



# **LETTER TO MEMBERS LOCAL 132**

January 17, 2025

## **Subject: Eaton and Palisades Wildfires – Financial and Emergency Leave**

I am writing to express my deep concern and sorrow over the devastating effects of the recent Palisades and Eaton fires. These fires have caused significant destruction to both the natural environment and the local communities, leaving behind an overwhelming trail of damage. The impact on residents, businesses, and wildlife in the affected areas is truly heartbreaking. The fires have ravaged much of the surrounding landscape, destroying thousands of acres of precious forest and wildlife habitat. Hundreds of residents have been displaced, with their homes and livelihoods reduced to ashes. For those affected, the trauma of losing everything in the blink of an eye is indescribable.

In response to these catastrophic events, the communities we serve have called upon us to ensure their safety and help address the aftermath. Our union brothers and sisters have stepped up to this challenge, continuing to face an ever-changing environment and using their expertise to navigate the situation and get the job done.

Earlier today, Secretary-Treasurer Belinda Moreno and I visited the GAS OPS command center at Pepperdine University. We met with members from Customer Service, Distribution, and M&R, who shared their stories and expressed their concerns. We are working diligently with the Company to address these issues.

It is also important to recognize that some of our members have been ordered to evacuate their homes or, even more tragically, have lost their homes to the fires. The campaign to ensure customer safety and restore gas service has taken on an entirely new and personal meaning for them. In recognition of these hardships, the Union and the Company have entered into an agreement to provide support for those who have been evacuated or have suffered the loss of their homes. The full details of this agreement are available in the Resources – Member Resources section.

While these events are incredibly tragic, they also present an opportunity for us to come together—as a union, a utility, and as members of the communities we serve. It is a chance to demonstrate our unwavering commitment to our customers and the value we provide to Southern California Gas Company.

We encourage all members to share their stories and experiences with us via the Contact Us section on our website. Your contributions are invaluable as we move forward in supporting one another during this difficult time.

In solidarity,

*Joe J. Moreno*

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