Since the 1950’s, the City has transferred up to 7% of Burbank Water and Power’s gross annual sales of electricity to the City’s General Fund each year, paying for many of the services that Burbank residents currently enjoy. Measure T continues this long-standing practice without any additional costs to Burbank residents and businesses.

If approved by voters, Measure T will help maintain essential city services with the continuation of an estimated $12.5 million transferred to the General Fund.

To increase voter participation and encourage more people to voice their opinion regarding local policies, Measure V will consolidate Burbank elections with the statewide general elections in November of even numbered years, in compliance with the California Voter Participation Rights Act (SB 415).

As a result, current city council and other elected city officials will have their term extended by one year and eight months to align Burbank’s elections with the state.

Measure Y strives to increase voter participation and changes Burbank’s City Charter to reflect the Burbank School Board’s election consolidation with the statewide general elections pursuant to the School Board’s request.
SECURING BURBANK’S FUTURE

For several decades, Burbank residents have enjoyed services that few cities can rival including first-rate police and fire departments, exemplary parks and recreational services, along with senior and youth programs. These services are just some of the reasons why Burbank is a wonderful place to live, work and play.

Like many other cities in California, Burbank has seen disruptions to its revenue stream impacting its ability to balance the budget without enacting severe cuts to services that residents and businesses in Burbank have valued for many years. To maintain these services in the face of increased operating costs, the City deferred pension liability payments and investment in City infrastructure improvement projects.

The difficult balancing act of maintaining satisfaction levels and quality of life services for its residents with fiscal responsibility has become increasingly challenging for the City, which faces an anticipated $30.5 million deficit.

Additionally, Burbank has approximately $470 million in deferred infrastructure maintenance, including maintaining community facilities, addressing aging streets and traffic congestions, along with programs to keep our neighborhoods safe and clean. The City projects an annual cost of $18 million to meet just three-quarters of the City’s deferred infrastructure needs for existing City assets.

The City has identified three essential elements to secure Burbank’s future:

1. Measure T, the BWP Fee Transfer measure that voters will consider in June.
2. City Council and labor initiatives that are creating significant cost efficiencies.
3. A potential revenue measure to be considered by Burbank voters in November.

Altogether, these three essential elements to secure Burbank’s future will provide the funds necessary to protect essential city services including youth, adult and senior amenities, library services, parks and recreation, support for local schools, transportation services and public safety programs. Additionally, the three essential elements will provide a sustainable street funding plan and will begin addressing the unfunded infrastructure deficit.

The City is engaging community members on the current fiscal situation. For additional information on the upcoming June election, please visit www.burbankelections.com.