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FROM THE ASHES: FAMILIES REUNITE TWO MONTHS AFTER A MASSIVE FIRE DESTROYED AN APARTMENT COMPLEX IN NORTHRIDGE ON THE FOURTH OF JULY

CHATSWORTH – Families who lost everything in a fire that ripped through an apartment complex on July Fourth reunited with neighbors and community supporters at a Labor Day breakfast hosted by Councilmember John Lee, and were reminded that they are neither forgotten nor alone as they continue to rebuild their lives from the ashes of this tragedy.

Today, as families stopped by the CD12 Community Service Center, they reconnected with former neighbors and community members who were there to provide assistance in their time of greatest need. Each family received grocery gift bags with food and essentials from Councilmember Lee. Funds raised by the community in response to the fire were also distributed to the families in the form of gift cards.

“Community support, be it from relatives, friends, or neighbors, whether known or unknown, is critical to helping families affected by a disaster to recover and rebuild,” said Councilmember Lee. “No one can do it alone.

“These families experienced the unimaginable when they lost their homes and everything they owned in the fire caused by illegal fireworks, and we want them to know we are still here for them.”

Since July, all the families who lost their homes have secured permanent housing. Additionally, thanks to a generous donation from the nonprofit organization The Change Reaction, refrigerators were purchased for 10 families whose new housing accommodations did not include one.

Over the last two months, Councilmember Lee and his staff have maintained contact with the impacted families to offer support and continued assistance to address needs as they arise and connect them to services.

“I am grateful to our community partners, our first responders, and our local residents who all stepped up in their own way to support these families,” said Councilmember Lee, “The strength of our community is indeed measured by how well we care for those in need and I am proud to be part of this community.”

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Los Angeles City Councilmember John Lee represents the Twelfth Council District in the Northwest San Fernando Valley which includes the communities of Northridge, Chatsworth, Granada Hills, North Hills, West Hills, Porter Ranch, Sherwood Forest, and portions of Reseda.