

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2025





Map displays the Top 10 Burbank Employers as reported in the Burbank Business & Economic Development Annual Report 2023-2024

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Burbank is a vibrant and bustling Southern California community located in the eastern part of the San Fernando Valley, 12 miles east of downtown Los Angeles. Due to the City’s central location in the region, its convenient accessibility, and continued economic vitality, it has grown from a rural town at its incorporation in 1911, into a thriving urban city of more than 105,000 residents today, with a daily workforce population of more than 200,000.

To be responsive to the needs and demands of our citizens, visitors, and businesses alike, we seek to meet those needs while adhering to the fundamental principles of people, pride, and progress.

Over the years, these guiding principles have, and continue to, cultivate and nurture a safe, beautiful, and thriving community. As the “Media Capital of the World,” Burbank is home to Warner Bros. Entertainment, The Walt Disney Company, ABC, Nickelodeon, and Netflix Animation.

In providing services to our citizenry, the City takes pride in having reliable, sustainable, and affordable municipal electric and water utilities, police and fire services, recreational facilities and other high quality municipal programs and services. Burbank is also known for its exceptional schools, tree lined neighborhoods, and a diverse business community.

As a full-service city, Burbank recognizes the need for active legislative engagement with federal and state government officials to protect and enhance the interests of its residents and businesses. Accordingly, City officials maintain close relationships with Burbank’s federal and state representatives and agency officials to advocate, influence, and monitor pertinent legislation.

In addition, the City of Burbank is committed to preserving local control and decision-making authority and therefore opposes unfunded or inadequately funded mandates, especially those that may be injurious to the character of its neighborhoods, the provision of community services, or the success of its business community.

The 2025 Legislative Platform outlines the position of the City of Burbank on priority issues, from responsible development to sustainability measures, as well as resources for innovative transit and clean energy projects.

Drafted in consultation with the City’s federal and state advocacy firms, the Platform is intended to assist the Mayor, Vice Mayor, Council Members, and staff to proactively and appropriately address legislation, regulations, and or policies, which may impact the City’s ability to operate effectively, while allowing the consideration of additional legislative, regulatory, and budgetary issues that arise during the legislative session. With the Platform as a guiding document, the City will continue to work with its constituents, elected officials and other interested parties, to promote and preserve the City’s interests at the federal and state level.



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KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2025 FEDERAL PLATFORM

The platform is comprehensive in its scope and breadth, covering seventeen priority topic areas – reflecting the City’s deep commitment to its community in general and its citizens in particular – including, but not limited to: ongoing transportation and infrastructure (physical as well as cyber) challenges; ever expanding public health and safety needs; continuous efforts to meet the housing demands of both our housed and unhoused citizens; and efforts to support our recreational, conservation, natural resources, and water priorities.

Among the seventeen federal priorities, all discussed fully in the attached, several are of particular relevance for federal policy makers in congress and the executive branch:

- ▶ **Municipal Bond Tax** – The City opposes any effort to eliminate, or cap, the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, which is among the few federal tools remaining for local governments to finance large capital projects.
- ▶ **Workforce Training and Development** – The City supports training and development initiatives, through legislation, regulation or funding opportunities, that advance collaboration among community partners including, but not limited to, non-profits, the Burbank Unified School District Board of Education, and the Workforce Development Board. In addition, the City will seek additional funding for training and apprenticeship programs to develop youth, veterans, and underemployed individuals for jobs relevant to the City’s workforce.
- ▶ **Promote Successful Local Businesses** – The City seeks measures that support the City’s continued efforts to retain and promote local (particularly small) businesses, including funding opportunities (i.e. loans and tax credits for business improvements) and for removal of regulations that impose excessive requirements or restrictions that hinder the success of these enterprises.
- ▶ **Increase Nutrition For Citizens** – The City supports legislation, regulations and funding opportunities to increase access to affordable meal programs for older adults, youth, and the disabled.
- ▶ **Funding and Collaboration to Remove and Clean Homeless Encampments** – The City seeks new funding opportunities and supports legislation designed to promote collaboration among city, county, state, and federal agencies for the legal and humane removal and storage of homeless belongings and clearing of areas that are highly vulnerable to fires and have developed to unsafe conditions, such as along federal railroads, underpasses, freeway embankments, flood control channels, and critical infrastructure buildings/ equipment.

- ▶ **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program** – The City supports legislation that would amend both federal and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Programs to support and deem competitive a mix of units in an affordable housing project, to promote sustainable and integrated communities.
- ▶ **Enhance Home Ownership** – The City supports growth in individual home ownership through reasonable measures to reduce obstacles and costs to construction of new home ownership opportunities, including rent to own programs and condominium liability reform.
- ▶ **NEPA Reform** – The City supports sensible National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reform that will enable new housing production.
- ▶ **Housing Security** – The City supports legislation that protects property ownership and prioritizes small property owners over institutional investors, as well as federal funding opportunities for rental assistance programs to ensure housing security for residential tenants.
- ▶ **Imposition of Unfunded Federal Mandates** – The City opposes federal mandates that do not include realistic timeframes, funding for corollary costs of compliance (e.g. infrastructure costs for housing construction mandates), associated personnel costs, and technical support for jurisdictions to ensure compliance with mandates.
- ▶ **Address Increases in Crime** – The City supports policies, legislation, and funding opportunities, which prioritize public safety and ensure police officers receive adequate training, education, and equipment to successfully protect the community.
- ▶ **Support Crime Reduction Solutions** – The City will advocate for legislation and funding opportunities that prioritizes preventing and reducing crime and promoting rehabilitation. The City will also advocate for legislation that prioritizes drug prevention programs, mental health initiatives, enhanced protective equipment, and solutions for homelessness.
- ▶ **Emergency Preparedness** – The City will advocate for funding opportunities and legislation that encourage disaster preparedness and emergency planning, including funding to develop a permanent Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to further emergency management preparedness efforts. Seek direct and flexible funding opportunities for localities to sustain core services and provide community recovery programs while responding to public health emergencies and natural disasters.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2025 FEDERAL PLATFORM (cont'd)

- ▶ **Fire Vegetation Management** – The City will advocate for and support well balanced legislation as well as funding opportunities that would allow vegetation management to be done in a timely manner by responsible parties to reduce risk of fire.
- ▶ **Cybersecurity Protection** – The City will advocate for legislation and funding that would prevent and reduce cybercrime that would impact municipal services. Advocate for legislation and funding opportunities to protect against cyber security attacks and prevent and resolve breaches (e.g. the ability to use cyber-attack and intrusion detection, automated Artificial Intelligence attack response solutions, and recovery programs).
- ▶ **Pursue Infrastructure Funding Opportunities** – The City will advocate for and support federal funding opportunities that are designed to mitigate traffic congestion and maintain/improve Burbank's infrastructure. These include, but are not limited to, the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program as well as Congestion Management Air Quality Funds, the federal gas tax, and Active Transportation funds.
- ▶ **Innovative Financing Programs** – The City will advocate for transportation policies that seek to regenerate funds that support maintenance and development of Burbank's infrastructure projects, including infrastructure finance districts and other innovative financing programs to support construction as well as maintenance long term (i.e. – Public Private Partnerships).
- ▶ **Support Hydropower and Small Modular Reactors** – The City will support the inclusion of hydropower and small modular reactors as zero-carbon energy sources, consistent with efforts to develop federal standards to safely dispose of and handle related waste.
- ▶ **Enhanced Cyber and Physical Security** – The City will support legislation and or regulations regarding cyber and physical security to protect utility assets and operations.
- ▶ **Wildfire Mitigation** – The City will advocate for, and support, legislation that promotes prevention and reduction of wildfire risk through responsible power management. The City will also advocate for funding opportunities to mitigate wildfire risks.
- ▶ **Technology Initiatives** – The City will advocate for, and pursue, funding opportunities to promote the use of data and advanced technologies to create efficiencies, promote economic development, enhance utility operations, and help solve other sustainability challenges.

- ▶ **Cost-Effective Water Ecosystem Projects** – The City will advocate for and support federal funding opportunities for water ecosystem projects that enhance water quality and are cost-effective. Advocate for direct beneficiaries and cost causers to fund their fair share of infrastructure project costs that provide long-term benefits to the state and its inhabitants.
- ▶ **Water Supply Projects** – The City will advocate for federal funding for the expansion of current, and the construction of new, water supply projects including desalination and importing water from water rich regions of the United States.
- ▶ **Water Conservation** – The City will advocate for legislation and funding opportunities that support water conservation measures, including residential and commercial customer assistance, water storage, and efforts to mitigate and plan for droughts, such as drought-resistant landscaping and permeable surfaces.
- ▶ **Direct Potable Reuse** – The City will advocate for, and support, continued work on developing regulations and funding for the implementation of Direct Potable Reuse.
- ▶ **Veteran Funding and Initiatives** – The City will advocate for, and support, initiatives, partnerships, funding opportunities, and programs to ensure veterans and their families have access to holistic services and resources including, but not limited to, physical and mental health, affordable housing, employment, and education.

The City looks forward to partnering with federal policymakers in the weeks and months ahead to advance the priorities contained in our platform toward the betterment of our community and citizens.

AIRPORT

- 1. Public Safety** Support and/or advocate for legislation or regulations that promote and improve public safety and counter-criminal measures at and around the airport grounds.
- 2. Increased Accessibility** Support and/or advocate for legislation and policies that increases accessibility for airline passengers both on the ground and in the air.
- 3. Unmanned Aircraft Systems** Request that the Federal Aviation Administration develop clear rules and regulations for governing the use of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), while preserving local control to regulate the use and application of UAS for industry and City services.

BUDGET & MUNICIPAL FINANCE

- 1. Limitations on Municipal Liability** Support and/or advocate for legislative and or regulatory changes to personal injury tort law such as caps on damages and contingency fees and limitations on joint and several liability. Support legislation and or regulation that expands governmental immunity related to public improvements such as unforeseen tree failures and trivial defects.
- 2. Municipal Bond Tax** Oppose any effort to eliminate, or cap, the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds, which is among the few tools remaining for local governments to finance large capital projects.
- 3. Sequestration** Support legislation to end the threat of sequestration of federal payments related to Build America Bonds (BABs) and refundable elective payment energy tax credits.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Workforce Training and Development** Support and/or advocate for training and development initiatives (through legislation, regulation or funding opportunities) that enhance collaboration among community partners including, but not limited to non-profits, the Burbank Unified School District Board of Education, and the Workforce Development Board. In addition, seek additional funding for training and apprenticeship programs to develop youth, veterans, and underemployed individuals for jobs relevant to the City's workforce.
- 2. Entrepreneurship** Support and/or advocate for legislation, regulations, or funding opportunities that provides a funding mechanism to accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship in the region, including the addition of a physical space for an incubator or accelerator.
- 3. Tourism Funding** Support and/or advocate for legislation and/or regulations that protects and enhances funding for tourism marketing and infrastructure to support the strong, growing tourism industry in California.

- 4. Successful Local Businesses** Support and/or advocate for measures that support the City's continued efforts to retain and promote local businesses and for removal of regulations that impose excessive requirements or restrictions that hinder the success of these enterprises.
- 5. New Redevelopment Funding** Seek, promote, and implement new or alternative approaches that may replace redevelopment funding mechanisms that deliver positive benefits to Burbank.
- 6. Business Attraction** Support and/or advocate for measures that seek to preserve and maintain the entertainment, technology, medical, and other growing industries within the City and state, while continuing efforts to diversify the local economic base. Advocate for incentives to retain entertainment and animation industry jobs and businesses in California.
- 7. Economic Development** Continue efforts to secure legislation and/or regulations that will provide funding mechanisms to promote continued economic development, including initiatives to provide financing for business assistance loans, no interest loans, façade improvements, and infrastructure improvements, including exterior improvements such as public art installations, roadway/sidewalk improvements, landscaping, and more.
- 8. Telecommunication and Broadband** Support and/or advocate for federal legislation and/or regulations preserving the City's interest in telecommunication, broadband, and infrastructure operations. Seek funding opportunities for expanding local broadband options.
- 9. Business Funding Opportunities** Advocate for funding opportunities for small business assistance, loan programs for business improvements, and tax credits for businesses.
- 10. Tax Credits and Incentives for Creative/Entertainment Industry** Advocate for tax credits and incentives to attract and retain entertainment industry jobs.

FEDERAL FUNDING

- 1. Burbank at a Competitive Advantage** Proactively seek continued and alternative funding sources (i.e. grants) that will benefit the City's ability to provide valuable community services. Advocate for funding criteria that puts Burbank at a competitive advantage.
- 2. Legislation to Increase Funding for Burbank** Advocate for and support legislation and federal funding opportunities that would increase funding for Burbank's community services including funding for local law enforcement Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI), forensic science, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), public libraries, affordable housing, employment services, senior citizen and youth programs, recreation facilities, cultural arts facilities, maintenance and infrastructure improvements, public schools, park and open space development, and sustainable energy and water among others.

FEDERAL FUNDING (cont'd)

- 3. Tri-City Efforts** Leverage current Tri-City efforts to obtain funding for mutually beneficial projects, facilities, and shared resources.
- 4. Redistricting** Maintain the classification of the Tri-City area of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- 1. Access to Healthy Eating** Support and/or advocate for legislation, regulations, and funding opportunities to increase access to affordable meal programs for older adults youth and the disabled.
- 2. Aging in Place** Support and/or advocate for legislation, regulations, and/or funding opportunities to foster independence, well-being, and access to resources for older adults.
- 3. Access to Childcare** Support and/or advocate for funding opportunities to increase access to childcare for the community, with an emphasis on care and education for children ages 0-5.
- 4. Affordable Health Care** Support and/or advocate for legislation, regulations, and/or funding opportunities that creates options and opportunities for access to affordable healthcare and support universal single payer health care for all of our citizens.
- 5. Access to Adaptive Recreation** Support and/or advocate for funding opportunities that provide sports, fitness, recreation, and outdoor activities for people with disabilities.
- 6. Access to Mental Health Services** Support and/or advocate for policies, legislation, and/or regulations that increase access to responsive and preventative mental health services for all our citizens and destigmatizes receiving mental health care. Advocate for support of regional resources related to mental health care.

HOMELESSNESS

- 1. A Balanced Approach** Support and/or advocate for a housing-first approach to address homelessness that considers expanded funding opportunities for project-based transitional and permanent affordable housing for homeless families and the creation of special needs housing for those suffering from mental illness, all of which include support services to ensure a continuum of care for this vulnerable segment of the population.
- 2. Street Outreach Teams** Support and/or advocate for new funding opportunities for expanded Street Outreach Teams in collaboration with law enforcement, first responders, educators, and the County's health and mental health departments for those affected by homelessness and mental health issues.
- 3. Funds for Burbank's Homelessness Plan** Support and/or advocate for federal funding opportunities regarding implementation of City or sub-region homelessness plans, including funding to support physical and mental health services, safe parking areas, and access to effective referral systems.

- 4. Funding and Collaboration to Remove and Clean Homeless Encampments** Support and/or advocate for legislation, regulations, and/or funding opportunities designed to promote collaboration among city, county, state, and federal agencies for the legal and humane removal and storage of homeless belongings and clearing of areas that are highly vulnerable to fires and have developed to unsafe conditions, such as along federal railroads, underpasses, freeway embankments, flood control channels, and critical infrastructure buildings/equipment.

HOUSING

- 1. Accessible Housing Affordable at All Income Levels** Support and/or advocate for legislation and programs that assist in providing housing at all income levels, within mixed-income residential developments in the City, along with the supportive services necessary for residents to sustain their housing.
- 2. Workforce Housing** Support and/or advocate for legislation and programs that assist the public and private sectors in funding and developing housing for all levels of affordability, including affordable housing for the Burbank workforce, to meet the City Council's goal of facilitating the building of 12,000 units by 2035.
- 3. Voucher Programs** Support and/or advocate for increased funding of voucher programs, including the Section 8 Program, Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH), Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), and Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) to allow for the increase of rental subsidies within urban areas with high rental cost. Also support and/or advocate for programmatic changes to focus programs on the elderly, disabled, and other special need and vulnerable households. Advocate for and support Project Based Vouchers for housing developments that meet City Council goals.
- 4. Emergency, Interim, Transitional and Supportive Housing** Support and/or advocate for legislation and funding for a variety of housing options including emergency, interim, and transitional housing units while new permanent supportive housing units are developed for people experiencing homelessness, along with support services needed to make these successful.
- 5. Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program** Support and/or advocate for legislation that would amend both federal and state Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Programs to support and deem competitive a mix of units in an affordable housing project, to promote sustainable and integrated communities.
- 6. Owner Occupancy** Support and/or advocate for growth in individual home ownership through reasonable measures to reduce obstacles and costs to construction of new home ownership opportunities, including rent to own programs and condominium liability reform.
- 7. National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Reform** Support and/or advocate for sensible National Environmental Policy Act reform that will enable new housing production.

HOUSING (cont'd)

- 8. Housing Security** Support and/or advocate for legislation that protects property ownership and prioritizes small property owners over institutional investors, as well as federal funding opportunities for rental assistance programs to ensure housing security for residential tenants.
- 9. HOME Program Changes** Support and/or advocate for programmatic changes to the HOME Investment Partnership Program by removing the expenditure deadline as the creation of affordable housing by community housing development organizations can take several years to complete.

LIBRARIES, PARKS, & OPEN SPACE

- 1. Connectivity** Support and/or advocate for initiatives to develop connecting trail systems in the Verdugo mountainside.
- 2. Open Space Protection** Support and/or advocate for legislation and funding opportunities directly, or through federally funded state programs, which preserves and protects open space, green space, and natural habitats throughout the City of Burbank.
- 3. Access to Diverse Library Materials** Support and/or advocate for legislation that prevents bans on reading, listening, and viewing material for youth in public libraries and protects library employees from liability related to providing access to diverse perspectives.
- 4. Arts** Support and/or advocate for federal legislation and funding opportunities that increase resources for local arts and cultural events, including performing and visual arts programs, and capital improvements of art venues.

MANDATES

- 1. Timely Reimbursements** Support and/or advocate for initiatives to ensure timely reimbursements from the federal government.
- 2. Imposition of Unfunded Federal Mandates** Oppose mandates that do not include realistic timeframes, funding for corollary costs of compliance (e.g. infrastructure costs for housing construction mandates), associated personnel costs and technical support for jurisdictions to ensure compliance with mandates.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

- 1. Disclosures and Accountability** Support and/or advocate for legislation that enhances appropriate disclosure and provides accountability of public funds.
- 2. Good Faith Negotiations** Promote legislation that strengthens good faith negotiations between employee organizations and local agencies.

- 3. Control Workers' Compensation** Support and/or advocate for legislation that would control medical and legal costs related to workers' compensation.
- 4. Workers' Compensation Reform** Continue to support workers' compensation reform that is inclusive of both safety and non-safety employees.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 1. Address Increases in Crime** Support and/or advocate for policies, legislation, and funding opportunities, which prioritize public safety and ensure police officers receive adequate training, education, and equipment to successfully protect the community.
- 2. Supportive Programs and Solutions** Support and/or advocate for legislation and funding opportunities that prioritizes preventing and reducing crime and promoting rehabilitation. Also, support and/or advocate for legislation that prioritizes drug prevention programs, mental health initiatives, enhanced protective equipment, and solutions for homelessness.
- 3. Traffic Safety** Support and/or advocate for Office of Traffic Safety grant funding related to all aspects of traffic safety.
- 4. Pedestrian Safety** Support and/or advocate for legislation that prioritizes road safety, with a specific emphasis on protecting pedestrians – especially vulnerable users like children, the elderly, and the disabled.
- 5. Reimbursement for Presidential Visits** Pursue law enforcement funding and/or reimbursement from federal agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security or Federal Emergency Management Agency for Presidential and/or high-profile attendee visits.
- 6. Criminal Justice Reform** Support and/or advocate for evidence-based criminal justice reform measures that are inclusive of concerns from prosecutors, victims' rights groups, and law enforcement agencies and do not hinder law enforcement's ability to protect the community.
- 7. Latest Technology** Support and/or advocate for legislation and funding opportunities that would take advantage of the latest technology to prevent and resolve crimes, such as the ability to use surveillance cameras, automatic license plate recognition, and DNA testing.
- 8. Emergency Preparedness** Support and/or advocate for funding opportunities and legislation that encourage disaster preparedness and emergency planning, including funding to develop a permanent Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to further emergency management preparedness efforts. Seek direct and flexible funding opportunities for localities to sustain core services and provide community recovery programs while responding to public health emergencies and natural disasters.

PUBLIC SAFETY (cont'd)

- 9. Fire Vegetation Management** Support and/or advocate for well-balanced legislation and funding opportunities that would allow vegetation management to be done in a timely manner by responsible parties to reduce risk of fire.
- 10. Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) System** Support and/or advocate for legislation for assistance to aid the ICI System, including federal funding opportunities for communities to use their public safety radio communication spectrum, which is currently utilized by first responders in Burbank and surrounding communities.
- 11. Non-Traditional Crime Prevention Activities** Support and/or advocate for funding opportunities for non-traditional crime prevention activities, homeless assistance, front-end diversion, and mental health initiatives.
- 12. Seismic Safety** Support and/or advocate for legislation and regulation that increases the seismic safety of buildings including seismic retrofit, retrofit funding, or higher levels of structural resiliency of buildings.
- 13. Wildfire Safety** Support and/or advocate for legislation and regulation that increases the safety of buildings during a wildfire including fire protection measures, retrofit funding, or higher levels of wildfire structural resiliency. Advocate for funding opportunities for wildfire prevention and mitigation.
- 14. Reducing Gun Violence** Support and/or advocate for legislation and funding opportunities that reduce gun violence.
- 15. Cybersecurity Protection** Support and/or advocate for legislation and funding that would prevent and reduce cybercrime that would impact municipal services. Advocate for legislation and funding opportunities to protect against cyber security attacks and prevent and resolve breaches (e.g. the ability to use cyber-attack and intrusion detection, automated Artificial Intelligence attack response solutions, and recovery programs).
- 16. Fentanyl Epidemic** Support and/or advocate for funding opportunities, legislation/and or regulations and other initiatives aimed at addressing the fentanyl crisis by fortifying law enforcement efforts, intensifying prevention through public awareness campaigns and school programs, broadening access to treatment, supporting first responders, and actively involving communities.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY

- 1. Equitable Access** Support and/or advocate for legislation and funding opportunities that assists the City of Burbank to provide residents with equitable access to City programs and services.

- 2. Eliminating Barriers** Support and/or advocate for legislation and funding that will allow the City and its community partners to provide disadvantaged residents with the tools necessary to grow and thrive.
- 3. Community Engagement** Support and/or advocate for legislation and funding for the City and its community partners to proactively engage with residents on issues of prejudice, discrimination, and social justice to promote education, understanding, expanded opportunity, and acceptance between diverse groups in the community, making all feel welcome and safe in Burbank.

SUSTAINABILITY

- 1. Streamline National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Provisions** Support and/or advocate for efforts to streamline NEPA provisions that would result in meaningful reform to reduce out-of-date noticing provisions.
- 2. Recycling and Organics Recovery** Seek federal funding opportunities, and permitting support, to assist in compliance with Solid Waste mandates for recycling and organics recovery/processing.

TECHNOLOGY

- 1. Data and Technology Initiatives** Support and/or advocate for legislative initiatives and funding opportunities to promote the use of data and technology to create efficiencies, promote economic development, enhance public safety, improve transportation and mobility, improve sustainability, enhance municipal quality of life factors, and help solve other civic challenges.
- 2. Digital Literacy and Technology Access** Support and/or advocate for legislative initiatives and funding opportunities to increase access to computers, high-speed internet, and similar technology, and to provide training in computer and technology skills.
- 3. Cyber Security Initiatives** Support and/or advocate for legislative initiatives and funding opportunities that promotes the use of technology solutions and other resources to protect local government networks, technology systems, critical infrastructure, and data.
- 4. Regulation of Wireless Facilities** Oppose legislation or regulatory policy that would further erode the ability of local governments to regulate wireless facilities.
- 5. Artificial Intelligence (AI)** Support and/or advocate for regulations, legislation, and/or funding for the development of clear guidelines and restrictions regarding AI that promotes its ethical, fair, and responsible use, and ensures transparency, accountability, and fairness in AI systems while safeguarding individual rights, economic stability, and security.

TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1. Burbank Infrastructure Funding Opportunities** Support and/or advocate for federal funding opportunities, including but not limited to Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program and Congestion Management Air Quality Funds; State Cap and Trade, High Speed Rail, Gas Tax, and Active Transportation funds; and Regional Measure M, Measure R, Proposition A, and Proposition C (Transportation Sales Tax) funds, to mitigate traffic congestion and maintain/improve Burbank's infrastructure.
- 2. New Transit** Support and/or advocate for a direct light rail or subway connection to the Hollywood Burbank Airport.
- 3. Innovative Financing Programs** Support and/or advocate for transportation policies that seek to regenerate funds that support maintenance and development of Burbank's infrastructure projects, including infrastructure finance districts and other innovative financing programs to support construction as well as maintenance long term (i.e. - Public Private Partnerships).
- 4. Transit Center in Burbank Media District and Metrolink Station** Seek funding for the creation of a new transit center in the Burbank Media District and Metrolink Station to anchor the major bus transit lines that provide transit service to this employment center and to support the future NoHo-to-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.
- 5. Olive Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Project** Seek funding to rehabilitate and improve Olive Avenue bridge to improve bicycle, pedestrian, and transit access over I-5 in concert with the Metro NoHo-to-Pasadena BRT project including adding an aerial BRT station above the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station.
- 6. Magnolia Boulevard Bridge Rehabilitation Project** Seek funding opportunities to rehabilitate and improve Magnolia bridge over I-5 and improve bicycle and pedestrian access in conformance with the Complete Street Plan.
- 7. BurbankBus Transit Capital** Support and/or advocate for transit capital funding opportunities for the BurbankBus to replace aging vehicles in its fleet, including necessary electrification infrastructure to meet CARB zero-emission transit vehicle replacement mandates beginning in 2026.
- 8. Expanded Metrolink Service** Support and/or advocate for funding for capital projects and operational funding to achieve two way (bi-directional) all-day service to Burbank's Metrolink stations. Burbank will partner with regional transportation agencies and other stakeholders to achieve necessary Metrolink improvements.
- 9. Amtrak Surfliner** Advocate for all Amtrak Pacific Surfliner trains to stop at the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station.
- 10. Electrification** Support and/or advocate for initiatives incentivizing electrification of infrastructure for public transit projects when feasible.

- 11. Automated Vehicles and Emerging Vehicle Technologies** Support and/or advocate for regulations, legislation, and/or funding related to the use of automative vehicles and other emerging vehicle technologies and services to ensure the highest standards of their safety, privacy, and accountability, as well as development of smart infrastructure to support their safe, efficient, and sustainable integration.

UTILITIES - ENERGY

- 1. Support Hydropower and Small Modular Reactors** Support and/or advocate for the inclusion of hydropower and small modular reactors as zero-carbon energy sources, consistent with efforts on the development of federal standards to safely dispose of and handle related waste.
- 2. Support the Development and Deployment of Green Hydrogen** Support and/or advocate for the development and deployment of green hydrogen to ensure electrical grid reliability. Green hydrogen is made by using zero-carbon or renewable energy resources.
- 3. Financial Incentives for Clean Energy and Energy Storage** Support and/or advocate for legislation to provide financial incentives including tax incentives and other financial opportunities to reduce the cost of new and existing grid side clean energy and energy storage projects.
- 4. Public Benefit Programs** Support and/or advocate for legislation that protects and increases funding for community owned utilities' public benefits programs to support disadvantaged communities.
- 5. Regionalization of Electrical Markets** Support and/or advocate for legislation and regulation that would allow for the cost-effective and environmentally effective regionalization of electrical markets in the United States.
- 6. Transmission** Support and/or advocate for legislation that provides financial assistance, and allows for opportunity, to build and/or own transmission in the LA Basin and throughout the United States to ensure grid reliability.
- 7. Cyber and Physical Security** Support and/or advocate for legislation and regulation regarding cyber and physical security to protect utility assets and operations.
- 8. Wildfire Mitigation** Advocate for and support legislation that promotes prevention and reduction of wildfire risk through responsible power management. Advocate for funding opportunities to mitigate wildfire risks.
- 9. Technology Initiatives** Advocate for and support funding opportunities to promote the use of data and advanced technologies to create efficiencies, promote economic development, enhance utility operations, and help solve other sustainability challenges.

UTILITIES - WATER

- 1. Cost-Effective Water Ecosystem Projects** Support and advocate for federal funding opportunities for water ecosystem projects that enhance water quality and are cost-effective. Advocate for direct beneficiaries and cost causers to fund their fair share of infrastructure project costs that provide long-term benefits to the state and its inhabitants.
- 2. Water Supply Projects** Advocate and support funding for the expansion of current, and construction of new, water storage projects, both state-wide and locally, to increase water supply. Advocate for federal funding for the expansion of current, and the construction of new, water supply projects including desalination and importing water from water rich regions of the United States.
- 3. Water Conservation** Support and/or advocate for legislation and funding opportunities that support water conservation measures, including residential and commercial customer assistance, water storage, and efforts to mitigate and plan for droughts, such as drought-resistant landscaping and permeable surfaces.
- 4. Direct Potable Reuse** Advocate for and support continued work on developing regulations and funding for the implementation of Direct Potable Reuse.
- 5. Public Benefit Programs** Advocate for, and support, legislation that protects and increases funding for community owned utilities' public benefits programs to support disadvantaged communities.
- 6. Stormwater Funding** Seek funding opportunities to assist in meeting mandated stormwater requirements as appropriate.
- 7. Redistribution of Public Benefits** Oppose efforts by the state that would impose Public Benefit requirements on water utilities that transfer funding to the state for redistribution. Retain funding for Local Benefits efforts for exclusive local use.

VETERANS

- 1. Veteran Funding and Initiatives** Support and/or advocate for initiatives, partnerships, funding opportunities, and programs to ensure veterans and their families have access to holistic services and resources including, but not limited to, physical and mental health, affordable housing, employment, and education.



2025 STATE PLATFORM

The City of Burbank's 2025 California State Platform Summary

The City's state platform (which follows this summary) is equally comprehensive in its scope and breadth to the federal, prioritizing the same seventeen priority topic areas – thus reflecting the City's continued deep commitment to its community in general and its citizens in particular at all levels of government – including, but not limited to: ongoing transportation and infrastructure challenges (physical as well as cyber); ever expanding public health and safety needs; continuous efforts to meet the housing demands of both our housed and unhoused citizens; and efforts to support our recreational, conservation, natural resources, and water priorities.

It is important for federal policy makers to understand the effort, time, and money the City is already undertaking at the state level to advance their priorities (as several issues overlap with actions of importance in Washington DC) as they consider additional assistance and support for the City's federal priorities. The City's efforts in Sacramento include the following:

- ▶ **Workforce Training and Development** – The City will support and advocate for training and development initiatives – through legislation, regulation or funding opportunities – that advance collaboration among community partners including, but not limited to, non-profits, the Burbank Unified School District Board of Education, and the Workforce Development Board. In addition, the City will seek additional funding for training and apprenticeship programs to develop youth, veterans, and underemployed individuals for jobs relevant to the City's workforce.
- ▶ **Promote Successful Local Businesses** – The City will advocate for measures that support continued efforts to retain and promote local (particularly small) businesses, including funding opportunities (i.e. loans and tax credits for business improvements) and for removal of regulations that impose excessive requirements or restrictions that hinder the success of these enterprises.
- ▶ **Increase Nutrition For Citizens** – The City will support and advocate for legislation, regulations, and funding opportunities to increase access to affordable meal programs for older adults, youth and the disabled.
- ▶ **Funding and Collaboration to Remove and Clean Homeless Encampments** – The City will seek new funding opportunities, as well as support and advocate for legislation designed to promote collaboration among city, county, state, and federal agencies for the legal and humane removal and storage of homeless belongings and clearing of areas that are highly vulnerable to fires and have developed to unsafe conditions, such as along federal railroads, underpasses, freeway embankments, flood control channels, and critical infrastructure buildings/equipment.

- ▶ **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program** – The City will support and advocate for legislation that would amend both federal and Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Programs to support and deem competitive a mix of units in an affordable housing project, to promote sustainable and integrated communities.
- ▶ **Enhance Home Ownership** – The City will support and advocate for growth in individual home ownership through reasonable measures to reduce obstacles and costs to construction of new home ownership opportunities, including rent to own programs and condominium liability reform.
- ▶ **CEQA/NEPA Reform** – Support sensible California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reform that will enable new housing production.
- ▶ **Housing Security** – The City will support and advocate for legislation that protects property ownership and prioritizes small property owners over institutional investors, as well as funding opportunities for rental assistance programs to ensure housing security for residential tenants.
- ▶ **Imposition of Unfunded Mandates** – The City opposes state mandates that do not include realistic timeframes, funding for corollary costs of compliance (e.g. infrastructure costs for housing construction mandates), associated personnel costs, and technical support for jurisdictions to ensure compliance with mandates.
- ▶ **Address Increases in Crime** – The City will support and advocate for policies, legislation, and funding opportunities, which prioritize public safety and ensure police officers receive adequate training, education, and equipment to successfully protect the community.
- ▶ **Support Crime Reduction Solutions** – The City will support and advocate for legislation and funding opportunities that prioritizes preventing and reducing crime and promoting rehabilitation. The City will also advocate for legislation that prioritizes drug prevention programs, mental health initiatives, enhanced protective equipment, and solutions for homelessness.
- ▶ **Emergency Preparedness** – The City will support and advocate for funding opportunities and legislation that encourage disaster preparedness and emergency planning, including funding to develop a permanent Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to further emergency management preparedness efforts. Seek direct and flexible funding opportunities for localities to sustain core services and provide community recovery programs while responding to public health emergencies and natural disasters.
- ▶ **Fire Vegetation Management** – The City will support and advocate for well balanced legislation as well as funding opportunities that would allow vegetation management to be done in a timely manner by responsible parties to reduce risk of fire.

2025 STATE PLATFORM (cont'd)

- ▶ **Cybersecurity Protection** – The City will support and advocate for legislation and funding that would prevent and reduce cybercrime that would impact municipal services. Advocate for legislation and funding opportunities to protect against cyber security attacks and prevent and resolve breaches (e.g. the ability to use cyber-attack and intrusion detection, automated Artificial Intelligence attack response solutions, and recovery programs).
- ▶ **Pursue Infrastructure Funding Opportunities** – The City will support and advocate for funding opportunities that are designed to mitigate traffic congestion and maintain/improve Burbank’s infrastructure. These include, but are not limited to, the Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program as well as Congestion Management Air Quality Funds, the federal gas tax, and Active Transportation funds.
- ▶ **Innovative Financing Programs** – The City will support and advocate for transportation policies that seek to regenerate funds that support maintenance and development of Burbank’s infrastructure projects, including infrastructure finance districts and other innovative financing programs to support construction as well as maintenance long term (i.e. – Public Private Partnerships).
- ▶ **Support Hydropower and Small Modular Reactors** – The City will advocate for and support the inclusion of hydropower and small modular reactors as zero-carbon energy sources, consistent with efforts to develop federal standards to safely dispose of and handle related waste.
- ▶ **Enhanced Cyber and Physical Security** – The City will advocate for and support legislation and or regulations regarding cyber and physical security to protect utility assets and operations.
- ▶ **Wildfire Mitigation** – The City will advocate for and support legislation that promotes prevention and reduction of wildfire risk through responsible power management. The City will also advocate for funding opportunities to mitigate wildfire risks.
- ▶ **Technology Initiatives** – The City will advocate for and pursue funding opportunities to promote the use of data and advanced technologies to create efficiencies, promote economic development, enhance utility operations, and help solve other sustainability challenges.
- ▶ **Cost-Effective Water Ecosystem Projects** – The City will advocate for and support federal funding opportunities for water ecosystem projects that enhance water quality and are cost-effective. Advocate for direct beneficiaries and cost causers to fund their fair share of infrastructure project costs that provide long-term benefits to the state and its inhabitants.

- ▶ **Water Supply Projects** – The City will advocate for and support funding for the expansion of current, and the construction of new, water supply projects including desalination and importing water from water rich regions of the United States.
- ▶ **Water Conservation** – The City will advocate for and support legislation and funding opportunities that support water conservation measures, including residential and commercial customer assistance, water storage, and efforts to mitigate and plan for droughts, such as drought-resistant landscaping and permeable surfaces.
- ▶ **Direct Potable Reuse** – The City will advocate for and support continued work on developing regulations and funding for the implementation of Direct Potable Reuse.
- ▶ **Veteran Funding and Initiatives** – The City will advocate for and support initiatives, partnerships, funding opportunities, and programs to ensure veterans and their families have access to holistic services and resources including, but not limited to, physical and mental health, affordable housing, employment, and education.

AIRPORT

- 1. Noise Relief** Pursue and engage in legislative and regulatory initiatives and processes that secure meaningful noise relief, including nighttime noise relief such as curfew, at the Hollywood Airport, for the City of Burbank and surrounding communities.
- 2. Helicopter Noise Regulation** Support legislative efforts to monitor, regulate, and enforce helicopter noise in residential areas while being respectful of law enforcement and emergency first responder operations.
- 3. Increased Accessibility** Support state legislation and policy that increases accessibility for airline passengers both on the ground and in the air.

BUDGET & MUNICIPAL FINANCE

- 1. Local Government Funds** Support legislation or ballot measures that prevent the State from borrowing, raiding, or otherwise redirecting local government funds (i.e. local taxes, sales tax, property taxes, etc.).
- 2. Municipally Generated Revenue** Continue to promote increased flexibility for the utilization of municipally generated revenues (i.e. – Public Education and Government fee, Utility Users Tax, Development Impact Fees, etc.).
- 3. Online Purchases Sales Tax** Support legislation that changes the allocation of sales tax for online purchases from the County pool and reallocates it to the city where the purchase is made.
- 4. Online Transient Occupancy Tax Bypass** Oppose efforts by online travel companies to circumvent remittance of Transient Occupancy Taxes (TOT) from hotel reservations purchased on the internet.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- 1. Workforce Training and Development** Support and/or advocate for training and development initiatives (through legislation, regulation or funding opportunities) that enhance collaboration among community partners including, but not limited to non-profits, the Burbank Unified School District Board of Education, and the Workforce Development Board. In addition, seek additional funding for training and apprenticeship programs to develop youth, veterans, and underemployed individuals for jobs relevant to the City's workforce.
- 2. Successful Local Businesses** Support and/or advocate for measures that support the City's continued efforts to retain and promote local businesses and for removal of regulations that impose excessive requirements or restrictions that hinder the success of these enterprises.
- 3. Tourism Funding** Support and/or advocate for legislation and/or regulations that protects and enhances funding for tourism marketing and infrastructure to support the strong, growing tourism industry in California.
- 4. Filming** Support and/or advocate for incentives that promote filming within the City and state.

- 5. Telecommunication and Broadband** Support and/or advocate for state legislation and or regulations preserving the City's interest in telecommunication, broadband, and infrastructure operations. Seek funding opportunities for expanding local broadband options.
- 6. Tax Credits and Incentives for Creative/Entertainment Industry** Advocate for tax credits and incentives to attract and retain entertainment industry jobs.

HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

- 1. Affordable Health Care** Support and/or advocate for legislation, regulations, and/or funding opportunities that creates options and opportunities for access to affordable healthcare for all of our citizens.
- 2. Access to Healthy Foods** Support and/or advocate for legislation, regulations, and/or funding opportunities that promote community garden programs, expanding access to fresh fruits and vegetables for people of all ages.
- 3. Active Living** Encourage community design to integrate walking, hiking, and cycling paths and opportunities to recreate.
- 4. Access to Childcare** Advocate for funding for opportunities to increase access to childcare for the community, with an emphasis on care and education for children ages 0-5.
- 5. Access to Adaptive Recreation** Advocate for funding to provide sports, fitness, recreation, and outdoor activities for people with disabilities.
- 6. Access to Mental Health Services** Support policies, legislation, and or regulations that increases access to mental health services for all our citizens and destigmatizes receiving mental health care. Advocate for support of regional and local resources related to mental health care.

HOMELESSNESS

- 1. Street Outreach Teams** Support new funding opportunities from the county and state government for expanded Street Outreach Teams in collaboration with law enforcement, first responders, educators, and the County's health and mental health departments for those affected by homelessness and mental health issues.
- 2. Homelessness Services** Support and/or advocate for Regional initiatives and support of Medi-Cal reform to improve the quality of life, health outcomes, and solutions to reduce and prevent homelessness through social welfare, recuperative care facilities for those suffering from mental illness or substance abuse, and interim housing at the county, state, and federal levels.
- 3. Measure A Funding** Support and/or advocate for direct Measure A formulaic funding on an annual basis for cities like Burbank that are required to contribute additional sales tax.

HOMELESSNESS (cont'd)

- 4. Funds for Burbank's Homelessness Plan** Advocate for county, and state funds to implement City or sub-region homelessness plans, including funding to support physical and mental health services, safe parking areas, and access to effective referral systems.
- 5. Funding and Collaboration to Remove and Clean Homeless Encampments** Support new funding and legislation to collaborate with city, county, state, and federal agencies for the legal and humane removal and storage of homeless belongings and clearing of areas that are highly vulnerable to fires and have developed to unsafe conditions, such as along federal railroads, underpasses, freeway embankments, flood control channels, and critical infrastructure buildings/equipment.

HOUSING

- 1. Building Neighborhoods** Support and/or advocate for ongoing engagement between state and local governments to ensure local control is maintained and responsible housing development is promoted in a collaborative effort to address the local and statewide housing crisis, while protecting and building neighborhoods.
- 2. Responsible Development** Support and/or advocate for responsible development and zoning regulations to help ensure the building and protection of neighborhoods.
- 3. Limitations on Accessory Dwelling Units** Support and/or advocate for the addition of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior ADUs with limitations upon floor area ratio (FAR), location, parking replacement, and ADU sizes that result in ADUs and Junior ADUs that are appropriate in scale to the existing single-family home and the surrounding neighborhood. Support for ADUs and Junior ADUs is further contingent on allowing owner-occupancy requirements.
- 4. Lower Parking Requirements** Support lowering parking requirements for new and renovated development in areas near transit to encourage forgoing single-occupancy vehicle trips.
- 5. CEQA/NEPA Reform** Support sensible California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reform that will enable new housing production.
- 6. Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program** Support legislation that would amend state Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Programs to support and deem competitive a mix of units in an affordable housing project, to promote sustainable and integrated communities.
- 7. Transit Infrastructure that Supports Development** Support and highly encourage state funding that links the development of housing with an improved public transit system, local infrastructure, and associated public services.
- 8. Inclusion** Seek a seat at the table with the state legislature and the federal government on housing issues that impact the City of Burbank.

- 9. Housing Security** Support state legislation that protects property ownership and prioritizes small property owners over institutional investors, as well as state and federal subsidies for rental assistance programs to ensure housing security for residential tenants.
- 10. Infrastructure Funding** Support infrastructure capacity building at the community level to ensure that the production of residential housing is on pace and in line with local goals and state housing production mandates.
- 11. Affordable Insurance** Support legislation and programs that address rising insurance costs in California as it relates to affordable housing and home ownership.
- 12. Loss of Local Control and Irresponsible Development** Oppose state initiatives that would remove local control, allow for irresponsible housing development in Burbank, and interfere with protection of established residential neighborhoods.
- 13. Unrealistic Timeframes** Support new housing but oppose mandates for unrealistic processing timeframes for larger housing development projects.

LIBRARIES, PARKS, & OPEN SPACE

- 1. Park and Library Bond Measures** Support and/or advocate for legislation and bond measures that provide per capita grants to local governments, funding parks, library improvements, community facilities, and programs that enhance the quality of life for Burbank residents.
- 2. Park and Library Infrastructure** Support and/or advocate for legislation that provides funding for rehabilitation, development, and capital improvements of local parks, libraries, and community facilities, enhancing both the active and passive recreational spaces.
- 3. Equestrian Neighborhoods** Support and/or advocate for state funding and guidelines for protection of equestrian neighborhoods, facilities, and infrastructure.
- 4. Animal Shelters** Support and/or advocate for animal welfare legislation that protects against animal abuse, neglect, harm, abandonment, and unnecessary cosmetic surgery.
- 5. Animal Safety** Support pro-animal legislation with clear objective guidelines that safeguards animal shelter operations, ensures the well-being of shelter animals, and promotes public safety.
- 6. Imposition of Regulatory or Statutory Requirements** Oppose legislation that has a negative impact on the administration of park and recreation services and resource management including the sale of park lands and open space, relaxations of park dedication fee requirements that provide no added protections or benefit to California's recreational consumer.

MANDATES

- 1. Timely Reimbursements** Support initiatives to ensure timely reimbursements from the county, state, and federal government.
- 2. Community Care Facilities** Support and/or advocate for legislation amending state community care facility mandates to be mindful of the secondary impacts to neighborhoods where these facilities are located and consider a public safety perspective. Seek state licensing of sober living facilities, provide standards of operation for all group homes, allow reasonable distance provisions to avoid overconcentration in single-family neighborhoods, and provide a clear direction between protected group homes and boarding houses. Advocate for the State Department of Housing and Community Development to suspend enforcement of its mandated language relating to transitional housing and unlicensed care facilities until such issues are better defined.
- 3. Stormwater Funding** Seek additional county and state funding to help meet mandated stormwater requirements.
- 4. Exemption of Stormwater Capture Facilities** Support and/or advocate for legislation that exempts stormwater capture facilities from California Department of Fish and Wildlife review and permitting process, including requirements to permit debris basin clean out, which significantly delays the process and endangers residents in the event of storms.
- 5. Imposition of Unfunded Mandates** Oppose mandates that do not include realistic timeframes, funding for corollary costs of compliance (e.g. infrastructure costs for housing construction mandates), associated personnel costs and technical support for jurisdictions to ensure compliance with mandates.
- 6. Public Records Act** Support and/or advocate for legislation that balances transparency and public access with practicality related to the Public Records Act and ensures that cities can comply with public records requests without excessive administrative burdens or financial strain.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT

- 1. Competitive and Valuable Employment** Advocate for legislation that supports the City's ability to provide competitive and valuable employment opportunities.
- 2. Sustainable Pensions** Continue to influence, where necessary and applicable, any future efforts that may impact local government's ability to achieve and/or maintain sustainable pensions.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- 1. Public Safety Realignment Program** Proactively monitor and influence the implementation process of the state mandated "Public Safety Realignment Program" including reimbursement for monitoring compliance and enforcement, to ensure public safety and successful re-entry into the community.
- 2. Funding for AB 109, Prop 47, Prop 36, and Prop 57** Seek continued financial assistance to deal with the impacts of the Public Safety Realignment Act, Proposition 47 (Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative), Proposition 36 (Homelessness, Drug Addiction, and Theft Reduction Act) and Proposition 57 (Public Safety and Rehabilitation), related to thresholds and penalties for theft-related crime. Support legislation that addresses wrap-around services such as substance abuse counseling, mental health services, and employment, medical, and housing assistance.
- 3. Mental Health Programs** Support and/or advocate for programs that help ensure public safety through the assistance and rehabilitation of individuals with severe mental and/or substance abuse illnesses and increase awareness and training opportunities.
- 4. Speed Limits** Support and/or advocate for legislation that provides local jurisdictions greater flexibility to set enforceable speed limits, such as Assembly Bill 43 which was signed by Governor Newsom on October 8, 2021.
- 5. Local Control of Marijuana Operations** Maintain local control over the ability to regulate the sales location of retail and medical marijuana operations.
- 6. Funding to Regulate Recreational Marijuana** Seek state financial assistance for enforcement and regulation due to the passage of Proposition 64 and legalization of recreational marijuana.
- 7. Non-Traditional Crime Prevention Activities** Encourage funding for non-traditional crime prevention activities, homeless assistance, front-end diversion, and mental health initiatives at the county, state, and federal level.
- 8. Equestrian Safety** Support and/or advocate for legislation, regulations, and/or funding centered on equestrian safety, including the well-being of riders, horses, and the greater community.
- 9. Regulation of Tobacco Products (Including E-Cigarettes)** Support legislative authority to add tools for local law enforcement of tobacco product possession, including e-cigarettes, by minors, such as confiscation and mandated educational programs for youth.
- 10. Home Emergency Preparedness** Support and/or advocate for legislation or funding that promotes proactive measures to strengthen homes via home hardening and retrofit projects and provides financial incentives, such as tax credits or grants, to offset the cost of these projects.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & EQUITY

- 1. Equitable Access** Support legislation and funding opportunities that assists the City of Burbank provide residents with equitable access to City programs and services.
- 2. Eliminating Barriers** Support legislation and funding that allows the City and its community partners to provide disadvantaged residents with the tools necessary to grow and thrive.
- 3. Community Engagement** Support legislation and funding for the City and its community partners to proactively engage with residents on issues of prejudice, discrimination, and social justice to promote education, understanding, expanded opportunity, and acceptance between diverse groups in the community, making all feel welcome and safe in Burbank.

STATE FUNDING

- 1. Burbank at a Competitive Advantage** Proactively seek continued and alternative funding sources (i.e. grants) that will benefit the City's ability to provide valuable community services. Advocate for funding criteria that puts Burbank at a competitive advantage.
- 2. Legislation to Increase Funding for Burbank** Support and/or advocate for legislation and federal funding opportunities that would increase funding for Burbank's community services including funding for local law enforcement Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI), forensic science, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), public libraries, affordable housing, employment services, senior citizen and youth programs, recreation facilities, cultural arts facilities, maintenance and infrastructure improvements, public schools, park and open space development, and sustainable energy and water among others.
- 3. Tri-City Efforts** Leverage current Tri-City efforts to obtain state funding for mutually beneficial projects, facilities, and shared resources.
- 4. Redistricting** Maintain the classification of the Tri-City area of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena
- 5. Relocate US National Guard** Collaborate with the US National Guard to relocate, close, or consolidate the Burbank Armory with the Glendale Armory, allowing the City to expand Larry L. Maxam Memorial Park and utilize the land and facility for programming and open space needs.
- 6. HOME Program Programmatic Changes** Support programmatic changes to the HOME Investment Partnership Program by removing the two-year commitment deadline for the creation of affordable housing by community housing development organizations.
- 7. Decrease in State Administrative Fee Withholding** Advocate for a decrease in the State Administrative Fee withholding on federal grants. Less fee withholdings from federal grants, such as Los Angeles/Long Beach Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grants, would allow more funds to be allocated to the region.

- 8. Funding for Recycling Programs** Support legislation that would increase funding for state mandated Solid Waste, Recycling and Organics programs.

SUSTAINABILITY

- 1. Local Sustainability Policies** Influence state legislation and regulatory initiatives that would impact local government's ability to set local policies relating to environmental "sustainability," including, but not limited to building standards and land use planning.
- 2. Streamline California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Provisions** Support efforts to streamline CEQA provisions that would result in meaningful reform to reduce out-of-date noticing provisions, allow CEQA documentation to be filed electronically with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and with the County, and permit the online payment of fees.
- 3. Community Values Balances with Environmental Needs** Pursue state legislation that prioritizes the environment and balances the needs of the community.
- 4. Zero Emission Vehicles** Support the state's goals for increased use of all types of zero emission vehicles and support funding that goes towards the refueling infrastructure necessary for alternative fueled vehicles, with emphasis on Plug-in Electric Vehicles. Allow flexible standards and for fuel diversity certain emergency and fleet vehicles and equipment that require traditional fuel due to technology, range, power outage, and terrain issues.
- 5. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Initiatives** Support EPR initiatives to place a shared responsibility for end-of-life product management on the producers and all entities involved in the product chain, instead of the general public, while encouraging product design changes that minimize a negative impact on human health and the environment at every stage of the product's lifecycle.
- 6. Recyclable Pre-Processed Material Incentives** At the state level, incentivize manufacturers to bring in facilities to recycle pre-processed materials, particularly for plastics from recycling processors (e.g. Burbank Recycle Center). Promote the development of new markets for bulk recyclable materials to ensure long term stability of the industry and viability of municipal curbside recycling.
- 7. Reduction of Disposable Products** Support plans and programs to reduce disposable products and packaging and promote reuse.
- 8. Community Values Balances with Environmental Needs** Pursue state legislation that prioritizes the environment and balances the needs of the community.
- 9. Recycling and Organics Recovery** Seek county and state funding and permitting support to help comply with Solid Waste mandates for recycling and organics recovery/processing.

SUSTAINABILITY (cont'd)

- 10. Consideration of Local Land Use for Renewable Energy** Support local land use for utility size renewables like solar and wind that enables Burbank to meet S.B.100 mandates.
- 11. Support Reduce and Reuse** Support state laws that emphasize reduction and reuse as the most effective ways to save natural resources and protect the environment.
- 12. Building Decarbonization** Support electrification policies and programs for the built environment to reduce emission, improve air quality, and promote safety.

TECHNOLOGY

- 1. Data and Technology Initiatives** Support legislative initiatives and pursue funding to promote the use of data and technology to create efficiencies, promote economic development, enhance public safety, improve transportation and mobility, improve sustainability, enhance municipal quality of life factors, and help solve other civic challenges.
- 2. Initiatives to Prevent Negative Impacts of Way-Finding Apps** Support legislative initiatives that grant local governments the ability or tools to prevent way-finding apps from negatively impacting local neighborhood streets (congestion, wear and tear, and traffic safety).
- 3. Records Digitization** Support and advocate for funding for technological advances for the proper digitization and archival of vital City records to ensure transparency, accessibility, and posterity of records.
- 4. Digital Literacy and Technology Access** Support legislative initiatives and funding to increase access to computers, high-speed internet, and similar technology, and to provide training in computer and technology skills.
- 5. Cyber Security Initiatives** Support legislative initiatives and funding that promotes the use of technology solutions and other resources to protect local government networks, technology systems, critical infrastructure, and data.
- 6. Regulation of Wireless Facilities** Oppose any legislation or regulatory policy that would further erode the ability of local governments to regulate wireless facilities.
- 7. Artificial Intelligence (AI)** Support and/or advocate for regulations, legislation, and/or funding for the development of clear guidelines and restrictions regarding AI that promotes its ethical, fair, and responsible use, and ensures transparency, accountability, and fairness in AI systems while safeguarding individual rights, economic stability, and security.

TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE

- 1. Burbank Infrastructure Funding Opportunities** Support legislation that allocates additional state funding for the upgrade, replacement, and construction of needed infrastructure at the state and local level. Pursue and preserve regional, state, and federal funding opportunities, including but not limited to Federal Highway Safety Improvement Program and Congestion Management Air Quality Funds; State Cap and Trade, High Speed Rail, Gas Tax, and Active Transportation funds; and Regional Measure M, Measure R, Proposition A, and Proposition C (Transportation Sales Tax) funds, to mitigate traffic congestion and maintain/improve Burbank's infrastructure.
- 2. Interstate 5 North HOV / Empire Interchange Unmet Needs** Support state and regional funding for unmet project needs related to the Metro/Metrolink railroad corridor that was negatively impacted by the I-5 North HOV/Empire Interchange project.
- 3. Electrification** Support initiatives incentivizing electrification of infrastructure for public transit projects when feasible.
- 4. New Transit Projects** Engage with Metro, Metrolink, LOSSAN Rail Corridor Agency, and others to secure capital funding for the Antelope Valley Line for double-track improvements, and operations funding needed for 15-minute, all day, bi-directional Metrolink service. Support the Metro NoHo-to-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project as outlined in Council's communication to Metro¹. Advocate for a direct light rail or subway connection to the Hollywood Burbank Airport.
- 5. Innovative Financing Programs** Advocate for transportation policies that seek to regenerate funds that support maintenance and development of Burbank's infrastructure projects, including infrastructure finance districts and other innovative financing programs to support construction as well as maintenance long term (i.e. - Public Private Partnerships).
- 6. Citywide Quiet Zone** Support legislation that provides additional funding to install safety improvements at the City's remaining at-grade crossings (Vanowen/Clybourn, Burbank Airport South Metrolink Station, and Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station).
- 7. Freeway Cap Transit Center in Burbank Media District and Metrolink Station** Seek funding for the creation of a new transit center in the Burbank Media District and Metrolink Station to anchor the major bus transit lines that provide transit service to this employment center and to support the future NoHo-to-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project.
- 8. Olive Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation Projects** Seek funding to rehabilitate and improve Olive bridge to improve bicycle, pedestrian, and transit access over I-5 in concert with the Metro NoHo-to-Pasadena BRT project including adding an aerial BRT station above the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station.

¹ Reference April 20, 2022 Council Letter to Metropolitan Transportation Authority: <https://www.burbankca.gov/documents/d/community-development/20240327-metrobrtfeircomment-letter4-20-2022-001-pdf?>

TRANSPORTATION/INFRASTRUCTURE (cont'd)

- 9. Magnolia Boulevard Bridge Rehabilitation Projects** Seek funding opportunities to rehabilitate and improve Magnolia bridge over I-5 and improve bicycle and pedestrian access in conformance with the Complete Street Plan.
- 10. BurbankBus Transit Capital** Advocate for state and regional transit capital funding for the BurbankBus to replace aging vehicles in its fleet, including necessary electrification infrastructure to meet CARB zero-emission transit vehicle replacement mandates beginning in 2026.
- 11. Amtrak Surfliner** Advocate for all Amtrak Pacific Surfliner trains to stop at the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station.
- 12. Expanded Metrolink Service** Support and/or advocate for funding for capital projects and operational funding to achieve two way (bi-directional) all-day service to Burbank's Metrolink stations. Burbank will partner with regional transportation agencies and other stakeholders to achieve necessary Metrolink improvements.
- 13. Prioritize Safety and Speed Reduction** Support Universal Design, Vision Zero, and all modes of travel for individuals with travel-limiting disabilities. Advocate for funding to provide more education related to safe driving around pedestrians, bicyclists, and near schools in concert with the City's proposed Vision Zero Plan.
- 14. Secure I-5 Adjacent Caltrans Property for Community Infrastructure** Support local efforts to secure and maintain Caltrans ROW to create needed utility infrastructure and other amenities that facilitate redevelopment adjacent to the I-5 and 134 freeways. Advocate for the expansion of city infrastructure to support the production of new commercial and residential land uses that are in alignment with local and state goal.
- 15. Burbank's Interest to Influence California High Speed Rail Project** Influence and monitor legislation regarding the California High Speed Rail (HSR) project that ensures minimal impacts to homes and businesses and maximizes opportunities to improve existing rail crossing safety. Advocate for HSR funding to be directed towards the Antelope Valley Line study improvements that will increase the frequency of today's Antelope Valley Line service. Maximize opportunities for development focused on employment and housing within a short distance of any proposed station.
- 16. Automated Vehicles and Emerging Vehicle Technologies** Support and/or advocate for regulations, legislation, and/or funding related to the use of automotive vehicles and other emerging vehicle technologies and services to ensure the highest standards of their safety, privacy, and accountability, as well as development of smart infrastructure to support their safe, efficient, and sustainable integration.

UTILITIES - ENERGY

- 1. Flexible Energy Resources** Advocate for legislation that allows flexibility to choose which resources reliably and best fit the City's needs, with an emphasis and prioritization of the use of renewable resources to meet energy goals in a cost-effective manner.
- 2. Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets** Support the framework established by SB 100 (De Leon, Statutes 2018) and SB 1020 (Laird, 2022) that requires renewable and zero carbon resources to supply 90% of all retail electricity sales by 2035, 95% of all retail electricity sales by 2040, and 100% of retail electricity sales by 2045 (or sooner), while continuing to provide reliable power, maintaining affordable electric rates, and preventing disproportionate rate impacts to our most vulnerable communities. This goal will be reassessed in BWP's Integrated Resources Plan which will have robust stakeholder process.
- 3. Support Hydropower and Small Modular Reactors** Support and/or advocate for the inclusion of hydropower and small modular reactors as zero-carbon energy sources, consistent with efforts on the development of federal standards to safely dispose of and handle related waste.
- 4. Support the Development and Deployment of Green Hydrogen** Support and/or advocate for the development and deployment of green hydrogen to ensure electrical grid reliability. Green hydrogen is defined as producing hydrogen through the electrolysis using a zero-carbon energy resource.
- 5. Financial Incentives for Clean Energy and Energy Storage** Support legislation to provide financial incentives such as advance refunding bonds, tax incentives and other financial opportunities to reduce the cost of new and existing grid side clean energy and energy storage projects.
- 6. Public Benefit Programs** Support and advocate for legislation that protects and increases funding for community owned utilities' public benefits programs to support disadvantaged communities.
- 7. Net Energy Metering Programs** Support City Council authority over local net energy metering programs and policies that encourage clean sources of energy while equitably allocating costs.
- 8. Regionalization of Electrical Markets** Support legislation and regulation that would allow for the cost-effective and environmentally effective regionalization of electrical markets in the United States.
- 9. Transmission** Support legislation that provides financial assistance and allows for opportunity to build and/or own transmission in the LA Basin and throughout the United States to ensure grid reliability.

UTILITIES - ENERGY (cont'd)

- 10. Cyber and Physical Security** Support legislation, regulation, and compliance regarding cyber and physical security to protect utility assets and operations.
- 11. Electric Vehicles** Support legislation and funding for the procurement of mandated electric fleet vehicles within reasonable timelines and, more importantly, the necessary supporting infrastructure. Advocate for fuel diversity of medium and heavy-duty fleet vehicles to provide reliable power when vehicle charging is unavailable due to power outages.
- 12. Wildfire Mitigation** Support legislation that promotes prevention and reduction of wildfire risk through responsible power management. Advocate for funding to mitigate wildfire risks.
- 13. Technology Initiatives** Support legislative initiatives and pursue funding to promote the use of data and advanced technologies to create efficiencies, promote economic development, enhance utility operations, and help solve other sustainability challenges.

UTILITIES - WATER

- 1. Delta Conveyance Project** Support administrative and legislative plans that foster the Delta Conveyance Project, a comprehensive ecosystem restoration and protection plan for the Delta, as the best alternative to meet California's co-equal goals of water supply reliability and Delta ecosystem restoration.
- 2. Cost-Effective Water Ecosystem Projects** Support state and federal funding for water ecosystem projects that enhance water quality and are cost-effective. Advocate for direct beneficiaries and cost causers to fund their fair share of infrastructure project costs that provide long-term benefits to the state and its inhabitants.
- 3. Water Supply Projects** Advocate for state funding for the construction of new water storage projects, both state-wide and locally, to increase water supply. Advocate for state funding for the construction of new water supply projects including desalination and importing water from water rich regions of the United States.
- 4. Local Water Use Control** Support efforts to maintain and strengthen local control of water use and encourage water recycling and the many benefits of sustainability to Burbank's water supply, conserving the vital resource of potable water, and reducing our dependence on imported water.
- 5. Water Conservation** Actively pursue legislation and funding that support water conservation measures including awareness, residential and commercial customer assistance, water storage, and efforts to mitigate and plan for droughts, such as drought-resistant landscaping and permeable surfaces.

- 6. Direct Potable Reuse** Support continued work on developing regulations and funding for the implementation of Direct Potable Reuse.
- 7. Public Benefit Programs** Support and advocate for legislation that protects and increases funding for community owned utilities' public benefits programs to support disadvantaged communities.
- 8. Redistribution of Public Benefits** Oppose efforts by the state that would impose Public Benefit requirements on water utilities that transfer funding to the state for redistribution. Retain funding for Local Benefits efforts for exclusive local use.

VETERANS

- 1. Veteran Funding and Initiatives** Support and/or advocate for initiatives, partnerships, funding opportunities, and programs to ensure veterans and their families have access to holistic services and resources including, but not limited to, physical and mental health, affordable housing, employment, and education.

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