

**RATIFICATION OF PROCLAMATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY, CURFEW
ORDER, AND LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY DECLARATION FOR THE
JANUARY 2025 WINDSTORM AND CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS**

Starting on January 7, 2025, the County of Los Angeles (“County”) has been impacted by severe and life-threatening windstorms and resulting wind-driven destructive fires, which include the Palisades Fire, Eaton Fire, Hurst Fire, Kenneth Fire (“January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events”), and multiple other fires. These unprecedented simultaneous events have caused loss of life, widespread damage, and destruction to residential structures, businesses, and infrastructure, power outages, downed trees, road closures, rockslides, and significant debris. The January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events have necessitated large-scale evacuations of County residents; led to road, school, business, and public facility closures, and to power disruptions; and required multiple sheltering operations for both people and animals. Coordination, collaboration, and the combined forces of different jurisdictions are imperatively needed to effectively respond to and recover from these and other likely related events.

On January 7, 2025, the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed the existence of a local emergency for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events (“Proclamation of Local Emergency”) in the County. Similarly, the Governor proclaimed a state of emergency, and the President approved a major disaster declaration in the County. The Proclamation of Local Emergency enables the County to more effectively respond to the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, to accelerate the procurement of vital supplies, to seek and utilize mutual aid, and to potentially obtain reimbursement and assistance from the state and federal governments.

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Unfortunately, while the numerous fires were causing massive destruction throughout the County, there were also multiple arrests for burglary and for looting and trespassing within the evacuation areas, including arrestees who do not reside in the County of Los Angeles. This indicates planned and coordinated criminal activity. As a result of the increasing danger to life and property and the necessity to preserve public order and safety, on January 9, 2025, the Chair of the Board issued a curfew order for the Evacuation Order and Evacuation Warning Zones within the County unincorporated areas and within the incorporated areas of the City of Los Angeles, the City of Santa Monica, and the City of Malibu ("Curfew Order"). Pursuant to Government Code Section 8634 and Los Angeles County Code Section 2.68.150, the Curfew Order became effective, starting on January 9, 2025, between the hours of 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m., until the Curfew Order is lifted.

On January 10, 2025, the County's Health Officer declared a local health emergency due the hazardous air quality, displacement of thousands of residents, disruption of access to critical health services and resources, and other negative health impacts caused by the Critical Fire Events and Windstorm conditions. This order requires persons to not use air blowing devices, such as leaf blowers, during the fire recovery period until the County's Health Officer determines that use of such devices will not negatively impact the health of County residents.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 8630(b), Health and Safety Code Section 101080,) and Los Angeles County Code Sections 2.68.110 and 2.68.150, the Proclamation of Local Emergency, the County Health Officer's Declaration of Local Health Emergency, and the Curfew Order require ratification shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the Board. of Supervisors (Board).

With residents, businesses, schools and more being impacted by loss of life, property, and savings, it is important to ensure we are looking to coordinate with the Los Angeles County Office of Education, our state and federal partners, philanthropy to ensure a rapid response to victims in this time of emergency and need.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ratify the attached Proclamation of Local Emergency made on January 7, 2025, for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, in the County of Los Angeles. The Proclamation of Local Emergency shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board.
2. Forward a copy of the Proclamation of Local Emergency to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Director) and request the Director to find it acceptable in accordance with State law, make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and expedite access to State and federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.
3. Ratify the attached Curfew Order, issued on January 9, 2025, for the Evacuation Order and Evacuation Warning Zones within the County unincorporated areas and incorporated areas of the City of Los Angeles, the

City of Santa Monica, and the City of Malibu.

4. Ratify the attached Declaration of a Local Health Emergency, issued on January 10, 2025, due to the impact of the Critical Fire Events and Windstorm Conditions in Los Angeles County. This declaration shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board.
5. Direct County Departments to implement all assessment, assistance, and monitoring efforts as applicable.

WE, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Recommend that the Los Angeles County Office of Education work with affected school districts to coordinate the continuation of education for students whose schools have been damaged or destroyed or who have been displaced by this emergency, provide coordination and support for transportation needs for displaced students, and provide coordination and support to rebuild or repair impacted schools.
2. Direct the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to report back to the Board in five days on the development, oversight and draft parameters of a fund to be managed by a third-party fiscal sponsor to provide flexible spending that supports the most impacted individuals, which may include options to partner with philanthropy, receive private sector donations and provide relief and support to those impacted by the windstorm and critical fire events. The report should include "Plan Z" funded programming currently allocated to departments by program category and a list of unspent funding currently within departments that could potentially be directed to those impacted by the fires.
3. Direct Chief Executive Office-Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations to support legislation and pursue funding opportunities at both the state and federal levels to support efforts to promote the recovery of the Los Angeles County economy in the wake of the Windstorm and Critical Fire Events.

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PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE JANUARY 2025 WINDSTORM AND CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS BY THE CHAIR OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND REQUEST FOR A STATE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code provides that the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Chair) may proclaim the existence of a local emergency, pursuant to Government Code section 8558(c), when the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) is not in session; and

WHEREAS, a "local emergency," is defined in Government Code section 8558(c)(1), in pertinent part, as follows: "[l]ocal emergency' means the duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the territorial limits of a county . . . caused by conditions such as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, drought, cyberterrorism, sudden and severe energy shortage, deenergization event . . . plant or animal infestation or disease . . . or an earthquake, or other conditions . . . which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of that political subdivision and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat . . ."; and

WHEREAS, the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events have simultaneously impacted areas throughout the County of Los Angeles (County). The January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events have included sustained winds and dangerous gusts of over 80 mph, wind-driven and destructive fires, widespread damage to infrastructure, structures, and roads, and caused power outages, downed trees, road closures, rockslides, and significant debris. The January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events have necessitated evacuations of County residents, led to major road closures and power disruption, and required multiple human and pet sheltering operations. The January 2025 Windstorm and the Critical Fire Events pose a threat to residential structures, businesses, and critical infrastructures in several areas throughout the County. Coordination, collaboration, and the combined forces of different jurisdictions are imperatively needed to effectively respond to and recover from these and other likely related events; and

WHEREAS, as of January 7, 2025, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist as a result of the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events in the County, which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, the mobilization of local resources, and the ability to coordinate interagency response, accelerate procurement of vital supplies, and use mutual aid, will be critical to successfully responding to the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events in the County; and

WHEREAS, these conditions warrant and necessitate that the County proclaim the existence of a local emergency.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Chair finds that as a result of the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property exist in the County, within the meaning of Government Code section 8558(c)(1), and such conditions are or will likely be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED by the Chair that a local emergency exists for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events in the County, and that the local emergency shall not remain in effect for a period in excess of seven days unless it has been ratified by the Board; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that, during the existence of said local emergency, the powers, functions, and duties of the emergency organization of the County shall be those prescribed by State law, by ordinances, and resolutions of the County; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED that a copy of this proclamation be forwarded to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Director) requesting that the Director find it acceptable in accordance with State law; that the Governor of the State of California (Governor), pursuant to the Emergency Service Act, issue a proclamation declaring an emergency in Los Angeles County; that the Governor waive regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts; that recovery assistance be made available under the California Disaster Assistance Act; and that the State expedite access to State and federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.

Date: January 7, 2025


Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

**CURFEW ORDER FOLLOWING PROCLAMATION OF EXISTENCE OF A LOCAL
EMERGENCY FOR THE JANUARY 2025 WINDSTORM AND CRITICAL FIRE
EVENTS**

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2025, the Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors ("Board") proclaimed, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code ("LACC") and Government Code Section 8558(c)(1), the existence of a local emergency due to conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property as a result of the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events in the County;

WHEREAS, the Eaton Fire, the Palisades Fire, the Hurst Fire, the Creek Fire, the Lidia Fire, and the Kenneth Fire are wind-driven and destructive fires, which began on and after January 7, 2025, in the County, and have necessitated the issuance of Evacuation Orders and Evacuation Warnings;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 8634 and LACC section 2.68.150, during a local emergency, the Board, or, in the following priority order, the Chair of the Board, Chief Executive Officer, or the Sheriff may promulgate orders or regulations for the protection of life and property, including orders or regulations imposing a curfew within designated boundaries where necessary to preserve the public order and safety;

WHEREAS, there exists imminent danger to life and property during the hours of darkness and approaching darkness, and it is especially difficult to preserve public safety during such hours;

WHEREAS, there have already been multiple arrests for burglary and for looting and trespassing within the evacuation areas, including arrestees who do not reside in the County of Los Angeles, which indicates planned and coordinated criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, there is an imminent danger to life and property, and therefore, it is necessary to impose a curfew, as specified below, to preserve the public order and safety in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

1. A curfew, from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. is imposed in any "Evacuation Order Zone" or any "Evacuation Warning Zone" within the City of Los Angeles, the City of Santa Monica, the City of Malibu, and all unincorporated areas of the County of Los Angeles, as such zones are identified at any of the following websites:
<https://lacounty.gov/emergency/>; protect.genasys.com; and/or www.watchduty.org. These websites show maps of each Evacuation Order Zone and each Evacuation Warning Zone. Evacuation Order Zones are highlighted on the map in red. Evacuation Warning Zones are highlighted on the map in yellow.
2. The hours of curfew are between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. until this Order is lifted.

3. No person, except as set forth in paragraph No. 4 below, shall be upon a public street, avenue, boulevard, place, walkway, alley, park, or other public area, or any unimproved private property, within the areas described in paragraph No. 1 above, between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
4. This Order shall not apply to peace officers; fire fighters; National Guard or other military personnel deployed to the area; emergency medical services personnel; individuals working on a project involving a public work of improvement; credentialed media representatives involved in news gathering; and individuals seeking medical treatment. For residents living within an Evacuation Warning Zone, this Order shall not apply to those residents who are traveling to or from their places of residence.
5. To extent that the terms of the County's curfew order are more stringent than any city's curfew order, the County's more stringent terms shall apply within such city to that extent.
6. Any violation of this Order is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or by imprisonment for a period not to exceed six months, or both, as provided by LACC section 2.68.320 or any applicable state or municipal law.
7. This Order shall be effective immediately as of January 9, 2025, commencing at 6:00 p.m., and extending until 6:00 a.m. on the date this order is lifted. The County may renew, amend, or extend this Order in accordance with Government Code section 8634 and LACC section 2.68.150.
8. This Order shall be given widespread publicity and notice.

Dated: January 9, 2025


Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors