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Feb. 8, 2018  
11:30am-1pm

Business Insurance 101 for Small Business

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### Student Run Credit Union Branch – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Feb. 22, 2018  
10am-11:30am

John Muir High School  
1905 Lincoln Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103

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### Lunar New Year Banquet

Mar. 1, 2018  
6pm-9pm

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## Disaster Preparedness: Tools, Tips, and Resources from The American Red Cross

By Chris Ventura

In the wake of the recent wildfires affecting Southern California, The Los Angeles Region of the American Red Cross has provided 346 shelter stays for families at 13 shelters they had opened, served over 3,870 meals, made over 760 health and mental health contacts, and distributed over 1,980 comfort and clean-up kits. Following the containment of the fires, the Red Cross will remain on scene to provide long-term recovery efforts to assist residents.

The shelters have provided affected residents with a safe place to stay, food, water, emotional support, and other necessary resources. Red Cross workers also assist in providing medical services such as assisting in the replacement of lost medications and eyeglasses. The Red Cross also works with partners to provide care for evacuated pets.

It's reassuring to know that the American Red Cross will be there to help, but it is vital that individuals and business owners do their part in planning and preparation before a disaster strikes. The Red Cross reminds us that if a major disaster were to strike Southern California, it could take 5-7 days for outside assistance to arrive. Families are encouraged to get a kit, make a plan, and be informed. PrepareSoCal.org provides information on what you should have in your kit, what your disaster plan should include, and additional information that could very well save lives.

Jarrett Barrios, CEO of the American Red Cross Los Angeles Region spoke with the Rosemead Report to discuss disaster preparedness and his organization's involvement in the community.

Disaster preparedness isn't only a matter at home, but also a matter at your place of business.

Business owners have a lot to consider when it comes to disaster preparedness. Thankfully, there are a number of resources available to help businesses prepare. The American Red Cross suggests the following items to keep in mind when preparing a disaster preparedness plan for your business:

- Find out which natural and technological hazards can occur in your area.
- Get information about how to prepare your employees and clients to respond to possible hazards and provide help. Disaster safety information and CPR/first aid training are available from your local Red Cross chapter.
- Network with others who have or need

to develop risk or contingency management plans.

- Attend seminars and get information from local risk management associations or chapters.

In addition to these suggestions provided by Barrios, the American Red Cross has a website focused on disaster preparedness for businesses: ReadyRating.org. Here you will find a large collection of documents and interactive assessments that test your organization's ability to handle a variety of disaster situations. One of the online assessments available, ReadyGo, focuses on the most critical steps of preparedness for disasters and emergencies while the other, ReadyAdvance, measures your existing plans and suggests ways to improve them and advance them to a higher level.

The tools provided on the ReadyRating.org website are not only helpful, but are also recognized by OSHA. As noted on the ReadyRating website, the ReadyGo and ReadyAdvance Assessments as well as the Emergency Action Plans EAPGo and EAPAdvance meet or exceed minimal OSHA standards for organizational preparedness.

"Business preparedness is built on personal preparedness," Barrios said. "Businesses are built on employees. Part of that preparedness is investing in their employee's personal preparedness."

Barrios explained that if employees aren't prepared for a disaster, they may not be able to return to work in a timely manner which would have a definite negative impact on the business. If business owners don't prepare themselves personally, they may not be able to provide the leadership necessary when faced with a disaster at home or at their place of business.

Following a tour of Hurricane Harvey, Barrios noted that while some businesses had reopened fairly quickly, some had remained closed. Many of those businesses that remained closed were a

result of employees and business owners who had suffered personal losses.

"[Preparedness] is a big factor in business economic resiliency," Barrios said. "Businesses that don't reopen within the first three months, 70 percent of them—and this was in Hurricane Katrina—70 percent never opened again."

Barrios shared some tips that all of us could use regarding the most common natural disasters in our region.

He began by reminding us the

importance of regularly checking your emergency kit and to replenish any items missing or in short supply—especially medications or other medical supplies.

In case of fires: If a fire breaks out in your home, you may have as little as two minutes to escape. The importance of working smoke alarms and an escape plan cannot be stressed enough.

Smoke alarms should be installed on every level of your home—inside bedrooms and outside sleeping areas. Test smoke alarms monthly and change batteries as needed. Talk with family members about a fire escape plan and practice the plan twice a year. If a fire occurs in your home, GET OUT, STAY OUT, and CALL FOR HELP. Never go back inside for anything or anyone.

In case of floods: Listen to local area radio, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) radio or TV stations for the latest information and updates. Be prepared to evacuate quickly and know your routes and destinations. Find a local emergency shelter.

In case of an earthquake: Make an emergency preparedness kit. Create a household evacuation plan. During an earthquake, remember to DROP, COVER, HOLD ON. If you're away from home, only return when authorities say it is safe to do so. Before assisting other injured or trapped people, be sure to provide care to your own injuries first and seek first aid if needed.

Look for and extinguish small fires. Fire is a common hazard following an earthquake. Be prepared for aftershocks.

The American Red Cross hosts a website called Safe and Well which helps concerned friends and family find out the status of loved ones following a disaster. The website allows individuals impacted by a disaster with a centralized means to register themselves as safe and provide a brief message to friends and family. Those concerned about the status of an individual can use the website to search the database for information on registered individuals.

How can you help when disaster strikes your community? Approximately 90 percent of the American Red Cross workforce is made up of volunteers. These volunteers respond to nearly 64,000 disasters each and every year—many of which are home and apartment fires. If residents are unable to volunteer, making a

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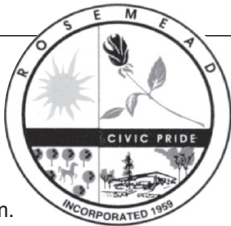
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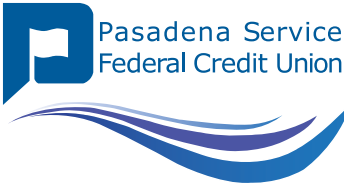
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# PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE



**JOIN US**  
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1905 Lincoln Ave, Pasadena, CA 91103



**Grow With Us.**

## Student Run Credit Union Branch GRAND OPENING - Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Join us for Networking, Photo Opportunities, Branch Tour, and John Muir High Campus Tour!

The goal of the Business Academy is to give students real world work experience. We want to take the learning out of the classroom and have students apply their skills in the real world.

John Muir High School is excited to partner with Pasadena Service FCU. PSFCU has strongly supported JMHS' academy the last two years by coming in to do resume reviews, mock interviews, and career fairs.

This program allows students to get work experience, acquire skills in finance, and have access to great adult mentors. The students will eventually teach financial literacy to other students at Muir through workshops and presentations. There is a real need for financial education whether students stay in business or not.

The students will learn to interact with customers, work in a business environment and leave John Muir better able to succeed in the real world.

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## County Supervisors Approve New Fine-Free Library Cards for Students

LOS ANGELES, CA- Every child deserves access to library resources and their own library card. Following in the footsteps of President Obama’s National Library Challenge launched in 2015, the Board of Supervisors passed a motion, co-authored by Supervisors Janice Hahn and Hilda L. Solis, to distribute fine-free student library cards to students under 17.

“Our LA County Libraries support the important work of our schools and provide free access to books, materials, online tools, homework help, and even language classes,” said Supervisor Solis. “It is important that every student in the County, regardless of

economic status, be able to tap into these services. I will continue to work to make sure our Libraries are safe and accessible spaces for all County residents. As the former Secretary of Labor under President Obama, it is especially meaningful to take this step in meeting his challenge.”

“LA County Libraries are incredible resources for students—giving them access not only to books, but to computers, printers, and after-school homework help,” said Supervisor Janice Hahn. “By getting rid of late fees and penalties, our student library cards are finally a risk-free way for

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## Assemblymember Chau Introduces Legislation in Response to Equifax Data Breach


Sacramento – Assemblymember Ed Chau (D–Monterey Park), Chair of the Assembly Privacy and Consumer Protection Committee, introduced legislation in response to the Equifax data breach from last year that resulted in the loss of 145.5 million U.S. consumers’ personal information. Assembly Bill (AB) 1859 would require Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies (CCRAs) to patch their vulnerable computer systems in a timely manner or be subject to civil penalties to individuals whose data was compromised. “The scale and severity of the Equifax breach is simply staggering and has inflicted real personal and financial costs on millions of innocent consumers for years, if not the rest of their lives,” said Assemblymember Chau. “The impact of this information disaster requires that we examine our laws to ensure they are sufficiently updated and robust to address negligently lax behavior by credit reporting agencies when it comes to safeguarding their systems against cybersecurity threats. That is what this bill attempts to do.”

According to Equifax, it experienced a cybersecurity breach from mid-May through July 2017 that resulted in the loss of 145.5 million U.S. consumers’ personal information, though this disclosure was not made until September 7, 2017. Furthermore, it has been

reported by news outlets that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) notified Equifax and other companies of a security vulnerability in their software called Apache Struts, as early as March 8, 2017. In other words, hackers had exploited the website vulnerability well after Equifax had been notified by DHS to patch its network.

AB 1859 would require a CCRA conducting business in California to patch its computer system in the most expedient time possible, consistent with industry best practices, but no longer than 10 days in any case, if it is subject to a vulnerability that could compromise the security of computerized data containing personal information. If a CCRA fails to patch its system and a data breach occurs, the bill would allow a resident of California, whose information was compromised, to bring a civil action to recover damages for his or her injuries, civil penalties, and reasonable attorney’s fees and costs.

Assemblymember Ed Chau represents the 49th Assembly District, comprised of the communities of Alhambra, Arcadia, El Monte, Monterey Park, Rosemead, San Gabriel, San Marino, Temple City and portions of Montebello, and South El Monte.



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# EDUCATION



Dear Rosemead Community and Friends,

The Rosemead School District will be closed on Monday, December 25 – Wednesday, December 27, 2017 and Monday, January 1 – Tuesday, January 2, 2018 in observance of the Christmas and New Year’s Holidays.



We wish you all a blessed Christmas, and a safe, happy, and healthy New Year.

## INTRODUCING THE 2018 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Rosemead School District introduces its Board of Trustees for the 2018 calendar year following the Board’s organizational meeting on December 7, 2017, held at the District Office Board Room.

Ms. **Nancy Armenta** assumed the office of Board President and Mr. **Ronald Esquivel** assumed the office of Board Clerk, with Mrs. Rhonda Harmon, Mr. John Quintanilla, and Mrs. Veronica Peña, as Trustees.



Pictured (left to right):  
Trustee Mr. John Quintanilla, Trustee Mrs. Rhonda Harmon, Superintendent Dr. Amy Enomoto-Perez, Board President Ms. Nancy Armenta, Trustee Mrs. Veronica Peña, and Board Clerk Mr. Ronald Esquivel

Pictured (left to right):



Trustee Mrs. Veronica Peña ceremonial swearing in by Mr. Peter Peña.  
Mayor Pro Tem Mr. Steven Ly, Trustee Mrs. Veronica Peña, and Councilmember Mrs. Margaret Clark.



**2018 Board of Trustees Leadership:**

**President Ms. Nancy Armenta**, a longtime resident of Rosemead and alumni of the Rosemead School District has served on the Rosemead School District Board of Trustees since 2015 and has served in the roles of Clerk and Member.

**Clerk Mr. Ronald Esquivel**, a longtime resident of Rosemead and alumni of the Rosemead School District has served on the Rosemead School District Board of Trustees since 1999 and has served in the roles of President, Clerk, and Member.

The Superintendent, administration, and staff look forward to working with the entire Board of Trustees to continue the great work of educating and supporting the students and staff of the Rosemead School District.

**RECOGNITION TO EMMA W. SHUEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF BY THE PANDA RESTAURANT GROUP, INC. FOR ITS ACHIEVEMENTS AS A LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL, THROUGH THE FRANKLIN COVEY PROGRAM**

The Panda Restaurant Group, parent company of Panda Express hosted its 10th annual party for local elementary school students on Friday, November 3, 2017, in recognition of their accomplishments as a “Lighthouse School” in Franklin Covey The Leader in Me® program.



This year, Panda chose to acknowledge Emma W. Shuey Elementary School for achieving the “Lighthouse” status within The Leader in Me® program. “Lighthouse recognition comes because of the results a school is achieving and the impact it is having on staff, students, parents, and the greater community. We are very proud of our principal, students and staff at Shuey School,” said Superintendent Dr. Enomoto-Perez. Shuey School is one of only 347 schools worldwide to achieve this status where schools engage in a rigorous multi-year process to demonstrate their commitment to developing qualities within each student and staff.

All four of our elementary schools have now achieved National Lighthouse status thru the Leader in Me® program. Our schools are learning skills that will help them in college, the workforce and life. The Panda Cares generosity supported by co-founders Andrew and Peggy Cherng support the belief that “giving back” makes this a wonderful and better place for all.

The celebration began at 9:00 a.m. at The Panda Restaurant Group headquarters in Rosemead, California, where over 493 students were treated to a catered delicious Panda Express lunch, a carnival created by the Support Center associates and organized through Panda Cares program, along with a fun filled day.

The Panda Restaurant Group is a business partner in the Leader in Me® program. The Panda Charitable Foundation which supports the health and educational needs of underserved children is of great assistance. The Leader in Me® program is a school program that integrates timeless leadership principles with practical character and life skills relevant to today’s challenges. By building self-confidence, interpersonal skills, elevating student achievement and reducing school-wide discipline problems, this program helps children become leaders in their field of interest.

Through The Leader in Me® program, students begin to see themselves in a completely different way. They see that they can make an impact not only on their achievements and progress at school, but also with other people and the community. They take responsibilities for their actions, realize that they are active participants in their learning, set goals and reflect on their progress towards these goals, and initiate and implement community action. As one sixth grade student said, “I used to think that only the smart kids could be leaders, but now I know everyone can be a leader”, shared Principal Brydle.

The support that we have received from Panda Cares over the years is invaluable. Children have one childhood, and it is incumbent on all of us to provide students with experiences and memories that will positively impact them. The Panda Cares Fall Festival will be a memory that the children will cherish for a lifetime, and we are very grateful to Panda Cares for their hard work and dedication to the children of Shuey School.

The Rosemead School District Board and administration are proud to have Shuey students selected and honored during Panda’s annual party. On behalf of Emma W. Shuey Elementary School students and staff, the Rosemead School District thanks The Panda Restaurant Group and Panda Cares for the honor.





# Business Academy allows Student-run Branch

The goal of the Business Academy is to give our students real world hands on experience. We want to take the learning out of the classroom and have our students apply their skills in the real world.

We are excited to partner with PSFCU. They have strongly supported our academy the last two years by coming in to do resume reviews, mock interviews, and career fairs.

This program allows our students to get work experience, acquire skills in finance and have access to great adult mentors.

The students will eventually teach financial literacy to other students at Muir through workshops and presentations. There is a real need for financial education whether you stay in business or not.

The skills these students gain will stay with them for a lifetime.

The students will learn to interact with customers, work in a business environment and leave John Muir better able to be successful in the real world.

For more information visit PSFCU at 670 North Rosemead Boulevard in Pasadena, call (877) 297-4707 or visit their website <http://www.mypsfcu.org>. With 2 additional branches in Vernon and Covina, you can also stay in touch with them on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/mypsfcu> and Twitter: @PasadenaServFCU

# Los Angeles Area Leaders Condemn GOP Tax Scam that Exacerbates Inequality and Overly Burdens Californians

Washington, D.C.— Today, our investments in freeway and local transportation projects, reduce our home prices, and force cuts to our brave first responders and schools.”




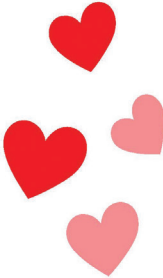

“In just a few days, we will be celebrating Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a day to honor the man who inspired a nation to share his belief that injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. But he didn’t just mean the terriblesin of racial injustice. He was talking about economic injustice as well. How disappointed he would be, then, in the tax cuts Republicans passed at the end of last year,” said Rep. Chu. “This bill borrows trillions of dollars from our children to make the rich richer, while forcing Californians to accept a lower standard of living by capping the amount of state and local taxes they can deduct, while keeping those deductions for corporations. And if squeezing California families through SALT caps wasn’t enough, Republicans went even further and eliminated the Affordable Care Act’s individual mandate, raising costs of healthcare for American families. This bill overwhelmingly benefits the wealthy, with 83% of the benefits going to the top 1%, while leaving little for the rest of us.”


“The unprecedented attacks on California values from President Trump and congressional Republicans will not be tolerated,” said Rep. Gomez “These attacks have come from the same direction but on different issues, from opening up our coast to oil drilling to repealing the legal status of thousands of Salvadorans, Nicaraguans, Haitians, and DREAMers. All of this because the people of California have had the audacity to say NO. The punitive Republican tax law hurts working families and hits California especially hard. We will resist their bigotry, trickle-down economics, and extreme agenda, not just in the streets but at every level of government.”

Washington, D.C.— Today, Southern California Congressional Representatives Lucille Roybal-Allard (CA-40), Linda Sánchez (CA-38), Judy Chu (CA-27), and Jimmy Gomez (CA-34) joined LA County Supervisor Hilda Solis, Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, LAPD Chief Michel Moore, LA County Fire Chief Daryl Osby, and Alex Caputo-Pearl, President of UTLA for a press conference to highlight the ways the recently passed Republican tax reform law will unfairly punish California families and exacerbate economic inequality. This press conference coincides with local events led by Members of Congress across the country to teach their constituents about the impacts of this bill and what it means for them. The Members of Congress released the following statements: “This Republican tax plan will irresponsibly increase the national deficit by \$1.8 trillion over the next 10 years while threatening funding for schools, firefighters, police, and other vital services here in Los Angeles and across the State of California,” said Rep. Roybal-Allard. “Plain and simple, this plan is a sham and a tremendous windfall for the wealthiest 1% and large corporations at the expense of our hard-working families. This type of trickle-down economics hasn’t worked previously, and it won’t work now.”

“Republicans jammed through a hastily written tax bill that few had read and even fewer understood,” said Rep. Sánchez. “I am concerned about the numerous provisions buried in this law that could negatively impact California.

Many of the details of how the law will be implemented are still being worked out by the IRS and the Treasury Department. That is why it is so important that Southern Californians pay attention as more revelations surface from this new law. I’m worried that the Republican tax law will stifle





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young people to access the tools they need to boost their education.”

Today’s motion directed the County Librarian to begin implementing a fine-free student library card for students 17 years old and under. Each student will be allowed to check out a maximum of three print items at a time and have full access to online resources. The motion also authorizes and delegates authority to the County Librarian to execute agreements to partner with K-12 schools to meet the goals of the National Library Challenge.

“This is an incredible opportunity, if approved by the Board of Supervi-

sors to re-engage youth in library services, assist with homework, literacy and general discovery,” said County Library Director, Skye Patrick. “We are absolutely thrilled by the idea of offering students a fine-free card and reinforcing the County Library as the center of learning.”

For the initial outreach to schools, the Public Library will be issuing the student library cards to third-graders attending schools within the Public Library service area. The Public Library has also developed an animated video which features other new initiatives that the Library offers students.



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charitable donation can bring hope to those in need. An average of 91 cents of every dollar the Red Cross spends is invested in its humanitarian services and programs.

Another way to help out the Red Cross is through blood donations.

“We really do try to raise as much blood as we can. It is a very critical need,” Barrios said. “The Red Cross is committed to making sure the nation has both a safe and secure blood supply. By safe we mean the blood is not contaminated and by secure we mean that there is enough blood to meet the needs of anyone who goes for an operation. About 45 percent of the blood that is collected in the United States is collected by the Red Cross.”

The Red Cross recently held a blood drive in the City of Rosemead along with its partner Southern California Edison who hosted the drive. The Red Cross also partners with a number of businesses in the community—notably Rosemead’s Panda Express.

Rosemead is part of The Red Cross PrepareLA initiative along with South San Gabriel. The initiative was launched in 2016 and has provided preparedness education to thousands of students within the Rosemead School District. Through its efforts, the Red Cross has presented its Pillowcase Project to 651 students so far.

Through a grant from The Walt Disney Company, the Pillowcase Project is a curriculum that helps teach children (3rd-5th graders, ages 8-11) to prepare for emergencies. The approximately one-hour curriculum is taught by trained Red Cross volunteers and provides children with an opportunity to feel empowered and take control during emergencies and disasters. Students are encouraged to develop and share their preparedness plans with their family and friends and pledge to practice their plan with family at home. Participants receive a workbook, a pledge certificate, and a personalized pillowcase.

“You don’t want to frighten kids into immobilizing them. You want to acknowledge that this is a scary thing, but you want them to move away from that fear and into action,” Barrios said.

That initiative is part of a larger home safety and preparedness campaign administered by the Red Cross.

“We have lots of local volunteers who, several times a year, go door-to-door in neighborhoods and install free smoke alarms,” Barrios said. “We typically put two to three in a house.”

Barrios said that they focus on communities with a higher than average frequency of fires and also focus on a community where a fire fatality had recently occurred.

“While one volunteer is installing smoke alarms, we have an educator there to walkthrough—kind of like in the Pillowcase Project—working with the family members to develop an escape plan and

that will be put on the refrigerator so that everyone can see it,” Barrios said.

Smoke alarms must be checked and tested on a regular basis.

“It’s not enough to have a smoke alarm. It has got to work,” Barrios said. “70 percent of the houses that we go into that had smoke alarms...had them, but they don’t work.”

Barrios encourages the checking of smoke alarms regularly—typically following the rule of every six months when we change our clocks. He also noted that many times it has been discovered during inspections that a smoke alarm’s battery had been removed for one reason or another and was never replaced. Check and test regularly. A smoke alarm without a battery is useless.

Since 2016, The Red Cross has installed 799 free smoke alarms in residents homes during their multiple Sound the Alarm events in the area. The events educate residents about home fire safety. The Red Cross will be hosting another Sound the Alarm event in Rosemead on Saturday, February 17.

The Red Cross also does a number of other educational programs in the community where they visit schools, senior citizens centers, and community centers to teach general disaster and emergency preparedness. These local programs have an emphasis on earthquake preparedness.

Rosemead is part of The Red Cross Prepare LA program. It is one of 15 communities identified as particularly vulnerable should a disaster strike. Barrio explained the reason for this designation is from taking into account a variety of data points including language barriers, household income, and access to personal transportation. Data used in the determination does not single out individuals or individual households, but shows collectively that the community of Rosemead may require an increased level of assistance pertaining to disaster preparedness.

“That’s not a bad thing,” Barrios said. “What it means is we just have to do a little more homework in advance to get ready. What the Red Cross has done is create a leadership coalition of city councilmembers from Rosemead, organizations, and leadership from local schools. We work with these community leaders to educate about the vulnerabilities. Where, within

Rosemead, are there flood zones? Are there liquefaction zones?”

Homes in liquefaction zones are homes that were not built on top of bedrock. Homes in those areas are susceptible to greater shake during an earthquake. Knowing if and where these zones exist would help the city in the development of its response plan to an earthquake.

More information about the Red Cross efforts in preparedness that are specifically focused on

Rosemead can be found at [\[preparesocal.org/rosemead/\]\(http://preparesocal.org/rosemead/\). Here, you will find a full list of coalition members, news updates, program progress, and tools for residents and local business owners.](http://</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

“From small to very large. It could be a single-family house fire up to a major earthquake. We take sort of an all hazards approach. We really want to help communities be ready for any type of disaster,” Barrios said.

Online Resources:

-PrepareSoCal.org – PrepareSoCal is an American Red Cross multi-region campaign designed to address the needs of individuals and families to prepare for disasters, small and large, by providing tips, tools, and training, and to promote community resiliency with a focus on Southern California’s most vulnerable communities.

-PrepareSoCal.org/rosemead/–Information and tools from PrepareSoCal specific to the City of Rosemead.

-ReadyRating.org – Ready Rating is a program that helps businesses, schools and organizations become prepared for disasters and other emergencies.

-volunteerconnection.redcross.org

– Website to register as volunteer and search for opportunities to help.

-redcrossblood.org – Information on upcoming blood drives and how to donate or make a donation appointment.

-SafeAndWell.org – Website to register and mark yourself safe following a disaster. A searchable database to search for the status of family and friends.

-RedCross.org – Main website for the American Red Cross

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