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The Honorable William O'Brien
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Subject: Santiago Wildfire

Dear Chairman O'Brien:

When the Santiago Fire raged through Whiting Ranch Wilderness Park in the City of Lake Forest, our communities of Foothill Ranch and Portola Hills came within feet of destruction. Over the course of several days, the blaze threatened residential homes and commercial structures, leaving hundreds of Lake Forest families with the devastating uncertainty of whether their homes would be left standing in the wake of the fire.

However, thanks to the tireless efforts of firefighters from Orange County and around the region, no homes were lost in our city, minimal property damage was sustained and, most importantly, there were no injuries or deaths as a result of the fire. We credit this tremendous success to the brave efforts of the firefighters and their respective cities that, through mutual aid, contributed valuable resources to our community in a time of need.

On behalf of the City of Lake Forest, I would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to you and the men and women of the Stanislaus County Fire Department.

Sincerely,

CITY OF LAKE FOREST

Richard T. Dixon
Mayor

