

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Los Angeles, pursuant to the provisions of Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.27, I hereby find that:

The City of Los Angeles is experiencing a dynamic fire that has burned in excess of 6,500 acres spanning across the Sylmar area of the San Fernando Valley, and poses continued significant risk to life and property;

The fire has required the evacuation of over 2500 homes, and the opening of evacuation shelters in the City's Recreation and Parks facilities;

Escalating windy conditions and low humidity have made firefighting efforts exceedingly difficult, and are expected to continue for the next 5-7 days;

Resources from Los Angeles County, the US Forestry Service, and Cal Fire have already been or have been requested to be deployed into the City;

Based upon the scope of the existing fire, the extreme challenge to containment posed by existing and anticipated weather conditions, and persons/property at continued risk, and in the interest of public safety, there exists the potential that said incidents have and are likely to become beyond the control of the normal services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the regularly constituted branches and departments of the City Government; and

The continuation of these incidents threatens to cause the loss of life and property.

NOW THEREFORE, I hereby declare the existence of a Local Emergency and direct the Emergency Operations Organization (EOO) to be immediately activated to take such steps that are necessary for the protection of life and property in the affected area.

I FURTHER DIRECT that all City Departments impacted by this event, and its ongoing effects, continue to conduct damage assessments and collect cost estimates for the purpose of seeking State and Federal disaster assistance.

I FURTHER REQUEST that the County Board of Supervisors proclaim a Local Emergency.

I FURTHER REQUEST that the Governor of California, pursuant to the Emergency Services 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.

I FURTHER DIRECT that the Declaration of Local Emergency shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given said declaration through the most

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feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the City.

Dated at Los Angeles, California

Date: 12/5/17

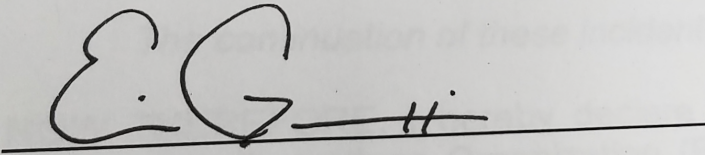
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ERIC GARCETTI
Mayor