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Protests Demand Police Reform (**Burbank Leader**)

By Christian Leonard

Hundreds of residents took to Burbank's streets this week, joining a nationwide wave of protests demanding justice and decrying police brutality after an unarmed, handcuffed black man died while in officers' custody in Minneapolis.

Many of the protesters who gathered in Burbank said they wanted to raise awareness of racism and police brutality against black men and women, issues that have been thrust into public view since George Floyd died May 25 after a police officer knelt on his neck for more than eight minutes during which Floyd was handcuffed and pleaded that he could not breathe. Three other officers looked on while Floyd died.

The officer who is the principal suspect was charged with second-degree murder this week and the three others were accused of aiding and abetting Floyd's death, but protesters demanding police reform and accountability have continued to flock to Los Angeles and other major cities. Some Burbank residents have been determined not to let their community miss the conversation.

"I think it's easy for us to look at the stuff that's going on in downtown [L.A.] and say, 'Oh, Burbank is not a part of L.A., and we're safe here,'" said Emma Ayau, who works in the city and organized a protest in front of its Police Department building on Tuesday. "But inequality and racism are nationwide issues — it's a world issue — and here in Burbank, we're no exception to that."

A large protest on Thursday was co-organized by Reed Shannon, a Burbank resident. "It's a little bittersweet, because it's like we shouldn't have to protest for our lives to matter," said Shannon, 19. "But it's necessary, and so we must be the change that we want to see. It's bittersweet, but it's beautiful."

Resident Natalie Kinlow, 18, who organized the Thursday protest with Shannon, Kinlow told a gathering at McCambridge Park that she and Shannon had been upset seeing protests being canceled due to fears of opposition.

"If you live in fear, you can't accomplish anything, so we decided to come together and stop waiting for somebody else to stand for us," she said. "We are going to stand for ourselves, but we thank each and every one of you who came out to stand in solidarity with us."

Shannon and Kinlow said they thought more than 1,400 people participated in the event, which included a march, though police estimates placed participation at 500-1,000 people, and spanned three city blocks at one point, according to Burbank police Sgt. Derek Green.

After holding a period of silence for 8 minutes, 45 seconds — the amount of time an officer pressed his knee on Floyd’s neck — Kinlow and Shannon led protesters to City Hall at about 1 p.m. Most demonstrators wore face coverings, though few, if any, were practicing social distancing.

As they marched, city police monitored the cross streets, ensuring the protesters’ path was free of traffic. Many passing drivers honked or waved to cheer on the demonstrators, some waving signs of their own.

Once at City Hall, protesters knelt in honor of Floyd. A chant referencing black people killed by police went up: “Say their name; which one?”

The group then moved on to the Burbank Police Department, shouting “Hands up, don’t shoot!” There, Shannon and Kinlow knelt on the steps at the building’s front doors, arms raised. Protesters behind them in the street were doing the same, now chanting, “No justice, no peace!”

Doral Miller, a North Hollywood resident who was marching with the group, addressed the other protesters feet away from a statue honoring law enforcement and firefighters. Miller said that the first time he was stopped by a police officer, he was 8 years old and sitting in his mother’s car. The officer said he fit the description of someone police were looking for.

“So, sorry if I have no more tears,” he said. “Sorry if I’m numb to this — because it’s been happening my whole life.”

Miller encouraged those present to turn the energy from the protest into further action, urging them to promote investment in black businesses and to make well-informed decisions at the polls.

“There’s so many resources here in Burbank,” he told The Leader. “Bring those resources to the black neighborhoods if we really want change for black lives. ... If black lives matter, research what black lives need in this country, and then go help them.”

BURBANK PROTESTS END PEACEFULLY

The protesters marched on North Third Street back toward McCambridge Park, with residents peeking from their doorways to watch the procession, which roared with chants. Many marchers waved or held up signs in support of the group’s message.

“[The protest has] been really inspiring,” said Reiya Downs, a black Burbank resident and protester, as she walked up the steps to the park. “It didn’t really hit me until now, the impact and how important it was.”

After returning from the roughly two-hour march, Kinlow and Shannon thanked protesters for their presence, saying the event couldn't have happened without their support.

“We came into this with no expectations,” Kinlow said before the march. It really is the people, the people who come here together and band together to fight. ... Even if they don't look like us, they want to listen to us, they want to help in any way that they can.” She also thanked protesters for remaining peaceful — something they had emphasized at the rally before the march. Kinlow had told demonstrators that she didn't want violence or looting to detract from the work being done.

Burbank police had previously announced that officers made 14 arrests overnight from Monday to Tuesday, the majority on suspicion of looting. However, Green, a public information officer, explained that while some people were arrested with items believed to be taken from stores in the L.A. area, there haven't been any incidents where local groups have ransacked shops under the cover of a protest.

Several Burbank businesses have boarded up their doors and windows as a protective measure, though many have not. Green said police had not made any recommendation to do so, and the path of Thursday's protest steered mostly away from commercial areas.

He also encouraged organizers of future protests to connect with the Police Department, as Shannon and Kinlow did, so officers can address traffic and other concerns.

“I think we can all agree that there's always room for improvement and things we can do better in law enforcement,” said Green, adding that the Burbank Police Department planned on issuing a statement regarding the recent events later on Friday (after The Leader's press time). “What happened back east, those types of incidents ultimately shape the future of law enforcement because [they] lead to change and training.”

Protests have continued in other cities. L.A. Mayor Eric Garcetti on Wednesday announced several initiatives aimed at improving the Los Angeles Police Department, saying that \$250 million would be invested in community programs — some of it taken from LAPD's budget, a demand by many protesters. He also said all officers would undergo de-escalation and crowd control training to better engage with protests.

SMALLER DEMONSTRATIONS ARISE DURING THE WEEK

Smaller protests took place in Burbank earlier in the week. A brief protest was held Sunday morning on a bridge over the 5 Freeway, and a larger one took place downtown on Monday.

On Tuesday, protests were held at the same sites visited by Thursday's protest: City Hall and the Police Department building.

The message was largely similar, with protesters demanding police reform. Ayau, who organized the event at the Police Department and is a Glendale resident who formerly lived in Burbank, said she wasn't satisfied by making social media posts and donating to human rights groups. She explained that her goal of protesting was to bring awareness of police brutality and to pressure local governments to cut funding to police departments.

"That money could be better used, given to our local communities, to homelessness, to fixing all of these problems," Ayau said. "Arming more police officers with better guns, better weapons. ... it isn't doing anything and it's just putting our communities more at risk."

A block away, another group demonstrated in front of City Hall. Like the group nearby, most of the protesters there were wearing face masks, with many holding signs that read "Black Lives Matter."

"We need to vote, we need to be active in the fundraisers and communities, we need to be active in these peoples' lives who need our help," said protest organizer Lillian Powers, a Burbank resident. "Especially since Burbank is such a white-centered area, with all the privilege that we have, all the networks ... we really have the opportunity to be able to keep the message out there and alive until something's done about it — and that needs to happen."

City Sues Tinhorn Flats, Revokes Permit ([Burbank Leader](#))

By Christian Leonard

Tinhorn Flats Saloon and Grill was open on Tuesday, Feb. 23 — illegally — in light of a City Council decision the night before. But customers filed in all the same.

It wasn't that they were unaware that the council had revoked the restaurant's operational permit. Several mentioned it explicitly. Some seemed to see ordering a burger and beer as an act of rebellion against what they saw as government overreach: the issuance of restrictive health orders aimed to slow a pandemic that has killed more than 500,000 Americans.

One man sitting at a high table just a few feet from the "Recall Gavin Newsom" signs and talking with a fellow diner to his right wiped his face with a tissue.

"Are you allowed to blow your nose anymore?" he asked sardonically. Like most of the other patrons, he wasn't wearing a face covering, though the workers were.

The sense of indignation was one shared by Lucas Lepejian, who co-manages the restaurant with his sister Talya. As he greeted each patron as they walked onto the outdoor patio, he often criticized the City Council's decision. At times, he echoed his father, Baret, who owns the restaurant and has called the county's former health order restricting outdoor dining "tyrannical."

"It's really sad what the council is doing," Lucas Lepejian said in an interview with the Leader, arguing that outdoor dining is safer than multiple households gathering for a meal under one roof. "They're a little confused, but I really hope they pull it together."

Business at Tinhorn Flats had slowed since outdoor dining had resumed across California, Lucas Lepejian said. But even so, he was often interrupted by the ring of the restaurant's phone he kept in his pocket.

He was walking around the patio when another call came in. He picked up. Someone, ostensibly a potential customer, asked a question. His answer came: "Yes," Lucas Lepejian said. "We're open."

About six hours later, the City Council voted unanimously to file a civil suit against Tinhorn Flats for operating without a permit.

COUNCIL REVOKES PERMIT

The city's civil complaint against Tinhorn Flats and the Lepejians, filed this Monday, asks a judge to allow Burbank Water and Power to cut the electricity from the restaurant until the restaurant regains the necessary permits. The complaint, a copy of

which was obtained by the Leader, also requests permission for the city to padlock the restaurant's doors until those permits are recovered.

The complaint follows the City Council's decision last week to revoke Tinhorn Flats' conditional use permit and is just the latest rebuke for a restaurant that has flouted restrictions on outdoor dining.

The council unanimously agreed during a hearing last Monday, Feb. 22, that Tinhorn Flats "has operated in flagrant violation of the Health Officer Orders in a manner which endangers the public health, safety and welfare, and created a public nuisance.

"There's a reason we have a conditional use permit," said Mayor Bob Frutos. "They agreed to the rules. This wasn't made up overnight."

After Tinhorn Flats proclaimed on its social media page that it would remain open, City Attorney Amy Albano announced on Tuesday that the City Council had, in closed session, approved a civil suit against Tinhorn Flats, though one had not been filed as of this week.

Lepejian could also file suit against the city over the revocation of the permit, Albano said.

The council's decisions came months after Baret Lepejian reopened the eatery's outdoor patio on Dec. 12, defying a Los Angeles County health order — and later a similar state mandate — banning the practice due to a surge in COVID-19 cases.

Lepejian has downplayed the threat of the coronavirus, from which more than 50,000 California residents have died, frequently declaring that the restrictions imposed to curb its spread are about "fear and control." He has also often raged against government entities that have pressured him to comply with regulations.

"The Burbank City Council are just a bunch of losers and I will not comply with anything they have to say," he told the Leader in a phone interview.

The county has already filed a civil complaint against Lepejian, asking a judge to compel the owner to pay the thousands of dollars in fines he has been issued. According to a spokeswoman from the L.A. County public health department, Tinhorn Flats has been issued 39 citations, with fines totaling \$25,500, as of last week.

Lepejian has repeatedly stated he will not pay any fines or close his restaurant.

RESIDENTS SPEAK DURING HEARING

Lepejian and his restaurant are controversial entities for Burbank residents. Supporters and opponents of Tinhorn Flats have flooded the city's email inbox and phone lines,

with more than 60 people calling during the public comment portion of Monday's hearing.

Some residents urged the council to revoke Tinhorn Flats' operational permit, saying they were concerned that the crowds that gathered there were contributing to the spread of the coronavirus. Several who said they work in the restaurant industry also pointed out they have abided by restrictions despite the burden they imposed on their workplaces.

"Without holding this restaurant accountable, in a way you are insulting the hard work, resolution, perseverance [and] ingenuity that our industry has had," said Sean Fagan. "We really, really need you to do something to make all of our hard work justified."

Other callers insisted that Tinhorn Flats was simply trying to survive, with many claiming gathering there didn't pose a threat to public health and accusing the health orders of killing small businesses.

"I moved to Burbank for small businesses like Tinhorn," said Megan Tayone. "There are no hard facts that Tinhorn has caused any sort of superspreading [of COVID-19.] ... America is the land of the free because we allow freedom, and that means allowing people to take risks."

CITY OUTLINES EVIDENCE

City staff members provided an extensive set of documents to the City Council, saying Tinhorn Flats has failed to comply with county, state and municipal orders. They argued that the restaurant also violated county law — and therefore local permit policy — by continuing to operate even after the county revoked its health permit on Jan. 27.

Alexandra Kazarian, an attorney from law firm Geragos & Geragos who represented Tinhorn Flats during the hearing, maintained that an appellate court has not yet handed down a decision regarding whether county officials must show evidence that dining restrictions are necessary.

Council members were unconvinced.

"It's still the law until it isn't. That's where I come down on," said Councilman Nick Schultz, who is also a state deputy attorney general.

The other council members agreed, though expressing sympathy for the plight of small businesses. But all held that Tinhorn Flats had violated the terms of its permit.

Kazarian also claimed that Tinhorn Flats has only offered delivery and takeout services in compliance with county regulations, though customers are allowed to eat on the patio. But many residents, as well as the council and city staff members, quickly

pointed out that inspectors' reports and social media posts showed crowds of diners sitting at the restaurant's patio, sometimes with food in plates and beverages in open glasses.

Lepejian admitted in an interview with the Leader that Tinhorn Flats initially held dine-in services, but said he later changed the policy per his attorney's advice.

COUNTY SAYS PATRONS INTIMIDATED INSPECTORS

The L.A. County public health department has also alleged that customers and managers — including Lepejian's daughter — of Tinhorn Flats have sometimes been hostile to inspectors.

In a letter to Lepejian explaining its decision to revoke Tinhorn Flats' health permit, a county representative said patrons became "disruptive" and "confrontational" during some of the inspections in mid-December, with some tearing the posted sign ordering the restaurant to close and following inspectors to their vehicle.

During one inspection, according to the letter, a patron yelled, "I am surprised one of your health inspectors hasn't been murdered yet!" Talya Lepejian, Baret's daughter, then allegedly said, "Yeah, why hasn't one of you been killed yet?"

As an inspector was leaving the restaurant, the letter continues, one patron approached him and asked, "Do you have a daughter?"

Lepejian said he wasn't sure whether the allegations were true; his children have denied them. He did say, however, that the inspectors "can go [screw] themselves."

"It's both ways, but they're the ones coming in and starting a problem, and we're not going to take it," he said.

But for Frutos and his fellow council members, the county's report — as well as several others — clearly showed the fault on one side: Tinhorn Flats'.

"There's ... documentation in my report that we all got regarding the violations of the county health orders against the owner of Tinhorn Flats," Frutos said shortly before voting to revoke the restaurant's permit. "Period. Black and white. It's there."

PPP Funds Reach Burbank, Federal Data Questioned ([Burbank Leader](#))

By Christian Leonard

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration, roughly 3,370 Burbank businesses received potentially forgivable federal loans during a pandemic that sank the economy into a recession — though the source of that information is being called into question.

Those businesses, including sole proprietorships and self-employed individuals, received approval for Paycheck Protection Program loans from lenders. Altogether, the Burbank businesses that were approved for loans said the money would allow them to save more than 34,000 jobs

However, there have been reports of businesses and officials across the nation saying that the data from the SBA, released July 6, contains many errors, including inflated loan amounts.

As a result, the reliability of some of the SBA's data set — released after congressional calls for the \$699-billion program to publish it — has been thrown into doubt. "I think there is a real issue with transparency," Congressman Adam Schiff, whose district includes Burbank, said in a phone interview. "There were a lot of bad numbers coming out of that disclosure."

SBA spokeswoman Shannon Giles said in an email that the department reported only approved — not disbursed — PPP loans: "Lenders report their PPP disbursements monthly, so there is a data lag between approval and disbursement reports."

But some businesses — including electric scooter company Bird, which made an announcement on Twitter disputing the data — argue the data set lists them as having received loans they never requested.

Schiff also said feedback from businesses about the program has been mixed. Those that received loans have been grateful, he said, but many have struggled to establish communication with lending banks.

"For millions of businesses, it was a lifesaver," he said. "But for others, it was frustrating and inequitable."

FILM INDUSTRY GETS LOANS

According to the SBA data, most of the Burbank businesses that requested money through the PPP were approved for loans smaller than \$150,000, with more than \$6.4 million of loans in that range going to at least 160 businesses in the film industry, not including independent writers and actors.

Restaurants and physician offices also received many of those smaller loans, with 22 religious organizations in Burbank receiving a total of \$1.24 million. The Western Diocese of the Armenian Church, headquartered in Burbank, received between \$150,000 and \$350,000 in loans not included in that figure.

Woodbury University received a \$4.4 million loan from the program, according to an email from university President David Steele-Figueroa.

“Due to increased expenses in hardware, software and student support from moving to an online environment in March, 2020, the PPP loan has allowed us not to furlough employees, or reduce employment on campus; and to defray other institutional expenses,” he said.

The exact size of loans of more than \$150,000, which accounted for about 10.6% of the loans received by Burbank businesses, is unknown, so it is impossible to tell from the data release exactly how much PPP funding was given to local companies.

For example, Pixelogic Media, a distribution company for the entertainment industry, received the largest loan to a Burbank business at between \$5 million and \$10 million. According to the SBA data, the company will retain more than 400 jobs with the loan.

DATA MUDDLED

Not all companies claimed to be as successful at job retention. Between \$6.4 million and \$15.55 million in loans of more than \$150,000 went to Burbank businesses that said they would save zero jobs with the funds. Another \$8.6 million in loans of less than \$150,000 went to businesses saying the same.

Other errors and gaps muddled the merit of the data further. Some of the ZIP codes listed belong to non-Burbank locations, such as in Burbank. At least one belongs to a county in Montana. More than 250 businesses did not say how many jobs, if any, they would retain with the loans they received — a requirement for loan forgiveness. And some of the businesses listed that received loans of less than \$150,000 did not have their industry identified.

Schiff also believes that the funds could be subject to fraud or misappropriation, “given this [Trump] Administration’s history of nepotism and cronyism.”

Bar Owners Frustrated Anew as Restrictions Return ([Burbank Leader](#))

By Christian Leonard

Tony Charmello, owner of the Snug, says he doesn't let anyone else clean the pub. He can't afford to.

A couple of times a week, he drives from his home near Los Angeles International Airport to Burbank to dust the surfaces or do some repainting at the Snug. Some of his eight employees offered to do the cleaning for him, but Charmello declined. With bars like his closed throughout Los Angeles County and beyond, he doesn't have the revenue to pay them.

"I feel very sorry for anybody who's lost their life [from the coronavirus]," he said in a phone interview, "But ... I don't think we can stay closed forever, because a lot of places are going to be in financial hurt, and I'm starting to feel that way a little bit."

A brief glimmer of hope appeared in June, when Gov. Gavin Newsom announced that after months of mandated closure to slow the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, bars could reopen, with some restrictions.

Soon, Charmello's phone was ringing with people wanting to know when the Snug would open — and he got to work. He contacted the county health department for advice on how to reopen safely, installing Plexiglas barriers and reducing seating at the bar from 15 chairs to five.

"To be honest with you, I was happy to come to work, because you can play [only] so much solitaire on the computer," he said. "I mean, the first two weeks, it was nice and relaxing and all, but after months, the mailman still comes with bills."

But just when it looked as if the Snug could finally begin accepting patrons again, another California health order went out on June 28. Due to rising coronavirus cases, Newsom ordered bars to close in several counties — including L.A.

John Samarjian, owner of the Blue Room bar, said he would rather have stayed closed than be allowed to reopen for only nine days. But he added that, since he owns the property, he's in a relatively better situation than many other bar owners are.

But that doesn't mean he isn't facing difficulty. Samarjian, who has worked at the family-owned bar since he was in his 20s, said it took nearly six years after the 2008 recession for his business to return to normal. He fears that recovering from the economic impact of COVID-19 will take longer.

"It's more emotional and fear-based," he said. "It's people being afraid to be around people."

He estimates that he has lost roughly \$200,000 in revenue from being closed, and said that while he understands the challenges of the pandemic and the need to keep everyone healthy, he wishes authorities would be more resolute about their decisions. As he puts it, if he ran his bar the way they run the state, he'd be out of business.

WHERE DRINKS ARE SERVED

While the Snug and the Blue Room are closed indefinitely, some bars have been given the OK to reopen — though not as bars. If the business has an on-site kitchen, it is considered a restaurant and therefore can remain open for outdoor dining. Alcohol, though, must be served with food.

“I think we've all learned how to stay pretty agile and up to date with all of the changes,” Dan Shapiro, manager of marketing and public relations for the Artisanal Brewers Collective, said in a phone interview.

The ABC restaurant group includes Tony's Darts Away, a Burbank pub that serves burgers and sausages. For the past few weeks, Shapiro explained, the business has served customers entirely on its patio, using an app to manage orders and transactions, cutting down on unnecessary interaction between patrons and servers.

“We have just been stunned by the support of the community,” Shapiro said by phone. “It's really great to see that people are supporting the local establishments, and they want to see that these places survive — and we want to survive for them.”

But even though Tony's is one of the pubs that are still serving customers in Burbank, it has also had its fair share of financial challenges. Its 10-year anniversary came and went during the shutdown, Shapiro said the business has had to make concessions with landlords.

“It's a fight for survival, to be frank,” he explained.

There are, however, some financial lifeboats sent out by local and federal sources. Burbank City Manager Justin Hess issued an emergency order on July 2 potentially allowing some restaurants like Tony's Darts Away to expand seating options.

On July 4, President Donald Trump signed legislation extending the application deadline for the Paycheck Protection Program, which issues forgivable loans to small businesses, to Aug. 8.

Some aid has come from local employers. Samarjian said he gave \$1,000 to each of his approximately eight workers to give them a bit of extra stability.

But programs can be limited, especially with so many businesses looking for aid. A federally funded Burbank initiative giving loans to small businesses affected by the

COVID-19 pandemic started accepting applications on June 29 — and hit its 100-application cap 36 hours later.

Charmello said he wishes the situation could return to normal and he could go back to working and going to ballgames. But with bars closed, and Burbank's loan program having reached its application limit before he could sign up, he said the Snug needs help.

"We're in the hole," he said. "And we need a ladder to get out."

Council Candidates Report Donations Totaling \$191,000 ([Burbank Leader](#))

By Christian Leonard

The eight candidates for Burbank City Council received a total of roughly \$191,000 in campaign donations by mid-October, according to final pre-election disclosures.

According to publicly available filing records, donations, during Burbank's 2017 primary election, which also featured eight council candidates, totaled less than \$81,000.

Two council seats will be decided in the election on Tuesday, Nov. 3.

Though contributions wound down across the board during the most recent reporting period, from Sept. 20-Oct. 17, real estate broker Paul Herman again raked in the most money — more than \$16,600, bringing his total to nearly \$52,700. He spent nearly \$14,500 during that reporting period, making his total expenditures through Oct. 17 more than \$46,600.

Nearly 120 named entities donated to Herman's campaign by that deadline; donors are named in contribution statements if they gave \$100 or more.

Committees that contributed included the Los Angeles County Business Federation, Burbank Firefighters, the California Apartment Association, the California Real Estate Action Committee and the Glendale Republican Assembly.

Receiving roughly \$11,700 during the recent period, disability services provider Konstantine Anthony had the second-highest donation total as of the reporting deadline, at more than \$43,300. He spent about \$15,700 during that period, and a total of about \$32,400 by Oct. 17.

Anthony also received donations from about named 120 entities, including committees representing Democrats for Neighborhood Action, a branch of the Unified Food and Commercial Workers union and the National Union of Healthcare Workers.

State Deputy Attorney General Nick Schultz, whose campaign had the most contributions earlier in the race, received less than \$5,800 during the reporting period, bringing his total to around \$38,400 — ranking him third among the eight City Council candidates as of Oct. 17. His campaign also spent about \$10,800 for that period, bringing his total expenditures by the reporting deadline to just over \$30,000.

Schultz had about 110 donors who gave \$100 or more, with nearly 20 being political action committees or other groups. Those included Burbank Firefighters, the California Apartment Association and Democrats for Neighborhood Action, as well as a number of unions and Democratic candidate committees for other elections.

Tamala Takahashi, owner of High Bridge Solutions in Burbank, received a little over \$18,000 through mid-October, including about \$3,300 during the most recent reporting period. Her campaign has spent nearly \$3,000 during that same period, or roughly \$16,000 overall as of the deadline.

About 120 named entities, including the Los Angeles League of Conservation Voters, donated to Takahashi.

Councilman and attorney Timothy Murphy had the next highest total for donations at less than \$15,400, receiving about \$3,400 of that total between Sept. 20 and Oct. 17.

His exact spending amount is unclear, however. His reported total through Oct. 17 was about \$10,600, but when the Leader added together the expenditures from the most recent period with the previous periods, the total was only about \$8,200. Murphy said in an email that he was working on submitting a new filing with the city clerk.

Nearly 70 named entities donated to Murphy's campaign. The three committees that contributed were the Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles, the Burbank Realtors' Association and the California Apartment Association.

Retired claims analyst Linda Bessin was not far behind Murphy in donations received, with a total of nearly \$14,800; her campaign received almost \$1,000 during the most recent reporting period. No political committees were counted among her roughly 30 named donors.

Actor and screenwriter Michael Gogin received \$354 in donations between Sept. 20 and Oct. 17, though that amount was reported after his campaign used \$1,000 of the period's contributions to pay part of a \$4,000 loan Gogin had issued to it.

The total of contributions to his campaign was about \$8,100.

However, while his campaign reported having spent \$8,800 through Oct. 17, adding together the expenditures from the period with that of previous periods produces a total of nearly \$9,600. Gogin said in an email that he was looking into the issue and would let the Leader know when he had more information.

Gogin's campaign received donations from about 20 named entities, including from the Glendale Republican Assembly.

Finally, substitute teacher Sharis Manokian confirmed in an email that she continued to expect less than \$2,000 in contributions during the race, exempting her from having to submit a more detailed report.

Voters have been casting their ballots throughout last week — and potentially longer ago, if by mail. Burbank voters will help decide who serves as the nation's president and weigh in on a variety of state elections and propositions.

Besides choosing two council members, Burbank voters will also elect three Burbank Unified School District Board of Education members and a city treasurer.