

# Agenda Report

December 5, 2011

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council  
**FROM:** City Manager  
**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY**

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Resolution in support of ratifying the City Manager's Declaration of a Local Emergency issued on December 1, 2011.

## **BACKGROUND:**

At approximately 9 pm on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> Pasadena was struck by an extraordinarily severe wind storm causing widespread power outages and major damage. A full activation of the City's Emergency Operations Center was initiated.

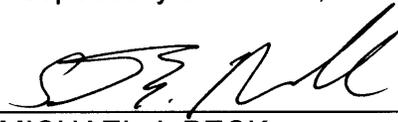
On December 1<sup>st</sup> the City Manager issued a Declaration of Local Emergency pursuant to Chapter 2.370 of the Pasadena Municipal Code which authorizes the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, to issue a Declaration of Local Emergency if the City Council is not in session; provided the City Council takes action to ratify the Declaration within 7 days thereafter.

Accordingly, the proposed Resolution formally ratifies the declaration of Local Emergency – Wind Storms as issued by the Director or Disaster Emergency Services based on the sustained major damage and extensive impacts on the community.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This action has no direct fiscal impact. The Declaration may allow for State and/or Federal reimbursement, depending on those entities making funds available. If made available, reimbursement may cover staff costs overtime, debris removal, repairs of public facilities and related costs.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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for MICHAEL J. BECK  
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA  
RATIFYING THE CITY MANAGER'S  
DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY – WIND STORMS  
ISSUED DECEMBER 1, 2011

WHEREAS, there are actual and threatened conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in the City of Pasadena caused by wind storms of extraordinary magnitude which began on November 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Pasadena's homes, its public facilities and infrastructure have sustained major damage, and there has been extensive interruption of utilities and other critical services to the community; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena's departments and work force, utilizing their full resources, have responded to these conditions in a professional manner and have worked diligently to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and

WHEREAS, these conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the city, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager, as the Director of Emergency Services, issued a Declaration of Local Emergency – Wind Storms, on December 1, 2011, based on these facts and circumstances; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2.370 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, the City Manager is authorized to issue a Declaration of Local Emergency if the City Council is

not in session, provided that the City Council takes action to ratify the Declaration within 7 days thereafter; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the Declaration of Local Emergency—Wind Storms, dated December 1, 2011, is attached to this Resolution, and the City Council has received a report on the conditions described therein,

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Pasadena hereby resolves that the Declaration of Local Emergency – Wind Storms, as issued by the Director of Disaster Emergency Services on December 1, 2011, is hereby ratified and confirmed by the City Council; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED that said local emergency shall be deemed to continue to exist until its termination is proclaimed by the City Council of the City of Pasadena.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council on the 5th day of December, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

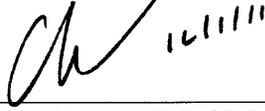
ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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MARK JOMSKY, CMC  
CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Handwritten signature of Nicholas George Rodriguez, dated 12/1/11.

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NICHOLAS GEORGE RODRIGUEZ  
CHIEF ASSISTANT CITY ATTORNEY

DECLARATION OF LOCAL EMERGENCY - WIND STORMS

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Director of Disaster Emergency Services, and pursuant to Chapter 2.370 of the Pasadena Municipal Code, specifically Section 2.370.080, I hereby find that:

The City of Pasadena is experiencing an emergency in that wind storms of extraordinary magnitude occurred from on or about 9:00 p.m. on November 30, 2011 and are expected to continue. Pasadena's homes, its public facilities, and infrastructure have sustained major damage and there has been extensive interruption of utilities and other critical services to the community.

The City of Pasadena's Police, Fire and Public Works Departments and other departments, utilizing their full resources, have handled matters in a professional manner and have maintained the peace.

The above circumstances constitute the existence of conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the City of Pasadena, which conditions are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment and facilities of the City of Pasadena and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat.

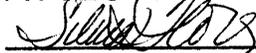
NOW THEREFORE, I HEREBY DECLARE the existence of a local emergency within the City of Pasadena.

I FURTHER REQUEST that the governor declare the City of Pasadena to be in a state of emergency.

I FURTHER DIRECT that this declaration of local emergency shall take effect immediately and that widespread publicity and notice shall be given of said declaration through the most feasible and adequate means of disseminating such notice throughout the City.

Dated: December 1, 2011, at Pasadena, California.

ATTEST:

  
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For MARK JOMSKY, CMC  
CITY CLERK



City Manager  
Director of Disaster Emergency  
Services (P.M.C. Section 2.370.080)