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COMMUNITY COMMENTARY:
Gordon a proven commodity

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Prove it.

As a City Council candidate, someone must bear the burden of proof. They must prove that they care, that they are capable, that they have what it takes to represent us, that they are deserving of our support and our votes. That burden of proof is a difficult standard to maintain. Perhaps now, more than ever, that burden of proof is critical to our city's future with this election. As such, it is more than our responsibility, it is our duty, to vote for candidates who have proven their ability to treat Burbank's future right. No candidate bears the burden of that proof more than David Gordon.

When disgrace shrouded the City Council, Gordon stood up and vowed to restore integrity. Burbank elected him on that promise, and he proved good on it. Since then, he has been a tireless advocate for the residents of this city — all of them. Not just the residents of the Rancho district or those above Glenoaks Boulevard or those in downtown, but all corners of the city. Not just homeowners, but renters, too. Not just business owners, but the employees, as well. Gordon knows that every resident makes a city, and all are equally as valuable and as important as the next.

There are no small votes for Gordon when he evaluates a decision before the council. He knows that each decision impacts the city in ways that go beyond the immediate scope of the project. Gordon knows this and makes all the council and staff members see it, and when difficult questions arise, he does not hesitate to ask them. Sometimes, in fact, he may be the only one who asks them because he's willing to do and say something unpopular if it's the right thing to do.

While some other candidates may tout their years or decades of experience, it might be worth noting that some of the people with decades of experience are what brought us the troubled state we as a nation find ourselves in now. Perhaps that is why, in our recent national election, millions of people overwhelmingly voted for a candidate who embodied change. It has become increasingly evident that the people with years and years and decades of experience are so far beyond the average Joe and Jane that they no longer have the ability to see what matters to us. They can no longer see how the decisions they make impact so many of us. It seems they're so weakened by the years of sitting behind a desk, staring down at the little people who for so long counted on them, that they can no longer bear the heavy burden of proof.

Gordon is not like that. He is, has been and — with our votes — shall remain a council member with the right balance of fresh perspective and experience, a council member who does right by all of us, a council member who says he cares about the citizens and continually proves it.

I'm just one person, one citizen. As are each of you, individually. But together, as a whole, we all make this city; we all make Burbank. Shouldn't we, collectively, have a voice that speaks for us? The only candidate in this election who has proven capable of that is Gordon. We will all be asked to cast our ballots soon, and when we do, we should remember that decades of experience are not always what they're cracked up to be, and that sometimes it takes less than one full term on a council to be proven as the right person for the job, for the city, for the people.

You want a City Council member who votes with you in mind? You want a council member who thinks like you do? You want a council member to represent you? Here's your chance. I ask you to do what Gordon has done: Prove it.

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