

It is my pleasure to nominate Mary Movsesyan for Employee of the Year.

Over the years, Mary has become someone the entire City family can count on, regardless of the challenge. Whether it is a major citywide initiative, an emergency, or a project with a tight deadline, she approaches every assignment with a positive attitude and tremendous pride in her work. Mary does not wait to be told what needs to be done. She identifies the need, takes ownership, and follows through to ensure the work is completed thoughtfully and effectively.

Mary has played a key role in some of the City's largest and most visible initiatives. She worked tirelessly to help implement and promote the FIFA Fan Zone in Downtown Burbank and the Film Burbank campaign, while also leading communications efforts for the leaf blower ordinance and numerous other important City projects. During the January 2024 windstorms and neighboring fires, she worked nights, weekends, and countless additional hours to ensure the community received timely and accurate information. During the Bethany Fire in 2025, she recognized the need for a dedicated webpage and had it online almost immediately, giving residents a reliable source for real-time information before anyone even asked.

Mary is always looking for ways to improve the City's communications. She does not simply complete assignments; she finds better ways to reach people and tell Burbank's story. One example that stands out is the tribute video she created following the tragic passing of Burbank Police K-9 Spike. The video reached more than 500,000 people, but what made it remarkable was not the number of views. It was Mary's ability to create content that informed, engaged, and connected with the community during an extremely difficult moment.

She brings that same creativity and sense of purpose to everything she has a hand in, from emergency communications to social media favorites such as The Mayor's Show and Burbank in Action. Additionally, her work supports City staff in their efforts to communicate more effectively. She partnered with the City Attorney's Office and Information Technology Department to create content for ADA social media guidance and training, helping staff produce more accessible public communications.

Mary is also an outstanding teammate and leader. She builds strong relationships across departments, provides valuable support to both the Public Information Office and Reprographics teams, and is always ready to help others succeed. Her professionalism, enthusiasm, and collaborative approach have earned the respect of staff throughout the City.

Simply put, Mary strengthens our department, elevates our organization, and helps keep our community informed and connected. She represents the very best of public service, and I can think of no one more deserving of recognition as the City of Burbank's Employee of the Year.