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April 22, 2025

Bill Miranda  
Mayor

The Honorable Josh Hoover  
California State Assembly, District 7  
1021 O Street, Suite 4540  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste  
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Assemblymember Hoover:

SUBJECT: AB 271 (HOOVER): SUPPORT

Patsy Ayala  
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 271, related to the punishment of looting and the impersonation of emergency management personnel within an affected county in a state of emergency or local emergency. The Santa Clarita City Council voted to support this measure on March 25, 2025.

Jason Gibbs  
Councilmember

We sincerely appreciate and support Assembly Bill 271, as this important legislation strengthens the City of Santa Clarita's commitment to public safety, particularly in times of distress. Looting and the impersonation of emergency personnel presents significant risks to public safety, diverts critical life-saving resources, and endangers residents and emergency personnel.

Marsha McLean  
Councilwoman

The targeting of vulnerable populations through theft during times of emergency should result in prosecution to the full extent of the law. This legislation establishes appropriate consequences to combat looting and impersonation of emergency personnel, while better protecting California communities during times of an emergency.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Assembly Bill 271. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our position on this bill, please contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Masis Hagobian, at (661) 286-4057 or [mhagobian@santaclarita.gov](mailto:mhagobian@santaclarita.gov).

Sincerely,

Bill Miranda  
Mayor



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