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ALAMEDA COUNTY LOWERS FLAGS IN HONOR OF THOSE KILLED, INJURED IN OAKLAND FIRE

Oakland, CA (December 5, 2016) — Alameda County Board of Supervisors President Scott Haggerty ordered flags to be flown at half-staff at all County facilities starting on Monday in honor of those killed or injured in a tragic warehouse fire in Oakland's Fruitvale neighborhood late Friday.

“Our entire community is grieving over this unspeakable tragedy,” Haggerty said. “On behalf of Alameda County, I extend my condolences to the many people directly affected by this devastating fire.”

Thirty-six people are confirmed to have died in the fire and the death toll is expected to rise.

Haggerty expressed his appreciation to the many first responders from the City of Oakland, Alameda County and other agencies who continue to work together to secure the scene and to locate, identify and assist the victims.

He also said he would recommend that Alameda County reactivate its Disaster Relief Fund to enable County employees and people in the community to voluntarily make cash and/or online donations to benefit victims of the fire.

The Alameda County Disaster Relief Fund was established in response to the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States and has been reactivated several times to respond to tragedies here and abroad – including Hurricane Katrina in 2005, earthquakes in Haiti and Chile in 2010, the Northern Japan Earthquake/Tsunami in 2011 and the mass shooting at an Orlando, Florida nightclub in June.