LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM
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Burbank is a city built by People, Pride, and Progress that are working together for a safe, beautiful, and thriving community. 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, the Hollywood Burbank Airport provides convenient and reliable transportation services for all. While Burbank is the site of much entertainment activity, it is also known for its 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 is committed to 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 control and local legislative authority if and when necessary.
WE SUPPORT

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 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.

4. **Unmanned Aircraft Systems** Encourage the Federal Aviation Administration to 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 UASs for industry and City services.
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. **Utility User Tax Extended** Support legislation to allow the Utility Users Tax for prepaid phones to become permanent or extended beyond the sunset date of 12/31/2020.

4. **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

5. **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.

6. **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.
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

WE SUPPORT

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. Entrepreneurship Support legislation that provides a funding mechanism to accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship in the region.

3. Tourism Funding Support legislation that protects and enhances funding for tourism marketing and infrastructure to support the strong, growing tourism industry in California.

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

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

6. Business Attraction Support 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.

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

8. Economic Development Continue efforts to secure legislation that will restore funding mechanisms to promote continued economic development, including initiatives to provide financing for business assistance loans, façade improvements, and infrastructure improvements.

9. 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.

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

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

2. **Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets** Support 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).
WE SUPPORT

1. **A Balanced Approach** Support a balanced 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 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 and solutions 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 county, state, and federal funds to implement City or sub-region Homelessness plans.

6. **Funding to Remove and Clean Homeless Encampments** 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.

7. **Conservatorships for the Gravely Disabled in Los Angeles County** Advocate for initiatives that ensure the safety and care of the gravely disabled in becoming wards of the State.
WE SUPPORT

1. **Accessible Housing Affordable at All Income Levels** Support legislation and programs that assist in providing housing at all income levels including 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 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 building 12,000 units during the next 15 years.

3. **Section 8 Program** Support increased funding of the Section 8 program and allow for the increase of rental subsidies within urban areas with high rental cost. 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 and Supportive 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, to promote sustainable and integrated communities.

6. **Owner Occupancy** The City of Burbank supports homeownership, and by extension, owner occupancy, which builds personal wealth and pride of ownership while protecting and building neighborhoods.

7. **Building Neighborhoods** The City of Burbank supports the building of new housing while protecting and building neighborhoods. For this reason, we support ongoing engagement between the State and local governments to ensure local control is maintained and responsible development is promoted in a collaborative effort to address the local and statewide housing crisis.

8. **Responsible Development** The City of Burbank supports responsible development and zoning regulations to help ensure the building of neighborhoods.

9. **Limitations on Accessory Dwelling Units** The City of Burbank supports 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. This support for ADUs and Junior ADUs is further contingent on allowing owner-occupancy requirements.

10. **Lower Parking Requirements** The City of Burbank would consider lowering parking requirements for new and renovated development in areas near transit to encourage forgoing single-occupancy vehicle trips.

11. **CEQA Reform** The City of Burbank supports sensible California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Reform that will enable new housing production.
WE SUPPORT (cont’d.)

12. Transit Infrastructure that Supports Development The City of Burbank supports and highly encourages State funding that links the development of housing with improved public transit system, local infrastructure and associated public services.


14. Inclusion The City of Burbank seeks a seat at the table with the State Legislature and the Federal Government.

WE OPPOSE

15. 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 residential neighborhoods.

16. Rent Control The City of Burbank opposes any further rent control measures as a solution to addressing housing affordability because it only masks the bigger problem of facilitating more housing production, which leads to greater choice, competition and affordability. However, the City does support current State rules regarding relocation costs (Civil Code Section 1946.2).

17. Unrealistic Timeframes The City of Burbank supports new housing, but opposes unrealistic timeframes for the processing of larger housing development projects that may result from new legislation.
WE SUPPORT

1. **Timely Reimbursements** Actively support initiatives to assure timely reimbursements.

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 and takes into account public safety input on the impacts before a decision is made. 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.** Oppose mandates that do not include funding for associated personnel costs and technical support for jurisdictions to ensure compliance with mandates.
PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

WE SUPPORT

1. **Park Bond Measures** Support legislation and park bond measures that provide per capita grants to local governments to fund parks and capital improvements, as well as recreation programs that enhance the quality of life for the City of Burbank residents.

2. **Trail Connectivity** Support initiatives to develop connecting trail systems in the Verdugo mountainside.

3. **Park Infrastructure** Support legislation that provides funding for rehabilitation, development, and capital improvements of local parks and community facilities.

4. **Open Space Protection** Advocate for legislation that preserves and protects open space throughout the City of Burbank.
**WE SUPPORT**

1. **Disclosures and Accountability** Support 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, Prop 47, 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), and Proposition 57 (Public Safety and Rehabilitation), while addressing the lower thresholds and penalties for theft-related crime that these laws enact, which ultimately inhibit law enforcement’s ability to protect the community. 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 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. **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.

13. **Body Cameras** Support the funding and use of an integrated video recording system for police officers (body cameras and in-car), and associated personnel and storage costs.

14. **Non-Traditional Crime Prevention Activities** Encourage non-traditional crime prevention activities, homeless assistance and mental health initiatives, and encourage funding for such services at the County, State, and Federal level.

15. **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.

16. **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.

17. **Equestrian Safety** Advocate for legislation that supports equestrian safety.

18. **Reducing Gun Violence** Support State and Federal measures that have the effect of reducing gun violence.

19. **Cyber Security Protection** Advocate for legislation and funding that would prevent and reduce cybercrime that would impact municipal services and support efforts to protect against cyber security attacks and prevent and resolve breaches; for example, the ability to use cyber-attack and intrusion detection, automated Artificial Intelligence attack response solutions, and recovery programs.

20. **Regulation of Tobacco Products (Including E-Cigarettes)** Support legislative authority to add tools for local law enforcement of tobacco product possession by minors, including the possession of e-cigarettes.
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 (UASI), forensics science, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), public libraries, affordable housing, employment services, senior citizen and youth programs, maintenance and infrastructure improvements, public schools, 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.
   a. 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.

5. 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.

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

7. 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

8. 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).
WE SUPPORT

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 Un-met Needs** Support State and regional funding for unmet project needs related to the I-5 North HOV/Empire Interchange project to ensure that Caltrans and Metro complete the project as planned.

3. **Burbank’s Interest to Influence California High Speed Rail Project** Influence and monitor legislation regarding the California High Speed Rail (HSR) project. Ensure that alignment minimizes 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.

4. **New Transit Projects** Engage with Metro, Metrolink and others to secure funding for double-track and other improvements on the Antelope Valley line needed for 15-minute, all day, bi-directional Metrolink service. Ensure the Metro NoHo-to-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit Project serves Burbank’s residential and employment centers, minimize impacts to adjoining neighborhoods, and connects properly to Metrolink and other connecting transit.

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** Engage with Metro, Metrolink and others to advocate for new transit connections to help connect the Burbank workforce with employment centers and the airport, including the NoHo-to-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit project, Metrolink Double-track and other improvements on the Antelope Valley Line, and the Red Line extension to the Hollywood Burbank Airport.
WE SUPPORT (cont’d.)

7. **Citywide Quiet Zone**  
Support legislation that provides additional funding to install safety improvements at the City’s remaining at-grade crossings to make them quiet zone ready.

8. **Metrolink Double Track and Other Capital Projects**  
Support funding efforts for Metrolink double track and other capital projects that will improve frequency and reliability of service, critical to alleviating the City’s commute traffic. Engage with Metro, Metrolink and others to secure funding for double track improvements on the Antelope Valley line. Ensure the Metro No-Ho-to-Pasadena Bus Rapid Transit project serves Burbank’s residential and employment centers, minimizes impacts to adjoining neighborhoods, and connects properly to Metrolink and other connecting transit.

9. **Freeway Cap Transit Center in Burbank Media District**  
Seek funding for the creation of a new transit center in the Burbank Media District to anchor the major bus transit lines that provide transit service to this employment center and to support the future NoHo-Pasadena BRT project.

10. **Olive and Magnolia Boulevard Bridge Rehabilitation Projects**  
Seek funding to improve bicycle and pedestrian access and safety on the Olive and Magnolia bridges over the I-5 and UPRR/Metrolink rail line.

11. **BurbankBus Transit Capital**  
Advocate for Federal, State, and regional transit capital funding for the BurbankBus to replace aging vehicles in its fleet.
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.
WE SUPPORT
1. California Water Fix: 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 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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