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Sent: Monday, January 13, 2025 12:11 PM
To: Nelson, Carol; Santiago, Yadira
Subject: FW: SGV Wildfire Update, January 9, 2025

Hi Carol,

Please forward this email to Cabinet, it includes good resources for wildfire victims.

Thanks,





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WILDFIRE UPDATE

The San Gabriel Valley and many other parts of Southern California are dealing with massive wildfires this week. We would like to share resources for those who have been impacted, and opportunities to help those in need.

Up to Date Information

The latest up-to-date information on the current fires can be found through the following:

Los Angeles County: To view real time evacuation, shelter, and other information visit <https://lacounty.gov/emergency/>

CalFire: To view ongoing emergency responses in California visit <https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents>

AQMD: To stay informed about wildfire smoke conditions and real-time Air Quality in your area. <http://aqmd.gov/aqimap>

Assistance & Other Services

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): Residents & businesses in evacuation zones can apply now for relief at <http://disasterassistance.gov>.

This includes:

- Temporary displacement assistance (e.g., hotel costs for 2 weeks)
- \$770 for essential personal items
- Large grants for needs like medical bills & car repairs

You can also call the FEMA helpline at 800-621-3362. Press 3 for an interpreter who speaks your language.

Misfortune and Calamity Tax Relief: You may be eligible for tax relief if your property is damaged or destroyed by a calamity, such as fire or flooding. To qualify, you must file an Application for Reassessment: Property Damaged or Destroyed by Misfortune or Calamity ([ADS-820](#)) with the Assessor's Office within 12 months from the date the property was damaged or destroyed. The loss must exceed \$10,000 of current market value.

<https://assessor.lacounty.gov/tax-relief/disaster-relief>

211 LA: provides assistance and referrals to local resources for housing, food, health, and other services. Dial 211 or visit 211la.org.

Spectrum: To help keep people connected in impacted communities, Spectrum has opened more than 35,000 out-of-home WiFi access points to be available to all users at no cost. spectrum.net/CAfires

AT&T announced it is offering wildfire areas unlimited data, talk and text through Feb. 6. Visit their official site for a list of valid zip codes.

Verizon announced it will waive call, text and data charges for customers in hardest hit areas. The company also deployed free WIFI and charging stations at three wildfire shelters.

The **American Red Cross** offers shelter, meals, and emotional support. Visit [Red Cross Find Open Shelters](#) or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767)

AirBnB's Open Homes Program connects those displaced with free temporary housing. [Learn More Here](#)

Uber and Lyft: Are offering free rides up to for evacuees to designated shelters through January 15, 2025. To redeem the free ride, evacuees must use the promo code "WILDFIRE25" in their Uber app and "CAFIRERELIEF25" for Lyft.

How to Help

[Red Cross Los Angeles](#): The Red Cross is helping those impacted by fires. If you would like to help you can donate money, volunteer or give blood. Visit the following link for more details. <https://www.redcross.org/local/california/los-angeles/volunteer.html>

[Union Station Homeless Services](#): Union Station Homeless Services has had to evacuate a number of sites within the emergency evacuation zones and is urgently working to provide essential support to those affected. If you would like to help you can donate money, provide in-kind donations or volunteer. For more information, visit <https://ushs.org/emergency>

ABOUT US

The San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership is a regional, not-for-profit corporation supported and directed by its members and committed to the continued successful economic development of the San Gabriel Valley.

Have Something to Share?

Has your organization been in the news recently? Do you have an event coming up of interest to the SGV business community? The Partnership would love to hear about it!

Submissions for the SGV Economic Partnership's Weekly Update can be sent to Paul Thomas, Deputy President and CEO, at pthomas@sgvpartnership.org.

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