

## **Candidate Statement**

**Mike Van Gorder**

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Hi Burbank! My wife and I have two small girls, one in BUSD, and they're the reason I'm running. I earned my Master's Degree in Housing and Community Economic Development from UCLA during COVID and my wife has worked at Burbank studios for over a decade. We love raising our family here but we spend half our income on housing. There are simply no guarantees for working families.

I'm running to represent the working class.

We deserve leaders that are living the reality of today's economy. Average home prices are \$1.2 million and average rent for a two-bedroom is \$2,544, a 12% increase from last year. We need a professional housing policy expert on council to build what we need and give our kids the chance to thrive right here in Burbank.

We need housing affordability, tenant protections, better wages and benefits, and let's protect public educators!

I'm endorsed by:

- Burbank Councilmember Konstantine Anthony
- Glendale Councilmember Dan Brotman
- DSA-LA
- Ground Game LA
- California Federation of Interpreters Local 1000
- Holocaust Speaker Coordinator David Meyerhof
- Pasadena Schoolboard Member Tina Fredericks

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#ProtectTransKids

#BlackLivesMatter

#MedicareForAll

#GreenNewDeal