

California Legislature

January 9, 2013

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
Governor's Office
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown,

We write in support of the City of East Palo Alto's declaration of emergency resulting from severe storm damage on December 23rd and 24th of this past year. East Palo Alto has requested State recognition of the ongoing emergency declaration, and we support that request.

Flooding from last month's storm caused considerable damage to the City's levee system. The damage has impacted residents whose homes were flooded, as well as caused significant cracking to the levee system itself. This damage will cost millions of dollars to repair.

Our staffs are working closely with local and state agencies to ensure the levee systems are repaired and to help protect the residents from any further damage. State recognition of this emergency will provide significant and much-needed resources to the City that otherwise would be unable to complete the repairs on its own.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's request.

Sincerely,



RICHARD S. GORDON
Assemblyman, 24th District



JERRY HILL
Senator, 13th District

cc: Mayor Ruben Abrica, City of East Palo Alto
Don Mattei, County of San Mateo Office of Emergency Services