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Hi Lauren,

I am writing to you from Los Angeles, my home, as we dig ourselves out from the ash and smoke to rebuild our city. While JMA is a national organization with offices across the country—from Birmingham to Chicago—Los Angeles is where we began more than 10 years ago, and many of us still call the state home. Some of our close friends and family suffered devastating losses, including my son whose home is now ashes.

I want to thank Eli Lippman from [MoveLA](#) for putting together the following list of ways to donate and support some of the most marginalized people in our city. While there has been a lot of publicity about the massive devastation in more wealthy LA enclaves like Pacific Palisades, there are also tens of thousands of lower-income people displaced from their homes in working-class communities like Altadena, where my son's home was. Right now, Altadena looks like an atomic bomb hit it, but historically it was one of the few communities outside of South and East LA where working-class Black and Latino residents were welcomed and prospered.

I am safe but more ready than ever to deepen and expand our fight for a future where we plan for and mitigate the impacts of climate change, especially on the most marginalized

people and communities; a future where the benefits from climate change investments are not only reaped by the owners of the companies tasked with building the equipment and infrastructure necessary to keep us safe, but also by the workers who make it all possible. **Rebuilding Los Angeles and the recovery from major disasters will require a massive investment, but it can also be an opportunity to advocate for a better, more inclusive future.**

In solidarity,



Madeline Janis
Executive Director

Ways You Can Help

- Donate to the [California Community Foundation](#) Wildfire Relief Fund
- Donate to the [Eaton Canyon Fire Relief and Recovery Fund](#) via [Pasadena Community Foundation](#)
- Help the [Pasadena Jewish Temple rebuild after the Eaton Fire](#) (The Temple has historically had a very strong social justice committee)
- Mutual Aid Los Angeles Network [list of resources, including food, water, shelter](#), and volunteer opportunities if you or anyone you know needs help right now.
- We Are California [Unity & Solidarity Donation Drive](#) (see below)

LA UNITY & SOLIDARITY DRIVE

Donations Needed For Low Income Folks Impacted by the Los Angeles Fires

Community groups are collecting supplies for our neighbors who have lost their homes and who are experiencing loss of jobs, income, power and poor air quality due to the fires.

We're asking for donations in the form of:

PRIORITY ITEMS

- N95 masks (for adults and kids)
- Power Banks
- Air Purifiers
- Water
- GIFT CARDS for: Groceries & Clothing

- Toiletries
- Chapstick
- Menstrual Products
- Pet Food
- Blankets
- Sleeping Bags
- Gloves
- First Aid Kits
- Alcohol Wipes
- Respiratory Teas
- Snacks

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