



**SUPERVISOR LISA BARTLETT, FIFTH DISTRICT**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**SUPERVISOR LISA BARTLETT MOVES QUICKLY TO HAVE  
THE COUNTY PROCLAIM A LOCAL EMERGENCY IN  
RESPONSE TO THE COASTAL FIRE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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ORANGE COUNTY, CA (May 12, 2022) – Following the outbreak of the Coastal Fire in Laguna Niguel on May 11, Supervisor Lisa Bartlett immediately began to leverage all available resources to get the community she serves, the help and support it needs. In less than twenty-four hours, working with the Chairman of the Board, County staff and emergency personnel, she initiated efforts for the County to proclaim a local emergency.

“This fire has had a devastating impact on many families in my district and it was imperative that we act as quickly as possible to get them the help and support they need,” said Supervisor Lisa Bartlett. “Last night I visited the emergency shelter to check on those who had to leave their homes and this morning I toured the Coronado Pointe neighborhood. I witnessed first-hand the devastation and destruction caused by this fast-moving blaze - it was so surreal. Some of the residents I spoke with are still in a state of shock and disbelief. My staff and I are working tirelessly to make sure that all affected residents receive the help and assistance they need during this very difficult time,” she said.

The emergency proclamation enables the County to fully deploy all available resources, actions, and measures deemed necessary to ensure the safety and welfare of the Orange County residents and property. It also initiates the process to make state and federal funding available to support all eligible community members and businesses during this time.

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*Supervisor Lisa Bartlett represents the Fifth Supervisorial District which includes the cities of Aliso Viejo, Costa Mesa, Dana Point, a large portion of Irvine, Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Newport Beach, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, as well as the unincorporated communities of Coto de Caza, Emerald Bay, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, Rancho Mission Viejo, Stonecliffe and Wagon Wheel*