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# Harriet Tubman Center of Los Angeles issues 10 demands for people's recovery in wake of devastating fires

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The Harriet Tubman Center hosts the group resistcarebloc to build air purifiers for the community while the government leaves victims to fend for themselves.

## **Money & support for fire victims and the people of Los Angeles, not war and genocide**

Fires continue to rage; it is key that every possible effort, both local and national, is undertaken to STOP the fires. If the government can spend billions on wars abroad and genocide in Palestine, then it is urgent to turn our priorities around.

**We demand of local, state & federal officials:**

- 1. Stop landlord looting & end price gouging. Rollback rents now!**

2. **Provide emergency housing and compensation for all.** We need a rent and mortgage rollback across the Los Angeles region and an eviction moratorium. Provide 0% interest loans to workers, the poor, and small businesses to rebuild, and provide equal relief for renters who often have no insurance.
3. **Workers & people's take-over of the greedy insurance companies.** The insurance industry must pay up! No increase in rates.
4. **Reject racist & white supremacist policies.** End disparities between Black, Brown, and poor communities with wealthy communities: Equal attention to historic Black communities like Altadena, California. Enact preventative measures such as converting to underground electrical power lines, fireproofing homes, and rentals in all neighborhoods, not just the wealthy.
5. **Convert military production from bombs and guns to air purifiers and PPE.** Protect the health and lives in the Los Angeles region. Prioritize distribution to Black and Brown communities, families with children, seniors, and health challenges, and the broader poor community.
6. **Restore cuts and expand funding for firefighting capabilities in the region.** Levy a special tax on the banks, billionaires, and big businesses, including PG&E and the insurance industry in California, to expand services.
7. **Suspend and halt ICE raids.** People need food and shelter, not repression.
8. **Pay prisoners union wages & guarantee a path to employment in the fire department after incarceration.** Presently, over 900 prisoners are risking their lives fighting fires. They are paid as little as \$5.80 a day.
9. **Elected "Workers and Peoples Commission" to guarantee preventative measures.** This commission will be mandated to hold town halls and assemblies in neighborhoods and regions to hear people's suggestions and grievances. It will have the power to call on scientific

expertise and to implement changes.

10. **End the root cause of these catastrophes — capitalist climate crisis** — by stopping the big oil companies, the Pentagon, and the capitalist profiteers who have created this crisis.

