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**Altadena Mirador Apartments Senior Housing Evacuation Challenges During January 2025 Fires and Evacuation Preparedness Process Report Request**

The Eaton Fire has become a defining moment in the history of Los Angeles County. During the fire and windstorms, first responders and community supporters were mobilized to provide emergency evacuation services to provide for the safety and well-being of residents in impacted areas.

Recently, concerns regarding the residents of the Mirador Apartments in Altadena, a housing community for older, low-income, and formerly unhoused residents, shared that they had little to no assistance during the storms and were left to fend for themselves. Many of these residents have disabilities, mobility issues, and medical conditions. Building management notified the residents it was safe to return 15 days after being evacuated. When residents returned, they found that the building was not safe and still was full of ash, dust and smelled heavily of smoke.

Mirador Apartments received partial funding from the Los Angeles County Development Authority through a Notice of Funding Award (NOFA). In addition, Union Station Homeless Services received funding from the County through the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to place unhoused individuals in need of Permanent Supportive Housing at Mirador Apartments. As such, it is essential that the County ensure that individuals are safe and secure during times of emergency. This includes providing timely assistance and ongoing care especially to older and medically vulnerable residents to protect their safety and well-being.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Office Homeless Initiative (CEO-HI) to report back to the Board in writing in 30 days with a review of the incident at the Mirador Apartment complex during the Eaton Fire, review of the responsibility of Permanent Supportive Housing contractors to support and protect residents during emergencies, and recommendations to enhance services for vulnerable individuals during and following any natural disaster or emergency;

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2. Direct the Los Angeles County Aging and Disabilities Department to engage directly with the Mirador Apartment community and report back to the Board in writing in 30 days with recommendations to enhance ongoing support for older adult populations beyond the challenges of the January fires post-evacuation; and
3. Direct the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) report back to the Board in writing in 14 days with recommendations to include requirements and obligations for Notice of Funding Award (NOFA) contracts to include effective emergency and disaster preparedness provisions and ensure contractors outline protocols and procedures for addressing the potential impacts of unexpected events and emergencies.

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