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LOS ANGELES COUNTY ANNOUNCES ACTIVATION OF 211 LA COUNTY DISASTER HOTLINE FOR RESIDENTS TO REPORT DAMAGES CAUSED BY WIND STORM EVENT

LOS ANGELES (Mon., Dec. 5, 2011) – The Los Angeles County Chief Executive Office, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) announces the activation of the 211 LA County Disaster Hotline **(1-800-980-4990)** for residents and businesses to report damages caused by the recent wind storm event. **Residents and businesses may also call 2-1-1 as well to report damages.**

As the recovery efforts continue in the Los Angeles County Operational Area (OA), OEM continues to collect Initial Damage Estimates from County departments, cities and unincorporated areas to determine public and private sector damages throughout the County. OEM will continue to coordinate with the California Emergency Management Agency to secure State and Federal assistance as warranted.

On Dec. 1, Los Angeles County Mayor Michael D. Antonovich declared a state of emergency for the cities and unincorporated areas in the County.

OEM stands ready to ramp up if conditions warrant. In addition, all County departments continue to prepare and be ready to respond to any future emergencies and/or disasters.

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