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September 2, 2022

Steven D. Powell  
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Dear Mr. Powell,

On August 31, 2022 and again on September 1, 2022, the County of Los Angeles and the community of Altadena experienced an extreme heat event that saw temperatures exceeding previous records. Accordingly, as the County opened cooling centers and other resources to provide relief for our constituents from the extreme heat, power was lost in The Meadows community of Altadena.

The loss of power came at a time when temperatures exceeded 102 degrees Fahrenheit and occurred during the early afternoon at one of the hottest parts of the day. The power outages on consecutive days extended for more than 10 hours each and caused significant disruption for the lives of more than 200 families.

The Meadows community is currently facing the prospect of additional outages due to equipment and system failures from Southern California Edison's (Edison) infrastructure. This comes on the heels of promises from Edison from over a decade ago to modernize the community's infrastructure to prevent these types of outages.

On behalf of my community, I am asking you to deploy timely resources, including but not limited to, sending Edison Community Resource Vehicles to Loma Alta Park in Altadena for food, water, and ice; powering residents' phones and electronic devices; providing hotel vouchers; and establishing additional cooling centers. In addition, I would like to ask for generators to be available for immediate deployment should any further outages occur.

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In the long term, Edison should also develop standardized response plans for these situations. This response plan should automate and trigger resource deployment after power has been out for extended periods of time and should not require significant efforts from the community and the County to request Edison to provide basic support needed in these types of crises.

I have had personal conversations with your predecessors to relay the continued frustration from communities in the Fifth District related to Edison's continued inability to provide service delivery without interruption, whether related to individual events or related to the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) program. While these conversations have spurred incremental change and promises of improvements, it is clear there is much more work left to be done by Edison to deliver on its promises.

My office has received dozens of calls and emails from customers without power – many of whom called because they were unable to reach anyone at Edison to receive timely and necessary updates.

My office stands ready to support Edison to provide timely communications and updates to the community in these situations and to work collaboratively to deploy any necessary resources to provide relief.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Anish Saraiya, my Planning Deputy, at [asaraiya@dpw.lacounty.gov](mailto:asaraiya@dpw.lacounty.gov) or at (213) 974-5555.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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