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Looking Past the Surface: Our Reply on David Donahue

Burbank Republican Party · October 30, 2026 ·

We think it is great that people share their opinions. We also think it pays to look a little deeper than the surface.

Why we are posting this

We are not attacking Kyle Anderson. He posted an Instagram reel about Burbank City Council candidate David Donahue, and it is great that people share their opinions.

The reel is apparently an effort to sway voters. So we did what we do: we got into the facts. We are pretty deep on facts. That is how we like to operate here.

We are not voting for Mr. Donahue. He is not a Republican, and we vote for Republicans. So we have no dog in this hunt. We take our coffee with cream and sugar, but we take our facts plain.

Below is the reply we posted on the reel on October 30, 2026, next to what the reel said. Watch it and judge for yourself.

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99
donors to Ms. Wick in the city campaign filings

What the reel said, and what we would ask

In the reel · Caption

“Bankrolled by dark money.”

Dark money

His donors are listed by name in public filings. So are Ms. Wick’s. If money went unreported, please post the proof.

In the reel · At 2:45

“They already dropped $600,000 along with right-wing and landlord PACs to get Rizzotti elected.”

The $600,000

The Burbank Leader reported the biggest committee pooled $480,000, and $400,000 of that came from two labor unions, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 18 and United Food and Commercial Workers. We would not call those right wing or housing providers.

In the reel · At 1:43

“Burbank City Council can’t just vote to stop the lane removal. They don’t have that power.”

Olive

You say the Council has no power. Metro sued Burbank in May because the City is withholding permits over those lanes. Nobody hires lawyers to sue somebody with no power.

In the reel · At 2:14

“Donations under $100 aren’t counted.”

Under $100

Those gifts are counted. The law puts them in one lump sum with no names, so nobody can sort them by ZIP Code.

In the reel · At 1:51

"But David's a developer."

Developer

His campaign website says his company does factory-built housing, including rebuilding for Eaton fire families. Is that what you mean by developer? Which projects, which permits, which developer buddies? We checked the county property roll and did not find his name on a Burbank parcel, though property can be held in a trust or a company. If you have more, we would be glad to see it.

In the reel · At 0:13

"He's also pro-ICE and advocated against Burbank being a sanctuary city."

Sanctuary

As far as Immigration and Customs Enforcement goes, Congress writes immigration law and Washington enforces it. Have you spoken about your concerns directly with the people in charge? Your Representative, State Senator and Assemblymember are Democrats, as far as we know.

In the reel · At 0:05

"Flock cameras that track you without your consent."

Flock

Everyone in Burbank is already being filmed by somebody's phone, and nobody asked your permission. How is a camera on a pole different from that, or from a body camera, or from an officer's eyeballs? What right is being lost? We ask in good faith.

In the reel · At 0:33

"He's also been banned from Burbank Pride."

Burbank Pride

Did the organizers make a statement? Where can we read it? The last we checked, Burbank Pride is a mailing address in Burbank, not a business in Burbank, and its leadership is out of North Hollywood. A North Hollywood outfit calling itself Burbank seems a little off to us.

In the reel · At 0:26

"The anti-LGBTQ group Moms for Liberty held a rally in Burbank."

Community

Burbank is a community. When we speak with people who identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual, a number of them tell us they do not wish to be grouped with transgender, queer or other individuals. That is not true of everyone, but quite a few have said so, and many have told us it is not one community. If anyone's individual rights are being trampled, please provide the information, and we will look into it.

In the reel · At 1:17

"A bully, a liar, a misogynist, and a stalker."

Liar, stalker, misogynist

Anyone can say anything. We like to see the proof. Mr. Van Gorder says he was in court when the charges were dismissed. He is also running against Mr. Donahue. If there is a case number, please post it. We will pull the case and speak to the prosecutor ourselves.

In the reel · At 2:29

"The laughable $10,000 that Donahue donated to himself as a loan."

The $10,000 loan

Anybody willing to put $10,000 of their own money into their own campaign seems to have confidence in themselves. That seems commendable to us. We still will not vote for him.

In the reel · At 2:21

"Most of the progressive, working-class candidates are getting donations around $20, $50."

Working class

What makes somebody not working class? Everyone here works for a living, and none of us inherited our money. So are we not all working class? We do not believe in classes anyway. Everyone is equal at the Burbank Republican Party. Sorting neighbors into classes causes more division than unity. And which candidates get $20 gifts? We will happily research it and post it on our website.

In the reel · At 0:30

"Here David is standing alongside them."

Moms for Liberty

The Burbank Leader reports Mr. Donahue went to that event and says protesters hit him outside. He filed a police report. Showing up is not the same as joining. Is everyone not entitled to an opinion in Burbank, even the ones you do not care for?

Family Pride in the Park

We have watched footage from several events. You can look on YouTube, including this police body camera footage:

▶ **Watch on YouTube**: youtube.com/watch?v=sleivzTX9dE

It did not look all that friendly to us. Other videos do not either, and a more recent one shows people getting into arguments and fights. We do not attend, and maybe things have changed. But when folks describe it as peaceful, we scratch our heads. And after videos started going online, people at the events were asked to stop recording. That is interesting, since it is a public event and the footage is public record.

Show us the paper, and we will say you were right. We have done harder things.

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