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# MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HILDA L. SOLIS

Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
10.		Favor	colin campbell	<ul> <li>Dear LA Board of Supervisors, President Trump, Governor Newsom, City South Pasadena - Fire, Police and Planning Departments</li> <li>Item 10, 26, set matter - May we use DOEC/Stargate Al for South Pasadena for a Pilot so we can collaborate with the public as we bring forward our general intelligence? S Pasadena did not meet last week and their next session is tomorrow where I will continue requirements such as electrification, dealing with homeless, water quality, brush removal for Fire Department, project management enhancements for city planning. I highly recommend reaching out to the public, I go to 'fair oaks cigars' and to ask how small town communities could benefit from our made in america general intelligence.</li> <li>Item 10 -Analysis of the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events Enhance analysis using Oracle Federal General intelligence to summarize all county events enhance EPA, Fire Department, Coast guard and JPL capabilities</li> <li>Item 26 -Emergency Financial Assistance for Winterization Measures Use some of the 238.5 billion using our General intelligence to advise and expedite winterization- enabling Sacagawea, Queen Kamehameha and Geronimo Nedah Apache warrior medicine man would be applied to these measures</li> <li>Item set matter -Report on Continuum of Care for Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Beds</li> <li>Using heatthcare and Justice AI's there is a coaching/reward system to help reduce jail/prison/probation and hospital time if a patient enrolls.</li> <li>My company Adapps has set up the Oracle Cloud for this initiative. I am requesting permission from the Board and South Pas City council to implement a pilot using the 238.5 billion budget I submitted for Federal/State funding on Jan 21. On Feb 19, SP city council Michael Cacciotti requested assistance with electrification of their city vehicles and also using alternative energy such as Hydrogen. I am volunteering to bring these requirements (including the 568 million for the Arroy</li></ul>



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10.		Favor	Jean Marsh	When you are doing the analysis, can you consider naming a day "Altadena Genocide Day", so we can remember the people in West Altadena left behind to fend for themselves when the County Fire Department failed to notify Emergency Management Services to warn a large portion of your district.
			Jo Lynne	
			L Marais	I would like to address the repopulation section of this analysis, and suggest that placing an open-air concrete debris crushing operation on the Altadena Golf Course (which will be crushing 4.5 million tons of burned debris) immediately adjacent to an intact residential neighborhood surrounding the golf course, is not a smart way to make Altadena livable again. It's just perpetuating the misery of people who have been forced from their homes, exposing them to further toxins and making their houses even more polluted than they are at present. This misguided choice of a location is going to kill people. At very least, the concrete crushing should be enclosed.
		Sloane M Mann	Many Altadena residents rely on the internet for emergency communications. Once the power goes out, many residents cannot receive vital emergency alerts. Also, brush clearance enforcement from our LAFD Station 12 has been non-existent. The county doesn't provide nearly enough firefighting personnel or Fire Safety support to Altadena.	
			Stephen M Clauser	The need for fire prevention and general emergency response is far greater than the immediate needs because of the Eaton and Pacific Palisades fires: The county includes many milions of peole and millions of residences for which advance comprehensive planning for any degree of fire, flood, tsunami, earthquake, or storm damage should be addressed equally for all. Political considerations resulting from the prominence of recent events in media and memory should not detract from recogn ition that trhereis no comprehensibve preventionm or response protocol in place covering all areas and all kinds of emergencies in ALL degrees of severity; if we have a 9 earthquake tomorrow, will the entire county board be in another country?
			Sylvie Andrews	Investigate failures in the emergency response on the 7th, 8th & 9th of January, report to the public. What steps will be taken to ensure these failures won't happen again?



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10.		Oppose	Lisa Hastings	Opposed because you have your facts wrong. Facts: At no time did I receive any emergency alert to evacuate (no phone call, no text, no email, no visit by emergency personnel. The only reason I evacuated was because my home filled up with smoke. As I drove down the hill into Pasadena, I never saw any law enforcement or fire department vehicles. On January 9, we returned to my house and houses were burning all around. The ONLY reason my house and others nearby survived was because neighbors fought the fires with garden hoses. NO firefighters were seen anywhere until later in the day when they lined up to fill their tanks with the plentiful water supply from the hydrant located on El Molino Ave at the corner of Colman Street. Fire trucks then lined up in front of Altadena Elementary School on Calaveras Street doing NOTHING for hours. There were lots of fire personnel for many hours in the area DOING NOTHING. In the meantime, neighbors were ON THEIR OWN fighting the fires. WE BEGGED several different fire personnel to help us. THEY REFUSED. THERE WAS NO WIND on January 8th. WE WERE ON OUR OWN AND ABANDONED by the emergency evacuation system and by firefighters who refused to help us when we BEGGED for help. Your resolution needs to call for a full investigation into (1) complete lack of emergency preparation and strategies to both to fight the fire and issue evacuation orders (2) the fire department's stand down orders which was absolutely shameful- there was NO WIND yet firefighters REFUSED to assist the public when asked (3) the public deserves to know the TRUTH about why no emergency alerts were issued in mostly West Altadena and why there was a stand down orders which in place when there was no wind.
			Shanti Rao	As a resident of Altadena, this look like an unproductive exercise in groupthink. The County's lack of strategic coordination in the days before and after the fire is not going to be solved incrementally. The County's own disaster preparedness team is responsible for leadership next time, which could easily be next week, and they should lead the investigation so they build the institutional knowledge.
		Other	Cheryl Pawelski	While I think it's very nice that you all might spend some time assessing evacuation policies and alert systems, the time may be far better spent, in my opinion, working to prevent horrific atrocities such as this from the outset. How about passing laws, securing the funds and mandating that power lines get put in the ground like the Palisades are now doing? Focusing on avoiding the tragedy altogether may save lives in the future, will certainly bypass the hell Altadena residents are now subjected to, and will likely make your constituents very, very happy to rebuild their lives again in Altadena if they can. Reviews are swell, but action is what's needed immediately. Put the power lines where they can no longer kill people or devastate a century-old (plus) community ever again.



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10.		Other	Danette Erickson	How fast can we get other cities, states here to help our fire departments? 50 years ago we had the fire in la Crescenta and we had a san diego fire truck in every other driveway protecting us! Problem then was their county keys did not work in our county to open gates to debris areas
			Elle Schneider	Supervisors Horvath and Barger:
				While it is important due diligence to identify strengths and weaknesses in how various LA County departments mobilized to respond to the Eaton Fire, both immediately during and in the months following the emergency, I need to highlight an area that is, once again, missing from your proposed discussion: the impact of the fire on residents in unburned structures, and our lack of ongoing support.
				Thousands of families in Altadena, Pasadena, and Sierra Madre live in or near the burn zone, some within the 250 yards of the fire edge highlighted by the February 11th Department of Public Health advisory as a potential health risk. While our homes are still standing, many were significantly damaged during the storm by hours of relentless wind and smoke. Most properties within a mile of the fire contain visible interior ash, with others suffering roof and window damage, and some lots even contain physical debris from nearby structures, an environment the New York Times refered to as "toxic soup."
				Our community wants to know why we have been systemically denied the critical resources and financial support offered to our neighbors. More than two months out from the Eaton Fire, many of us are unable to return safely to homes that have tested positive for asbestos or unsafe levels of lead that permeated our homes due to smoke from the fire. Others are unable to test at all, due to being uninsured, or because their insurance companies refuse to perform adequate testing—which costs thousands out of pocket—lest they be found responsible for remediation.
				Based on the fire map, which was only meant to note visual exterior damage to a home and not to assess the overall degree of impact on a property, the unburned but still affected residents of Altadena, on whom the businesses in the community rely on to survive until rebuilding, have been declared ineligible for the Household Relief Grant, the Red Cross, Army Corps of Engineers debris removal, and other programs, like those funded by the FireAid event which could help make our homes and community safe. LA residents and those around the country have donated millions to directly help those affected by the fires. But for those in contaminated homes, we wake up every day looking for that help and find none. The prolonged mental and physical toll of that stress is nearly unsurmountable, and as with the fires in Lahaina, will lead to poor health outcomes for those who are trying to stay strong for Altadena until our community can be made whole.



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## PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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	After six weeks of phone calls, letters, and public appeals, last Monday Supervisor Barger held what was purported to be a community meeting to address the needs of renters and those in standing structures, who had submitted dozens of questions in advance to be answered. While more than 500 constitutents tuned in, Supervisor Barger and the officials on the call not only ran out the clock repeating the same basic public information that has been made available on previous calls (one of which was held an hour previously) but also continued to repeat misinformation, encouraging us to apply for grants that we were barred from accessing, only choosing to answer a preselected handful of our most questions. The outrage and pain caused by that community meeting cannot be understated. Why should a family whose personal property is a total loss due to asbestos contamination from the fire be denied aid just because their structure is standing? Why are we being left in the dust? Make it make sense. Our community is hurting, and we need your help.
Isa Capell	My home in Altadena was completely destroyed. I opted in gif the ROE however two arborists just informed that all 10 of of fruit trees are dead. The us army is refusing to remove them. I II have to hire a debris removal company now. I am afraid I've wasted valuable time and thousand of additional funds. Can this be changed to help residents truely make progress? What are the plans for protecting the area once we start to rebuild. Every time I in Altadena I run into solicitors, and people outside of the area looking for an opportunity even trespassing properties. I am concerned that opening Loma Alta park now is premature. Many Altadenanas are underinsured, elderly and vulnerable and many of us who are exhausted planning everything required to rebuild. Never mind dealing with insurance companies looking to dismiss us. We don't have time to sit in peace much less go to a park. Funds should be spent on priorities: life and safely- Underinsured residents, residents outside the burn zone, soil testing and security. A park represents community however without community you have absence. This efforts are coming across as insensitive to our trauma and hardships.
Karen Girard	Does this independent analysis of the windstorm also cover the complete lack of support for the residents whose homes are still standing? It's an ongoing problem that we keep asking the county, state, and federal government for support and information, and we don't get it. We're told that insurance should cover our needs. Newsflash: It doesn't. In theory, FEMA should also cover what insurance doesn't. Newsflash: when your insurance company delays, denies, ghosts you, changes their mind, the policy holder can't get clear info on what insurance will cover, so they can't

			ask FEMA to cover it. Also a newsflash: all the charities are using the DINS maps to deny us help and services as well. So when the county doesn't push back on insurance companies, and when it doesn't push for fair ways to evaluate aid, we get even less help. The only thing any charity offered me at the Recovery Center was GROUP THERAPY, which honestly I might need after the gaslighting from Barger's community meetings, where the officials there read from their damn websites, like we're children who haven't already thought of doing that. TLDR, because we keep submitting questions the county won't answer: will this independent inquiry actually cover the fact that the county is NOT HELPING A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF FIRE SURVIVORS???
		Susan Rogers	What the county did to those of us west of lake avenue is no less than negligent. I received a notice to evacuate well after I had left. Had I stayed waiting to be notified, I might not be writing this. Your mismanagement of this disaster and the trauma I experienced will never leave me. From the top down to the operators, you should be ashamed and held liable.
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# Public Comment for LA County Supervisors Meeting 3/18/2025

# Agenda Item: Analysis of the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events

Thank you to all the fire fighters, first responders, City and County personnel and Supervisors who worked so hard to help us during and after the wildfires. Public comment was requested, so I wrote down a few things that I think might help for future planning.

# Evacuations: Warnings or Orders.

To cut down on confusion, I hope instructions can be very specific when naming evacuation borderlines. Most of us do not think about streets like engineers do. If an evacuation warning or order

<u>includes a borderline street</u>, or does not include a borderline street, include this detail. For example,

if you instruct: UP TO Street Name A, or TO Street Name A, or NORTH of Street Name B, it's unclear if Street Name A or B is also included in the evacuations. Maybe best to be specific which streets are in or out, using the words, INCLUDING OR EXCLUDING. Such as, North TO Street Name A, INCLUDING Street Name A, (or EXCLUDING Street Name A.) I'm sure the engineers will have a better solution for the language most clear. We were not sure if our street was included or excluded in warnings or orders until we saw the Police coming round with bullhorns, because the orders used AND, TO, UP TO. The drawings helped but not enough, because the lines were not able to be exact on the mapping when zooming in.

# PRESS CONFERENCES: News Coverage, Phone Numbers, Websites:

Very very helpful to have your daily and weekly press conferences. I would like our local news channels to consider carrying the news conferences to the end instead

of cutting away. They are not very long since you all need to get back to work on our behalf.

**PHONE NUMBERS**: When reciting a phone number for citizens to call, please say the phone number twice slowly: 1-213-XXX-XXXX. Again 1-213-XXX-XXXX.

Use the # 1 for those citizens still on landlines.

**WEBSITES:** Agencies have their own websites as each is needed for their different expertise. But while listening to the press conferences, each speaker recites their own website addresses, which are long and confusing for many people. If a simple one page landing site was used with all the website links, along with a brief description, I think it would be easier for people to remember, where the page will include links to all County, State, Fed and City partners could be clickable for more information. The public would not have to navigate all the different websites that are named in the press conferences. We can never remember which is which.

**Disabled Folks on Oxygen:** Thank you for helping the folks at the nursing homes. In the next planning, it would be good to consider what can be done for those people who are homebound living with illness. Some folks are on supplemental oxygen. There are 1.5 million people in our country on oxygen. Neighbors helped evacuate citizens to a hotel during a warning period. Then they were already safe when the neighborhood was changed to evac orders. If they are on oxygen, many use an oxygen concentrator. Oxygen concentrators take nitrogen out of the room air and deliver oxygen to the person through a nasal canula. The larger ones are made for the home. They can operate 24/7 by plugging into household power, but they do not have batteries. Some people can use a portable oxygen concentrator (POC), a smaller machine with batteries than can also plug into household power or a DC plug in the car to charge batteries. Some people can use the POC but for some it doesn't make the quantity of oxygen they need to live. If the power goes out at home, people have an emergency very heavy back-up tank of compressed oxygen they can use in a limited quantity until the medical supply can deliver more. More support is needed from Medicare for liquid oxygen, which is lighter and lasts longer and could help citizens evacuate more easily if they can't use a battery operated POC. Oxygen for people who cannot survive without it, is complicated. Someone in respiratory therapy at one of the major hospitals should be able to advise your planning team.

The Fire Dept needs to know where oxygen is stored. Many people have already notified their local fire depts and electric companies. Some people put a sign on the door.

Again, thank you for your service to those of us who live in LA County and the great work the Supervisors are doing to get our friends back at home.

Kind regards to you all,

J. Lynne

# Public Comments for BOS meeting March 18

Is it true that LA County Fire's strategy in the event of urban wildfire like the Eaton Fire is to not defend anything north of the 210 Freeway? Other foothill communities like La Canada, La Crescenta, Tujunga need to know this.

What is the County's plan for publicizing and communicating this strategy to residents of those areas?

The people of Altadena demand to be involved in the independent investigation of the emergency response (and failure of local utilities due) to the Eaton Fire January 7th, 8th and 9th. Will individual eyewitness testimony and video footage be incorporated into the investigation?

We evacuated the night of Jan 7th with no help from authorities, no sirens or announcements over bullhorns— it was just neighbors warning neighbors. I don't think I even saw a single sheriff's vehicle directing traffic on the way out. My partner and I had spent much of that evening wetting down our entire property with garden hoses.

I discovered my home was still standing at 11am Wednesday January 8th. My partner and I drove from Pasadena to Altadena in the time window from 11am - 11:15am. The wind had stopped. We saw many resources deployed and preparing to fight in northern Pasadena. The second we crossed Woodbury into Altadena, we saw none of that. One or two fire trucks in the distance; few sheriffs. By the time we got to our home, the last one standing on our street, we were completely alone. Our house was just catching fire. It was up to us to try to fight, and there was no water.

I've heard this was not because water ran out, but rather because a reservoir failed and its own debris clogged the pumps.

If all of this is true, how do we make sure that failures of this magnitude never happen to any community, ever again? We demand an investigation, and we demand answers. No one should lose their home the way we did.

I don't need to see anyone fired or the front-line responders who did what they could disciplined. They were just following orders. But it's pretty clear that someone up the chain made mistakes that night and in the following days, and what I want is for those mistakes to be acknowledged, investigated, and prevented in the future.

17 of my neighbors died that night. Let's save future lives in their honor.