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Dear Friend of the Community,

I have lived in California my whole life and have seen the devastation that wind, rain, fire, and earthquakes bring to our communities. Natural disasters are a way of life for Californians, but many still are unprepared. If and when a disaster hits our communities, it will be our local churches and the government that people look to for assistance and guidance.

On Friday, **August 15**, I will be hosting the **2nd annual Ark of Safety Forum** at the San Jacinto Assembly of God Church, in collaboration with **Building Resilient Communities**. The event's purpose is to train and equip houses of worship to be prepared for the hundreds of residents that will no doubt come through their doors looking for assistance and comfort in the event of a catastrophe. They will receive valuable instruction on creating and implementing their own emergency preparedness plan.

Supporters of this year's event include: AmPac Tri State CDC, Southern California Edison, San Bernardino County Office of Emergency Services, San Bernardino County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), Riverside County Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), the American Red Cross, Inland Empire Concerned African American Churches, Southern California Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD), Community Access Center, and Rolling Start.

I believe that your participation in this groundbreaking event will be a critical component to meeting the needs of the community and for a speedy recovery during the aftermath of a disaster.

To register for this event, please visit <https://arkofsafetyforum2014.eventbrite.com> by August 11. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office at (909) 801-5040. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you there!

Sincerely,

MIKE MORRELL, SENATOR
23RD DISTRICT