

## **Emergency Preparedness in Calabasas: A Fire Safe Council**

### **Overview**

The Emergency Preparedness in Calabasas: A Fire Safe Council (EPIC) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping Calabasas residents mitigate the risks, survive the emergency event, and recover from fires, earthquakes and other natural disasters. Trainers will assist residents in the identification of risks and the development of risk mitigation plans and actions.

EPIC will qualify as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, a California Fire Safe Council, and a FireWise Community.

### **Mission**

To inspire Calabasas residents to take actions necessary to mitigate natural disaster risks through education, coordination of resources, and the establishment of decentralized resources (physical and human). By engaging with and motivating local residents EPIC will prioritize protecting human life, existing structures, and the Santa Monica biome in which we live.

### **6/23/21 Presentation to Council**

1. My name is Brian Cameron and I have been a Calabasas resident for many years. As Councilmember Shapiro's designee, I also serve on the Public Safety Commission.
2. I am here this evening as a private citizen representing an organizing committee of volunteers established to create a Fire Safe Council and a FireWise Community in Calabasas that will include preparation for other natural disasters.
  - a. So far – we're still recruiting – we have 7 members from both East and West Calabasas: Michael Stahl, Brian Shane, Jill Schechter and I from The Oaks of Calabasas, Norma Citron from Calabasas Hills, Michelle Perelman from Mountain Park, and Joanne Suwara from the Lupin Hills area.
  - b. Our organization description:
    - i. It will be a 501(c)(3) not for profit Fire Safe Council
    - ii. We also intend to qualify as a FireWise Community
    - iii. Our charter will go beyond the traditional wildfire focus and will include emergency preparation and recovery from:
      1. Fire

2. Earthquakes
3. Wind storms
4. Flooding/torrential rains (God willing)
- iv. Initially we will provide both hands-on and hands-off support to individual homeowners and community groups
  1. Working with LACoFD we will inspect and advise homeowners on fire hardening techniques
  2. We will inspect and advise residents on how to prepare for a natural disaster and how to survive during the critical 3 – 7 days while government disaster units and supplies get deployed
- v. As soon as practicable, we will transition to a hybrid hands-on/train-the-trainer model to decentralize and empower local communities by discussing risks and encouraging disaster preparedness.
3. I come before the City Council this evening to ask for financial assistance. We need seed funding as described in the attached summary.
4. If the City Council will commit to granting our request, we will front the expenses until we have a bank account linked to a registered 501(c)(3) into which the City can make a contribution.
5. In summary, on behalf of our nascent organizing committee, I request that the City Council allocate at least \$25,000 from the Woolsey funds for our citizens' disaster preparedness.
6. Together we will do the most good for the most number of people. EPIC's decentralized approach allows us to create tailored approaches to both East and West Calabasas, making our City safer and more resilient to natural disasters.

Thank You

## CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA ITEM NO. 16

### EPIC Preliminary Budget

#### Phase 1: Creation of the Legal Entity

1. 501(c)(3) document draft	\$5,000
2. Federal and State filings	\$1,000
3. Website content mapping and discovery	\$5,000 - \$10,000
4. Website design	\$15,000 - \$30,000
5. Website build	\$5,000 - \$15,000
6. 10 Beginners Go Bag backpacks for trainees	\$2,800
7. 10 Light search and rescue kits for trainees	\$900
8. D&O Insurance	\$500
9. Brochures, handouts, meeting expenses, etc.	\$1,000 - \$2,000
<b>Total Phase 1</b>	<b>\$36,200 - \$67,200</b>

#### Phase 2: Project Execution

1. Tuff shed for storage	\$3,750
2. Tuff Shed concrete pad and electrical connection	\$1,000
3. Emergency generators and lights	\$2,000
4. Accounting and administration	\$6,000 - \$7,000
5. Security camera and monitoring	\$1,000 - \$2,000
<b>Total Phase 2</b>	<b>\$13,750 - \$15,750</b>

## Maricela Hernandez

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**From:** Ellen <Innmike@aol.com>  
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**Subject:** Budget meeting tonight

Good afternoon - I will be unable to attend the zoom meeting this evening but wanted to share my concerns with you.

As you know, the Library has a budget of a little over \$2 million. The fastest way to give you my input is to give you the following figures - our share of the "mortgage" is \$780K and Ron has asked us to place \$250K in our capital improvement fund (which already has \$750K in it). We are looking at salaries, benefits and pensions for Staff (to include 15% for John Bingham, 40% for janitors, 60% for IT person) of \$991,000.00. Just adding those together, you see where it will be impossible to run the library re purchases of any kind.

In addition to this, Ron has told us that our share of his indirect cost study project will be \$150-275K for the foreseeable future.

Concerning the indirect study - we have a big problem with this due to our involvement with Community Services. If the Library has to shoulder the costs in the indirect payment program, , Community Services, which uses Founders Hall 2-3 times a day 50 weeks a year then, we should get reimbursed from Community Services to cover their fair share of electricity, water, heat/air and wear and tear on the furniture to say nothing of the janitorial services.

Community Services also gets priority of Founders Hall over Library programming

We are still waiting for the reinstatement allowing us to maintain a third FTE librarian which was promised to us if we could save enough. We saved enough only to be told at our April meeting that if we had another half million dollars saved. we would have the third librarian .The goal posts keep moving. Unfair.

So, the bottom line is - if the Council wants to have a functioning City library with patrons able to access new databases, e books etc., we cannot keep getting hit with outgoing monies from our budget. If the Council is okay with the demands of the latest budget, there will be no money to keep the library functioning.

This makes me sad.

We have a \$2 million reserve besides all this but are reluctant to spend it as you can well imagine.

Ellen Pangarliotas, Library Commissioner

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Greetings City Councilpersons,

As you are considering the budget tonight or spending the money you received from the state, is there any chance you can allocate about \$3,500 as seed monies to help the Caring Calabasas Club of the Savvy Seniors?

We have developed into a strong intergenerational community service club that is making Calabasas citizens feel good about themselves and their Caring City...despite the lock down during Covid. Now that we are open, it will only explode! Please be sure to come to our 5 year anniversary celebration this coming Friday from 2-5 to see what we have accomplished...and get some ice cream ( pre packaged of course).

It would be a drop in the bucket compared to money allocated to flowers, water, the Chamber, the grocery workers, the trees, lawsuits, etc etc. that is spent each month in our city. It is money that will have a lasting influence and affect the marketing potential for our city as being a kind and gentile place to live as well as having good schools, pretty landscaping, and a safe environment .

While I am at it, thank you so much for the vote to plant the medians on Valmar. It makes a great improvement to our city and instills in this resident pride in living here...as does working with the Savvy Seniors.

**CAROL DAVIS**

As if you did not know...:)

Co-Founder Savvy Seniors

Advisory Board Calabasas Senior Center

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