

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Now that the immediate fire danger is behind us, and the emergency response is moving into long-term recovery efforts, we continue to be busy. First, I wanted to personally thank each and every one of you for helping your friends, family, neighbors or even complete strangers weather this storm. I have never been prouder of our small town and the numerous examples of our residents offering their homes for people displaced by the fires; fundraising by our businesses; watching over and keeping their neighbors' homes safe; volunteering in numerous ways; or even helping spread good information to help people who are seeking help.

I am also proud of our City staff who were working with the County 24/7 to support them with whatever needs they had; including our police officers helping with the evacuations and safety patrols of evacuated areas and our dispatchers relieving exhausted dispatchers at the County Sheriff's office.

For long term recovery efforts, the City will continue to be engaged with the county-wide effort to assist in the recovery. I also encourage you to take an active role in whatever way you see fit helping your friends, neighbors, or strangers through this challenging time. As demonstrated by our community response to this disaster, there is no doubt in my mind that we will emerge as a community stronger than we were.

Sincerely,

Susan Harvey

Mayor, City of Cotati