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**Burbank** — Concerned upon hearing the news of labor unrest among the workers and the impasse after nine months of contract negotiations, David Gordon, candidate for City Council in the January 2006 Special Election issued the following statement:

What makes Burbank unique? Its small town atmosphere, family traditions and independence as a city with employees who take pride in providing valuable services to the community. As a small business owner himself, Gordon said, "I know how important loyal, dedicated employees are to provide the quality service my patients expect and deserve."

Gordon added, "In my trips to City Hall I have seen entirely too much turnover in city departments in recent years. When we lose valuable experienced employees, everyone loses. We need to take this pension issue seriously, and resolve this impasse so the employees and the community have certainty."

Gordon said he has not had the opportunity to sit down with the unions to discuss the issue in depth, but it appears the unions are asking for parity. In earlier negotiations, the police and fire unions negotiated 3 percent. These employees are asking for 2.5 percent, which would boost the average pension from \$14,600 to \$20,000 per year.

Gordon further stated, "Surely the City of Burbank can find the money to take care of the employees who provide the needed services to our community. If the city can afford to sell valuable property across from City Hall for \$100, and give millions of dollars in subsidies to multi-million dollar businesses like the AMC, the city can take action at the bargaining table by responding to the unions with a meaningful proposal. It's time to put the people of this community first, and that includes the employees."

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