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Support for Assembly Bill 311 (McKinnor/Rivas): Dwelling Units: Persons at Risk of Homelessness

The devastation caused by the 2025 Los Angeles County Wildfires (wildfires) is unprecedented on several levels: ten fires burned over 50,000 acres in January, taking almost a month to contain with a total economic loss projected to be over \$250 billion, making it one of the costliest natural disasters in U.S. history.¹

In the weeks after the fires began, Speaker of the California State Assembly Robert Rivas and the Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation, led by chair, Assemblymember Tina McKinnor, took immediate action to support Los Angeles County (County) and fast track fire recovery. On January 13, 2025, Speaker Rivas announced a legislative package to help the County recover and rebuild. Among the bills announced was Assembly Bill 311 (AB 311) introduced by Assemblymember McKinnor and Speaker

¹ Vincent, R. (2025, January 24). Estimated cost of fire damage balloons to more than \$250 billion - Los Angeles Times. *Los Angeles Times*. <https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2025-01-24/estimated-cost-of-fire-damage-balloons-to-more-than-250-billion>

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Rivas. AB 311 prohibit evictions if a tenant shelters wildfire victims or their pet. If passed, the bill will create a temporary eviction exemption to allow those displaced to remain in their temporary homes.

As we begin our road to recovery, we cannot make our housing and homelessness crisis worse. Solving for one emergency cannot come at the sake of another. AB 311 ensures that anyone generous enough to take in a victim of the fires and/or their pet, will not be evicted for doing so. We shouldn't evict those helping others in need over a technicality in their lease. It also provides the County with a powerful tool to mitigate our housing crisis.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisor direct the Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations to take all appropriate legislative advocacy actions to support Assembly Bill 311 (McKinnor/Rivas), which would allow a tenant and landlord to temporarily house a person, family, and/or pet displaced by a declared state of emergency without granting that person full tenancy status or amending the lease including, but not limited to, sending a five-signature letter in support of the bill to Assemblymember Tina McKinnor and Speaker Robert Rivas.

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