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Hi,

Please find attached my public comment for the December 16, 2025 Orange County Board of Supervisors Meeting, agenda item 8. Emergency Plans.

Thanks,

Yadi
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8. Orange County Emergency Plans

I am in support of updating emergency plans and thank the Board for this work.

I ask the OC BOS to codify reporting and compliance. The people deserve transparency and answers in how government plans and prepares for emergencies. It is essential that information is released to the public in a timely fashion, in particular after an emergency.

As has been well-publicized, there were various shortcomings of government in the recent Los Angeles Fires – the Palisades Fire and the Eaton Fire. Los Angeles was slow to respond to calls for answers, and Pasadena has refused to give the public answers they deserve.

In a request to Pasadena for emergency plans, the city's rejection states: "*Public interest in non-disclosure outweighs public interest in disclosure because one purpose of records you request is to maintain safety; release would jeopardize the city's ability to maintain safety*". Safety plans should not be secret - they need to be public to work. This is how the public trusts that the government has adequately planned, and can confidently prepare to act in an emergency.

Assemblymember Harabedian, Chair of JLAC issued an audit of government response to the LA fires.¹ When the findings of the report are issued, I hope the county implements recommendations that have not already been included.

We can only learn to do better by examining past actions. And we can only have the trust of the people by being open and transparent.

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¹ <https://a41.asmdc.org/press-releases/20250619-assemblymember-harabedian-launches-audit-los-angeles-wildfire-prevention>