## **Community Partner Reports**



Checking in on everyone, I hope you and your families are doing well and are safe.

Attached are some updates, including a list of resources for the Palisades Fire. Please note that these updates are current as of this AM, but things are ever-changing. I will send any updates again on Monday, but you can also direct folks to our website for updates here: https://lindseyhorvath.lacounty.gov/wildfire-emergency-resources/ or the County's website: https://lacounty.gov/emergency/

Additionally, a damage map for the Palisades Fire, the Eaton Fire, and the Franklin Fire in December is available here: https://recovery.lacounty.gov/

Please share with anyone who might have a home or business affected by the fires. These maps are preliminary and updated daily, photos are available for some properties- although I want to note that some homes are still being assessed for structural damage and status of homes may change as assessments are made.

Reach out if you have any questions or need any additional info or support from our office!

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Wildfires: If you know someone affected by the wildfires, please make sure they are filing a claim with FEMA. This includes reimbursement for temporary hotel stays. The Department of Insurance is holding workshops for people affected by the fires this weekend and next weekend. Those flyers are attached. If you are looking to volunteer, we sent out an email with opportunities last week. Check in with me if you would like to see it. Additionally, we have information and resources on our website here. We encourage watching the County press conferences for new information and taking a look at this page to debunk any misinformation.

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Budget: Last Friday, the Governor presented his first draft of this year's budget. Good news is that the deficit from last year was resolved, however we are still advised against significant costs to any new bills or district funding. His budget will update twice more and be finalized in June in collaboration with the legislature.

Bill package: Assemblymember Bryan has begun introducing new bills for this session, and is now up in Sacramento most of the week. There is a deadline of middle February to introduce new legislation. Among the bills Asm Bryan has introduced, there is a tax exemption for child car seats (which are required by law) and a requirement for firefighters from the CA Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation to be paid the same as the lowest wage civilian firefighter.

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Events: Asm Bryan and Jewish Caucus chair Asm Jesse Gabriel volunteered at Our Big Kitchen

LA last weekend to help prepare kosher meals for evacuees and firefighters. We are planning
another Real ID fair in anticipation of the May requirement to travel with a Real ID or
passport. We also are working to have services for passports, birth certificates, and
naturalization papers. As of now, we are looking at February 8<sup>th</sup> from 11 – 2 in Culver City, but
details are not finalized. If these are services you need and will not be able to attend the
event, please reach out so we may connect you to the best resource.

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Me: At December's meeting I notified the NC that my position would be changing. I have been promoted to District Director and look forward to the work! We will be hiring a new field representative and responsibilities will shift, but for now, I will continue providing reports to my NCs and I will let you know if there is an update on that front.

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Thank you SoRo family, and I hope you and your families are all safe.

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<u>The district office of Senator Lola Smallwood-Cuevas has free N95 masks available for community members. The Senator's district office is located at 700 Exposition Park Drive in South LA.</u>

To arrange picking up free masks, please email Carlos Penilla at carlos.penilla@sen.ca.gov or call (213) 745-6656.