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RED-TAGGED FROM RAIN? HELP IS ON THE WAY! COUNCIL, MAYOR CREATE EMERGENCY RELOCATION ASSISTANCE FUND

Standing in front of a Silver Lake hillside home damaged by sliding earth, Councilmember Garcetti and Mayor Hahn announced today an emergency fund that will provide \$500,000 from the city's reserves for emergency relocation assistance.

Up to \$8,000 per household will be made available to the owners or residents of red-tagged homes to help them find temporary housing while their homes are restored, or in some cases, to help them move. The fund was created by an emergency motion introduced in today's council session and passed by the council the same day.

"I've seen houses that crumpled like wet paper bags, scattering personal effects down muddy hillsides," said Councilmember Eric Garcetti. "This assistance from the city will help L.A. residents cope with the heavy weather assault."

Mayor Hahn, who has been touring damaged areas throughout the city in recent days, expressed the city's commitment to helping storm victim residents get back on their feet.

"This funding will provide a crucial first step to help residents as they rebuild their lives," said the Mayor.

Earlier in the week, Mayor Hahn extended the city proclamation of emergency and asked for the state's help in urging President Bush to declare a new state of emergency for Southern California.

Emergency assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) is expected as well; officials from the city's Housing Department will coordinate with FEMA to maximize funds and avoid overlap. Los Angeles residents whose homes have been red-tagged may call (213) 808-8876 to take advantage of the emergency funds.

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