



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

April 5, 2016

The Honorable Connie Leyva
California State Senate
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1385 (Leyva) – As amended March 29, 2016 – SPONSOR

Dear Senator Leyva,

The County of San Bernardino is sponsoring Senate Bill 1385. This legislation would add the December 2, 2015, shooting that occurred at the Inland Regional Center to the list of events for which the state share of eligible cost is up to 100 percent of the non-federal financial assistance.

On the morning of December 2, 2015, in San Bernardino, California, a horrific mass shooting terrorist attack occurred, killing 14 people – including 13 San Bernardino County government employees – and victimizing hundreds more.

County and City first responders immediately took action to protect those in harm's way. The response was well-orchestrated and well-executed and likely saved many lives. In the wake of the tragedy, other immediate decisions had to be made by local elected officials and administrative staff to ensure public safety and the continuity of government.

The County and City of San Bernardino, and other responding agencies collectively spent more than \$19 million responding to the mass shooting of December 2nd.

The California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) oversees California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding, which is the primary funding mechanism available for recovering local costs in response to an act of terrorism.

The terrorist attack was an unprecedented event for California and the first terrorist attack that CalOES will determine costs eligible for reimbursement through the CDAA. CalOES is accustomed to calculating reimbursement costs for fires, floods, and other natural disasters. Typically, the state provides 75% reimbursement of eligible costs and local government is responsible for the remaining 25%. However, through legislative action, 100% reimbursement is available for emergency response under special circumstances.

SB 1385 will provide 100% reimbursement to help those responsible for the exemplary emergency response to recover costs expended in response to the deadliest terrorist attack in California and the second deadliest on U.S. soil.

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For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is proud to sponsor SB 1385 and we thank you for championing this critical issue. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Ramos', with a stylized flourish at the end.

JAMES RAMOS
Board of Supervisors Chairman
Third District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

c: County of San Bernardino Legislative Delegation