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Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
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Subject: Recommendation of Supervisor Parks to Direct the Human Services Agency and the Ventura County Library to Investigate the Feasibility of Establishing a Program for the Library to Loan Portable Power Stations for Batteries, Including Wheelchair Batteries, to Vulnerable Residents During Power Shutoffs and Local Emergencies

Recommendation:

It is requested that the Board of Supervisors approve directing the Human Services Agency and the Ventura County Library to investigate the feasibility of establishing a program for the loan of portable power stations for batteries, including wheelchair batteries, to vulnerable residents during power shutoffs and local emergencies.

Fiscal: To be determined.

Discussion:

Planned power shutoffs during times of high winds and elevated wildfire conditions are an increasingly common fact of life in Ventura County. The Board of Supervisors joins our local emergency management community in seeking to avoid detrimental impacts from these shutoffs on vulnerable populations who rely on electricity for powering devices that provide them with basic life support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda Parks".

Linda Parks



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