Located just north of downtown Los Angeles, Burbank is proud to be the “Media Capital of the World” as it is home to Warner Bros. Entertainment, The Walt Disney Company, ABC, Cartoon Network Studios, and Nickelodeon. As a destination of choice for leisure and business travelers, Hollywood Burbank Airport provides convenient and reliable transportation services for all. While Burbank is the site of so much entertainment activity, it is known to have a strong sense of community and civic pride.

Due to Burbank’s central location in the region, convenient accessibility, and continued economic vitality, Burbank has evolved from a rural town into a thriving urban city of more than 108,000 residents, with a daily workforce population of more than 150,000. The residents of the City take 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 known for the quality of its exceptional schools, character found in tree lined neighborhoods, and a diverse business community.

As a full service City, Burbank recognizes the need for active legislative engagement at the Local, State, and Federal levels to protect and enhance the interests of its residents and businesses. Accordingly, City officials maintain close relationships with Burbank’s State and Federal representatives to advocate, influence, and monitor pertinent legislation.

The City of Burbank primarily supports preserving local control and local funding. The City supports local decision-making authority and opposes preemption of local control. The City also supports the protection of existing state and local funding sources to provide revenues to the City. The City opposes any new mandates that are unfunded and/or inadequately funded.

The purpose of this Legislative Platform is to clearly outline the position of the City of Burbank on priority issues and matters that impact the City’s ability to operate effectively, while allowing the consideration of additional legislative and budget issues that arise during the legislative session. In consultation with the City’s State and Federal advocacy firms, the priorities throughout the platform are intended to assist the Mayor, Council Members, and staff to proactively and appropriately address legislation to promote City interests and preserve local legislative authority if and when necessary.
HOLLYWOOD BURBANK AIRPORT
WE SUPPORT

1. **Noise Relief**  Pursue and engage in legislative and regulatory initiatives and processes that secure meaningful nighttime noise relief, including curfew, at Hollywood Burbank 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. **Public Safety**  Support legislation that promotes and improves public safety and counter-criminal measures at and around the airport grounds.

WE OPPOSE

4. **Unmanned Aircraft Systems**  Encourage the Federal Aviation Administration to develop clear rules and regulations governing the use of drones and other unmanned aircraft systems, but preserve to the greatest extent possible local control to regulate the same.
WE SUPPORT

1. **Local Government Funds** Engage in and advocate for legislation or ballot measures to prevent the State from borrowing, raiding or otherwise redirecting local government funds (i.e. – local taxes, sales tax, property taxes, etc.).

2. **Municipal 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. **User Utility Tax Extended** Support legislation to allow AB 1717 (Utility Users Tax for Prepaid Phones) to be extended beyond the sunset date of 12/31/19.

4. **Internet Tax Freedom Act** Support local voting on the Internet Tax Freedom Act rather than a Federally-mandated permanent ban on taxing internet use, as it could lead to a discriminatory taxing scheme against users of traditional technology.

5. **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.

WE OPPOSE

6. **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.

7. **Municipal Bond Tax** Oppose any effort to eliminate, or cap, the tax exempt status of municipal bonds, one of the few tools left for local governments to finance large capital projects.
1. **Workforce Training and Development** Promote training and development initiatives that support the collaboration between community partners (including, but not limited to non-profits, Board of Education, and the Workforce Development Board) and seek additional funding to train and develop youths, veterans and underemployed individuals for 21st century jobs relevant to the City’s workforce.

2. **Successful Local Businesses** Advocate for measures that support the City’s continued efforts to retain and promote the success of local businesses.

3. **New Redevelopment Funding** Seek, promote, and implement any new or alternative approaches that may replace redevelopment funding mechanisms that deliver positive benefits to Burbank.

4. **Entertainment Industry** Support measures that seek to preserve and maintain the entertainment industry within the City and State; while continuing efforts to diversify the local economic base.

5. **Filming** Support incentives that promote filming within the City and State.

6. **Economic Development** Continue efforts to secure legislation that will preserve funding mechanisms to promote continued economic development, including initiatives to provide financing for infrastructure and affordable housing.

7. **Telecommunication and Broadband** Support Federal and State legislation and regulation for maintaining local control preserving the City’s interest in telecommunication, broadband and infrastructure operations. Seek grant opportunities for expanding local broadband options.

8. **Business Funding Opportunities** Advocate for local governmental funding opportunities for small business assistance, loan programs for business improvements and tax credits for businesses.

9. **State and Local Infrastructure Funding** Support legislation that allocates additional State funding for the upgrading, replacement, and construction of needed infrastructure at the State and local level.
ENERGY
WE SUPPORT

1. **Flexible Energy Resources** Promote legislation that allows flexibility to choose which resources reliably and best fit the City’s needs to cost-effectively meet energy goals.

2. **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets** Comprehensive economy-wide approach for developing greenhouse gas reduction targets under SB 100 (De Leon, Statutes 2018) and support the goal to achieve 100% greenhouse gas-free electric power by 2040 (or sooner) consistent with providing reliable power and maintains electric rates at or below long-run rate of inflation.

3. **Protecting Public Benefit Programs** Seek legislation that protects funding for community owned utilities’ public benefits programs within the local community.

4. **Net Energy Metering Programs** Support City Council authority over local net energy metering programs and policies that protect all customers from cost-shifting.

5. **Regionalization of Electrical Markets** Support legislation and regulation that would allow for the cost-effective and environmentally effective regionalization of electrical markets in the Western United States.

6. **Cyber Security Reform** Support legislation, regulation, and compliance regarding cyber-security and information sharing reform (i.e. cyber security to protect power plants).
Homeless
Anything Helps
Thanks😊
WE SUPPORT

1. **A Balanced Approach** Support a balanced approach to address homelessness that considers expanded funding opportunities for project-based permanent affordable housing for homeless families and the creation of special needs housing for those suffering from mental illness.

2. **Street Outreach Teams** Support new funding from the County, State, and Federal government for expanded Street Outreach Teams in collaboration with law enforcement, first responders, and the County’s Health and Mental Health Departments for those affected by homelessness and mental health issues.

3. **Homelessness Services** Advocate for Regional initiatives to reduce and prevent homelessness through social welfare, recuperative care facilities for those suffering from mental illness, and interim housing at the County, State, and Federal government levels.

4. **Measure H Funding** Advocate for direct Measure H formulaic funding on an annual basis for cities like Burbank that are required to contribute additional sales tax.

5. **Funds for Burbank’s Homelessness Plan** Advocate for funds to implement the Burbank Homelessness Plan: Actions and Strategies to Prevent and Combat Homelessness.

6. **Funding to Remove and Clean Homeless Areas** Support new funding from the County, State and Federal government for the legal removal and storage of homeless belongings and cleaning of areas used by the homeless.
WE SUPPORT

1. **Affordable and Low Income Housing** Support legislation and programs that assist in providing affordable housing for extremely-low and very-low income households within mixed-income residential developments in the City; along with the supportive services necessary for households to sustain their housing.

2. **Workforce Housing** Support legislation and programs that assist in providing affordable housing to the Burbank workforce.

3. **Section 8 Program** Increase the funding needs of the Section 8 program and allow for increase in rental subsidies within urban areas with high rental cost; and support programmatic changes to focus the program on the elderly, disabled, and other needy and vulnerable households. Provide additional flexibility to determine appropriate rent limits per jurisdiction to accommodate more expensive urban areas.

4. **Transitional Housing** Support legislation and programs to increase funding for transitional housing units and permanent supportive housing units to house homeless households.

5. **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program** Support 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.

WE OPPOSE

6. **Irresponsible Development** Oppose State initiatives that would remove local control, allow for irresponsible housing development in Burbank, and interfere with the protection of single-family neighborhoods.
WE SUPPORT

1. Timely Reimbursements Actively support initiatives to assure timely reimbursements to the City.

2. Community Care Facilities Advocate for legislation amending State community care facility mandates that is mindful of the secondary impacts to and concerns of residents. For example, the City should 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. The State Department of Housing and Community Development should 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, State and Federal funding to help meet mandated stormwater requirements.

4. Exemption of Stormwater Capture Facilities Support legislation that exempts stormwater capture facilities from California Department of Fish and Wildlife review and permitting process. Requirements to permit debris basin clean out significantly delays the process, which may endanger residents in the event of storms.

WE OPPOSE

5. Imposition of unfunded Regional, State, and Federal mandates.
WE SUPPORT

1. **Disclosures and Accountability** 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. **Competitive and Valuable Employment** Advocate for legislation that supports the City’s ability to provide competitive and valuable employment opportunities.

4. **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.

5. **Control Workers’ Compensation** Support legislation that would control medical and legal costs related to workers’ compensation.

6. **Workers’ Compensation Reform** Continue to support workers’ compensation reform that is inclusive of both safety and non-safety employees.
WE SUPPORT

1. **Supportive Programs and Solutions** Support legislation that assists in preventing and reducing crime, such as drug prevention programs, mental health initiatives, enhanced protective equipment, and solutions for homelessness.

2. **Traffic Safety** Support Office of Traffic Safety grant funding related to all aspects of traffic safety.

3. **Reimbursement for Presidential Visits** Pursue law enforcement funding and/or reimbursement (Department of Homeland Security or Federal Emergency Management Agency) for Presidential and/or high profile visits.

4. **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.

5. **Funding for AB 109 and Prop 47** Seek continued financial assistance to deal with the impacts of AB109 (Public Safety Realignment) and Proposition 47 (Reduced Penalties for Some Crimes Initiative). This includes supporting legislation that addresses wrap-around services such as substance abuse counseling, mental health services, employment, medical and housing assistance.

6. **Mental Health Programs** Promote programs that help ensure public safety through the assistance and rehabilitation of individuals challenged with mental and/or substance abuse illnesses and increase awareness and training opportunities.

7. **Latest Technology** Advocate for legislation and funding that would take advantage of the latest technology to prevent and resolve crimes (i.e. the ability to use surveillance cameras, automatic license plate recognition, and DNA testing).

8. **Emergency Preparedness** Seek measures that encourage disaster preparedness and emergency planning, including funding to develop a permanent Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to further emergency management preparedness efforts. Seek funding for recovery cost due to disasters.

9. **Fire Vegetation Management** Support well balanced legislation that allows for vegetation management to be done timely by responsible parties to reduce risk of fire.

10. **Local Control of Marijuana Operations** Maintain local control over the ability to regulate the sales location of retail and medical marijuana operations.

11. **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.
WE SUPPORT (cont’d.)

12. State and Federal Banks for Marijuana Businesses Support changes to allow marijuana businesses to have access to Federal and State banks, which eliminates potential crimes due to cash business.

13. Interagency Communications Interoperability System Support and advocate for Federal assistance to aid the Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) System that includes seeking relief for communities that will lose public safety radio communication channels when the Federal government mandates reallocation of the “T-Band” spectrum in 2021, that is currently utilized by first responders in Burbank and surrounding communities.

14. Body Cameras Support the funding and use of an integrated video recording system for police officers (body cameras), associated personnel and storage costs and vehicles.

15. Non-Traditional Crime Prevention Activities Encourage non-traditional crime prevention activities such as Federal homeless assistance and mental health initiatives.

16. Seismic Safety Pursue and engage in legislation and regulation that increases the seismic safety of buildings including seismic retrofit, retrofit funding, or higher levels of structural resiliency of buildings.

17. Wildfire Safety Pursue and engage in 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.

18. Equestrian Safety When conducting an engineering and traffic survey of the public streets within the boundaries of the Rancho Neighborhood (R-1-H zone), the City of Burbank may also consider equestrian safety.

19. Reducing Gun Violence Support State and Federal measures that have the effect on reducing gun violence.
STATE & FEDERAL FUNDING
WE SUPPORT

1. **Legislation to Increase Burbank Funding** Support legislation that would increase funding for Burbank’s community services including funding for local law enforcement Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Urban Area Security Initiatives, forensic science, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), public libraries, affordable housing, employment services, senior citizen and youth programs, maintenance and infrastructure improvements, and park and open space development, among others.

2. **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.

3. **Tri-City Efforts** Leverage current Tri-City efforts to attain State and Federal funding for mutually beneficial projects, facilities, and shared resources.

4. **Relocate US National Guard** Work with the US National Guard to relocate, close or consolidate the Burbank Armory with the Glendale Armory, thus enabling the City to expand Maxam Memorial Park by using the land and facility for programming and open space needs.

5. **HOME Program Programmatic Changes** Support programmatic changes to the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs by removing the two-year commitment deadline for the creation of affordable housing by Community Housing Development Organizations.

6. **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.
WE SUPPORT

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 and Federal environmental legislation that balances the needs of the environment while taking into strong consideration competing community values.

4. Near-Zero Emission Vehicles Support the State’s goals for increased use of near-zero emissions and 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 for certain emergency vehicles that require traditional fuel for flexibility in certain fleet vehicles that respond to emergencies due to technology, range 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). China has stopped the import of baled recyclables resulting in the failure of many privately owned/funded recycling processors and threatening the viability of municipal curbside recyclable collection. Along with this, new markets for bulk recyclable materials from these facilities need to be developed to ensure long-term stability of the industry.

7. Reduction of Disposable Products Support plans and programs to reduce disposable products and packaging, and promote reuse.

8. Recycling and Organics Recovery Funding Seek County, State and Federal funding and permitting support to help comply with Solid Waste mandates for recycling and organics recovery/processing.

WE OPPOSE

9. Wireless Facilities Oppose any Federal or State legislation or regulatory policy that would further erode the ability of Local governments to regulate wireless facilities.
WE SUPPORT

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, traffic safety).
1. **Burbank Infrastructure Funding Opportunities** 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 / Empire Interchange Project Completion** Ensure Caltrans and Metro complete the Interstate 5 North / Empire Interchange Project as planned and that State and regional funding is secured to meet the City’s $15 million un-met project needs.

3. **Burbank’s Interest to Influence California High Speed Rail Project** Influence and monitor legislation regarding the California High Speed Rail project. Advocate for Burbank’s interest on station location, route options, southern terminus of the route and promoting interconnectivity with other forms of transit, while having the least negative impact on Burbank’s residents. Maximize opportunities for development focused on employment and housing within a short distance of any proposed station.

4. **New Transit Projects** Engage with Metro, Metrolink and others to ensure that new transit projects like increased Metrolink rail service and an extension of the Orange Line Bus Rapid Transit line are designed and constructed to serve Burbank’s residential and employment centers, and are routed to minimize impacts to these communities.

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. **New Transit Connections** Advocate for new transit connections to help connect Burbank workforce with employment centers and the airport, including State Route SR-134 Freeway Bus Rapid Transit, Metrolink doubletrack, and red line extension to the Hollywood Burbank Airport.
WE SUPPORT

1. **Veteran Funding and Initiatives** Proactively support and advocate for initiatives, partnerships, funding, 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.
WATER
WE SUPPORT

1. **California Water Fix** Support administrative and legislative plans that foster the California Water Fix, 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 are cost-effective; direct beneficiaries and cost causers should fund their fair share of infrastructure project costs that provide long-term benefits to the State and its inhabitants.

3. **Local Water Control** Support efforts to maintain local control 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.

4. **Water Conservation** Actively pursue legislation and funding that support water conservation measures including, but not limited to: awareness, water storage, drought-resistant landscaping and permeable surfaces.

5. **Direct Potable Reuse** Support continued work on developing regulations for the implementation of Direct Potable Reuse.

WE OPPOSE

6. **Redistribution of Public Benefits** Oppose efforts by the State or Legislature that would impose Public Benefit requirements on water utilities that transfer funding to the State for redistribution. Local Benefits efforts should retain that funding for exclusive local use.
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