



Dear AIAVC Chapter Members,

The devastation within our neighboring communities is truly heartbreaking. During these challenging times, we want to remind all AIA members and colleagues affected by the recent fires in Los Angeles that you are not alone. The AIAVC stands with those affected and is committed to offering our support in every way we can.

While many humanitarian relief and disaster response efforts are underway, we remain focused on how our community can continue to play a vital role in designing and delivering resilient, sustainable, and equitable built environments. Together, we can rebuild stronger, and create spaces that not only endure, but also uplift the lives of those who call them home.

If you or someone you know has been directly impacted, please do not hesitate to reach out for resources, assistance, or simply a listening ear. We are here for you.

Financial Assistance California Architectural Foundation

Many of our colleagues and friends had to leave their homes with very little. Everyday items, that we often take for granted, are now missing from their lives. By helping to replace these necessities, we can support them as they focus on securing housing, navigating insurance, enrolling their children in school, and, in some cases, finding new transportation. To contribute direct financial assistance to members and communities in need: [Support AIA members](#)

Temporary Office Space through AIA California

Supporting firms that have lost or been displaced from their physical offices is vital for ensuring business continuity and fostering resilience. [Receive office space](#) [Give temporary office space](#)

California Fire Recovery Permitting Task Force

The AIA in California is coordinating regional rebuilding efforts once immediate response actions are completed. Join an [advocacy group for permitting and regulatory reform](#).

Other Resources

Some of the relief organizations approved by government officials include:

- Direct Relief CA Wildfire Response
- American Red Cross LA County
- California Community Foundation
- Community Organized Relief Effort (CORE)
- Los Angeles Regional Food Bank
- Los Angeles County Animal Care & Control
- Pasadena Community Foundation
- Pasadena Humane
- Salvation Army Southern California Division
- United Way of Greater Los Angeles
- World Central Kitchen
- Wildfire Recovery

Support first responders, donate to:

- California Fire Foundation
- Los Angeles City Fire Department Foundation
- Wildland Firefighter Foundation
- Los Angeles Police Foundation

AIA PROGRAMS**AIA National**

Intended for licensed architects, engineers, or certified building inspectors, this training certifies attendees as Building Evaluators in the nationally recognized [Safety Assessment Program \(SAP\). Training.](#)

AIA Los Angeles

Launching a [Wildfire Disaster Response Ad Hoc Task Force](#) First Meeting Wednesday 01.15.25 4:00P Zoom. Register Here:

AIA San Fernando Valley

AIA SFV is gathering info from members who would like to volunteer in [Wildfire Recovery](#) through services such as SAP Certified Evaluator.

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If you or someone you know needs help, please reach out.

Best Regards,
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