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**ALAMEDA COUNTY ACTIVATES DISASTER RELIEF FUND
TO HELP HURRICANE HARVEY RECOVERY EFFORT**

Alameda County has reactivated its Disaster Relief Fund to enable its approximately 9,700 employees and people in the community to voluntarily donate funds to support the massive recovery effort that will be needed to rebuild communities throughout major parts of Texas and to help the thousands of people suffering the devastating impacts of Hurricane Harvey.

Activation of the Alameda County Disaster Relief Fund enables County employees and people in the community to contribute cash donations to help people affected by the Hurricane. County employees may also have the option to donate up to 5 days of their accrued vacation time, compensatory time and/or holiday in-lieu time.

To donate to the Alameda County Disaster Relief Fund, go to <http://acgov.org/government/news/disaster.htm>. Information about the Disaster Relief Fund is also at ACGOV Cares (<http://acgovcares.org/>), an Alameda County website designed to engage employees and residents about volunteerism and other opportunities to strengthen our communities.

Alameda County established its Disaster Relief Fund in response to the September 11, 2001 attacks in the United States. The Board of Supervisors has reactivated the Fund numerous times in response to tragedies both domestic and abroad, including: Hurricane Katrina in 2005, earthquakes in Haiti and Chile in 2010, the Northern Japan Earthquake/Tsunami in 2011 and the mass shootings at an Orlando, Florida nightclub and tragic warehouse fire in Oakland last year.

“Our sympathy is with the people in Texas as they recover from this devastating Hurricane,” said Wilma Chan, President of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. “Our Disaster Relief Fund offers a great opportunity for people in our community to support the recovery effort and to make a difference in the lives of others.”

Alameda County intends for all contributions to the Disaster Relief Fund to go directly to victims and families affected by Hurricane Harvey.

“In the past Alameda County employees and our residents have been extremely generous in supporting others in times of crisis,” said Susan S. Muranishi, Alameda County Administrator. “We created the Alameda County Disaster Relief Fund to enable our employees to act on their desire to help others and to ensure that local donations will go directly to the people who need our support the most.”

Cash and online donations are accepted. Cash donations may be contributed by sending a personal check payable to the Alameda County Disaster Relief Fund, c/o the Auditor-Controller Agency, 1221 Oak Street, Room 238, Oakland CA 94612. To make an online donation or to obtain additional information, go to <http://acgov.org/government/news/disaster.htm>.