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March 5, 2025

Assemblymember Rhodesia Ransom
Chair, Assembly Emergency Management Committee
1020 N Street, Room 360B
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 262 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Ransom,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Assembly Bill 262 (Caloza), which establishes a grant program that will provide direct financial assistance to individuals, local agencies, and community-based organizations impacted by disasters.

AB 262 responds to the devastating Los Angeles County wildfires that displaced tens of thousands of LA residents in January. [A recent UCLA Anderson School of Management article](#) states the total property and capital losses from the recent wildfires could range between \$95 billion and \$164 billion. Many legislators, including Assemblymember Caloza, recognize that there is an urgent need to augment aid and allocate more state dollars towards recovery efforts.

AB 262 offers a direct approach to boost recovery by creating a grant program. Local agencies and community-based organizations can apply for much-needed grants to fund personnel, equipment, and translation services used during their disaster response activities. CCCA strongly supports this approach, as these local entities are trusted stakeholders well-situated on-the-ground to support affected residents.

CCCA represents 80 cities throughout California. For more than 65 years, CCCA's mission has been to advance the benefits of the contracting model and strengthen local control. With collaborative governance as a focal point, CCCA has advanced its mission through education, advocacy, networking, and legislative access to protect and enhance the quality of life for more than 7.5 million residents. As a matter of policy, our organization supports and defends the rights of cities on policy issues pertinent to them. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our support of AB 262.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Assembly Emergency Management Committee