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Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8220
Sacramento, CA 95814

Submitted via the Legislative Position Letter Portal

RE: Support to AB 262 (Caloza) California Individual Assistance Act.

Dear Honorable Assembly Appropriations Committee Members:

On behalf of the City of La Verne, we express our strong support for Assembly Bill (AB) 262, which creates a critical state-level pathway to provide financial assistance to individuals, local agencies, and community-based organizations (CBOs) following disasters. As a full-service City, we understand firsthand the urgent need for timely recovery resources, especially when smaller communities like ours are unable to meet the arbitrary damage thresholds required for federal aid under the Stafford Act.

AB 262 addresses this inequity by empowering the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to expedite funding and streamline application processes, allowing cities like La Verne to restore essential services, repair infrastructure, and assist residents and businesses without delay. This will significantly reduce the hardship and financial strain that often worsens in the absence of swift support.

The City of La Verne believes AB 262 exemplifies effective governance and demonstrates an understanding of the real challenges faced by smaller cities. For these reasons, the City of La Verne strongly urges your support of AB 262.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn
Mayor