



March 20, 2025

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The Honorable Tom Cole Chairman
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(sent via email)

RE: Los Angeles Recovery, January 2025 Firestorms

We, the Altadena Town Council, write to join the State of California in respectfully requesting a Supplemental Appropriation for disaster funding to aid Los Angeles County in its recovery from the catastrophic January 2025 firestorms. The destructive force of these fires, driven by hurricane-force winds, led to the loss of 16,251 structures and required the deployment of over 16,000 personnel for firefighting and emergency response.

Altadena and other affected communities within Los Angeles County are facing immense challenges in the aftermath of these fires. The estimated total financial request of \$39,680,737,878 is critical for both immediate relief efforts and the long-term recovery required to rebuild homes, infrastructure, and livelihoods.

While our state agencies continue to assess the broad scope of damage and undertake recovery operations, it is clear that additional support will be necessary to fully address the long-term needs of our residents and local economy.

We urge you to support this vital appropriation request as we work collaboratively to repair, restore, and rejuvenate our affected communities. Your consideration and backing in Congress is indispensable to achieving a full and fair recovery for all impacted.

Thank you for your attention and prompt action on this matter. We look forward to partnering with you, our representatives, and state leaders in this critical recovery initiative.

Sincerely,

Victoria Knapp
Chair
Altadena Town Council