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Assessor Jeff Prang Offers Disaster Relief to Property Owners Affected by Wildfires *Filing a Misfortune & Calamity Claim Jumpstarts the Process*

LOS ANGELES, CA – Los Angeles County Assessor Jeff Prang is reminding property owners in the path of the recent wildfires that they may be eligible for tax relief.

“The recent spate of wildfires have caused significant damage and devastating losses,” Assessor Prang said. “I want to remind property owners that you may be eligible for property tax relief that could save you money on your taxes as you move forward.”

By filing a claim for Misfortune & Calamity relief within one year of the incident, properties that have sustained a minimum of \$10,000 in damage or destroyed entirely may be eligible for a refund of taxes already paid and lower annual tax bills until the property is repaired or rebuilt. Assessor Prang's office is working proactively in conjunction with fire department officials from various jurisdictions to identify which properties are affected.

“My dedicated team is ready to offer assistance at a moment's notice and has a designated hotline specifically for guiding property owners through the claim submission process,” Assessor Prang said.

Claim forms for Misfortune & Calamity relief can be accessed by calling the Disaster Relief Hotline at 213/974-8658 or online at assessor.lacounty.gov/disaster-relief or connect on social media @LACAssessor.

Also, Assessor Prang encourages residents to use the County's general information phone number of 211 or online at <https://lacounty.gov/recovery/> to get information about other services offered during the wildfire recovery process.

Assessor Jeff Prang was first elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018. He runs the largest assessment office of its kind in the nation, employing 1,400 people with an annual budget cresting near \$200 million. For more information, please visit us online at Assessor.LACounty.gov, on Facebook at [Facebook.com/LACAssessor](https://www.facebook.com/LACAssessor), or on Twitter at @LACAssessor.

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