



## PRESS RELEASE

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**Subject: City Response to Earthquake**

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A 5.1 magnitude earthquake centered approximately 1 mile southeast of La Habra City Hall occurred at 9:09 p.m. on Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>. The event was felt widely throughout Orange, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Bernardino, and Ventura Counties. The quake was preceded by a smaller foreshock (magnitude 3.6) at 8:03 p.m. Scores of aftershocks have followed, the largest of which was a magnitude 4.1 earthquake that occurred at 2:32 p.m. on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.

City staff has completed an initial survey of the damage to the community as a result of the earthquake and the aftershocks. Cost related to physical damage to City facilities, public infrastructure and response efforts is estimated at \$73,500, with damage to the roof of the La Habra Children's Museum and two broken water mains accounting for the majority of this cost.

Damage to residential properties is estimated to be \$425,000. The largest portion of this cost is damage sustained to approximately 100 chimneys and 1,000 lineal feet of brick walls around the City, as well as general cosmetic building repairs (stucco and replacement of broken windows) and water system repairs on private property. The value of damage to commercial properties is estimated to be \$78,000 and is largely composed of damage to approximately 200 lineal feet of brick walls, 50 glass windows, and ruptured water lines. These costs may increase over the coming weeks as more property owners report damage or file for permits to make repairs. These damage estimates do not include costs related to loss of personal property or merchandise within homes or businesses.

The total current estimated loss citywide as a result of the main earthquake and subsequent aftershocks – both on public and private property – is estimated to be \$576,500.

Given the City's population of 62,000, the per capita cost of the earthquake is approximately \$9.30 per person. For more information, please contact Assistant to the City Manager Rob Ferrier at 562-383-4010.

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