

MOTION ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & JOBS

The Palisades, Eaton, Hurst and other fires have devastated communities, destroying thousands of homes, businesses, and other structures. According to Cal Fire’s damage assessment, approximately 5,000 structures were lost in the Palisades Fire and an additional 7,000 in the Eaton Fire, with hundreds more structures sustaining some type of damage.

These losses extend beyond the destruction of buildings; these properties were people’s livelihoods and homes, but also served as an economy for people, particularly domestic and outdoor workers. As a result of the fires, domestic service workers — housekeepers, landscapers, gardeners, nannies, and caretakers — lost their jobs and livelihoods; and countless other workers have lost their jobs from the business locations and restaurants burning down. While most of the damage was heavily affected in Pasadena, Altadena, and the Palisades area, many of these workers reside in the City of Los Angeles.

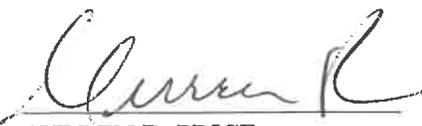
These workers are among some of the most vulnerable populations, often facing economic and systemic barriers. According to the UCLA Labor Center, 75% of domestic service workers are Latinx, Asian American/Pacific Islander, or Black women. A majority of them, 58%, are foreign born, and most are middle-aged or older. They are also among the lowest wage earners, with 77% earning a median hourly wage of \$10.79. Immigrant domestic service workers face even greater challenges, including limiting access to federal assistance and programs. Similarly, landscapers and gardeners are predominantly Latinx/Hispanic men over the age of 40.

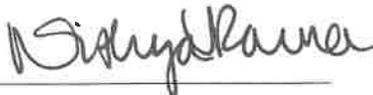
In response, community organizations and non-profits have established relief funds to provide one-time payments for workers and entrepreneurs that lost their jobs to pay for essentials such as rent, food and other necessities, receiving nearly 10,000 applications for relief in one week. While these efforts have provided much-needed support, the City should also find funding to assist Angelenos, and create a relief fund that could ensure temporary guaranteed income assistance for Angelenos whose livelihoods were directly impacted by the January 2025 fires.

WE THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the Community Investment for Families Department (CIFD), with assistance of the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report back in 15 days with recommendations for a guaranteed basic income program and/or emergency cash assistance program, for workers experiencing job loss caused by the January 2025 fires. The report should include recommendations on how best to reach and serve impacted outdoor, domestic, and child care workers, steps needed to establish an emergency fund, anticipated costs of administration, expected eligibility for the program, and verification process for eligibility.

WE FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the CAO to report back in 15 days with funding available to assist workers that lost their employment due to the fires, including the parameters necessitated by each funding source.

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