

# LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM 2024



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## BURBANK FACTS

## LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES



## BURBANK IS A CITY BUILT UPON THE FUNDAMENTALS OF PEOPLE, PRIDE, & PROGRESS

Over the years, these guiding principles have cultivated a safe, beautiful, and thriving community and transformed a rural town into the “Media Capital of the World”. Located just north of downtown Los Angeles, Burbank is home to Warner Bros. Entertainment, The Walt Disney Company, ABC, Cartoon Network Studios, Nickelodeon, and Netflix Animation. 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 105,000 residents, with a daily workforce population of more than 142,000. 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 its exceptional schools, 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 decision-making authority, along with state and local funding sources, and 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 2024 Legislative Platform clearly outlines the position of the City of Burbank on priority issues in the coming year, from responsible development to sustainability measures, as well as resources for innovative transit and clean energy projects. Drafted in consultation with the City’s state and federal advocacy firms, the Legislative Platform is intended to assist the Mayor, Council Members, and staff to proactively and appropriately address legislation that may impact the City’s ability to operate effectively, while allowing the consideration of additional legislative and budgetary issues that arise during the legislative session. With the Legislative Platform as a guiding document, the City will continue to work with its constituents, consultants, and elected representatives to promote and preserve the City’s interests at the local, state, and federal level.



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

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# AIRPORT



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Public Safety** Support legislation that promotes and improves public safety and counter-criminal measures at and around the airport grounds.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Increased Accessibility** Support legislation and state or federal policy that increases accessibility for airline passengers both on the ground and in the air.

# BUDGET & MUNICIPAL FINANCE

## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **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.) and advocate against the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act on the November 2024 ballot.
- ▶ **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.).
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Limitations on Municipal Liability** Continue to spread awareness about the rising cost of insurance, and nuclear verdicts throughout the State. Support legislative changes to personal injury tort law such as caps on damages and contingency fees and limitations on joint and several liability. Support legislation that expands governmental immunity related to public improvements such as unforeseen tree failures and trivial defects.

## WE OPPOSE

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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

- ▶ **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 for training and apprenticeship programs to develop youth, veterans, and underemployed individuals for jobs relevant to the City's workforce.
- ▶ **Entrepreneurship** Support legislation 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.
- ▶ **Tourism Funding** Support legislation that protects and enhances funding for tourism marketing and infrastructure to support the strong, growing tourism industry in California.
- ▶ **Successful Local Businesses** 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.
- ▶ **New Redevelopment Funding** Seek, promote, and implement any new or alternative approaches that may replace redevelopment funding mechanisms that deliver positive benefits to Burbank.
- ▶ **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. Advocate for incentives to retain entertainment and animation industry jobs and businesses in California.
- ▶ **Filming** Support incentives that promote filming within the City and state.
- ▶ **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, no interest loans, façade improvements, and infrastructure improvements, including exterior improvements such as public art pieces, roadway/sidewalk improvements, landscaping, and more.
- ▶ **Telecommunication and Broadband** Support federal and state legislation preserving the City's interest in telecommunication, broadband, and infrastructure operations. Seek funding opportunities for expanding local broadband options.
- ▶ **Business Funding Opportunities** Advocate for funding opportunities for small business assistance, loan programs for business improvements, and tax credits for businesses.

# HEALTHY COMMUNITIES



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **Access to Healthy Eating** Support legislation and local funding opportunities to increase access to subsidized meal programs for older adults and youth.
- ▶ **Access to Healthy Foods** Advocate for community garden programs that expand access to people of all ages to grow fresh fruits and vegetables.
- ▶ **Active Living** Encourage community design to integrate walking, hiking, and cycling paths and opportunities to recreate.
- ▶ **Aging in Place** Support strategies and legislation to foster independence, well-being, and access to resources for older adults.
- ▶ **Access to Childcare** Advocate for state and federal funding for opportunities to increase access to childcare for the community, with an emphasis on care and education for children ages 0-5.
- ▶ **Affordable Health Care** Support legislation that creates options and opportunities for access to affordable healthcare, and support universal single-payer health care.
- ▶ **Access to Adaptive Recreation** Advocate for state and federal funding to provide adaptive sports, fitness, recreation, and outdoor activities for people with disabilities.
- ▶ **Access to Mental Health Services** Support legislation and policy that increases access to mental health services for all and destigmatizes receiving emotional mental health care. Advocate for state and federal support of regional and local resources related to mental health care.

# HOMELESSNESS



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **A Balanced Approach** Support 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.
- ▶ **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, educators, and the County’s health and mental health departments for those affected by homelessness and mental health issues.
- ▶ **Homelessness Services** 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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Funds for Burbank’s Homelessness Plan** Advocate for county, state, and federal 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.
- ▶ **Funding and Collaboration to Remove and Clean Homeless Encampments** Support new funding and legislation to collaborate with county, state, city, 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



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **Accessible Housing Affordable at All Income Levels** Support 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 households to sustain their housing.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Voucher Programs** Support 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. Support programmatic changes to focus programs on the elderly, disabled, and other special need and vulnerable households. Provide additional flexibility to determine appropriate rent limits per jurisdiction to accommodate more expensive urban areas. Support Project Based Vouchers for housing developments that meet City Council goals.
- ▶ **Emergency, Interim, Transitional and Supportive Housing** Support 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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Owner Occupancy** Support homeownership, and by extension, owner occupancy, which builds personal wealth and pride of ownership while protecting and building neighborhoods. Support reasonable measures to reduce obstacles and costs to construction of new home ownership opportunities, including rent to own programs and condominium liability reform.
- ▶ **Building Neighborhoods** Support 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.
- ▶ **Responsible Development** Support responsible development and zoning regulations to help ensure the building of neighborhoods.

# HOUSING



## WE SUPPORT (continued)

- ▶ **Limitations on Accessory Dwelling Units** Support 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.
- ▶ **Lower Parking Requirements** Support lowering parking requirements for new and renovated development in areas near transit to encourage forgoing single-occupancy vehicle trips.
- ▶ **CEQA/NEPA Reform** Support sensible California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) reform that will enable new housing production.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Inclusion** Seek a seat at the table with the state legislature and the federal government on housing issues that impact the City of Burbank.
- ▶ **Housing Security** Support state and federal 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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Affordable Insurance** Support legislation and programs that address rising insurance costs in California as it relates to affordable housing and home ownership.

## WE OPPOSE

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Unrealistic Timeframes** Support new housing but oppose mandates for unrealistic processing timeframes for larger housing development projects.

# LIBRARIES, PARKS & OPEN SPACE



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **Park and Library Bond Measures** Support legislation and bond measures that provide per capita grants to local governments to fund parks and capital improvements to libraries and community facilities, as well as library and recreation programs that enhance the quality of life for Burbank residents.
- ▶ **Trail Connectivity** Support initiatives to develop connecting trail systems in the Verdugo mountainside.
- ▶ **Park and Library Infrastructure** Support legislation that provides funding for rehabilitation, development, and capital improvements of local parks, libraries, and community facilities to enhance the active and passive recreational infrastructure.
- ▶ **Open Space Protection** Advocate for legislation that preserves and protects open space, green space, and natural habitats throughout the City of Burbank.
- ▶ **Equestrian Neighborhoods** Support state funding and guidelines for protection of equestrian neighborhoods, facilities, and infrastructure.
- ▶ **Access to Diverse Library Materials** Support 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.
- ▶ **Arts** Support legislation to increase resources for local arts, cultural events including performing and visual arts programs, and capital improvements of art venues.
- ▶ **Animal Shelters** Support pro-animal legislation that protects animal shelter operations, its population, and public safety.
- ▶ **Animal Safety** Support animal welfare and protection of animal abuse, neglect, harm, and abandonment.

## WE OPPOSE

- ▶ **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



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **Timely Reimbursements** Support initiatives to ensure timely reimbursements from the county, state, and federal government.
- ▶ **Community Care Facilities** 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.
- ▶ **Stormwater Funding** Seek additional county, state and federal funding to help meet mandated stormwater requirements.
- ▶ **Exemption of Stormwater Capture Facilities** Support 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.

## WE OPPOSE

- ▶ **Imposition of Unfunded Regional, State, and 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



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **Disclosures and Accountability** Support legislation that enhances appropriate disclosure and provides accountability of public funds.
- ▶ **Good Faith Negotiations** Promote legislation that strengthens good faith negotiations between employee organizations and local agencies.
- ▶ **Competitive and Valuable Employment** Advocate for legislation that supports the City's ability to provide competitive and valuable employment opportunities.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Control Workers' Compensation** Support legislation that would control medical and legal costs related to workers' compensation.
- ▶ **Workers' Compensation Reform** Continue to support workers' compensation reform that is inclusive of both safety and non-safety employees.

# PUBLIC SAFETY



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **Address Increases in Crime** Support policies that prioritize public safety and ensure police officers receive adequate training, education, and equipment to successfully protect the community.
- ▶ **Supportive Programs and Solutions** Advocate for legislation that prioritizes preventing and reducing crime and promoting rehabilitation. Advocate for legislation that prioritizes drug prevention programs, mental health initiatives, enhanced protective equipment, and solutions for homelessness.
- ▶ **Traffic Safety** Support Office of Traffic Safety grant funding related to all aspects of traffic safety.
- ▶ **Pedestrian Safety** Advocate for legislation that prioritizes road safety, with a specific emphasis on protecting pedestrians – especially vulnerable users like children, the elderly, and individuals with disabilities.
- ▶ **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 visits.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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), particularly lowered 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.
- ▶ **Criminal Justice Reform** Support 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.
- ▶ **Mental Health Programs** Promote 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.
- ▶ **Latest Technology** Advocate for legislation and funding 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.
- ▶ **Speed Limits** Support 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.

# PUBLIC SAFETY



- ▶ **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 direct and flexible funding to localities to sustain core services and provide community recovery programs while responding to health emergencies and natural disasters.
- ▶ **Fire Vegetation Management** Support well balanced legislation that allows vegetation management to be done in a timely manner by responsible parties to reduce risk of fire.
- ▶ **Local Control of Marijuana Operations** Maintain local control over regulating the sales location of retail and medical marijuana operations.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Interagency Communications Interoperability (ICI) System** Support legislation and advocate for Federal assistance to aid the ICI System, including grants and relief for communities to use their public safety radio communication spectrum, which is currently utilized by first responders in Burbank and surrounding communities.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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. Advocate for funding for wildfire prevention and mitigation.
- ▶ **Equestrian Safety** Support measures and funding that center on equestrian safety, including the well-being of riders, horses, and the broader community.
- ▶ **Reducing Gun Violence** Support state and federal measures that have the effect of reducing gun violence.
- ▶ **Cybersecurity 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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Fentanyl Epidemic** Advocate for initiatives 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



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **Equitable Access** Support legislation and funding that helps the City of Burbank provide residents with equitable access to City programs and services.
- ▶ **Eliminating Barriers** Support legislation and funding that will allow the City and its community partners to provide disadvantaged residents with the tools necessary to grow and thrive.
- ▶ **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 & FEDERAL FUNDING



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **Legislation to Increase Funding for Burbank** 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), forensic science, Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), public libraries, affordable housing, employment services, senior citizen and youth programs, maintenance and infrastructure improvements, public schools, park and open space development, and sustainable energy and water among others.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Tri-City Efforts** Leverage current Tri-City efforts to obtain state and federal funding for mutually beneficial projects, facilities, and shared resources.
- ▶ **Redistricting** Maintain the classification of the Tri-City area of Burbank, Glendale, and Pasadena.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Funding for Recycling Programs** Support legislation that would increase funding for state mandated Solid Waste, Recycling and Organics programs.
- ▶ **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.

# SUSTAINABILITY



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Streamline California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Provisions** Support efforts to streamline CEQA/NEPA 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.
- ▶ **Community Values Balances with Environmental Needs** Pursue state and federal legislation that prioritizes the environment and balances the needs of the community.
- ▶ **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 that require traditional fuel due to technology, range, power outage, and terrain issues.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Reduction of Disposable Products** Support plans and programs to reduce disposable products and packaging and promote reuse.
- ▶ **Recycling and Organics Recovery** Seek county, state and federal funding and permitting support to help comply with Solid Waste mandates for recycling and organics recovery/processing.
- ▶ **Consideration of Local Land Use for Renewable Energy** Local land use for utility size renewables like solar and wind that enables Burbank to meet SB 100 mandates.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Building Decarbonization** Support electrification policies and programs for the built environment to reduce emission, improve air quality, and promote safety.

# TECHNOLOGY



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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).
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.

## WE OPPOSE

- ▶ **Regulation of Wireless Facilities** Oppose any federal or state legislation or regulatory policy that would further erode the ability of local governments to regulate wireless facilities.

# TRANSPORTATION/ INFRASTRUCTURE



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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 Metro<sup>1</sup>. Advocate for a direct light rail or subway connection to the Hollywood Burbank Airport.
- ▶ **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).
- ▶ **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).

<sup>1</sup> Reference April 20, 2022 Council Letter to Metropolitan Transportation Authority: <https://www.burbankca.gov/documents/d/community-development/20240327-metrobrtfeircommentletter4-20-2022-001-pdf?download=true>

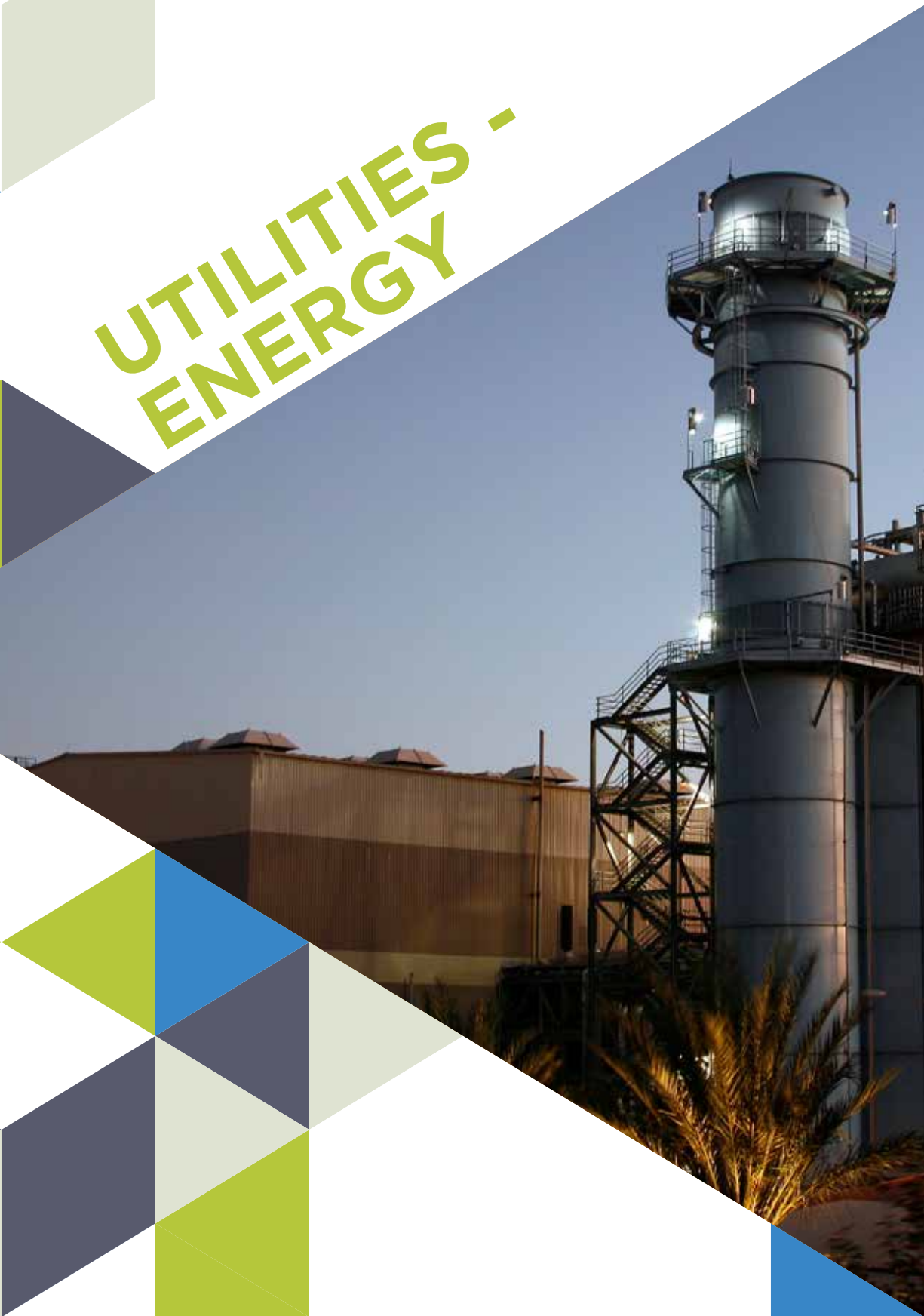
# TRANSPORTATION/ INFRASTRUCTURE



## WE SUPPORT (continued)

- ▶ **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 Project.
- ▶ **Olive and Magnolia Boulevard Bridge Rehabilitation Projects** Seek state or federal funding to rehabilitate and improve Magnolia bridge over I-5 and improve bicycle and pedestrian access in conformance with the Complete Street Plan. Seek regional, state, or federal funding to rehabilitate and improve Olive bridge 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.
- ▶ **BurbankBus Transit Capital** Advocate for federal, 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.
- ▶ **Amtrak Surfliner** Advocate for a stop at the Downtown Burbank Metrolink Station for the Amtrak Pacific Surfliner.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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 goals.
- ▶ **Electrification** Support initiatives incentivizing electrification of infrastructure for public transit projects when feasible.

# UTILITIES - ENERGY



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **Flexible Energy Resources** Promote 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.
- ▶ **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 a robust stakeholder process.
- ▶ **Support Hydropower and Small Modular Reactors** Support the inclusion of hydropower and small modular reactors as zero-carbon energy sources, contingent on the development of federal standards to safely dispose of and handle related waste.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Public Benefit Programs** Advocate and support legislation that protects and increases funding for community owned utilities' public benefits programs to support disadvantaged communities.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Cyber and Physical Security** Support legislation, regulation, and compliance regarding cyber and physical security to protect utility assets and operations.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Wildfire Mitigation** Support legislation that promotes prevention and reduction of wildfire risk through responsible power management. Advocate for funding to mitigate wildfire risks.
- ▶ **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

## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Water Supply Projects** Advocate for state and federal funding for the construction of new water storage projects, both state-wide and locally, to increase water supply. Advocate for state and federal funding for the construction of new water supply projects including desalination and importing water from water rich regions of the United States.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **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.
- ▶ **Direct Potable Reuse** Support continued work on developing regulations and funding for the implementation of Direct Potable Reuse.
- ▶ **Public Benefit Programs** Advocate and support legislation that protects and increases funding for community owned utilities' public benefits programs to support disadvantaged communities.

## WE OPPOSE

- ▶ **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



## WE SUPPORT

- ▶ **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.



# BURBANK FACTS

<b>INCORPORATED</b> .....	July 8, 1911
<b>CHARTER</b> .....	January 13, 1927
<b>FORM OF GOVERNMENT</b> .....	City Council-City Manager
<b>NAMED FOR</b> .....	Dr. David Burbank, a dentist and early owner of ranch property located where the City now stands
<b>CITY HALL OPENED</b> .....	February 12, 1943
<b>LOCATION</b> .....	Eastern part of the San Fernando Valley, 12 miles from the City of Los Angeles.
<b>AREA</b> .....	17,155 square miles
<b>ELEVATION</b> .....	484 to 957 feet above sea level
<b>NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES</b> .....	1,368
<b>POPULATION</b> .....	Approximately 105,401
<b>REGISTERED VOTERS</b> .....	71,150
<b>ASSESSED VALUATION</b> .....	\$29,000,000,000 (Fiscal Year 2021-22)



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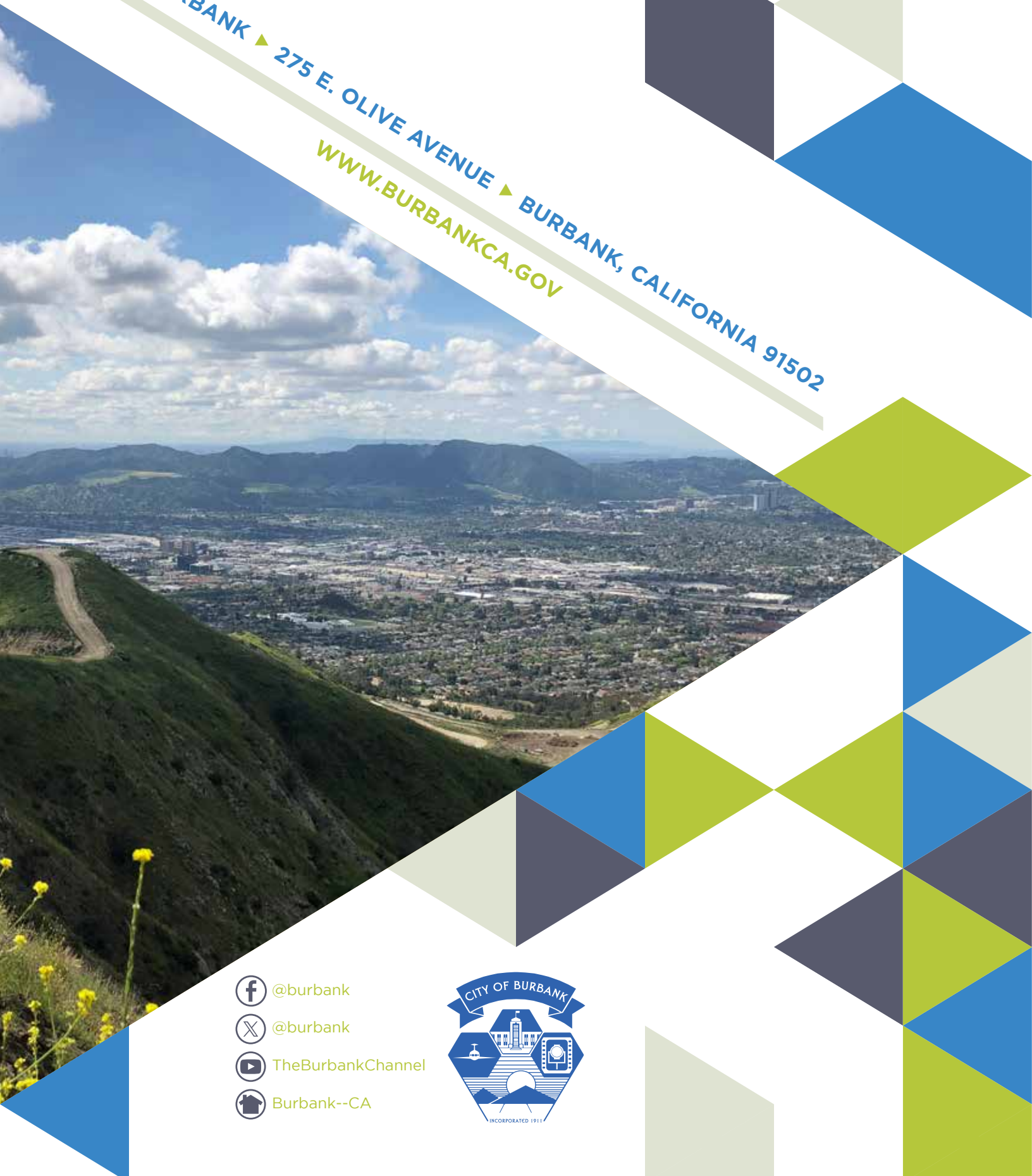
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