would not contribute to cumulatively considerable impacts related to nesting bird disturbance.

# 4.12 Utilities/Service Systems

This section analyzes environmental impacts associated with the provision of infrastructure for water supply, wastewater conveyance, treatment, and disposal, solid waste disposal, and stormwater management, as well as telecommunications facilities, energy, and natural gas. The discussion and analysis contained herein is informed by outputs from the CalEEMod prepared for the proposed Project, as well as publicly available data and reports from the City of Burbank, Burbank Water and Power (BWP), and other publicly available sources of information, as cited throughout the discussions below.

# 4.12.1 Environmental Setting

The environmental setting for infrastructure related to water supply, wastewater treatment conveyance and treatment, stormwater conveyance and treatment, solid waste conveyance and disposal, electricity and natural gas, and telecommunications, is described below.

#### a. Water Supply

BWP provides domestic and potable water service in Burbank. The City's water comes from two sources: water purchased from Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (Metropolitan), a regional wholesaler and State Water Project (SWP) contractor, and local groundwater from the San Fernando Valley Groundwater Basin (San Fernando Basin). BWP also uses recycled water to meet some of its water needs such as outdoor irrigation and power plant cooling.

Water purchased from Metropolitan is imported from the Colorado River Aqueduct and the SWP. Metropolitan is a regional wholesaler with no retail customers, which provides treated and untreated water directly to its 26 member agencies. Member agencies include 14 cities, 11 municipal water districts, and one county water authority (Metropolitan 2021). Each of Metropolitan's qualifying member agencies, including BWP, is responsible for implementing its own Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP); see further discussion of UWMPs in Section 4.13.2(a). BWP's 2020 UWMP, adopted in June 2021, includes an assessment of past and future water supplies and demands, evaluation of the future reliability of the region's water supplies over a 20-year planning horizon, discussion of demand management measures and Burbank's water shortage contingency plan, discussion of the use and planned use of recycled water, and an evaluation of distribution system water losses (BWP 2021a).

BWP does not have ownership rights to the naturally occurring groundwater underneath the City, but BWP does have rights to pump groundwater through groundwater credits. Groundwater provided by BWP is managed in accordance with the Upper Los Angeles River Adjudication Judgment, administered by the Upper Los Angeles River Area Watermaster as the Watermaster. The adjudication Judgment limits production from the San Fernando Basin to ensure the long-term reliability of the basin. As with Metropolitan, BWP also maintains an UWMP that forecasts future water demands in Burbank under average and dry year conditions, identifies future water supply projects, and evaluates future supply reliability. The UWMP discusses the provider's supply portfolio, including current and planned water conservation and recycling activities (BWP 2021a).

The Burbank Water Reclamation Plant (BWRP) produces a disinfected tertiary effluent that is approved for all uses, including full body contact, with the exception of human consumption. The BWRP produces up to 10,000 acre-feet per year (AFY) of recycled water, which is available for reuse in any of the following three ways:

- Flowed via gravity pipeline to the BWP campus
- Pumped into the recycled water distribution system
- Discharged to the Burbank Wester Channel adjacent to the BWRP

Recycled water produced at the BWRP is used for power production, landscape irrigation, and evaporative cooling (BWP 2021a). BWP has recently completed a feasibility study of both indirect and direct potable reuse of BWP's excess recycled water.

#### b. Wastewater

Wastewater generated in Burbank is collected and conveyed by approximately 230 miles of underground pipelines ranging in diameter from six inches to 30 inches. The City's wastewater conveyance system also includes two pump stations and 19 diversion manholes. In addition, the Los Angeles 48-inch North Outfall Sewer (NOS) line runs from west to east through the southern portion of the City. A small number of flows go directly to the NOS.

Wastewater flows to the BWRP, which has a design capacity of 12.5 million gallons per day (mgd) and currently treats 8.5 mgd (BWP 2021a). The disinfected tertiary effluent produced by the BWRP is discharged to either the Burbank Western Channel or to the City's recycled water distribution system for non-potable use. The discharged tertiary effluent meets discharge limitations identified in its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB). The BWRP's effluent also meets the most stringent water quality criteria for recycled water, as defined in the California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Division 4, Chapter 3 requirement as Disinfected Tertiary Recycled Water. The City of Burbank Department of Public Works is responsible for maintaining, replacing, and upgrading the City's sewer collection system.

The City of Burbank may divert wastewater to the Los Angeles sewer system, which is comprised of three systems: the Hyperion Sanitary Sewer System, the Terminal Island Water Reclamation Plant Sanitary Sewer System, and the Regional Sanitary Sewer System. Based on the Los Angeles Department of Public Works' Sewer System Management Plan (2017), the Hyperion Sanitary Sewer System is the largest of the City's three sanitary sewer systems. An average wastewater flow rate of approximately 300 million gallons per day (mgd) is treated by the system, which includes the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant and the Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant; this systems has a peak wet weather capacity of 800 mgd. The Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant services the area between Chatsworth and Van Nuys in the San Fernando Valley. The Los Angeles-Glendale Water Reclamation Plant is located in the San Fernando Valley and services the communities in east San Fernando Valley that are both within and outside of the City limits. Approximately 60 mgd is treated at Donald C. Tillman and Los-Angeles Glendale Water Reclamation Plants. All other flows in the system, and the biosolids from the Donald C. Tillman and Los-Angeles Glendale Water Reclamation Plants which are returned to the collection system, are treated at the Hyperion Water Reclamation Plant (HWRP) located in Playa Del Rey.

#### c. Stormwater

The City of Burbank Public Works Department (PWD) oversees stormwater management throughout the City. In 2012, the Los Angeles RWQCB adopted the *Final Waste Discharge Requirements for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System* (MS4) *Discharges within the Coastal Watersheds of Los Angeles County*. Burbank is a co-permittee in fulfilling the requirements of the municipal storm water permit, which regulates discharges of stormwater and urban runoff from

storm drain systems. Furthermore, the City has an established Storm Water Quality Management Program that educates existing and future efforts relating to stormwater management across the City. The City's existing stormwater pipeline system is comprised of 42-inch-wide reinforced concrete pipe (RCP) that collects stormwater runoff from throughout the city and ultimately discharges it into the Los Angeles County Flood Control District's (LACFCD) Burbank Western Channel and the Pacific Ocean.

#### d. Solid Waste

The Street and Solid Waste Division of the Burbank PWD is responsible for the collection of solid waste, green waste, recyclables, and bulky items in the City. City solid waste collection crews service all single-family residences, 50 percent of multifamily residences, and approximately 10 percent of the City's commercial/industrial refuse customers. Businesses and larger multifamily residences can use City solid waste and recycling services as well or hire a private waste collection and hauling company (Burbank 2020).

Solid waste generated in Burbank is transported to and disposed of at any of seven southern California landfills including Burbank Landfill Site No. 3, Chiquita Canyon Sanitary Landfill, Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill, Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center, Puente Hills Landfill, Lancaster Landfill and Recycling Center, and Olinda Alpha Sanitary Landfill (City of Burbank 2013).

The City owns and operates the Burbank Landfill, located in the Verdugo Hills at the eastern edge of Burbank. The facility is located on 86 acres, 48 of which are used for disposal. The landfill has a maximum permitted capacity of 5,933,365 cy (CalRecycle 2019) and as of December 31, 2019, had a remaining capacity of 4,843,582 cy (approximately 82 percent of the maximum permitted capacity) (Los Angeles County 2020). The maximum permitted intake is 240 tons (436 cy) per operating day and average intake is approximately 123 tons (224 cy) per day. Burbank Landfill had an original expected closure year of 2053 but is now estimated to be open through 2150 (Los Angeles County 2020; Burbank Landfill 2021). Routine inspection for compliance with state minimum standards is conducted monthly. As of October 2021, the landfill's best management practices (BMPs) were observed to be fully in place and the site looked to be in satisfactory condition (CalRecycle 2021). One hundred percent of the intake at the landfill is from Burbank (City of Burbank 2013, Los Angeles County 2020). Residential trash collected by the City is deposed of at this facility, including trash collected by the City from all single-family residences, 50 percent of multifamily residences, and 10 percent of commercial/industrial refuse customers. Private waste haulers also collect trash from within the City, and serves the multifamily residential units and commercial/industrial users that are not otherwise served by the City. Solid waste collected by private waste haulers may be transported to any of the landfill facilities.

The City also owns the Burbank Recycle Center, which houses a materials recovery facility and buyback/drop off center, as well as a used oil center, composting information, and a learning center. The Burbank Recycle Center is a private/public partnership with Burbank Recycling Inc. that collects and diverts wastes that contribute to the Burbank Landfill capacity (Burbank 2013).

Hazardous waste requiring disposal is sent to the Kettleman Hills Hazardous Waste Facility, a 1,600-acre hazardous waste and municipal solid waste disposal facility located southwest of Kettleman City in the western San Joaquin Valley. The facility is permitted for the direct landfill of California hazardous waste, Toxic Substances Control Act-regulated polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) waste and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) wastes (that naturally meet treatment standards) (Waste Management 2015). The facility is regulated and inspected by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), California Department of Toxic Substances Control

(DTSC), Central Valley RWQCB, Kings County Department of Public Health, San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution District (SJVAPD), and CalRecycle. It has a remaining capacity of six million cy. Permits are currently pending to expand the existing hazardous waste landfill to allow more years of disposal and to develop a new hazardous waste landfill on currently undeveloped land to open after the existing landfill reaches capacity (Waste Management 2018).

## e. Telecommunications, Electricity, and Natural Gas

Telecommunications services in Burbank are provided by private companies, including AT&T, EarthLink, and Spectrum, among others. The telecommunications provider used by residents and businesses in Burbank is subject to the user's discretion. Telecommunications facilities are generally available throughout the City.

Electric power supply throughout the City is provided by BWP. According to the California Energy Commission (CEC), in 2020 BWP had a total usage of 995.1 Gigawatt hours (GWh). Residential uses consisted of the second most energy intensive source (287.6 GWh) for BWP, behind commercial and building (507.8 GWh) (CEC 2020a). BWP's power mix from the power content label (PCL), which shows total generation delivered for a calendar year, divided by retail sales (not renewable energy credits retired) for 2020 consisted of approximately 31percent renewable resources (wind, geothermal, biomass, solar, and small hydroelectric), 26 percent coal, 31 percent natural gas, eight percent nuclear, two percent hydroelectric, and the remainder from other sources (BWP 2020).

Burbank is in Southern California Gas Company's (SCG) natural gas service area, which provides service to most of southern California (SCG 2021). SCG's service area is equipped with approximately 5.9 million meters of gas transmission pipelines throughout the 24,000-square mile service area (SCG 2021). In 2019, SCG customers consumed a total of 5.2 billion therms of natural gas (CEC 2020b). Residential users accounted for approximately 46 percent of SCG's natural gas consumption. Industrial and commercials users accounted for another 31 percent and 17 percent, respectively. The remainder was used for mining, construction, agricultural, and water pump accounts (CEC 2020). Natural gas is also addressed in Section 4.6, *Energy*.

# 4.12.2 Regulatory Setting

The regulatory setting for utilities is provided below, organized per the topics addressed in this section, including water supply; wastewater; stormwater; solid waste; telecommunications, electricity, and natural gas.

### a. Water Supply

State Regulations

California Water Conservation Bill (Senate Bill X7-7)

The Water Conservation Bill, enacted in 2009, set an overall goal of reducing per capita urban water use in the State by 20 percent by December 31, 2020. Under this bill, the State was required make incremental progress toward the 2020 goal by reducing per capita water use by at least 10 percent by December 31, 2015. The bill also required urban water suppliers (such as the City of Burbank) to reduce per capita water use 20 percent by 2020, establish water conservation targets for the years 2015 and 2020, and include the following information in their water management plans: the baseline daily per capita water use; water use targets; interim water use targets; compliance daily per capita water use.

#### Senate Bill 610

In 2001, California adopted Senate Bill (SB) 610, thereby amending California Water Code. Under this law, certain types of development projects are now required to provide detailed water supply assessments to planning agencies. Any project that is subject to CEQA and would demand more than 75 AFY of water, or an amount of water equivalent to, or greater than, the amount of water required by a 500-dwelling-unit project, is subject to SB 610 and is required to prepare a Water Supply Assessment (WSA). The primary purpose of a WSA is to determine whether the identified water supply or water supplier will be able to meet projected demands for the project, in addition to existing and planned future uses, over a 20-year projection and with consideration to normal, dry, and multi-dry water years.

The Project is subject to CEQA and includes more than 500 dwelling units. However, the Housing Element is a planning document, not a development project, and it therefore does not directly trigger the need for a WSA as defined by California Water Code. Nonetheless, a WSA was prepared for the Housing Element to provide a well-informed analysis of potential impacts to water supply availability and reliability.

#### Senate Bill 221

SB 221 also addresses water supply in the land use planning process and focuses on new residential subdivisions in nonurban areas. SB 221 requires the provision of written verification from the water service provider indicating that sufficient water supply is available to serve a proposed subdivision or a finding by the local agency that sufficient water supplies are or will be available prior to completion of a project. SB 221 specifically applies to residential subdivisions of 500 units or more. Government Code Section 66473.7(i) exempts "any residential project proposed for a site that is within an urbanized area and has been previously developed for urban uses, or where the immediate contiguous properties surrounding the residential project site are, or previously have been, developed for urban uses, or housing projects that are exclusively for very low and lowincome households."

The proposed Project involves the update of the Burbank General Plan and does not involve any development application. As such, it does not propose development of 500 or more dwelling units in a nonurban area and is not subject to SB 221.

#### Urban Water Management Act

The California Urban Water Management Planning Act (California Water Code Division 6, Part 2.6, Sections 10610–10656) requires that all public water suppliers that provide municipal and industrial water to more than 3,000 customers, or supply more than 3,000 AFY of water, adopt an UWMP. An UWMP is intended to forecast future water demand and supply under normal and dry conditions. The UWMP must include a description of existing and planned sources of water available to the water supplier; conservation efforts to reduce water demand; alternative sources of water; assessment of reliability and vulnerability of water supply; and water shortage contingency analysis. It must be updated every five years and submitted to the DWR for review. Metropolitan and BWP both maintain UWMPs for their water systems. BWP's 2020 UWMP was updated in June 2021 and is therefore used to inform this analysis.

The Urban Water Management Planning Act has been modified several times in response to the water shortages, droughts, and other factors. The Water Conservation Act of 2009 amended the Urban Water Management Planning Act to call for a statewide reduction of 20 percent in urban

water use by the year 2020. An amendment in 2014 requires water suppliers to provide narrative descriptions of their water demand management measures and account for system water losses.

#### California Code of Regulations

CCR Title 24, Part 5, establishes the California Plumbing Code (last updated in 2013) that became effective January 1, 2014. The California Plumbing Code sets forth efficiency standards (i.e., maximum flow rates) for all new federally regulated plumbing fittings and fixtures, including showerheads and lavatory faucets.

CCR Title 22 regulates production and use of recycled water in California by establishing three categories of recycled water: (1) primary effluent, which that typically includes grit removal and initial sedimentation or settling tanks; (2) adequately disinfected, oxidized effluent (secondary effluent), which that typically involves aeration and additional settling basins; and (3) adequately disinfected, oxidized, coagulated, clarified, filtered effluent (tertiary effluent), which typically involves filtration and chlorination. In addition to defining recycled water uses, Title 22 also defines requirements for sampling and analysis of effluent and requires specific design requirements for plants.

CCR Title 24, Part 11, establishes planning and design standards for sustainable site development energy efficiency, water conservation, material conservation, and internal air contaminants. These provisions became effective January 1, 2011.

#### California Drought Update

In 2014, the governor issued a Drought Declaration and requested a voluntary 20 percent reduction in urban water use statewide, directing the State Board to adopt Emergency Regulations. As a result, the State Board adopted Emergency Regulations for Statewide Urban Water Conservation that were documented in CCR Title 23, Sections 863–865.

In 2015, the governor issued an Executive Order for mandatory statewide water reductions to reduce water usage by 25 percent. The Executive Order directed local water agencies to increase enforcement over wasteful use of water and invest in modern technologies that will make California more drought resilient. The Executive Order establishes several provisions for water saving and increased enforcement against wasteful water use:

- The State Board shall impose restrictions to achieve a statewide 25 percent reduction in potable urban water usage, compared to amount used in 2013, through February 28, 2016;
- The Department of Water Resources (DWR) shall lead a statewide initiative to replace 50 million sf of lawns and ornamental turf with drought tolerant landscapes;
- The CEC, jointly with the Department of the Water Board, shall implement a time-limited statewide appliance rebate program to replace inefficient household devices;
- The State Board shall impose restrictions to require that commercial, industrial, and institutional uses implement water efficiency measures to reduce potable water usage;
- The State Board shall prohibit irrigation with potable water of ornamental turf on public street medians;
- The State Board shall prohibit irrigation with potable water outside of newly constructed homes/buildings that is not delivered by drip or microspray systems; and
- The State Board shall require urban water suppliers to provide monthly information on water usage, conservation, and enforcement on a permanent basis.

## Local Regulations

Metropolitan's Integrated Water Resources Plan - 2015 Water Tomorrow Update

The proposed Project is located within the services areas of BWP (discussed above) and Metropolitan. Metropolitan's Integrated Water Resources Plan was first developed in 1996 to establish targets for a diversified portfolio of supply investments. The 2015 Water Tomorrow Update is a plan to provide water supplies under a wide range of potential future conditions and risks. It identifies supply actions including recycled water, seawater desalination, stormwater capture, conservation, and groundwater cleanup to ensure local water supply reliability. The 2015 Water Tomorrow Update was adopted by Metropolitan's board of directors in January 2016 (Metropolitan 2016b). The 2015 Water Tomorrow Update is separate from Metropolitan's UWMP and is incorporated by reference in the UWMP, as applicable.

#### Greater Los Angeles County Region IRWMP

The Greater Los Angeles County (GLAC) Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (IRWMP) is a regional plan designed to improve collaboration in water resources management. To make governance and stakeholder involvement manageable, the GLAC Region was organized into five Subregions which consider both geographic and demographic variations over the 2,058 square mile area. These Subregions include: Lower San Gabriel and Los Angeles Rivers (Lower SG & LA); North Santa Monica Bay (North SM Bay); South Bay; Upper Los Angeles River Area (ULARA); Upper San Gabriel and Rio Hondo Rivers (Upper SG & RH). Of these regions, BWP is a member of the ULARA Steering Committee. The first IRWMP for the GLAC Region was published in 2006, following a multiyear collaborative effort between water retailers, wastewater agencies, stormwater and flood managers, watershed groups, businesses, tribes, the agriculture community, and non-profits. In 2014, the IRWM group updated the IRWMP to comply with new State integrated planning requirements and update the content (Leadership Committee of the GLAC IRWMP 2014). The IRWMP provides a mechanism for: 1) coordinating, refining, and integrating existing planning efforts within a comprehensive, regional context; 2) identifying specific regional and watershed-based priorities for implementation projects; and 3) providing funding support for the plans, programs, projects, and priorities of existing agencies and stakeholders.

#### Burbank 2035 General Plan

The Burbank2035 General Plan (adopted February 2013) is the primary mechanism for guiding future population growth and development in Burbank and provides a guide for land use decision-making. The General Plan's Open Space and Conservation Element addresses the conservation and enhancement of open space, parks, recreation, and natural resources within the City. The goals and policies of the Open Space and Conservation Element are intended to protect natural resources including water resources (Burbank 2013). The goal and policies applicable to water resources are presented below:

#### **Goal 9: Water Resources**

Adequate sources of high-quality water provide for various uses within Burbank.

- **Policy 9.1:** Meet the goal of a 20 percent reduction in municipal water use by 2020.
- **Policy 9.2:** Provide public information regarding the importance of water conservation and avoiding wasteful water habits.
- **Policy 9.3:** Offer incentives for water conservation and explore other water conservation programs.
- **Policy 9.4:** Pursue infrastructure improvements that would expand communitywide use of recycled water.
- **Policy 9.5:** Require on-site drainage improvements using native vegetation to capture and clean stormwater runoff

### City of Burbank Sustainable Use Ordinance

Section 8-2, Article 3, Sustainable Water Use Ordinance, of the Burbank Municipal Code (BMC) established procedures for implementing and enforcing sustainable water use practices to mitigate the effect of a shortage of water resources. The ordinance establishes mandatory water use practices related to outdoor uses such as irrigation of outdoor landscaped areas, washing down of driveways and walkways, use of evaporative coolers (misters), and the filling or refilling of swimming pools and spas. The ordinance also establishes mandatory restrictions on service of drinking water at restaurants, hotels, and eating establishments if not requested by customers. The ordinance establishes six incremental stages of water use restrictions and penalties in order to discourage wasteful water use practices and achieve reduced water consumption and conservation during drought conditions.

#### b. Wastewater

## Federal Regulations

#### Clean Water Act (CWA)

The objective of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act (CWA), is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters and maintain the integrity of wetlands. The CWA seeks to regulate point and nonpoint pollution sources, providing assistance to publicly owned treatment works (commonly known as wastewater treatment plants owned by a governmental agency for the improvement of wastewater treatment).

The CWA established the NPDES, which requires a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to be developed and implemented for projects that disturb more than 0.5 acre of land. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the nine RWQCBs administer NPDES to regulate and monitor discharged waters and to ensure they meet water quality standards.

#### State Regulations

#### Porter-Cologne Water Quality Act

The Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act (Porter-Cologne Act), enacted by the State in 1969, includes provisions to address requirements of the CWA. The Porter-Cologne Act is broad in scope and addresses issues relating to the conservation, control, and utilization of the water resources of the State. The SWRCB and the RWQCBs are the State agencies with primary responsibility for the

coordination and control of water quality. Porter-Cologne grants the RWQCBs authority to implement and enforce water quality laws, regulations, and plans to protect the groundwater and surface waters.

In 2006, the SWRCB adopted the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements for publicly owned sanitary sewer systems with greater than one mile in length that collect and/or convey untreated or partially treated wastewater to a publicly owned treatment facility in California. Under the Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements, the owners of such systems must comply with the following requirements: (1) acquire an online account from the SWRCB and report all sanitary sewer overflows online; and (2) develop and implement a written Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) to control and mitigate sanitary sewer overflows and make it available to any member of the public upon request in writing.

SSMP requirements are modeled on proposed Federal capacity, management, operations, and maintenance plans. The SSMP policy requires dischargers to provide adequate capacity in the sewer collection system, take feasible steps to stop sewer overflows, identify and prioritize system deficiencies, and develop a plan for disposal of grease, among other requirements. In addition, wastewater providers must report sanitary sewer overflows to the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, must keep internal records of these overflows, and must produce an annual report on overflows. Reporting of overflows from laterals on private property, if caused by an owner, is not required.

#### California Code of Regulations

The California Water Code requires the Department of Health Services (DHS) to establish water reclamation criteria. In 1975, the DHS prepared Title 22 to fulfill this requirement, regulating production/use of recycled water by establishing three categories of recycled water:

- Primary effluent, that typically includes grit removal and initial sedimentation or settling tanks;
- Adequately disinfected, oxidized effluent (secondary effluent), that typically involves aeration and additional settling basins; and
- Adequately disinfected, oxidized, coagulated, clarified, filtered effluent (tertiary effluent), that typically involves filtration and chlorination.

In addition to defining recycled water uses, Title 22 defines requirements for sampling and analysis of effluent and requires specific design requirements for plants.

CCR Title 24, Part 5, establishes the California Plumbing Code, which became effective January 1, 2014, and sets efficiency standards (i.e., maximum flow rates) for all new federally regulated plumbing fittings and fixtures, including showerheads and lavatory faucets. Accordingly, the maximum flow rate for showerheads is 2.0 gallons per minute (GPM) at 80 pounds per square inch (psi) and for lavatory faucets is 1.5 GPM at 60 psi. In addition, all water closets (i.e., flush toilets) are limited to 1.6 gallons per flush (GPF) and urinals are limited to 0.5 GPF. In addition, Section 1605.3(h) establishes State efficiency standards for non-federally regulated plumbing fittings, including commercial pre-rinse spray valves.

CCR Title 24, Part 11, establishes planning and design standards for sustainable site development energy efficiency, water conservation, material conservation, and internal air contaminants. These provisions became effective January 1, 2011.

## Local Regulations

## Burbank Sewer System Management Plan

In compliance with SWRCP Order No. 2006-0003-DWQ, the City has adopted a Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP) that also include a Sanitary Sewer Overflow Emergency Response Plan. The SSMP addresses the operation, maintenance, design, and performance of the City's sewers and provides an overflow emergency response plan and a system evaluation and capacity assurance plan to reduce the frequency and volume of sanitary sewer overflows. Implementation of the SSMP, requires the City to (1) properly fund, manage, maintain, and operate its sanitary sewer systems to prevent sanitary sewer overflows; (2) construct and maintain the collection system using trained staff possessing adequate knowledge, skills, and abilities, as demonstrated through validated programs; and (3) fully comply with SWRCB Order No. 2006-003-DWQ.

#### Burbank Sewer System Evaluation and Capacity Assurance Plan

The City prepared a Sewer System Evaluation and Capacity Assurance Plan (SSECAP) in 2006 (Chapter 8 of the Burbank Sewer System Management Plan). The SSECAP includes hydraulic modeling of the City's existing wastewater system. The SSECAP also identifies areas of future study that are cost-effective and technically feasible to address both potential capacity and operational constraints and are coordinated with other improvement projects. The plan contains the following key objectives:

- Properly fund, manage, operate, and maintain all parts of the wastewater collection system;
- Provide adequate capacity to convey peak sewer flows;
- Minimize the frequency of sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs); and
- Construct and maintain the collection system using trained staff possessing adequate knowledge, skills, and abilities as demonstrated through a validated program.

The SSECAP and the City's capital improvement plan (CIP) provide hydraulic capacity of key sanitary sewer system elements for peak flow conditions, to facilitate design of sufficient capacity to accommodate runoff from storm events.

#### Burbank Municipal Code (BMC)

Title 8, Chapter 1, Article 1, Sewers, of the BMC establishes regulatory compliance for discharges to the publicly owned treatment works (POTW), sewer system and storm drain system for the City and requires compliance with applicable State and Federal laws, including the CWA (33 United States Code 1251 et seq.) and the general pretreatment regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 403). Per BMC Section 8-1-301, to connect to the City's main sewer line, an excavation permit and a sewer connection permit must be obtained from the Burbank Public Works Department. For sewer construction entirely on private property, the owner must obtain a plumbing permit from the Building Department, and an excavation permit from the Burbank PWD.

#### c. Stormwater

# Federal Regulations

#### Clean Water Act (CWA)

The objective of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly referred to as the CWA, is to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's waters and maintain the integrity of wetlands. The CWA seeks to regulate point and nonpoint pollution sources, providing assistance to publicly owned treatment works (commonly known as wastewater treatment plants owned by a governmental agency for the improvement of wastewater treatment).

The CWA established the NPDES, which requires a SWPPP to be developed and implemented for projects that disturb more than 0.5 acre of land. The SWRCB and the nine regional water quality control boards RWQCBs administer NPDES to regulate and monitor discharged waters and to ensure they meet water quality standards.

### Clean Water Act Section 303(d)

Section 303(d) of the CWA (CWA, 33 USC 1250, et seq., at 1313(d)) requires states to identify "impaired" waterbodies as those which do not meet water quality standards. States are required to compile this information in a list and submit the list to the USEPA for review and approval. This list is known as the Section 303(d) list of impaired waters. As part of this listing process, states are required to prioritize waters and watersheds for future development of total maximum daily loads (TMDL). The SWRCB and RWQCBs have ongoing efforts to monitor and assess water quality, to prepare the Section 303(d) list, and to develop TMDL requirements.

#### National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

The Federal government also administers the NPDES permit program, which regulates discharges into surface waters. The primary regulatory control relevant to the protection of water quality is the NPDES permit administered by the SWRCB. The SWRCB establishes requirements prescribing the quality of point sources of discharge and water quality objectives. These objectives are established based on the designated beneficial uses (e.g., water supply, recreation, and habitat) for a particular surface water body or groundwater basin. The NPDES permits are issued to point source dischargers of pollutants to surface waters pursuant to Water Code Chapter 5.5, which implements the Federal CWA. Examples include, but are not limited to, public wastewater treatment facilities, industries, power plants, and groundwater cleanup programs discharging to surface waters (SWRCB, Title 23, Chapter 9, Section 2200). The RWQCB establishes and regulates discharge limits under the NPDES permits.

Projects that will disturb more than one acre of land during construction are required to file a Notice of Intent with the SWRCB to be covered under the NPDES Construction General Permit for discharges of stormwater associated with construction activity. The project proponent must develop measures that are consistent with the Construction General Permit. Furthermore, a SWPPP must be developed and implemented for each site covered under the Construction General Permit. The SWPPP describes the BMPs the discharger will use to protect stormwater runoff and reduce potential impacts on surface water quality through the construction period. The SWPPP must contain the following:

- A visual monitoring program;
- A chemical monitoring program for nonvisible pollutants (to be implemented if a BMP failure occurs); and
- A sediment monitoring plan if the site discharges directly to a water body on the 303(d) list for sediment.

# State Regulations

#### Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act

California's Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act of 1970 (Porter-Cologne Act) established the SWRCB and divided the state into nine regional basins, each with a RWQCB. The Project is located within the jurisdiction of the Los Angeles RWQCB. The SWRCB is the primary state agency with responsibility to protect surface water and groundwater quality. The Porter-Cologne Act authorizes the SWRCB to draft policies regarding water quality in accordance with CWA Section 303. In addition, the Porter-Cologne Act authorizes the SWRCB to issue waste discharge requirements for projects that would discharge to state waters. These requirements regulate discharges of waste to surface and groundwater, regulate waste disposal sites, and require cleanup of discharges of hazardous materials and other pollutants. The Porter-Cologne Act also establishes reporting requirements for unintended discharges of any hazardous substance, sewage, or oil or petroleum product.

The Porter-Cologne Act requires the SWRCB or the RWQCBs to adopt water quality control plans (basin plans) and policies for the protection of water quality. The Basin Plan must conform to the policies set forth in the Porter-Cologne Act and established by the SWRCB in its State Water Policy. The Basin Plan must:

- Identify beneficial uses for the water to be protected,
- Establish water quality objectives for the reasonable protection of the beneficial uses, and
- Establish an implementation program for achieving the water quality objectives.

Basin plans also provide the technical basis for determining waste discharge requirements, taking enforcement actions, and evaluating clean water grant proposals. Basin plans are updated and reviewed every 3 years in accordance with Article 3 of Porter-Cologne Act and CWA Section 303(c).

#### California Toxics Rule

The California Toxics Rule is a USEPA-issued federal regulation that provides water quality criteria for potentially toxic constituents in California surface waters with designated uses related to human health or aquatic life. The rule fills a gap in California water quality standards that was created in 1994 when a state court overturned the state's water quality control plans containing water quality criteria for priority toxic pollutants. These federal criteria are legally applicable in the State of California for inland surface waters, enclosed bays, and estuaries for all purposes and programs under the CWA. The California Toxics Rule establishes two types of aquatic life criteria:

- Acute criteria represent the highest concentration of a pollutant to which aquatic life can be exposed for a short period of time without harmful effects; and
- Chronic criteria equal the highest concentration to which aquatic life can be exposed for an extended period of time (4 days) without deleterious effects.

 Due to the intermittent nature of stormwater runoff (especially in southern California), the acute criteria are considered to be more applicable to stormwater conditions than chronic criteria.

### State Antidegradation Policy

Under the State Antidegradation Policy, whenever the existing quality of waters is better than what is needed to protect present and future beneficial uses, such existing quality must be maintained. This state policy has been adopted as a water quality objective in all the State's Basin Plans. The State policy establishes a two-step process to determine if discharges with the potential to degrade the water quality of surface or groundwater will be allowed.

The first step requires that, where a discharge would degrade high-quality water, the discharge may be allowed only if any change in water quality would:

- Be consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state;
- Not reasonably affect present and anticipated beneficial uses of such water; and
- Result in water quality that is not less than that prescribed in state policies (i.e., Basin Plans).

The second step states that any activity resulting in discharge to high-quality waters is required to use the best practicable treatment or control of the discharge necessary in order to avoid the occurrence of pollution or nuisance and to maintain the "highest water quality consistent with the maximum benefit to the people of the state." The State policy applies to both surface and groundwater, as well as to both existing and potential beneficial uses of the applicable waters.

In 1999, the SWRCB issued and subsequently amended the General Construction Stormwater Permit that governs discharges from construction sites that disturb 1 acre or more of surface area. Again, on September 2, 2009, the SWRCB adopted a new General Construction Permit that substantially alters the approach taken to regulate construction discharges through (1) requiring the determination of risk levels posed by a project's construction discharges to water quality and (2) establishing numerical water quality thresholds that trigger permit violations. These new permit regulations took effect on July 1, 2010.

California Code of Regulations – Recycled Water Regulations (Titles 22 and 17)

Titles 22 and 17 of the CCR include regulations for the various uses of recycled water within the state. According to the CCR, recycled water used for the following purposes shall be at least disinfected secondary-23 recycled water: (1) industrial boiler feed, (2) nonstructural firefighting, (3) backfill consolidation around non-potable piping, (4) soil compaction, (5) mixing concrete, (6) dust control on roads and streets, (7) cleaning roads, sidewalks and outdoor work areas, and (8) industrial process water that will not come into contact with workers. The CCR also requires that spray, mist, or runoff of recycled water does not enter dwellings, designated outdoor eating areas, or food handling facilities. Drinking water fountains must also be protected against contact with recycled water spray, mist, or runoff. No irrigation with, or impoundment of, disinfected secondary-2.2 or disinfected secondary-2.3 recycled water can take place within 100 feet of any domestic water supply well.

#### Municipal Regional Stormwater NPDES Permit

On November 8, 2012, the RWQCB adopted Order R4-2012-0175, the MS4 Permit. Order R4-2012-0175 became effective on December 28, 2013 and serves as the NPDES permit for coastal watershed stormwater and non-stormwater discharges originating from the Los Angeles County region. The permit covers the land areas in the Los Angeles County Flood Control jurisdiction, unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, and 84 cities in the County. The City of Burbank is included in the MS4 Permit as a permittee under Order R4-2012-0175.

In coordination with permittees under MS4 Permit, RWQCB staff performs annual performance reviews and evaluations of the City's stormwater management program and NPDES compliance activities.

# Local Regulations

### City of Burbank Low Impact Development (LID) Ordinance

On June 16, 2015, the Burbank City Council adopted a LID Ordinance in compliance with the requirements of the MS4 Permit. The City uses the LID Ordinance to review and permit development and redevelopment projects that qualify under the triggering requirements of the ordinance. Qualifying development projects are directed to control pollutants, pollutant loads, and runoff volume to the maximum extent feasible by minimizing impervious surface area and controlling runoff from impervious surfaces through infiltration, evapotranspiration, bioretention, and/or rainfall harvest and use. The intent of the LID ordinance is to retain stormwater runoff on site in a manner that is similar to predevelopment conditions.

#### Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Hydrology Manual

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works Hydrology Manual (2006) contains the Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) that applies to development and redevelopment projects in Los Angeles County. The SUSMP is described in detail below. The Hydrology Manual also includes TMDLs for pollutants per Section 303 of the CWA and BMPs for managing stormwater quality during construction. As the holder of the MS4 Permit, the RWQCB is responsible for enforcing these BMPs.

#### Los Angeles County Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP)

The SUSMP is a comprehensive stormwater quality program to manage urban stormwater and minimize pollution of the environment in Los Angeles County. The purpose of the SUSMP is to reduce the discharge of pollutants in stormwater by outlining BMPs that must be incorporated into the design plans of new development and redevelopment. The SUSMP requirements contain a list of minimum BMPs that must be employed to infiltrate or treat stormwater runoff, control peak flow discharge, and reduce the post-Project discharge of pollutants from stormwater conveyance systems. The SUSMP requirements define, based upon land use type, the types of practices that must be included and issues that must be addressed as appropriate to the development type and size. The SUSMP requirements apply to all development and redevelopment projects that fall into one of the following categories:

- Single-family hillside residences
- One acre or more of impervious surface area for industrial/commercial developments
- Automotive service facilities

- Retail gasoline outlets
- Restaurants
- Ten or more residential units
- Parking lots of 5,000 square feet or greater or with 25 or more spaces
- Projects located in or directly discharging to an Ecologically Sensitive Area

The SUSMP requirements are administered, implemented, and enforced through the Community Development Department Building and Safety Division and final review would be conducted by the Chief Building Official. During the review process, individual development project plans are reviewed for compliance with stormwater requirements.

Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan)

The County of Los Angeles is under the jurisdiction of RWQCB Region 4 (Los Angeles Region). The RWQCB provides permits for projects that may affect surface waters and groundwater locally, and is responsible for preparing the Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan). The Basin Plan designates beneficial uses of water in the region and establishes narrative and numerical water quality objectives. Water quality objectives, as defined by the CWA Section 13050(h), are the "limits or levels of water quality constituents or characteristics which are established for the reasonable protection of beneficial uses or the prevention of nuisance within a specific area." The State has developed TMDLs that are a calculation of the maximum amount of a pollutant that a water body can have and still meet water quality objectives established by the region.

### Enhanced Watershed Management Program (EWMP) Plan

Conditions of the MS4 Permit require that all permittees develop a watershed management plan on an individual or joint basis that will address water quality issues in the permitee's jurisdictional area. The City of Burbank is a member of the Los Angeles River Watershed Management Group's EWMP. The EWMP submitted its Revised EWMP Plan to the RWQCB for review in January 2016 and the Plan was approved in April 2016. The EWMP Plan, along with a Coordinated Monitoring Plan, serves as a guiding document for implementing water quality improving infrastructure, policies, and programs.

#### City of Burbank General Plan 2035

On February 19, 2013, the City of Burbank approved the updated elements of the Burbank2035 General Plan, except for the Housing Element which was adopted in January 2014. The General Plan is certified through 2035. The updates are intended to refine policies regarding long-term growth in the community through the year 2035 and to ensure that the General Plan reflects current State law (Burbank 2013). The goal and policies applicable to stormwater are presented below.

#### **Goal 6: Flood Safety**

Potential risks—such as injury, loss of life and property, and economic and social disruption—caused by flood and inundation are minimized.

- **Policy 6.5:** Enforce regulations prohibiting the draining of rainwater into the sewer system.
- **Policy 6.6:** Prepare and update a stormwater master plan to ensure proper maintenance and improvements to storm drainage facilities.

**Policy 6.7:** Employ strategies and design features to reduce the area of impervious surface in new development projects.

#### **Goal 9: Water Resources**

Adequate sources of high-quality water provide for various uses within Burbank.

**Policy 9.5:** Require on-site drainage improvements using native vegetation to capture and clean stormwater runoff

d. Solid Waste

State Regulations

Assembly Bill 1327

The California Solid Waste Reuse and Recycling Access Act of 1991 or Assembly Bill (AB) 1327, as amended, requires each local jurisdiction in the State to adopt an ordinance requiring commercial, industrial, or institutional buildings; marinas; or residential buildings having five or more living units to provide an adequate storage area for the collection and removal of recyclable materials. The City passed an ordinance in 1997.

Assembly Bill 939 and Senate Bill 1016

The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, or Assembly Bill (AB) 939, established the Integrated Waste Management Board, required the implementation of integrated waste management plans, and mandated that local jurisdictions divert at least 50 percent of all solid waste generated (from 1990 levels), beginning January 1, 2000, and divert at least 75 percent by 2010. In 2006, SB 1016 updated the requirements. The updated per capita disposal and goal measurement system moves the emphasis from an estimated diversion measurement number to using an actual disposal measurement number as a factor, along with evaluating program implementation efforts. These two factors will help determine each jurisdiction's progress toward achieving its AB 939 diversion goals. The 75 percent diversion requirement is now measured in terms of per-capita disposal expressed as pounds per person per day.

Assembly Bill 341

The purpose of AB 341 is to reduce GHG emissions by recycling commercial solid waste rather than diverting it for landfill disposal, and to expand the opportunity for additional recycling services and recycling manufacturing facilities in California. In addition to Mandatory Commercial Recycling, AB 341 sets a statewide goal for 75 percent disposal reduction by the year 2020.

Construction and Demolition Waste Materials Diversion Program Requirements (SB 1374)

In 2002, Construction and Demolition Waste Materials Diversion Requirements (SB 1374) added California Public Resources Code Section 42912, requiring jurisdictions to include in their annual AB 939 report a summary of the progress made in diverting construction and demolition waste. The legislation also requires that CalRecycle adopt a model ordinance for diverting 50 to 75 percent of all construction and demolition waste from landfills.

#### Zero Waste California

Zero Waste California is a State program launched by CalRecycle in 2002 to promote a new vision for the management of solid waste. Zero waste provides that wasting resources is inefficient and that the efficient use of natural resources should be achieved. The concept requires maximizing existing recycling and reuse efforts, while ensuring that products are designed for the environment and have the potential to be repaired, reused, or recycled. The Zero Waste California program promotes the goals of market development, recycled product procurement, and research and development of new and sustainable technologies.

## California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen)

Effective January 1, 2017, the State's Green Building Code requires developers of newly constructed buildings to develop a waste management plan to divert 60 percent of the construction waste generated by project construction. Builders or developers are required to submit a construction waste management plan to the appropriate jurisdiction's enforcement agency. The City has adopted the 2019 CALGreen Code as part of its Municipal Code.

## Local Regulations

### County of Los Angeles Integrated Waste Management Plan

The County of Los Angeles Integrated Waste Management Plan (ColWMP), approved by the CIWMB in 1999, sets forth a regional approach for the management of solid waste through source reduction, recycling and composting, and environmentally safe transformation and disposal. The ColWMP ensures that the waste management practices of cities and other jurisdictions in the County are consistent with the solid waste diversion goals of AB 939 through source reduction, recycling and composting programs, household hazardous waste management programs, and public education awareness programs. The plan calls for the establishment of 50 years of in-County permitted landfill capacity, as well as the County's support for the development of disposal facilities outside the County.

The County continually evaluates landfill needs and capacity through the preparation of the ColWMP annual reports. Within each annual report, future landfill disposal needs over the next 15-year planning horizon are addressed, in part, by determining the available landfill capacity. The most recent annual report is the 2012 report, completed in August 2013.

As part of the ColWMP, the County prepared the Countywide Siting Element which identified goals, policies, and strategies for the proper planning and siting of solid waste disposal and transformation facilities over 15 years, through year 2014. The latest Siting Element was approved by CalRecycle in 2016 and, as with the previous Siting Element, provides strategic planning over a 15-year horizon, through year 2031.

#### Burbank Municipal Code (BMC)

Title 4, Chapter 2, Article 1, *Solid Waste Management*, of the BMC establishes regulatory compliance for the collection, removal and disposal of garbage, solid waste, green waste, and recyclable material within the City.

#### Burbank Construction and Demolition Debris Diversion Ordinance

The Construction and Demolition Debris Ordinance was designed to meet the goals of the California Waste Management Act (SB 1374), which requires all cities and counties in the State to reduce the amount of waste materials deposited in landfills by 65 percent. The ordinance requires new building projects meeting specified size requirements to divert and recycle at least 65 percent of their construction and demolition debris. To obtain a building permit from the City, proponents for projects meeting specified size requirements must prepare and implement a Waste Management Plan (WMP) that outlines how much scrap and debris would be generated during construction, what proportion of this debris would be diverted and how, and the final destination for both the diverted and non-diverted components of construction debris (City of Burbank 2016).

#### City of Burbank Sustainability Action Plan and Zero Waste Policy

In January 2008, the City Council adopted the Sustainability Action Plan to support the United Nations' Urban Environmental Accords. The Sustainability Action Plan addresses the City's efforts toward providing a clean, healthy, and safe environment. The Accords include 21 specific actions organized into seven urban themes designed to collectively address urban sustainability concerns. The themes include energy, waste reduction, urban design, urban nature, transportation, environmental health, and water (City of Burbank 2008a). Action items related to waste include zero waste, manufacturer responsibility, and consumer responsibility. As part of the Sustainability Action Plan, the City adopted the Zero Waste Strategic Plan, which includes a goal to achieve zero waste by 2040. The Zero Waste Plan includes four basic strategies, with a priority placed on "upstream" solutions to eliminate waste before it is created. The plan also includes actions to build on the City's traditional "downstream" recycling programs to fully utilize the existing waste diversion infrastructure (City of Burbank 2008b). The four basic strategies include:

- Advocate for Manufacturer Responsibility for Product Waste and Support Elimination of Problem Materials
- 2. Adopt New Rules and Incentives to Reduce Waste
- 3. Expand and Improve Local and Regional Recycling and Composting
- 4. Educate, Promote, and Advocate a Zero Waste Sustainability Agenda
- e. Telecommunications, Electricity, and Natural Gas

## Federal Regulations

#### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) regulates the interstate transmission of electricity, natural gas, and oil. The FERC is an independent Agency. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 gave FERC additional responsibilities in its capacity. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states.

## State Regulations

#### California Public Utilities Commission

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regulates private and investor-owned electric, natural gas, telecommunications, water, railroad, rail transit, and passenger transportation companies.

The CPUC regulates natural gas rates and natural gas services, including in-state transportation over the utilities' transmission and distribution pipeline systems, storage, procurement, metering, and billing.

#### California Energy Commission

The CEC regulates publicly owned utilities (POUS), like BWP, as it comes to compliance with state mandates. However, the City Council ensures the City's compliance with regulations and reporting and compliance filings for Burbank Water and Power, as it relates to power supply, is regulated through the CEC. The CEC is the state's primary energy policy and planning agency.

#### California Air Resources Board

The California Air Resources Board (CARB) regulates electric utilities, including BWP, as it comes to compliance with emissions related activities. CARB manages the Mandatory Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Regulation which includes regulations that mandate GHG reporting for retail providers and operators. CARB also manages the Cap-and-Trade Program which is an offset tool to minimize State GHG emissions.

#### Senate Bill 100

SB 100 modifies the State Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) and establishes robust clean energy goals. SB 100 modifies the RPS from requiring that 50 percent of electricity be procured by renewable electricity sources by 2030 (set by SB 350), to 60 percent by 2030. In addition, SB 100 sets a goal of a 100 percent zero-carbon resource portfolio by 2045.

#### Senate Bill 1368

SB 1368 also referred to as the Emissions Performance Standard, prohibits purchase arrangements for baseload energy for periods of longer than five years from resources that exceed the emissions of a relatively clean, combined cycle natural gas power plant. The purpose is to limit carbon emissions associated with electrical energy consumed in California. Coal-fired plants cannot meet this standard because these plants emit roughly twice as much carbon as combined cycle natural gas power plants. SB 1368 effectively prevents California's utilities from investing in, financially supporting, or purchasing power from new coal plants located in or out of the State.

California Green Building Standards Code (2019), California Code of Regulations Title 24

California's Green Building Code, referred to as CalGreen, was developed to reduce GHG emissions from buildings, promote environmentally responsible, cost-effective, healthier places to live and work, reduce energy and water consumption, and respond to the environmental directives of the administration. The most recent version of CalGreen (January 2019) lays out the minimum requirements for newly constructed residential and nonresidential buildings to reduce GHG

emissions through improved efficiency and process improvements. It also includes voluntary tiers to encourage building practices that improve public health, safety, and general welfare by promoting a more sustainable design.

Local Regulations

Burbank2035 General Plan

The Burbank2035 General Plan includes an Air Quality and Climate Change Element as well as an Open Space and Conservation Element, both of which address energy efficiency and overall energy reduction the City. The goals and policies of each element are intended to increase the City's overall energy efficiency and help achieve the City's goal of using 100 percent clean energy. The goals and policies applicable to energy resources are presented below:

Burbank2035 Land Use Element

#### **Goal 2: Sustainability**

Burbank is committed to building and maintaining a community that meets today's needs while providing a high quality of life for future generations. Development in Burbank Respects that environmental and conserves natural resources.

**Policy 2.3:** Require that new development pay its fair share for infrastructure improvements. Ensure that needed infrastructure and services are available prior to or at project completion.

Burbank2035 Air Quality and Climate Change Element

#### **Goal 3: Reduction of Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

Burbank seeks a sustainable, energy-efficient future and complies with statewide greenhouse gas reduction goals.

- **Policy 3.4:** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions from new development by promoting water conservation and recycling; promoting development that is compact, mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly, and transit-oriented; promoting energy-efficient building design and site planning; and improving the jobs/housing ratio.
- **Policy 3.6:** Reduce greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging the retrofit of older, energy inefficient buildings.
- **Policy 3.8:** Transition all economic sectors, new development, and existing infrastructure and development to low- or zero-carbon energy sources. Encourage implementation and provide incentives for low- or zero-carbon energy sources.
- **Policy 3.9:** Continue efforts to diversify Burbank Water and Power's energy portfolio beyond 2020.

Burbank2035 Open Space and Conservation Element

#### **Goal 9: Water Resources**

Burbank seeks to provide adequate sources of high-quality water for uses throughout the City.

- Policy 9.1: Meet the goal of a 20 percent reduction in municipal water use by 2020.
- **Policy 9.2:** Provide public information regarding the importance of water conservation and avoiding wasteful water habits.
- **Policy 9.3:** Offer incentives for water conservation and explore other water conservation programs.
- **Policy 9.4:** Pursue infrastructure improvements that would expand communitywide use of recycled water.
- **Policy 9.5:** Require on-site drainage improvements using native vegetation to capture and clean stormwater runoff.

#### **Goal 10: Energy Resources**

Burbank conserves energy, uses renewable energy sources, zero-carbon energy sources and promotes sustainable energy practices that reduce pollution and fossil fuel consumption.

- **Policy 10.1:** Incorporate energy conservation strategies in City projects.
- **Policy 10.2:** Promote energy-efficient design features to reduce fuel consumption for heating and cooling.
- **Policy 10.3:** Continue to acquire alternative fuel vehicles like hybrid, natural gas, electric, or hydrogen-powered vehicles when adding to the City's vehicle fleet.
- **Policy 10.4:** Encourage residents and businesses to reduce vehicle use or to purchase alternative fuel vehicles.
- Policy 10.5: Promote technologies that reduce use of non-renewable energy resources.
- **Policy 10.6:** Support private sources of sustainable, environmentally friendly energy supplies.
- **Policy 10.7:** Encourage the use of solar energy systems in homes and commercial businesses as a form of renewable energy.

#### Burbank Municipal Code (BMC)

Title 8, Chapter 2, *Utilities*, of the BMC establishes regulatory compliance for rules, regulations, fees, charges, and other additional requirements related to energy and energy use within the City.

# 4.12.3 Impact Analysis

## a. Thresholds of Significance

To determine whether a project would result in a significant impact related to Utilities and Service Systems, thresholds were developed based on Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines. The impact would be significant if the proposed Project would meet the criteria below.

- 1. Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or stormwater drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects
- 2. Not have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry, and multiple-dry years

- 3. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it does not have adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments
- 4. Generate solid waste in excess of state or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals
- 5. Not comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste

The Initial Study (Appendix B of the Original Draft EIR) determined that the project would result in no impacts related to compliance with solid waste statutes and regulations; therefore, this issue is not studied further herein. The Initial Study also determined that potential impacts to energy and natural gas would be less than significant under the State CEQA Guidelines Appendix G Environmental Checklist issue area for *Energy*; however, because the Initial Study also determined that impacts to energy and natural gas would be potentially significant under the issue area for *Utilities and Service Systems*, these topics are therefore addressed further herein for the purposes of this EIR.

# b. Methodology

Impacts related to utilities and service systems were evaluated by forecasting utility demands associated with the proposed Project and comparing such demands to current and planned service system capacity. Utility and service system demands of the proposed Project were quantified where possible, based upon readily available public information and industry standards, with all assumptions identified in the analysis below. Where insufficient data was available to quantify utility and service system demands, such demands are discussed qualitatively in order to inform the impact analysis.

## c. Project Impacts

**Threshold 1:** Would the project require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects?

Impact UTIL-1 Reasonably foreseeable development under the proposed Project would require utility service and connections for water supply, wastewater conveyance, and stormwater conveyance, as well as telecommunications, electricity, and natural gas. Existing utility systems for water, electric power, natural gas, and telecommunications facilities in Burbank have sufficient capacity to serve reasonably foreseeable development. However, new connections to existing or expanded wastewater service systems would be required, and such connections could result in potentially significant environmental effects. Nonetheless, impacts would be less than significant with mitigation.

Reasonably foreseeable development under the Housing Element Update would involve up to 10,456 new housing units by 2029. The Safety Element Update would not involve new development so would not affect utilities or service systems. Impacts associated with the Housing Element Update are discussed below. As mentioned under *Thresholds of Significance*, above, the topic of solid waste is not assessed herein because the Initial Study determined that potential impacts would be less than significant and therefore do not require further analysis.

## Water Supply

Construction activities associated with reasonably foreseeable development under the Housing Element Update would require recycled water for dust suppression, concrete manufacturing, and such activities as washing wheels and equipment. Temporary construction recycled water would be trucked to active construction sites or produced from existing fire hydrants near the applicable site(s), with City approval. Temporary construction water demands would not require new connections or conveyance facilities, as existing or mobile facilities would be used.

New water supply connections and associated facilities would be required for future developments, to convey potable water supply to future housing developments. Such upgrades would occur within existing utility easements and would be located underground, primarily within existing roadways. Housing development under the proposed Project would be located in previously developed areas that are either currently zoned for residential development or would be rezoned for residential development under the proposed Project. As shown in Figure 2-2 of Section 2, Project Description, the proposed Project area is previously disturbed and largely urbanized. Due to the built-up nature of this area, there are substantial existing utility rights-of-way previously established, largely within existing roadways, which are prevalent. New water service connections that may be required for development associated with the proposed Project would be conducted within previously disturbed areas and existing rights-of-way, and would be consistent with utility expansion in urbanized areas, such that minimal areas of new disturbance would occur. Although all parcels in Burbank have access to public utility infrastructure, in some cases the infrastructure is older and in need of replacement or insufficient to meet the needs of a particular project. Pursuant to General Plan Land Use Policy 2.3, new development is required to pay for their share of upgrading the utility infrastructure as needed to serve their project. This may include installing larger water mains, new water meters, and/or upgrades to existing facilities.

Developers are responsible for funding any infrastructure improvements that are required to mitigate project impacts and have not been previously identified as part of a capital improvement program covered by the development impact fees. Consistent with applicable State law, the City's development fees will ensure that the developers pay the cost attributable to the increased demand for the affected public facilities reasonably related to the development project in order to refurbish the existing facilities to maintain the existing level of service and achieve an adopted level of service that is consistent with the City's General Plan (California Government Code Section 66001(g)).

As individual housing projects are proposed and considered for approval by the City, project proponents would be required to demonstrate that any identified system deficiencies reasonably related to the development project are adequately addressed by the responsible project proponent and future upgrades are designed in accordance with the BMC and to the satisfaction of the City Engineer. In addition, the City requires applicants to coordinate with the Burbank Fire Department and City of Burbank Building and Safety Division to ensure that existing and planned fire hydrants provide sufficient fire flow pressure requirements. The City's issuance of building permits is contingent upon review, testing, and approval that sufficient fire flow pressure is provided for the applicable site. Due to the existing built-up nature of the City, it is reasonably anticipated that future improvements for water supply and fire flow requirements would not disturb previously undisturbed areas and would be situated within existing utility rights-of-way, such as but not limited to within public roadways.

Water supply for new housing developments would be provided by BWP, which purchases imported surface water supplies from the SWP and the Colorado Aqueduct via Metropolitan, as well as local

groundwater supplies which are pumped by the City in accordance with groundwater credits consistent with the local Adjudication Judgment for the underlying groundwater basin. The availability and reliability of water supply for the proposed Project is addressed below, under Impact UTIL-2. Potential impacts related to relocation or construction of water supply facilities would be less than significant.

#### Wastewater

Reasonably foreseeable development under the proposed Project would require new connections for wastewater conveyance. As described in Section 4.13.1(b) above, wastewater conveyance in Burbank is provided by approximately 230 miles of City-owned and operated underground pipelines and associated pump stations. The Burbank Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of the City's sewer mainlines, while individual property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the sewer laterals that connect buildings to mainlines. All structures producing sewage or liquid waste in the City of Burbank must be connected to the sewer system mainline by sewer lateral lines, which require issuance of an excavation permit and a sewer connection permit from the Public Works Permit Section (Burbank 2021). All sewer connections are subject to a Sewer Service Charge (SSC). For residential developments such as those that would occur under the proposed Project, the SSC is not based on water usage rates, but rather on the actual costs associated with providing sewer services (Burbank 2021). The majority of wastewater generated in the City is conveyed to the BWRP for treatment prior to discharge in accordance with an existing NPDES permit. Project impacts related to wastewater treatment capacity at BWRP are discussed further under Impact UTIL-3.

Reasonably foreseeable development under the Housing Element Update would occur in compliance with the requirements of BMC Chapter 8-1, Sewers, which establishes City standards related to wastewater discharge, peak flow, and sewer capacity. New connections to the City sewer system, including the construction of new laterals connecting to the sewer mainline, would be subject to permitting approval by the City of Burbank Public Works Permit Section (Burbank 2021). To the extent that sewer pipeline upgrades may be necessary as reasonably foreseeable development under the proposed Project occurs, such upgrades would occur either within existing utility easements to the maximum extent practicable or when determined necessary through project sewer capacity analysis, the construction of new facilities and/or upgrades to existing ones, and any required upgrades resulting from the Project that are necessary to mitigate potential significant impacts to the City's wastewater system. New wastewater conveyance connections are allowed and will be the responsibility of the private property owner to connect their private sewer lateral to the City sewer main provided that the appropriate permits are obtained, and sufficient capacity exists prior to construction. Although all parcels in Burbank have access to public utility infrastructure, in some cases the infrastructure is older and in need of replacement to meet the needs of a particular project. Pursuant to Burbank2035 General Plan Land Use Policy 2.3, new development is required to pay for their share of upgrading the utility infrastructure as needed to serve their project. Based on projectspecific conditions and General Plan policy related to ensuring sufficient wastewater infrastructure to support projects as envisioned through the Housing Element, a sewer capacity analysis would be required for individual projects to determine the applicable development fees and any physical improvements that would be needed to ensure the City's wastewater system can adequately address the needs of these future developments envisioned under the proposed Project and continue to meet the needs of surrounding land uses within the Project area and the community as a whole. Based on the results of the sewer capacity analysis, these improvements may include, but not be limited to installing new or larger sewer lines and/or upgrading existing facilities.

Developers are responsible for funding any infrastructure improvements that are required to mitigate project impacts as part of a capital improvement program covered by the development fees. Consistent with applicable State law, the City's development fees would ensure that the developers pay the cost attributable to the increased demand for the affected public facilities reasonably related to the development project, such that existing facilities can maintain the necessary capacity to serve existing and future demand and achieve an adopted level of service that is consistent with the City's General Plan (California Government Code Section 66001(g)). However, where sanitary sewer capital upgrades are needed because of new development, the developer would be responsible for payment of applicable sewer infrastructure fees and any physical improvements to the wastewater system that are necessary to serve the project as determined by the Director of Public Works prior to the proposed project's construction.

Development under the proposed Project would be in previously developed areas that are either currently zoned for residential development or would be rezoned for residential development under the proposed Project. Due to the built-up nature of this area, there are substantial existing utility rights-of-way previously established, largely within existing roadways, which are prevalent. New wastewater service connections that may be required as a direct result of new development associated with the proposed Project would be conducted within previously disturbed areas, existing rights-of-way, and, in some cases, a new easement would be created. Nonetheless, these connections would be subject to City approval prior to the issuance of building permits.

While individual projects conducted under the Housing Element Update would require new wastewater conveyance connections, such connections would be designed and permitted on a project-specific basis. In addition, future project proponents have a legal obligation for all future wastewater upgrades to be designed in accordance with the BMC and to the satisfaction of the Director of Public Works or their designee. However, as noted above, where sanitary sewer capital upgrades are needed it is possible that a new development may require new or expanded facilities to serve the project prior to the proposed project's construction (at cost to the developer). Therefore, impacts to new or expanded wastewater conveyance associated with build-out of future housing development projects associated with the Housing Element would be potentially significant.

#### Stormwater

Reasonably foreseeable residential development under the Housing Element Update would not result in a substantial increase in impervious surfaces since it would be focused in urban infill areas already largely covered with impervious surfaces. Compliance with Sections 9-3-413 and 9-3-414 of the BMC would ensure that future development projects resulting from the Housing and Safety Element Update would be implemented with appropriately sized and sited stormwater conveyance facilities. In the long-term, redevelopment of properties in the City is anticipated to improve the quality of stormwater runoff by replacing older development with new development that incorporates Low Impact Development (LID) methods. LID methods include features such as stormwater detention basins and vegetated swales that slow the velocity of surface runoff and filter some water quality constituents before the runoff percolates to the underlying groundwater system or is conveyed through the City's, or Los Angeles County Flood Control District's (LACFCD), stormwater infrastructure. In accordance with the BMC, post-construction stormwater runoff from new projects must be captured and used to the maximum extent practicable, including through the implementation of on-site BMPs for stormwater management. Therefore, while individual housing developments would include site-specific stormwater drainage and conveyance facilities, such facilities would be designed and built in accordance with the BMC and BMPs for stormwater

management. Potential impacts related to relocation or construction of new wastewater conveyance facilities would be less than significant.

# Telecommunications, Electricity, and Natural Gas

Telecommunications services are provided by private companies, at the discretion of the customer. Electricity in Burbank is provided by BWP, and natural gas is provided by the Southern California Gas Company (SCG). Each of these utility areas are addressed below, with respect to the potential of the proposed Project to result in impacts.

#### **Telecommunications**

The City is highly urbanized with existing above- and below-ground telecommunications infrastructure. Telecommunications services are provided by ONE Burbank, AT&T, EarthLink, Spectrum or other providers, at the discretion of current and future residents. Reasonably foreseeable development under the proposed Project would increase demand for existing telecommunications in the City. Individual telecommunication providers implement planned improvements throughout their service areas on an as-needed basis, which are typically limited to small-scale upgrades and new facilities in existing developed areas. Construction of additional telecommunications facilities or upgrades to existing facilities to meet demands from the proposed Project would be undertaken by private telecommunication service providers in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local regulations. Telecommunications are generally available in the City and substantial upgrades to existing telecommunications facilities would not likely be necessary. Necessary facility upgrades to accommodate new service connections would be undertaken by individual telecommunication providers. No restrictions on the ability to provide adequate telecommunication service are present or anticipated to occur as a result of the proposed Project. In addition, due to the built-up nature of the City and the nature of telecommunication upgrades being small-scale and sited within the development footprint of new projects, potential impacts associated with new or expanded facilities would be less than significant.

#### Electricity

Electricity in Burbank is provided by BWP, which maintains a fully functional system of above-ground and underground electrical facilities, primarily found along roadways throughout the City of Burbank. In addition to electrical power conveyance lines, there are numerous electrical substations throughout the City, from which these conveyance lines flow. Future housing developments that would occur under the proposed Project would require electric power, natural gas, and telecommunications facilities. The services would be provided by BWP, through new future connections that would be implemented on a project-specific basis, and subject to the review and approval of BWP.

Numerous plans by BWP have shifted the generation of electric power to renewable sources of energy. The most recent plan, BWP's 2019 Final Power Integrated Resource Plan (IRP), identifies a planning tool that is central to the continued reliability of the BWP power system while meeting all regulatory requirements through 2038 (BWP 2019). The 2019 IRP provides analysis of the State of California's increased RPS, set by SB 100, of 60 percent renewable energy sources by 2030. Achievement of the RPS includes expansion of local solar power generation, energy storage, and transportation electrification efforts over a 20-year horizon. In order to ultimately achieve a 100 percent zero-carbon resource portfolio as set by SB 100 by 2045, BWP is taking actions to reduce non-renewable energy sources, including the 2025 retirement of BWP's share of the Intermountain

Power Project (IPP) coalfired generating plant in Utah. BWP is looking at several alternative energy options including implementing solar, wind, and batteries to help replace energy that has traditionally been sourced from the Utah IPP coal resource. BWP will procure resources that meet or exceed state clean energy standards, while maintaining reliability of the grid is a cost-effective manner.

To help achieve the City's renewable energy source goals, BWP may integrate the following issues into future resource planning analysis:

- Rate Design: Design time-varying rates that encourage customers to shift their consumption away from higher cost periods to lower cost periods
- Demand Response (DR). Consider cost-effective BWP customer DR programs
- Beneficial Electrification. Enhance and extend BWP efforts to encourage growth in beneficial electrification that reduces GHG emissions, including electric vehicles.
- Disadvantaged Communities. Develop and implement a program to target disadvantaged communities with selected BWP energy efficiency, demand response, and beneficial electrification programs.
- **IPP Coal Replacement.** Work with LADWP and other IPP participants to determine resources that will replace the IPP coal plant when it is retired in 2025.
- Transmission Delivery for Renewables. Identify options and costs for transmission delivery of large quantities of renewable energy resulting from SB 100.
- **Solar Over-Generation.** Work to mitigate the impact of solar generation (including morning and afternoon ramping, overgeneration, and instantaneous intermittency) such that reliability and affordability are maintained.
- Resource Positioning. Position BWP's resources to balance supply and demand on the grid ad increased renewable energy sources come online, thereby minimizing costs and maximizing energy reliability for Burbank. In this connection, evaluate further improvement in the operational flexibility of the Magnolia Power Project.

The City's movement towards the contracting of new renewable energy sources, through Power Purchase Agreement, as discussed above, will further bolster the City's ability to meet energy demands associated with future population growth. In addition, BWP is taking action to diversify energy generation sources, improve energy storage capabilities, and secure future energy reliability. These efforts are implemented to address the challenges of the power grid's baseload reliability, which can fluctuate with the introduction of many renewable energy sources to the grid. This fluctuation is directly tied to the fluctuating nature of energy captured; for example, solar energy is only accumulated during optimum sunlight hours, while energy is consumed 24 hours per day. Therefore, diversification of energy sources is critical to providing reliably energy supply, when incorporating substantial new sources of renewable energy to a power grid. BWP's efforts toward energy source diversification are consistent with the California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO) 2019-2020 Transmission Plan, which provides a comprehensive evaluation of the California energy transmission grid to identify upgrades needed to successfully meet California's policy goals (CAISO 2019).

New connections for electrical power would be implemented on a project-by-project basis. As shown in Figure 2-2 of Section 2, *Project Description*, the proposed Project area is previously disturbed and largely urbanized. Due to the built-up nature of this area, there are substantial existing utility rights-of-way previously established, largely within existing roadways, which are

prevalent. New electricity service connections that may be required for development associated with the proposed Project would be conducted within previously disturbed areas and existing rights-of-way, and would be consistent with utility expansion in urbanized areas. Although all parcels in Burbank have access to public utility infrastructure, in some cases the infrastructure is older and in need of replacement or insufficient to meet the needs of a particular project. Pursuant to General Plan Land Use Policy 2.3, new development is required to pay for their share of upgrading the utility infrastructure as needed to serve their project. This may include new electrical transformers, new transmission lines and/or new substations.

Developers are responsible for funding any infrastructure improvements that are required to mitigate project impacts and have not been previously identified as part of a capital improvement program covered by the development impact fees. Consistent with applicable State law, the City's development fees will ensure that the developers pay the cost attributable to the increased demand for the affected public facilities reasonably related to the development project in order to refurbish the existing facilities to maintain the existing level of service and achieve an adopted level of service that is consistent with the City's General Plan (California Government Code Section 66001(g)).

Therefore, potential impacts would be less than significant.

#### Natural Gas

Natural gas infrastructure is located throughout Burbank, typically underground and beneath existing paved roadways. Reasonably foreseeable development under the Housing Element Update would increase the demand for natural gas and associated connections. Natural gas is provided by the SCG, which projects total gas demand to decline at an annual rate of approximately one percent per year from 2020 through 2035. The decline is due to modest economic growth, and CPUC mandates for energy efficiency (EE) standards and programs. Other factors that contribute to the downward trend are tighter standards created by revised Title 24 Codes and Standards, renewable electricity goals, a decline in core commercial and industrial demand, and conservation savings linked to Advanced Metering Infrastructure. Pursuant to the 2020 *California Gas Report*, SCG will meet its projected demand for natural gas resources through at least year 2026, as determined by modeled forecasts (SCG 2020).

Although development associated with the proposed Project would increase the number of natural gas connections in Burbank, all new development would be designed for consistency with the CPUC mandates for implementing EE standards and practices. In addition, as development of additional renewable energy sources for the City continues to expand as discussed above, it is reasonably inferred that demand for natural gas will decrease due to the increased diversity of the City's energy supply portfolio. Therefore, although natural gas connections would likely increase under the proposed Project, the per capita demand for natural gas in the City is expected to continue decreasing, through compliance with CPUC mandates for EE standards and practices, and through the greater diversification of energy supplies to include a suite of renewable energy sources in addition to natural gas. New connections for natural gas would be implemented on a project-by-project basis and would be implemented within previously disturbed areas and existing rights-of-way. Potential impacts to natural gas would be less than significant.

## Mitigation Measure

The following mitigation measure has been incorporated to identify any sewer service constraints and determine if there are any sewer capacity issues and necessary mitigations relative to each opportunity site identified in the Project.

# UTIL-1 Sewer Service Constraints Analysis

The City will conduct an analysis to identify any sewer service constraints to determine if there are any sewer capacity issues and any constraints in the City's wastewater system including assessment of system capacity relative to the locations of opportunity sites identified in the Housing Element Update. The analysis will identify upgrades necessary to mitigate the constraints in the system to ensure that individual housing development projects implemented under the Housing Element can be completed and that sufficient capacity and conveyance in the wastewater system exists. However, if a proposed development has a construction schedule that the City cannot accommodate, the developer may be responsible for performing the necessary sewer infrastructure upgrades per Burbank Municipal Code (BMC) 8-1-304.

Based on the constraints identified in the analysis, the City's Public Works Department will prepare a nexus fee study to develop a fair share requirement in the form of a wastewater connection or similar project impact fee, which helps to pay for implementation of upgrades necessary to accommodate future development, including development of the opportunity sites where deficiencies in the system are identified to exist. Through the fee study, subsequent cost recovery fees applied to individual housing development projects will be based on a rough proportionality related to demands on the system reasonably attributed to the development project.

In the event it is determined that necessary upgrades to serve a project cannot be completed by the City prior to project completion, the City may require the developer to perform the necessary sewer infrastructure upgrades (Per BMC 8-1-304) at cost to the developer, or may choose to enter into a reimbursement agreement so that a developer may fund and construct the improvements within the necessary timeframe with subsequent partial reimbursement. If the City and Developer mutually agree to enter into reimbursement agreement (approved as to form by the City Attorney and approved by the City Council), it would be administered by the City's Public Works Director on behalf of the City.

## Significance After Mitigation

Mitigation Measure UTIL-1 would require a sewer service constraints analysis that would be developed by the Public Works Department. The subsequent analysis would provide the necessary information to allow the Public Works Department to initiate work on preparing a fee study to identify a wastewater connection fee that facilitates the recovery of City's costs of future upgrades necessary to address identified constraints that are attributed to the type of development being proposed and proportional to the individual project's impact to the City's wastewater system. The development of a sewer service constraints analysis as designed and developed the Public Works Department (the plan for addressing existing and future demands), and the resulting wastewater connection fee, would be further bolstered by the City's establishment of a process to allow reimbursement agreements (approved as to form by the City Attorney and approved by the City Council), between the City and the developer for projects that must construct improvements to serve the project ahead of the City's implementation. The noted plan, cost recovery fee, and reimbursement agreement process collectively result in Mitigation Measure UTIL-1 would reduce the noted potential significant impacts to the City's wastewater conveyance system to less than significant.

**Threshold 2:** Would the project have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry, and multiple dry years?

Impact UTIL-2 Reasonably foreseeable development under the proposed Project would require a temporary recycled water supply during construction and a long-term water supply during operation and maintenance. Water supply would be provided by the City of Burbank, which purchases imported surface water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California and receives groundwater credits to supplement its purchased water supply with locally produced groundwater. Growth under the proposed Project is accounted for in the City of Burbank Urban Water Management Plan, as informed by the General Plan, and sufficient water supplies are available to serve reasonably foreseeable development. Potential impacts would be less than significant.

As discussed in Section 4.14.1, *Setting*, water supply in Burbank is provided by BWP, which purchases imported surface water supplies from Metropolitan. The City overlies the San Fernando Valley Groundwater Basin but does not have overlying landowner rights to produce groundwater because the basin is adjudicated and managed in accordance with Upper Los Angeles River Adjudication Judgment, administered by the Upper Los Angeles River Area Watermaster as the Watermaster. Although the City is not party to the Adjudication Judgment, it receives groundwater credits based upon the amount of water BWP imports to Burbank that eventually infiltrates through the ground surface to recharge the underlying groundwater basin (BWP 2021b). Accordingly, Burbank receives groundwater credits equivalent to 20 percent of the total water distributed in the City, including as recycled water (BWP 2021b). These groundwater credits allow BWP to produce groundwater from four City-owned wells, which the City treats to meet State and Federal drinking water standards.

Reasonably foreseeable development under the Housing Element Update would involve up to 10,456 new residential units, which may occur anywhere in the City where residential uses are currently permitted, as well as in areas that may be rezoned in the future to allow for multi-family residential and mixed use of adequate density. As discussed in Section 2.2, *Land Use*, of the City's current (2020) UWMP, the City expects that new residential development will be predominantly multi-family (BWP 2021a), which is consistent with the Housing Element Update, as assessed herein. The City's 2020 UWMP also reports that 2020 potable water demand was 138 gallons per capita per day (gpcd), indicating a slight bounce-back after drought restrictions, but not returning to predrought levels. In addition, the City's 2020 UWMP reports that water usage in the City is projected to increase to 150 gpcd in 2025, then gradually increase by 2045 to 170 gpcd. Burbank intends to maintain such trends in a sustainable manner through the continued implementation of drought-period conservation efforts as well as long-term plans and programs.

As discussed in Section 4.9, *Population and Housing*, the City of Burbank's average household size is 2.45 individuals. Accordingly, the proposed Project's increase of 10,456 residential units could generate a population increase of approximately 25,617 individuals. Assuming a per capita water demand of 170 gpcd in 2045, as discussed above, the additional population of 25,617 individuals (based on 10,456 new housing units) would increase potable water demand by 4,354,890 gallons per day, which equates to approximately 4,878 AFY. This represents approximately 22 percent of the City's available water supply in 2045 under normal water year (non-drought) conditions, as shown in . The water supply availability information provided in was sourced from the City's 2020 UWMP, which is informed by growth projections provided in the Housing Element, which has been updated with the current Housing Element Update, assessed herein.

Therefore, as discussed above, the increased housing that would occur under the proposed Project would increase citywide water demand by up to 4,878 AFY, or approximately 22 percent of the City's available water supply in 2045. In addition, although population growth has continued to increase, citywide water demand throughout Burbank has declined compared to the early 1970s due to efficient water use after major droughts in the 1970s, 1990s, and especially in response to the previous significant water shortage and closure of major industries (BWP 2021a). The Burbank2035 General Plan includes policies and programs in the Land Use Element as well as the Open Space and Conservation Element to address water resources and prepare Burbank for the possible consequences of climate change on water supply availability. Such policies include using native or drought-tolerant plants in landscaping, using recycled water in irrigation, and promoting all possible water conservation efforts (Burbank 2013). Conservation efforts would continue to be implemented and expanded as development associated with the proposed Project is constructed, and it is reasonably anticipated that conservation efforts will continue to be effective at reducing water demands.

As mentioned above, the City of Burbank's primary water supply is comprised of imported SWP and Colorado River water purchased by BWP from Metropolitan. The City also receives credits to use locally produced groundwater for 20 percent of all water supply distributed in the City because imported water supplies from outside the City ultimately recharge local groundwater through infiltration from landscaping, as well as through infiltration of recycled water produced at the BWRP. These groundwater credits diversify the City's water supply portfolio and further bolster water supply reliability within the City. In addition, because the amount of groundwater credits received by the City is a factor of the total amount of water imported to the City, as water demands increase and the corresponding amount of water imported to the City increases, the amount of groundwater credits received by the City will also increase. Table 4.12-1 summarizes BWP's current and projected water supplies, as provided in the City's 2020 UWMP, and delineates both supplies purchased from Metropolitan as well as supplies available through groundwater credits (indicated as "Supplier-Produced Groundwater" and recycled water.

Table 4.12-1 Burbank Water Supplies - Current and Projected

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Water Supplies (acre-feet)	2020	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Potable						
Metropolitan Treated Potable	6,165	7,407	9,722	10,714	11,012	11,310
Supplier-Produced Groundwater	9,997	10,655	10,658	10,672	10,700	10,700
Potable Total	16,162	18,062	20,380	21,386	21,712	22,010
Non-Potable						
Metropolitan Replenishment	152	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800
Recycled Water <sup>1</sup>	3,149	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540	3,540
Non-Potable Total	3,301	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Recycled water is produced at the BWRP by treating wastewater conveyed from throughout the City.

Note: Recycled water includes proposed deliveries to Los Angeles in exchange for groundwater credits. The amounts estimated for untreated replenishment depend on these Los Angeles exchange amounts. If less recycled water is exchanged for groundwater credits, the difference must be made up by increased replenishment purchases.

Source: BWP 2021a

As shown in Table 4.12-1, the City's potable water demands are anticipated to increase between years 2020 and 2045. Burbank primarily sources its supply from Metropolitan, such that the City's primary water supply is imported surface water purchased in amounts matching demand. BWP reports that citywide water demands have decreased compared to the 1970s even as population has increased. In addition, as shown in Table 4.12-1, the City's non-potable water supplies are anticipated to increase between the years 2020 and 2045 due to the continued expansion of recycled water uses and programs throughout the City, specifically at the BWRP. As discussed above, the increased housing that would occur under the proposed Project would increase citywide water demand by up to 4,878 AFY, or approximately 22 percent of the City's available water supply in 2045, which will continue to be sources primarily from Metropolitan.

Metropolitan's projected supply allocations for Burbank are shown in Table 4.12-2, for comparison with the City of Burbank demand projections as shown in Table 4.12-1. Metropolitan estimates future water demands for Burbank and the entire region using its Econometric Demand Model, developed by the Brattle Group. BWP utilizes Metropolitan's projections to provide the basis for dry-year (drought) water supply reliability planning.

Table 4.12-2 Metropolitan Wholesale Supply Allocation for Burbank

Source	2020 (actual)	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Treated Potable	6,165	7,407	9,722	10,714	11,012	11,310
Untreated Groundwater Replenishment	152	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800

Notes: Units in acre-feet (AF)

MWD Replenishment supply was especially low in 2020 due to previous recharge of large quantities of surplus water through MWD's cyclic storage program. Over the long term, Burbank projects the need to recharge approximately 6,800 AFY to balance groundwater inventory.

Source: BWP 2021a

Table 4.12-1 indicates that Metropolitan's treated potable water supply allocation for the City of Burbank in 2020 was 6,165 AF. In comparison, Table 4.12-2 indicates that the City of Burbank purchased 6,165 acre-feet of treated potable water from Metropolitan in 2020. As such, the City's demand for treated potable water in 2020 was equal to the demand projected by Metropolitan. The City's demand and Metropolitan's demand projections remain equal over time under all climatic conditions considered, and in the year 2045, the City's demand for potable treated water is projected to be 11,310 AF, which is also the same as Metropolitan's projection. Metropolitan further details supply and demand projections under normal water year conditions, singly dry year (drought) conditions, and multiple dry year (extended drought) conditions, as shown in Table 4.12-3 through Table 4.12-5 below.

Table 4.12-3 BWP Normal Year Supply and Demand

Sources	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Potable					
Normal Year Supply	18,062	20,380	21,386	21,712	22,010
Normal Year Demand	18,062	20,380	21,386	21,712	22,010
Non-Potable					
Normal Year Supply	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
Normal Year Demand	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
Units in acre-feet (AF)					

Units in acre-feet (AF) Source: BWP 2021

Table 4.12-4 BWP Single Dry Year Supply and Demand

Sources	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Potable					
Single Dry Year Supply	17,989	20,298	21,300	21,625	21,922
Single Dry Year Demand	17,989	20,298	21,300	21,625	21,922
Non-Potable					
Single Dry Year Supply	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
Single Dry Year Demand	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
Units in acre-feet (AF)					
Source: BWP 2021					

Table 4.12-5 LVMWD Multiple Dry Year Supply and Demand

Sources	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
First Year- Potable					
First Dry Year Supply	18,214	20,730	21,693	22,111	22,406
First Dry Year Demand	18,214	20,730	21,693	22,111	22,406
First Year- Non-Potable					
First Dry Year Supply	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
First Dry Year Demand	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
Second Year- Potable					
Second Dry Year Supply	18,600	20,935	21,693	22,172	22,406
Second Dry Year Demand	18,600	20,935	21,693	22,172	22,406
Second Year- Non-Potable					
Second Dry Year Supply	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
Second Dry Year Demand	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
Third Year- Potable					
Third Dry Year Supply	18,986	21,139	21,693	22,232	22,406
Third Dry Year Demand	18,986	21,139	21,693	22,232	22,406
Third Year- Non-Potable					
Third Dry Year Supply	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
Third Dry Year Demand	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
Fourth Year- Potable					
Fourth Dry Year Supply	19,373	21,344	21,891	22,293	22,406
Fourth Dry Year Demand	19,373	21,344	21,891	22,293	22,406
Fourth Year- Non-Potable					
Fourth Dry Year Supply	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
Fourth Dry Year Demand	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
Fifth Year- Non-Potable					
Fifth Dry Year Supply	19,759	21,549	21,958	22,354	22,406
Fifth Dry Year Demand	19,759	21,549	21,958	22,354	22,406

Sources	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045
Fifth Year- Non-Potable					
Fifth Dry Year Supply	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340
Fifth Dry Year Demand	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340	10,340

Units in acre-feet (AF) Source: BWP 2021

As shown above, Metropolitan projects that water supply will be equal to water demand under all climatic conditions considered, such that water supply reliability is 100 percent through the year 2045 (BWP 2021a). This is partly due to the effectiveness of conservation programs implemented throughout the planning period. The projections shown above for imported surface water supply availability from Metropolitan indicate that sufficient supplies are available to the City to meet projected demands. These projections are based upon the City's 2020 UWMP which reflects population growth associated with the Housing Element Update, as well as additional supplies associated with expansion of the City's current water supply portfolio through increased conservation and conjunctive use management efforts. Since BWP water demands are accounted for in the supply availability projections identified above, and with consideration to BWP's access to local groundwater supplies and recycled water supplies, both of which are expected to increase over time, it is reasonably anticipated that sufficient water supply is available for the proposed Project demands.

As noted in the City's UWMP, future development projects that meet the definition of "project" in the California Water Code as amended by Senate Bill 610 are required to develop a project-specific WSA. A WSA is required for several types of development projects, and specifically for residential developments of 500 or more units, or projects that would introduce a water demand equivalent to or greater than that of a 500-unit residential development. In accordance with California Water Code, a WSA is required to evaluate the availability and reliability of water supply over a 20-year projection and with consideration to varying climatic (drought) conditions, similar to the types of projections provided in the UWMP as shown in . Project-specific WSAs are subject to the review and approval of BWP, as the water supplier throughout Burbank, and WSAs will be considered in BWP supply planning documents, including future iterations of the UWMP. As discussed above, based upon the City's 2020 UWMP and supply availability projections, as well as projected demands associated with the proposed Project, it is reasonably anticipated that sufficient water supply is available to meet future water demands in the City.

In addition to the anticipated sufficiency and reliability of existing and planned water supplies in Burbank, BWP and Metropolitan are actively developing and implementing water supply-related projects that further bolster the reliability of future water supplies. These projects include but are not limited to: an increase of up to 200 AFY of expanded water recycling activities at BWRP; development of North Hollywood Operable Unit wells for expanded potable reuse supplies at the Burbank Operable Unit; and a feasibility study to assess opportunities for indirect potable reuse / direct potable reuse, thereby further bolstering available future supplies (BWP 2021a). Through these efforts, BWP anticipates that recycled water will play an integral role in future water supplies.

In summary, regulatory orders and management agencies ensure the sustainability and reliability of water supplies currently used in the City of Burbank. In addition, BWP and Metropolitan have identified potential future supply sources to augment water supplies and further insulate the region from hydrological uncertainty. Therefore, sufficient water supplies are available to serve reasonably

foreseeable development under the proposed Project, including reasonably foreseeable future development during normal (water year), dry-year, and multiple-dry-year (drought) conditions. Potential impacts would be less than significant.

# Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are required.

**Threshold 3:** Would the project result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?

Impact UTIL-3 Wastewater generated in the City of Burbank is conveyed to and treated at the Burbank Water Reclamation Plant. Reasonably foreseeable development under the proposed project would increase wastewater generation commensurate with the increased population. Significant treatment capacity is currently available at the BWRP to treat increased wastewater generated as a result of the project. However, based on the sewer generation rates that were calculated for the proposed Project, along with constraints within the City's treatment system, potentially significant impacts could result on a project-specific basis. Short- and long-term mitigation measures are required to reduce the potential impacts and ensure upgrades to the system. Nonetheless, impacts would remain significant and unavoidable until the plans and upgrades are implemented.

As discussed in Section 4.13.1(b), all wastewater generated in the City of Burbank is conveyed via sewer laterals to the sewer mainline, which conveys wastewater to the BWRP for treatment and reuse as applicable. The BWRP has a design capacity of 12.5 mgd and currently treats approximately 8.5 mgd (BWP 2021a). The BWRP produces a disinfected tertiary effluent that is discharged to either the Burbank Western Channel or the City's recycled water distribution system for non-potable use, which is conducted in compliance with an existing NPDES permit issued by the Los Angeles RWQCB. The City has substantially expanded its recycled water program through petitions filed with and approved by the SWRCB, to change the place of use and purpose of use for treated wastewater from the BWRP to the Burbank Western Channel, which flows to the Los Angeles River (SWRCB 2018). As such, average daily flow rates to BWRP have decreased in recent years due to the successful implementation of water conservation measures that have resulted in less wastewater generated per capita. Water usage is projected to increase to 150 gpcd for 2025, and then gradually increase by 2045 to 170 gpcd (BWP 2021a). Wastewater generation would be reduced by water reuse efforts and programs which are currently being expanded by BWP, such as reusing graywater for landscaping and other non-potable purposes.

The proposed Housing Element Update would increase wastewater generation and the amount of wastewater conveyed to the BWRP for treatment.

The estimated wastewater generated by the Project was calculated using the City's Department of Public Works sewage generation rates, including a 2.5 peaking factor, to determine if the existing sewer system has the adequate capacity to convey sewage from the existing properties and the proposed developments. As discussed in Section 2, *Project Description*, the estimated growth for the purpose of the EIR analysis is 10,456 housing units to account for the 2029 interpolated housing

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> City of Burbank Public Works Department sewage generation rates available at: https://www.burbankca.gov/documents/174714/1196790/Sewage+Generation+Rates.pdf/5a6181e4-4f22-906e-bc32-9c29b18cb417?t=1618365964641.

growth assumed under the two Specific Plans along with the City's RHNA allocation. Furthermore, the City projects approximately 1.4 million square feet of new commercial space (with an allowance of up 10 percent of that to be restaurant space) as part of the Housing Element Update. Based on the City's wastewater generation rates (and including a peaking factor of 2.5), the Project would generate an estimated 6.3 million gallons per day (mgd) (Burbank, N.d).<sup>2</sup> As previously stated, the BWRP's current available treatment capacity is 4 mgd, which would not be sufficient to accommodate the estimate of 6.3 mgd of wastewater generated by a full buildout of the proposed Housing Element Update.

The City of Burbank Public Works Department is responsible for maintaining, replacing, and upgrading the City's sewer collection and treatment system. The Public Works Department conducts repairs and upgrades as necessary to accommodate the wastewater conveyance and treatment demands throughout the City. As specific development projects are proposed and evaluated, General Plan Land Use Element Policy 2.3 would require developers to pay their fair share for infrastructure improvements as needed to serve their project, and ensure that needed infrastructure and services are available prior to or at project completion, this may include the requirement that the developer pays for and performs the necessary sewer infrastructure upgrades, per BMC 8-1-304. In addition, the projected wastewater generation rates identified herein do not account for the effectiveness of ongoing and future conservation programs at reducing water use rates and associated wastewater generation rates. Wastewater generation rates will likely be less than projected herein as water use efficiencies reduce water use rates and corresponding wastewater generation rates. However, as discussed in Impact UTIL-1, based on the City's most recent analysis of the sewer system, constraints within the system could result from subsequent build out of housing development projects under the Project depending on location, timing, and size/scale of the project, and it cannot be assumed that necessary upgrades can always be completed prior to project completion based on the constraints. As a result, measures under Mitigation Measure UTIL-1 provide for an updated sewer service constraints analysis that identifies any such constraints and necessary mitigations relative to each opportunity site identified in the Project. The measure also requires an assessment of the need to prepare a cost of service and rate study to determine the updated sewer service charges and sewer facilities charges for the recovery of development fees for implementation of the upgrades necessary to address the identified constraints. This may also result in the creation of a process for reimbursement agreement (approved as to form by the City Attorney and approved by the City Council) for projects that must construct improvements to serve the project ahead of the City's implementation. To reiterate, the developer may also be required to pay for and build improvements to the wastewater system as of result of their project impacts.

Although significant treatment capacity is currently available at the BWRP to treat wastewater generated because of the Project, the BWRP's capacity is 4 mgd, which would not be sufficient to accommodate a conservative estimate of 6.3 mgd of wastewater generated by a full buildout of the Housing Element Update. Therefore, the Housing Element Update would result in potentially significant impacts to wastewater treatment capacity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Per the City's wastewater generation rates, multi-family apartment units generate 183 gallons per day (gpd) per unit, single-family residences generate 215 gpd per unit, restaurants generate 2,272.65 gpd per 1,000 sf, and commercial/retail uses generate 85.39 gpd per 1,000 sf. It is assumed that 10% of the mixed-use area is allocated to restaurants and 90% is allocated to retail. Therefore, based on these rates and a 2.5 peak factor, the Project will generate 6,275,625.16 gpd:

<sup>2.5 \* [(5,385</sup> multi-family units \* 183 gpd/unit) + (5,071 single-family units \* 215 gpd/unit) + (1,285,947 sf of commercial/retail use \* 0.08539 gpd/sf) + (142,883 sf of restaurant use \* 2.27265 gpd/sf)]

<sup>2.5 \* [985,455</sup> gpd + 1,090,265 gpd + 109,807.01 gpd + 324,723.05 gpd]

<sup>2.5 \* 2,510,250.06</sup> gpd = 6,275,625 gpd

# Mitigation Measures

Mitigation Measures UTIL-1 and UTIL-3a through UTIL-3d would address potential impacts related to the City's wastewater conveyance system but would not reduce potential impacts to a level of less than significant due to the exceedance of the available wastewater treatment capacity at BWRP associated with full buildout of the Housing Element Update. Mitigation Measures UTIL-3a and 3b would reduce short-term impacts, and Mitigation Measures UTIL-3c and 3d require the preparation of plans, and the implementation of infrastructure capacity and conveyance expansion and upgrades as needed by the infrastructure plans for long-term solutions.

## UTIL-3a Sewer System Upgrades by Developers

A Sewer Capacity Analysis shall be required for individual housing projects of five (5) or more multifamily units, so the City may identify sewer infrastructure upgrades that can be implemented by developers when a nexus and rough proportionality is established between proposed project(s) impact to City sewer infrastructure. The SCA must be completed as part of the City's development review process or prior to the submittal of plan check documents, whichever occurs first.

## UTIL-3b Sewage Diversion

Per the City's Public Works Department there are several locations throughout the City of Burbank where sewage can potentially be diverted away from the BWRP and conveyed to the City of Los Angeles' Hyperion wastewater treatment system. As a short-term measure, diversion of sewage may be used to alleviate capacity concerns for certain sewage conveyance pipelines (but not all pipelines) as well as temporarily lowering the influent flows to the BWRP. Diverting flows to the Los Angeles system would result in an increase in one-time Sewer Facility Charges (SFCs) and other recurring annual charges (capital improvement and operation & maintenance fees) that shall be paid to the City of Los Angeles by the developer.

#### UTIL-3c Sewer Master Plan

The City shall prepare a new Sewer Master Plan in 2023 to evaluate the City's sewer conveyance and treatment system over the next twenty years, which is inclusive of the proposed Housing Element update planning and implementation period, as well as developing the appropriate sewer facility impact fees to ensure that developers pay their fair share of the cost to expand and upgrade the capacity of the BWRP treatment facilities.

## UTIL-3d Expansion and Upgrades to BWRP Treatment Facilities

The City shall expand and upgrade the BWRP treatment facilities as needed consistent with the City's Sewer Master Plan including but not limited to, the acquisition of land adjacent to the BWRP facilities, the addition of new primary clarifiers, increased capacity in the equalization basins, and upgrades to other parts of the sewage treatment process.

## Significance After Mitigation

A residual impact associated with implementation of Mitigation Measure UTIL-3b that may occur due to the diversion of flows to the Los Angeles system would be a temporary reduction of recycled water that could be produced in the future at the BWRP. As discussed in this section under Water Supply, the BWRP produces up to 10,000 AFY of recycled water, which is used for power production, landscape irrigation, and evaporative cooling. This is an alternative water supply initiative intended

to supplement the imported surface water supplies purchased from Metropolitan, which the City receives credits based upon the total amount of water imported to the City. In addition, the water supply analysis found that sufficient water supplies are available to serve reasonably foreseeable development under the proposed Project and other projects in the cumulative scenario for water supply during normal year, dry year, and multiple dry-year conditions. Therefore, the temporary reduction of recycled water at the BWRP would not result in a significant impact to the City's water supplies.

Regarding wastewater impacts, Public Works is currently working on a both Cost of Service/Rate Study and Needs Assessment for the BWRP. However, the Sewer Master Plan will take approximately one to two years to be completed, and the final recommendations will not be available at the time the Housing Element is scheduled to be approved. Therefore, no feasible mitigation measure is identified at the plan level to reduce impacts to wastewater treatment capacity associated with the Project and impacts would remain significant and unavoidable.

**Threshold 4:** Would the project generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals?

Impact UTIL-4 Solid waste conveyance and disposal services in Burbank are provided by the Street and Solid Waste Division of Public Works which transports solid waste to the City-owned and operated Burbank Landfill. Sufficient capacity is available at the Burbank Landfill to accommodate solid waste disposal volumes associated with reasonably foreseeable development under the proposed Project. Impacts would be less than significant.

As described in Section 4.13.1, *Setting*, the Street and Solid Waste Division of Public Works is responsible for the collection of solid waste, green waste, recyclables, and bulky items. The City owns and operates the Burbank Landfill, located in the Verdugo Hills at the eastern edge of Burbank, which is expected to have an operational lifetime through year 2150. Solid waste received and processed at Burbank Landfill is 100 percent single family residential, and approximately 50 percent of multi-family and 10 percent commercial solid waste throughout the City. As of 2019, Burbank Landfill had a remaining capacity of 4,843,582 cy, or approximately 82 percent of the maximum permitted capacity of 5,933,365 cy (Los Angeles County 2020; CalRecycle 2019b). The maximum permitted intake to Burbank Landfill is 240 tons (436 cy) per operating day, while the average intake is approximately 123 tons (244 cy) per day, or approximately 51 percent of the permitted daily intake (Los Angeles County 2020). As such, Burbank Landfill has approximately 117 tons (192 cy) of its permitted daily intake available, or approximately 49 percent of the permitted daily intake.

Solid waste generation rates depend on the land use type, with multi-family residential units generating approximately four pounds per dwelling unit per day (lb/du/day), consistent with outputs from the CalEEMod prepared for the proposed Project. If all 10,456 new housing units included under the proposed Project are constructed as multi-family residential units, this equates to approximately 40,352 lb/day (20.2 tons) of solid waste. As stated above, the Burbank Landfill has average daily available permitted capacity of 117 tons (192 cy) per day, or approximately 49 percent of the permitted daily intake. Accordingly, sufficient solid waste disposal capacity is available at Burbank Landfill to meet the potential needs associated with reasonably foreseeable development under the proposed Project; although, new sources of solid waste will inevitably lower the overall lifespan of the Burbank Landfill. In addition, as discussed in Section 4.13.1(d), "Solid Waste," multiple landfill facilities in southern California also accept and process solid waste from Burbank. In

addition to the Burbank Landfill, approximately 50 percent of new wastes from multi-family residential development generated in Burbank will be transported to and disposed of at seven other southern California landfills including Burbank Landfill Site No. 3, Chiquita Canyon Sanitary Landfill, Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill, Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center, Puente Hills Landfill, Lancaster Landfill and Recycling Center, and Olinda Alpha Sanitary Landfill (Burbank 2013), which will lower their lifespans while still maintaining sufficient capacity. Therefore, potential impacts from future residential development projects facilitated by the Housing Element will be mitigated through payment of fees charged for new development commensurate with the cost to transport the waste out of the City; such fees are adjusted annually as needed to ensure cost recovery.

Based upon the existing capacity of landfills available to the City, the solid waste generated by reasonably foreseeable development under the proposed Project would not require the development of new or expanded solid waste facilities but, over time, will contribute to the need as other municipalities expand their housing. The proposed Project would not generate solid waste is excess of State or local standards or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals. Potential impacts would be less than significant.

# Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are required.

# 4.12.4 Cumulative Impacts

Cumulative impacts may occur if impacts of the proposed Project combine with similar impacts of other projects in the geographic and temporal scope of cumulative analysis. The proposed Project, including future housing development facilitated by the proposed Project, in conjunction with cumulative development citywide and within neighboring cities that are also served by the respective service areas, would increase demands for utilities that could require facility expansion or construction. Potential impacts would be site-specific and would require evaluation on a case-bycase basis at the project level when future development is proposed in accordance with the proposed project. Each cumulative project would require separate review, which would address potential impacts to utilities and service systems, as well as the identification and implementation of project-specific mitigation measure as identified under UTIL-1, including conducting an updated sewer service constraints analysis to identify deficiencies in existing utility systems and a resulting update in City fees for new development projects to help offset the cost of any future necessary upgrades on a project-specific basis as deemed necessary. The geographic scope of analysis for utilities and service systems varies depending on the service addressed, as discussed below.

# Water Supply

The geographic extent of cumulative analysis for the topic of water supply includes all of Metropolitan's service territory because Metropolitan provides the primary water supply source to the City, as purchased imported surface water. As discussed in the impact analysis above, full buildout of the proposed Housing Element Update would increase water demands throughout the City. Past and ongoing trends indicate that while population increases, per capita water consumption rates decrease, likely due to the effectiveness of conservation and drought response programs. In addition, the City continues to develop alternative water supplies to supplement the imported surface water supplies purchased from Metropolitan, through recycled water at the BWRP as well as local groundwater, which the City receives credits to use based upon the total amount of water imported to the City. Other projects that are anticipated to occur during implementation of

projects under the Housing Element Update include non-residential developments, primarily in the form of commercial land uses. While these cumulative projects would also introduce new water demands, future development would be consistent with the City's General Plan, which informs the City's UWMP to project water supply availability and reliability, including as related to imported surface water from Metropolitan as well as locally developed water supplies including recycled water and groundwater. In addition, as with projects under the Housing Element Update, future projects in the cumulative scenario would be subject to the same regulatory orders and management agencies as the proposed Project that ensure the sustainability and reliability of water supplies currently used in the City of Burbank. In addition, BWP and Metropolitan have identified potential future supply sources to augment water supplies and further insulate the region from hydrological uncertainty. Therefore, sufficient water supplies are available to serve reasonably foreseeable development under the proposed Project and other projects in the cumulative scenario for water supply during normal year, dry year, and multiple dry-year conditions. Potential cumulative impacts associated with water supply would be less than significant.

## Wastewater

The geographic extent of cumulative analysis for the topic of wastewater includes the Public Works Department's service territory as wastewater conveyance and treatment throughout the City is conducted by the City's Public Works Department. As discussed in the impact analysis above, new wastewater service connections would be installed as needed, on a project-specific basis; this would occur for non-residential developments within the cumulative scenario as it would for residential developments under the proposed Project. The Public Works Department conducts repairs and upgrades to the existing City-owned wastewater conveyance system throughout the City on an asneeded basis. However, as specific development projects are proposed and evaluated, General Plan Land Use Element Policy 2.3 would require developers to pay their fair share for infrastructure improvements as needed to serve their project, and ensure that needed infrastructure and services are available prior to or at project completion, this may include the requirement that the developer pays for and performs the necessary sewer infrastructure upgrades, per BMC 8-1-304. With implementation of Mitigation Measure UTIL-1 (Sewer Service Constraints Analysis), cumulative impacts related to wastewater conveyance would be less than significant.

Wastewater generation for full buildout of the proposed Housing Element Update is estimated to be up to approximately 6.3 mgd, which is not within the City's currently available treatment capacity of 4 mgd. Therefore, impacts would be, significant and unavoidable due to constraints within the sewer system and development under the proposed Project would contribute to a cumulatively significant impact associated with wastewater generation.

#### Stormwater

The geographic extent of cumulative analysis for the topic of stormwater includes the entire City of Burbank because the Public Works Department and LACFCD operates and maintain the Citywide stormwater conveyance system. Non-residential projects in the cumulative scenario would introduce project-specific needs for stormwater conveyance that would be reviewed and permitted on a project-by-project basis by the City. Due to the extensive built-up nature of the City, new development is not anticipated to introduce substantial new areas of impervious surfaces, such that substantial expansion of existing stormwater conveyance infrastructure would be necessary. Therefore, potential cumulative impacts associated with stormwater would be less than significant.

#### Solid Waste

The geographic extent of cumulative analysis for solid waste is the entire City of Burbank as all solid waste within the City is collected and transported for landfill disposal at one of seven southern California landfills, including Burbank Landfill Site No. 3, Chiquita Canyon Sanitary Landfill, Sunshine Canyon City/County Landfill, Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center, Puente Hills Landfill, Lancaster Landfill and Recycling Center, and Olinda Alpha Sanitary Landfill (City of Burbank 2013). The Street and Solid Waste Division of the Burbank PWD provides solid waste collection services for all single-family residences, 50 percent of multifamily residences, and approximately 10 percent of the City's commercial/industrial refuse customers. All other uses are served by private solid waste hauling companies which also transfer solid waste from Burbank to one of the aforementioned landfill sites for disposal. The cumulative scenario for solid waste is characterized by non-residential developments that would require solid waste hauling and disposal; such developments would include commercial and industrial land uses, which are primarily served by private waste hauling companies. Based on the existing capacity of landfill sites in the vicinity of Burbank, including the Burbank Landfill which has a remaining disposal capacity of approximately 82 percent (of the maximum permitted capacity) and is estimated to remain operational through 2150, sufficient landfill disposal capacity is anticipated to be available to accommodate cumulative projects. Therefore, potential cumulative impacts associated with solid waste would be less than significant.

# Telecommunications, Electricity, and Natural Gas

The geographic extent of cumulative analysis for telecommunications, electricity, and natural gas includes the entire service territories of the providers for each of these utilities.

#### **Telecommunications**

Telecommunications services in Burbank are provided by private companies, including AT&T, EarthLink, and Spectrum, among others, and telecommunications facilities are generally available throughout the City. Connections for new telecommunications services are implemented on an asneeded basis, and the service provider used is generally at the discretion of the customer. Cumulative projects will establish telecommunications service connections in the same manner as residential developments under the proposed Project. There are no anticipated limitations to the availability of telecommunications service. Potential cumulative impacts associated with telecommunications would be less than significant.

## Electricity

Electric power supply throughout the City is provided by BWP. Residential uses in Burbank represent the second most energy intensive land use serviced by BWP (287.6 GWh), behind commercial and building (507.8 GWh). Future housing in the City would be implemented in accordance with the Housing Element Update assessed herein, such that projects in the cumulative scenario for energy are non-residential uses, which are generally more energy-intensive than residential uses such as would occur under the proposed Project. As with the proposed Project, other projects in the cumulative scenario would require electric service and would be connected to electricity through BWP. BWP's unaudited power mix from the PCL, which shows total generation delivered for a calendar year, divided by retail sales (not renewable energy credits retired) for 2020 consisted of approximately 31 percent renewable resources (wind, geothermal, biomass, solar, and small hydroelectric), 26 percent coal, 31 percent natural gas, eight percent nuclear, two percent hydroelectric, and the remainder from other sources (BWP 2020). As such, although electricity

usage within the City is anticipated to increase as cumulative projects are implemented, BWP has a diverse power supply portfolio that includes renewable resources as well as traditional power sources and electricity.

In addition, BWP has numerous plans that are being implemented to shift the generation of electric power to renewable sources of energy. The most recent plan, BWP's 2019 *Final Power Integrated Resource Plan*, identifies a planning tool that is central to the continued reliability of the BWP power system while meeting all regulatory requirements through 2038 (BWP 2019). BWP is also looking at expanding several alternative energy options including implementing solar, wind, and batteries to help replace energy that has traditionally been sourced from the IPP coal resource. Through the continued expansion of alternative energy sources and compliance with the State's RPS (discussed under Impact UTIL-1), sufficient power, including as electricity, will be available to meet future demands. Potential cumulative impacts associated with electricity would be less than significant.

#### Natural Gas

The City of Burbank receives natural gas from the Southern California Gas Company (SCG), which provides service to most of southern California (SCG 2021). In 2019, SCG's residential customers accounted for approximately 46 percent of SCG's natural gas consumption, while industrial and commercials customers accounted for another 31 percent and 17 percent, respectively. Projects in the cumulative scenario are anticipated to primarily consist of commercial and industrial developments, as residential developments would be implemented under the proposed Project; as such, cumulative projects will introduce a lower demand for natural gas than the proposed Project. Given the extent of SCG's service territory comprising the majority of southern California, sufficient infrastructure is anticipated to be present to accommodate future development under the cumulative scenario, with connections established on a project-by-project basis. In addition, as discussed above for *Electricity*, the City of Burbank is actively expanding its power supply portfolio, including as applicable to natural gas. Therefore, sufficient natural gas infrastructure and energy supply is available to development projects under the cumulative scenario. Potential cumulative impacts associated with natural gas would be less than significant.

# Mitigation Measures

No mitigation measures are required.

# 5 Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

CEQA requires adoption of a reporting or monitoring program for the conditions of project approval that are necessary to mitigate or avoid significant effects on the environment (Public Resources Code Section 21081.6). This mitigation monitoring and reporting program is intended to track and ensure compliance with adopted mitigation measures during the Burbank Housing and Safety Element Update implementation phase. For each mitigation measure recommended in the Final EIR for the Project, specifications are made herein that identify the action required, the monitoring that must occur, and the agency or department responsible for oversight.

As a programmatic EIR, the mitigation measures included herein apply to individual projects, and as such, the cost for any studies and/or monitoring to implement the project-level mitigation measure shall be borne by the developer.

			Monitoring	Compliance Verification			
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	Action Required	Monitoring Timing	Frequency	Responsible Agency	Initial	Date	Comments
Air Quality							
AQ-1 Construction Emissions Reduction							
For projects that would include any of the following: demolition of more 13,500 square feet of building area, greater than 5,000 cubic yards of soil cut/fill, greater than 5-acres of graded area, or use of more than ten pieces of heavy-duty construction equipment and 150 truck trips on any given day during demolition, site clearing, or grading, prior to issuance of a permit to construct and at the expense of the project applicant, the City shall retain a qualified air quality analyst to prepare an Air Quality Impact Analysis to analyze construction emissions. The air quality analysis shall demonstrate that project emissions are less than applicable SCAQMD regional and LST thresholds, and as applicable may include, but is not limited to, the following mitigations:  Off-road diesel-powered construction equipment greater than 50 horsepower shall meet the USEPA Tier 4 emission standards, where available. In the event that Tier 4 engines are not available for any off-road equipment larger than 100 horsepower, that equipment shall be equipped with a Tier 3 engine or an engine that is equipped with retrofit controls to reduce exhaust emissions of NO <sub>x</sub> and DPM to no more than Tier 3 levels unless certified by engine manufacturers or the onsite air quality construction mitigation manager that the use of such devices is not practical for specific engine types.  All construction equipment shall be outfitted with best available control technology (BACT) devices certified by CARB. Any emissions control device used by the contractor shall achieve emissions reductions that are no less	Verify retention of a qualified air quality analyst to evaluate project-specific construction emissions in an Air Quality Impact Analysis for projects with construction activities that exceed the screening criteria.  Review and approval of the Air Quality Impact Analysis.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			

			Monitoring	Responsible	Compliance Verification		
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	Action Required	Monitoring Timing	Frequency	Agency	Initial	Date	Comments
AQ-1 Construction Emissions Reduction (cont'd)							
than what could be achieved by a Level 3 diesel emissions control strategy for a similarly sized engine as defined by CARB regulations.  Consistent with SCAQMD Rule 403, construction contractors shall identify and implement best available dust control measures during active construction operations capable of generating dust.							
AQ-2 Operations Emissions Reduction							
For any project that would include more than 553 single-family residential units, 710 multi-family residential units, or any equivalent combination thereof, prior to issuance of a permit to construct, and at the expense of the project applicant, the City shall retain a qualified air quality analyst to prepare an Air Quality Impact Analysis to analyze operational emissions The air quality analysis shall demonstrate that project emissions are less than applicable SCAQMD regional and LST thresholds, and as applicable may include, but is not limited to, the following mitigation:  Implementation of a Transportation Demand Management Plan.  Installation of additional electric vehicle charging stations	Verify retention of a qualified air quality analyst to evaluate project-specific operation emissions in an Air Quality Impact Analysis for projects with a residential unit count that exceeds the screening criteria.  Review and approval of the Air Quality Impact Analysis.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
<ul> <li>Public infrastructure improvements (e.g., bus stop shelter improvements)</li> <li>Carpool or ridesharing programs</li> </ul>							
<ul> <li>Carpool or ridesharing programs</li> <li>Subsidized transit costs</li> </ul>							
<ul> <li>Unbundled parking costs</li> </ul>							
<ul> <li>Bicycle amenities (storage, showers, lockers, etc.)</li> </ul>							

			Monitoring	Responsible	Com	Compliance Verification			
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	Action Required	Monitoring Timing	Frequency	Agency	Initial	Date	Comments		
AQ-2 Operations Emissions Reduction (cont')									
<ul> <li>Use of all-electric appliances (i.e., elimination of natural gas service)</li> <li>Use solar or low emission water heaters that exceed Title 24 requirements</li> <li>Increased walls and attic insulation beyond Title 24 requirements</li> <li>Required use of electric lawnmowers, leaf-blowers, and chainsaws</li> </ul>									
Biological Resources									
BIO-1 Biological Resources Avoidance									
For individual housing developments that will include disturbance of vegetation, trees, structures, or other areas where biological resources could be present, a qualified biologist shall be retained by the applicant to conduct an initial site assessment that will include review of the California Natural Diversity Database (CNDDB) and iNaturalist maps to determine where sightings have occurred or habitats for the least Bell's vireo, bat species, or monarch butterflies have previously been identified.  If construction activities or other disturbances occur in areas within 500 feet of a previously identified habitat or observation according to CNDDB or iNaturalist, the following measures shall be implemented:  Prior to the issuance of a grading permit, a qualified biologist shall be retained by the project applicant to conduct a biological resources reconnaissance of the site. The qualified biologist shall thoroughly report on the biological resources present on a project site and submitted to the City.	Verification that the project applicant has retained a qualified biologist to prepare an initial site assessment.  If project construction/ disturbances occur within 500 feet of an identified resource, verification that the project applicant has retained a qualified biologist to report on the site.  If qualified biologist identifies the potential for special-status species or habitat for special-status wildlife, verification that focused surveys are completed in accordance with applicable protocols.  Review and approval of the biological resources report.	Prior to the issuance of a grading permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department					

			Monitoring	Responsible	Com	Verification	
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	Action Required	Monitoring Timing	Frequency	Agency	Initial	Date	Comments
BIO-1 Biological Resources Avoidance (cont'd)							
<ul> <li>If the biologist determines that special-status species may occur, focused surveys for special- status plants shall be completed in accordance with Protocols for Surveying and Evaluating Impacts to Special Status Native Plant Populations and Sensitive Natural Communities (California Department of Fish and Wildlife</li> </ul>	If project will impact special-status species, verification that the USFWS and CDFW is consulted immediately to address impacts.						
[CDFW], March 20, 2018) and Guidelines for Conducting and Reporting Botanical Inventories for Federally Listed, Proposed and Candidate Plants (USFWS, September 23, 1996). If it is determined that the project site has suitable habitat for special-status wildlife, focused surveys shall be conducted to determined presence/absence including species-specific surveys in accordance with CDFW or United	Verification that the project applicant has retained a qualified biologist to prepare a pre-construction bird survey if project construction/disturbances occur within bird nesting season (February 1 – August 31).	At latest, seven days prior to initiation of grading or construction activities	Once	Same as above			
States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) protocols for State or federally listed species, respectively, that may occur.  If it is determined that a special-status species	Review and approval of preconstruction bird survey.	Prior to initiation of grading or construction activities	Once	Same as above			
may be impacted by a specific project, consultation with USFWS and/or CDFW shall occur prior to issuance of a development permit from the City to determine measures to address impacts, such as avoidance, minimization, or take authorization and mitigation. The report	If nests are found, field verification that avoidance buffers are demarcated and enforced.	Upon discovery of active nests	Continuous; throughout construction activities near active nests	Same as above			
shall include a list of special-status plants and wildlife that may occur on the project site and/or adjacent area.  If construction activities or other disturbances occur during the bird nesting season (February 1 through August 31), prior to issuance of grading permits for individual housing developments that will include disturbance of vegetation, structures, or other areas where bird nests could be present, the following requirements shall be implemented	Review and approval of survey report prepared by qualified biologist.	Upon compliance with requirements and applicable State and Federal regulations	Once	Same as above			

			Monitoring	Responsible	Con	npliance	Verification
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	<b>Action Required</b>	<b>Monitoring Timing</b>	Frequency	Agency	Initial	Date	Comments
BIO-1 Biological Resources Avoidance (cont'd)							

- Applicant shall submit a pre-construction nesting bird survey shall be conducted no more than seven days prior to initiation of grading or construction activities. The nesting bird preconstruction survey shall be conducted on foot on the construction site, including a 100-foot buffer, and in inaccessible areas (e.g., private lands) from afar using binoculars to the extent practical. The survey shall be conducted by a qualified biologist familiar with the identification of avian species known to occur in southern California and a copy of the study shall be submitted to the Community Development Department and Building and Safety Division. The cost to hire a qualified biologist shall be borne entirely by the developer/project applicant.
- If nests are found, an avoidance buffer shall be demarcated by a qualified biologist with bright orange construction fencing, flagging, construction lathe, or other means to mark the boundary. All construction personnel shall be notified as to the existence of the buffer zone and to avoid entering the buffer zone during the nesting season. No parking, storage of materials, or construction activities shall occur within this buffer until the biologist has confirmed that breeding/nesting is completed, and the young have fledged the nest.

  Encroachment into the buffer shall occur only at the discretion of the qualified biologist.
- A survey report shall be prepared by the qualified biologist documenting and verifying compliance with the above requirements and applicable State and Federal regulations protecting birds that shall be submitted to the City of Burbank. The qualified biologist shall

			Monitoring	Responsible	Com	pliance \	Verification
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	Action Required	Monitoring Timing	Frequency	Agency	Initial	Date	Comments
BIO-1 Biological Resources Avoidance (cont'd)							
serve as a construction monitor during those periods when construction activities would occur near active nest areas to ensure that no inadvertent impacts on these nests would occur.							
Cultural Resources							
CUL-1 Historic Resource Protection							
The project proponent shall either:  a) Demonstrate to the satisfaction of the City of Burbank Community Development Department that the project does not contain any historic resources either due to the site being vacant, age of the structures on the site, or due to the result of the Program LU-4 Historic Preservation Plan determination; or  b) For any structure determined to be eligible for listing on a federal, State, or local registry, or currently listed, as a historic resource (typically determined as a result of the Program LU-4 Historic Preservation Plan process), project activities shall comply with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (Standards). During the project planning phase (prior to any construction activities), input shall be sought from a qualified architectural historian or historic architect meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards to ensure project compliance with the Standards for Rehabilitation. The cost of this assessment shall be borne entirely by the project applicant. This input will ensure the avoidance of any direct/indirect physical changes to historical resources. The findings	Verification that the project applicant has adequately demonstrated the project does not contain historic resources.  If project contains eligible or currently listed historic structure, verification that the project applicant has retained a qualified architectural historian or historic architect (meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards) to assess the project.  Review and approval of Standards Project Review Memorandum and recommendations.	Prior to project design approval	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			

			Monitoring	Responsible	Con	npliance	Verification
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	Action Required	Monitoring Timing	Frequency	Agency	Initial	Date	Comments
CUL-1 Historic Resource Protection (cont'd)							
and recommendations of the architectural historian or historic architect shall be documented in a Standards Project Review Memorandum at the schematic design phase. This memorandum shall analyze all project components for compliance with the Standards for Rehabilitation. Project components to be analyzed shall include direct and indirect changes to historical resources and their setting. should design modifications be necessary to bring projects into compliance with the Standards for Rehabilitation, the memorandum will document those recommendations, which will then become conditions of project approval. The report will be submitted to the City for review and approval.							
CUL-2(a) Unanticipated Discovery of Archaeological F	Resources						
Prior to the commencement of any ground-disturbing activities, a qualified archaeologist shall be retained to conduct a Worker's Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training on archaeological sensitivity for all construction personnel. The training shall be conducted by an archaeologist who meets or exceeds the Secretary of Interior's Professional Qualification Standards for	Verification that the project applicant has retained a qualified archaeologist (meeting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards) to conduct WEAP training.	Prior to the start of construction activities and during ground- disturbing activities, as needed	Continuous; throughout ground- disturbing activities	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
archaeology. Archaeological sensitivity training will include a description of the types of cultural material that may be encountered, cultural sensitivity issues, regulatory issues, and the proper protocol for treatment of the materials in the event of a find.  In the event of the unanticipated discovery of archaeological materials, the project applicant shall immediately cease all work activities in the area (within approximately 100 feet) of the	If archaeological materials are found, field verification that all work activities within 100 feet have ceased.	Upon discovery of archaeological materials	Continuous; throughout ground- disturbing activities	Same as above			

	Monitoring Responsible		Responsible	Com	Compliance Verific			
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	Action Required	<b>Monitoring Timing</b>	Frequency	Agency	Initial	Date	Comments	
CUL-2(a) Unanticipated Discovery of Archaeological R	esources (cont'd)							
discovery until it can be evaluated by a qualified archaeologist. Construction shall not resume until the qualified archaeologist has conferred with the City on the significance of the resource. If it is determined that the discovered archaeological resource constitutes a historical resource or unique archaeological resource pursuant to CEQA, avoidance and preservation in place shall be the preferred manner of mitigation. Preservation in place maintains the important relationship between artifacts and their archaeological context and also serves to avoid conflict with traditional and religious values of groups who may ascribe meaning to the	If archaeological materials are found, consultation with retained qualified archaeologist to determine treatment of resource.  If archaeological materials of Native American origin are found, consultation with Native American representatives to determine treatment of resource.	Upon discovery of archaeological materials	Continuous; until consultation is complete	Same as above				
resource. Preservation in place may be accomplished by, but is not limited to, avoidance, incorporating the resource into open space, capping, or deeding the site into a permanent conservation easement. In the event that preservation in place is determined to be infeasible and data recovery through excavation is the only feasible mitigation available, an Archaeological Resources Treatment Plan shall be prepared and implemented by the qualified archaeologist in consultation with the City that provides for the adequate recovery of the scientifically consequential information contained in the archaeological resource. The City shall consult with appropriate Native American representatives in determining treatment for prehistoric or Native American resources to ensure cultural values ascribed to the resource, beyond that which is scientifically important, are considered.	If data recovery through excavation is the only feasible mitigation available, review and approval of Archaeological Resources Treatment Plan.	Upon completion of consultation	Once	Same as above				

				Responsible	Co	mpliance	Verification
Mitigation Measure/Condition of Approval	Action Required	Monitoring Timing	Frequency	Agency	Initial	Date	Comments
CUL-2(b) Archaeological and Native Monitors							
During initial ground disturbing activities related to the proposed project, both a qualified archaeologist and a locally affiliated Native American monitor shall monitor construction activities within the project site in accordance with City of Burbank Historic Resource Management Ordinance, Program	Verification that a qualified archaeologist and a locally affiliated Native American monitor have been retained to monitor construction activities.	Prior to the start of construction activities	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
LU-4: Historic Preservation Plan. Initial ground disturbance is defined as disturbance within previously undisturbed native soils. If, during initial ground disturbance, the qualified archaeologist determines that the construction activities have little or no potential to impact cultural resources (e.g., excavations are within previously disturbed, non-native soils, or within soil formation not expected to yield cultural resources deposits), the qualified archaeologist may recommend that monitoring be reduced or eliminated, in consultation with the Native American monitor.	If qualified archaeologist confirms little or no potential to impact resources, review and approval of recommendation that monitoring be reduced or eliminated.	During initial ground disturbance	Once	Same as above			
Geology/Soils							
GEO-1(a) Paleontological Resources Management							
Housing development projects that require ground disturbance (grading, trenching, foundation work, and other excavations) beyond five feet below ground surface (bgs) on a site located in an area mapped as Quaternary young (Holocene) alluvial fan deposits (Qyf, Qf) where it was not previously excavated beyond five feet bgs, shall comply with the following requirements prior to the commencement of any construction activities:  1. The Developer shall retain a qualified professional paleontologist to review project plans to determine if underlying paleontologically sensitive units (i.e., early Holocene to Pleistocene age deposits [Qoa])	Verification that project applicant has retained a qualified paleontologist to review plans and determine underlying sensitivity for projects requiring ground disturbance beyond five feet below surface in Qyf and Qf areas.  If potential impacts are identified, review and approval of a PRMP that includes WEAP training.	Prior to the start of construction activities	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			

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GEO-1(a) Paleontological Resources Management (co	ont'd)						
could be impacted. If potentially significant impacts are identified, the qualified professional paleontologist shall prepare and implement a Paleontological Resources Mitigation Plan (PRMP). The PRMP shall describe mitigation recommendations, including paleontological monitoring procedures; communication protocols to be followed in the event that an unanticipated fossil discovery is made during project development; and preparation, curation, and	Review and retention of WEAP training acknowledgement form signed by all trainees.	Prior to the start of construction activities and during ground-disturbing activities, as needed	Continuous; throughout ground- disturbing activities	Same as above			
	Verification that the project applicant has retained a qualified paleontologist to conduct monitoring during ground-disturbing activities	Prior to the start of construction activities	Once	Same as above			
reporting requirements.  2. As part of a PRMP, require the Qualified Paleontologist or his or her designee to conduct Worker Environmental Awareness Program (WEAP) training for the general contractor, subcontractor(s), and all construction workers participating in earth	If a fossil is discovered, field verification that all work in the immediate vicinity of the find is ceased and qualified paleontologist evaluates the find.	Upon discovery of fossil(s)	Continuous; throughout ground- disturbing activities	Same as above			
contractor, subcontractor(s), and all construction workers participating in earth disturbing activities, regarding the appearance of fossils and the procedures for notifying paleontological staff should fossils be discovered by on-site personnel. The WEAP shall be fulfilled at the time of a preconstruction meeting. A training acknowledgment form must be signed by all workers who receive the training and retained by the City. In the event a fossil is discovered by construction personnel, all work in the immediate vicinity of the find shall cease and the qualified paleontologist shall be contacted to evaluate the find before re-starting work in the area. If it is determined that the fossil(s) is (are) scientifically significant, the qualified paleontologist shall complete the mitigation outlined below (GEO-1[b]) to mitigate impacts	If qualified paleontologist confirms full-time monitoring is not warranted, review and approval of recommendation that monitoring be limited.	During initial ground disturbance	Once	Same as above			

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GEO-1(a) Paleontological Resources Management (c	ont'd)						
3. Conduct monitoring during ground construction activities (i.e., grading, trenching, foundation work, and other excavations). Monitoring shall be conducted by a qualified paleontological monitor, who is defined as an individual who meets the minimum qualifications per standards set forth by the SVP (2010), which includes a B.S. or B.A. degree in geology or paleontology with one year of monitoring experience and knowledge of collection and salvage of paleontological resources. The duration and timing of the monitoring shall be determined by the Qualified Paleontologist and the location and extent of proposed ground disturbance. If the Qualified Paleontologist determines that full-time monitoring is no longer warranted, based on the specific geologic conditions at the surface or at depth, the Qualified Paleontologist may recommend that monitoring be limited to periodic spot-checking or cease entirely.							
GEO-1(b) Fossil Discovery, Preparation and Curation							
If a paleontological resource is discovered at any time during earthmoving activities, the construction contractor shall ensure that all construction activities in the immediate area of the find are halted and diverted, and the City is contacted. A qualified paleontologist shall be retained (if not done so already) to evaluate the discovery. The paleontologist shall have the	If a paleontological resource is discovered, field verification that all work in the immediate vicinity of the find is ceased and/or diverted and qualified paleontologist evaluates the find.	Upon discovery of paleontological resource	Continuous; throughout ground- disturbing activities	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
authority to temporarily direct, divert or halt construction activity around the find until it is assessed for scientific significance and collected to ensure that the fossil(s) can be removed in a safe and timely manner.  Once salvaged, significant fossils shall be identified to the lowest possible taxonomic level, prepared to	Coordination with qualified paleontologist to assess, collect, and remove resource.	Upon discovery of paleontological resource	Continuous; until coordination is complete	Same as above			

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GEO-1(b) Fossil Discovery, Preparation and Curation	(cont'd)						
a curation-ready condition and curated in a scientific institution with a permanent paleontological collection (such as the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County [NHMLAC]) along with all pertinent field notes, photos, data, and maps.							
Hazards and Hazardous Materials							
HAZ-2 Property Assessment – Phase I and II ESAs							
Prior to the start of construction (demolition or grading), the project applicant will retain a qualified environmental professional (EP), as defined by ASTM E-1527, to complete one of the following:  If the project is not listed in Appendix F, DTSC (GeoTracker) or SWRCB (EnviroStor) resources, then the proponent will retain a qualified environmental consultant, California Professional Geologist (PG) or California Professional Engineer (PE), to prepare a Phase I ESA. If the Phase I ESA identifies recognized environmental conditions or potential concern areas, a Phase II ESA will be prepared.	Verification that the project applicant has retained a qualified EP for submittal of either a Phase I ESA or Phase II ESA. Review and approval of the Phase I ESA or Phase II ESA. Review and approval of the SMP, if recommended in the Phase II ESA. If soils contain chemical concentrations exceeding hazardous waste screening thresholds, review and	Prior to the start of construction activities	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			

approve recommendations

for waste disposal,

controls.

impacted wastes, and

remedial engineering

If the project is listed in Appendix F, DTSC

(GeoTracker) or SWRCB (EnviroStor) resources,

then the project proponent will retain a qualified

environmental consultant, California Professional

Geologist (PG) or California Professional Engineer

(PE), to prepare a Phase II ESA to determine whether the soil, groundwater, and/or soil vapor has been impacted at concentrations exceeding regulatory screening levels for commercial/industrial land uses. Any and all recommended actions included in the Phase II ESA will be followed. This may include the preparation of a Soil Management Plan (SMP) for Impacted Soils (see

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HAZ-2 Property Assessment – Phase I and II ESA	s (cont'd)						

below) prior to project construction and/or completion of remediation at the proposed project prior to onsite construction.

The completed ESAs will be submitted to the lead agency for review and approval prior to issuance of building or grading permits.

Soil Management Plan Requirements: The SMP, or equivalent document, will be prepared to address on-site handling and management of impacted soils or other impacted wastes, and reduce hazards to construction workers and offsite receptors during construction. The plan will be submitted to the lead agency, and must establish remedial measures and/or soil management practices to ensure construction worker safety, the health of future workers and visitors, and the off-site migration of contaminants from the site. These measures and practices may include, but are not limited to:

- Stockpile management including stormwater pollution prevention and the installation of BMPs
- Proper disposal procedures of contaminated materials
- Monitoring and reporting
- A health and safety plan for contractors working at the site that addresses the safety and health hazards of each phase of site construction activities with the requirements and procedures for employee protection
- The health and safety plan will also outline proper soil handling procedures and health and safety requirements to minimize worker and public exposure to hazardous materials during construction.

The lead agency will review and approve the development site Soil Management Plan for

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Impacted Soils prior to demolition and grading (construction).

Soil Remediation Requirements: If soil present within the construction envelope at the development site contains chemicals at concentrations exceeding hazardous waste screening thresholds for contaminants in soil (California Code of Regulations [CCR] Title 22, Section 66261.24), the project proponent will retain a qualified environmental consultant (PG or PE), to conduct additional analytical testing and recommend soil disposal recommendations, or consider other remedial engineering controls, as necessary.

The qualified environmental consultant will utilize the development site analytical results for waste characterization purposes prior to offsite transportation or disposal of potentially impacted soils or other impacted wastes. The qualified environmental consultant will provide disposal recommendations and arrange for proper disposal of the waste soils or other impacted wastes (as necessary), and/or provide recommendations for remedial engineering controls, if appropriate. The project applicant will review and approve the disposal recommendations prior to transportation of waste soils offsite, and review and approve remedial engineering controls, prior to construction.

Remediation of impacted soils and/or implementation of remedial engineering controls, may require additional delineation of impacts; additional analytical testing per landfill or recycling facility requirements; soil excavation; and offsite disposal or recycling.

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HAZ-2 Property Assessment – Phase I and II ESAs (co	nt'd)						
The lead agency will review and approve the development site disposal recommendations prior to transportation of waste soils offsite and review and approve remedial engineering controls, prior to construction.							
Noise							
NOI-1(a) Shielding and Silencing							
Power construction equipment (including combustion engines), fixed or mobile, shall be equipped with noise shielding and silencing devices consistent with manufacturer's standards or the Best Available Control Technology. Equipment shall	Review and verification that construction plans note all equipment to be used.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
be properly maintained, and the project applicant or owner shall require any construction contractor to keep documentation on-site during any earthwork or construction activities demonstrating that the equipment has been maintained in accordance with manufacturer's specifications.	Review and verification of documentation demonstrating power construction equipment is equipped with noise shielding and silencing devices and is maintained in accordance with manufacturer specifications.	Prior to start of construction activities and during construction	Continuous; throughout construction	Same as above			
NOI-1(b) Enclosures and Screening							
All outdoor fixed mechanical equipment shall be enclosed or screened from off-site noise-sensitive uses. The equipment enclosure or screen shall be mpermeable (i.e., solid material with minimum weight of 2 pounds per square feet) and break the	Review and verification that construction plans note enclosure/screening requirements for all mixed mechanical equipment.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
line-of-sight from the equipment and off-site noise-sensitive uses	Field verification that fixed equipment is enclosed.	During construction activities	Continuous; throughout construction	Same as above			

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NOI-1(c) Construction Staging Areas							
Construction staging areas shall be located as far from noise-sensitive uses as reasonably possible and feasible in consideration of site boundaries, topography, intervening roads and uses, and operational constraints.	Review and verification that construction plans note locations of staging areas.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
	Field verification that staging areas are located consistent with plans.	During construction activities	Continuous; throughout construction	Same as above			
NOI-1(d) Smart Back-Up Alarms							
Mobile construction equipment shall have smart back-up alarms that automatically adjust the sound level of the alarm in response to ambient noise levels. Alternatively, back-up alarms shall be disabled and replaced with human spotters to ensure safety when mobile construction	Review and verification that construction plans note the use of back-up alarms on mobile construction equipment.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
equipment is moving in the reverse direction.	Field verification that smart back-up alarms are utilized.	During construction activities	Continuous; throughout construction	Same as above			
NOI-1(e) Equipment Idling							
Construction vehicles and equipment shall not be left idling for longer than five minutes when not in use.	Review and verification that construction plans note idling requirements.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
	Field verification that construction vehicles are not left idling.	During construction activities	Continuous; throughout construction	Same as above			

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NOI-1(f) Workers' Radios							
All noise from workers' radios, including any onsite music, shall be controlled to a point that they are not audible at off-site noise-sensitive uses.	Review and verification that construction plans note worker radio requirements.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
	Field verification that radios are not audible offsite.	During construction activities	Continuous; throughout construction	Same as above			
NOI-1(g) Use of Driven Pile Systems							
Driven (impact), sonic, or vibratory pile drivers shall not be used, except in locations where the underlying geology renders alternative methods infeasible, as determined by a soils or geotechnical engineer and documented in a soils report.	Review and verification that construction plans note requirement and necessary assurances have been obtained.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
	Field verification that driven, sonic, or vibratory pile drivers are avoided, unless geotechnically required.	During construction activities	Continuous; throughout construction	Same as above			
NOI-1(h) Temporary Sound Barriers							
Temporary sound barriers, such as walls or sound blankets, shall be positioned between construction activities and noise-sensitive uses when construction equipment are located within a line-of-sight to and within 500 feet of off-site noise-sensitive uses. Sound barriers shall break the line-	Review and verification that construction plans note locations of temporary sound barriers as specified by a qualified acoustical consultant.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
of-sight between the construction noise source and the receiver where modeled levels exceed applicable standards. Placement, orientation, size, and density of acoustical barriers shall be specified by a qualified acoustical consultant.	Field verification that sound barriers are implemented and positioned accordingly.	During construction activities	Continuous; throughout construction	Same as above			

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NOI-1(i) Noise Complaint Response										
Project applicants shall designate an on-site construction project manager who shall be responsible for responding to any complaints about construction noise. This person shall be responsible for responding to concerns of neighboring properties about construction noise	Review and verification that an on-site construction project manager has been identified to implement the mitigation requirement.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department						
disturbance and shall be available for responding to any construction noise complaints during the hours that construction is to take place. They shall also responsible for determining the cause of the noise complaint (e.g., bad silencer) and shall require that reasonable measures be implemented to correct the problem. A toll-free telephone number and email address shall be posted in a highly visible manner on the construction site at all times and provided in all notices (mailed, online website, and construction site postings) for receiving questions or complaints during construction and shall also include procedures requiring that the on-site construction manager to respond to callers and email messages. The on-site construction project manager shall be required to track complaints pertaining to construction noise, ongoing throughout demolition, grading, and/or construction and shall notify the City's Community Development Director of each complaint occurrence.	Field verification that signage is posted on the construction site with a toll-free telephone number and email address that can be called to receive questions or complaints. Coordination with the construction manager to verify that complaints are submitted to the City's Community Development Director and confirm that an appropriate response is carried out to address the complaints.	During construction activities	Continuous; throughout construction	Same as above						

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NOI-1(j) Project-Specific Construction Noise Study							
A Construction Noise Study, prepared by a qualified noise expert to meet the requirements herein, shall be required for housing development projects located within 500 feet of noise-sensitive land uses identified in the Burbank2035 General Plan Noise Element (i.e., residences, parks, motels, hotels, movies studios, school, and hospitals), and that have one or more of the following characteristics:  Two subterranean levels or more (generally more than 20,000 cubic yards of excavated soil material;  Construction durations of 18 months or more (excluding interior finishing);  Use of large, heavy-duty equipment rated 300 horsepower or greater;  The potential for pile driving; or  Located within 1,000 feet of other construction projects with overlapping construction schedules.  The Construction Noise Study shall characterize sources of construction noise, quantify noise levels at noise-sensitive uses (e.g., residences, parks, motels, hotels, movies studios, school, and hospitals) and identify measures to reduce noise exposure. The Construction Noise Study shall identify reasonably available noise reduction devices or techniques to reduce noise levels to acceptable levels and/or durations including through reliance on any relevant federal, state or local standards or guidelines or accepted industry practices. Noise reduction devices or techniques may include but not be limited to silencers, enclosures, sound barriers, and/or placement of restrictions on equipment or construction	Verification that the applicant has retained a qualified noise analyst to evaluate project-specific construction noise in a Construction Noise Study for projects located within 500 feet of a noise-sensitive use and that exceed the one or more of the screening criteria. Review and approval of the Air Quality Impact Analysis. Review and verification that contractor agreements note requirements under Mitigation Measures NOI-1a through NOI-1f in addition to additional requirements identified and recommended by the Construction Noise Study.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			

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NOI-1(j) Project-Specific Construction Noise Study (c	ont'd)						
techniques (e.g., alternative installation methods to pile driving such as cast-in-place systems or pile cushioning). Each measure in the Construction Noise Study shall identify anticipated noise reductions at noise-sensitive land uses.  Project applicants shall be required to comply with all requirements of Mitigation Measures NOI-1a through NOI-1f in addition to any additional requirements identified and recommended by the Construction Noise Study and shall maintain proof that notice of, as well as compliance with, the identified measures have been included in contractor agreements.							
NOI-3 Vibration Control Plan							
For construction activities involving vibratory rollers within 50 feet of a structure or pile drivers (impact or sonic) within 140 feet of a structure, the applicant shall prepare a Vibration Control Plan prior to the commencement of construction activities. The Vibration Control Plan shall be prepared by a licensed structural engineer and shall include methods required to minimize vibration, including, but not limited to:  Alternative installation methods for pile driving (e.g., pile cushioning, drilled piles, cast-in-place systems) within 140 feet of a building to reduce impacts associated with seating the pile  Vibration monitoring prior to and during pile driving operations occurring within 140 feet of a building  Use of rubber-tired equipment rather than metal-tracked equipment  Avoiding the use of vibrating equipment when allowed by best engineering practices	Review and verification that the applicant has retained a licensed structural engineer to prepare a Vibration Control Plan for projects involving a vibratory roller within 50 feet of a structure or a pile driver within 140 feet of a structure.  Review and approval of Vibration Control Plan.  Verification of submittal of Statement of Compliance from the project and applicant and owner to the Building and Safety Division.  Coordination and approval from the Building and Safety Division.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			

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NOI-3 Vibration Control Plan (cont'd)							
The Vibration Control Plan shall include a pre- construction survey letter establishing baseline conditions at potentially affected extremely fragile buildings/historical resources and/or residential structures. The survey letter shall determine conditions that exist prior to the commencement of	Review and approval of follow-up letter describing damage and, if applicable, recommendations for repair from licensed structural engineer.	Upon completion of vibration-causing construction activities	Once	Same as abov	e		
construction activities for use in evaluating potential damages caused by construction. Fixtures and finishes susceptible to damage shall be documented photographically and in writing prior to construction. The survey letter shall provide a shoring design to protect such buildings and structures from potential damage. At the conclusion of vibration causing activities, the qualified structural engineer shall issue a follow-up letter describing damage, if any, to impacted buildings and structures. The letter shall include recommendations for any repair, as may be necessary, in conformance with the Secretary of the Interior Standards. Repairs shall be undertaken and completed by the contractor and monitored by a qualified structural engineer in conformance with all applicable codes including the California Historical Building Code (Part 8 of Title 24).  A Statement of Compliance signed by the applicant and owner shall be submitted to the City' Building and Safety Division at plan check and prior to the issuance of any permit. The Vibration Control Plan, prepared as outlined above shall be documented by a qualified structural engineer, and shall be provided to the City upon request.	Field verification of structural repairs to damaged buildings.	Upon completion of vibration-causing construction activities	Continuous; throughout repair work	Same as above	e		

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NOI-C1 Construction Building Permits									
The City's Community Development Department shall review the locations and anticipated construction timing for housing development projects with respect to the locations of other pending development projects. The City shall stagger the issuance of building permits for development projects with overlapping construction schedules that meet both of the following criteria:  The development project is located within 1,000 feet of another separate development project; and  The development project is located 500 feet or less from a sensitive receiver.  In these instances, the Community Development Department shall review the findings of any site-specific noise and vibration studies pertaining to future development projects to compare their locations to sensitive receivers identified therein.	Review of location and construction timing of housing projects. Staggering of building permits for development projects with overlapping schedules that meet the criteria. Review and approval of site-specific noise and vibration studies.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Continuous; throughout citywide development	City of Burbank Community Development Department					

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Utilities/Service Systems							
UTIL-1 Sewer Service Constraints Analysis							
The City will conduct an analysis to identify any sewer service constraints to determine if there are any sewer capacity issues and any constraints in the City's wastewater system including assessment of system capacity relative to the locations of opportunity sites identified in the Housing Element Update. The analysis will identify upgrades necessary to mitigate the constraints in the system to ensure that individual housing development	Conduct a sewer service constraints analysis relative to opportunity sites. Preparation of a nexus fee study to develop a fair share requirement in the form of a wastewater connection or similar project impact fee.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department			
projects implemented under the Housing Element can be completed and that sufficient capacity and conveyance in the wastewater system exists. However, if a proposed development has a construction schedule that the City cannot accommodate, the developer may be responsible for performing the necessary sewer infrastructure upgrades per Burbank Municipal Code (BMC) 8-1-304.  Based on the constraints identified in the analysis, the City's Public Works Department will prepare a nexus fee study to develop a fair share requirement in the form of a wastewater connection or similar project impact fee, which helps to pay for implementation of upgrades necessary to accommodate future development, including development of the opportunity sites where deficiencies in the system are identified to exist. Through the fee study, subsequent cost recovery fees applied to individual housing development projects will be based on a rough proportionality related to demands on the system reasonably attributed to the development project.	Application of subsequent cost recovery fees to projects.  If service upgrades cannot be completed by City for a project, require that the project developer perform the necessary sewer infrastructure upgrades (per BMC 8-1-304) or enter into a reimbursement agreement.  If the City and project developer mutually agree to enter into reimbursement agreement, coordination with Public Works Department Director to administer agreement.	Prior to issuance of a construction permit	Continuous; throughout citywide development	City of Burbank Community Development Department; City of Burbank Public Works Department			

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UTIL-1 Sewer Service Constraints Analysis (cont'd)									
In the event it is determined that necessary upgrades to serve a project cannot be completed by the City prior to project completion, the City may require the developer to perform the necessary sewer infrastructure upgrades (Per BMC 8-1-304) at cost to the developer, or may choose to enter into a reimbursement agreement so that a developer may fund and construct the improvements within the necessary timeframe with subsequent partial reimbursement. If the City and Developer mutually agree to enter into reimbursement agreement (approved as to form by the City Attorney and approved by the City Council), it would be administered by the City's Public Works Director on behalf of the City.									
UTIL-3a Sewer System Upgrades by Developers									
A Sewer Capacity Analysis (SCA) shall be required for individual housing projects of five (5) or more multi-family units, so the City may identify sewer infrastructure upgrades that can be implemented by developers when a nexus and rough proportionality is established between proposed project(s) impact to City sewer infrastructure. The SCA must be completed as part of the City's development review process or prior to the submittal of plan check documents, whichever occurs first.	Review and approve the SCA for projects that meet the criteria. If upgrades are necessary, verify that the appropriate fee is received based on a nexus fee study.	sca to be completed as part of the City's development review process or prior to the submittal of plan check documents, whichever occurs first. Fees must be received prior to issuance of a construction permit.	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department; City of Burbank Public Works Department					

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UTIL-3b Sewage Diversion							
Per the City's Public Works Department there are several locations throughout the City of Burbank where sewage can potentially be diverted away from the BWRP and conveyed to the City of Los Angeles' Hyperion wastewater treatment system. As a short-term measure, diversion of sewage may potentially be used to alleviate capacity concerns for certain sewage conveyance pipelines (but not all pipelines) as well as temporarily lowering the influent flows to the BWRP. Diverting flows to the Los Angeles system would result in an increase in one-time Sewer Facility Charges (SFCs) and other recurring annual charges (capital improvement and operation & maintenance fees) that shall be paid to the City of Los Angeles. Therefore, if the sewage analysis determines that diversion is feasible, the applicant will be required to contribute a fair share fee, which shall be estimated based on the preliminary billing estimates received from the City of Los Angeles, to offset to the cost of diversion to the City of Los Angeles.	If the sewage analysis determines that diversion is feasible, the applicant will be required to contribute a fair share fee, which shall be estimated based on the preliminary billing estimates received from the City of Los Angeles, to offset to the cost of diversion to the City of Los Angeles.	To be completed as part of the City's development review process or prior to the submittal of plan check documents, whichever occurs first. Fees must be received prior to issuance of a construction permit.	Ongoing throughout the period of sewage diversion	City of Burbank Community Development Department; City of Burbank Public Works Department			
UTIL-3c Sewer System Master Plan							
The City shall prepare a new Sewer System Master Plan in 2023 to evaluate the City's sewer conveyance and treatment system over the next twenty years, which is inclusive of the proposed Housing Element update planning and implementation period, as well as developing the appropriate sewer facility impact fees to ensure that developers pay their fair share of the cost to expand and upgrade the capacity of the BWRP treatment facilities.	Prepare a Sewer System Master Plan that includes requirements for appropriate sewer facility impact fees.	To be approved in 2023	Once	City of Burbank Community Development Department; City of Burbank Public Works Department			

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UTIL-3d Expansion and Upgrades to BWRP Treatm	nent Facilities						
The City shall expand and upgrade the BWRP treatment facilities as needed consistent with the City's Sewer System Master Plan including but not limited to, the acquisition of land adjacent to the BWRP facilities, the addition of new primary clarifiers, increased capacity in the equalization basins, and upgrades to other parts of the sewage treatment process.	Conduct a sewer service constraints analysis relative to opportunity sites. Preparation of a nexus fee study to develop a fair share requirement in the form of a wastewater connection or similar project impact fee.	After approval of Sewer System Master Plan	Continuous; throughout citywide development	City of Burbank Community Development Department; City of Burbank Public Works Department			

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