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# **Mayor Gloria Issues Statement on FEMA ‘Major Disaster’ Declaration for Jan. 22 Storm**

**DESIGNATION WILL PROVIDE ACCESS TO INDIVIDUAL  
ASSISTANCE FOR RESIDENTS WHO SUFFERED FLOODING  
AND OTHER DAMAGE FROM SEVERE RAINSTORM**

Mayor Todd Gloria issued the following statement on the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Administration’s declaration of the severe Jan. 22 rainstorm as a major disaster, which will result in various forms of federal individual assistance directly to residents as they seek to rebuild after severe flooding:

**“For weeks since the severe storm on Jan. 22, I have been advocating with state and federal officials — including Vice President Kamala Harris, Gov. Gavin Newsom, FEMA Region 9 leadership, and our state and Congressional delegations — to secure a FEMA major disaster declaration that qualifies our residents for individual assistance. This announcement today is what we were advocating for and means more help is on the way.**

**“The City has been on the ground in the impacted neighborhoods assessing damage and providing all the resources we can to get these communities on the path to recovery. Now, with this designation, we can focus on the long-term rebuilding efforts from this natural disaster. We will work with officials from FEMA, CalOES, and the County to ensure information about available resources and how to apply for them is provided swiftly and that Disaster Recovery Centers are placed directly in the impacted communities.**

**“I want to thank the Biden-Harris Administration, the Governor, San Diego’s state and Congressional delegations, and the County of San Diego for their support of our city during this time. Let’s continue to move forward together to rebuild our communities.”**

The California Office of Emergency Services and FEMA will work to set up a Joint Field Office for the region and set up Disaster Recovery Centers in the most impacted communities. The City of San Diego will work closely with the County of San Diego Office of Emergency Services, CalOES, and FEMA to coordinate next steps to connect people with federal assistance.

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