



March 14, 2014

Office of the National Advisory Council
Federal Emergency Management Agency, 8th Floor
500 C Street SW
Washington, DC 20472-3100

Subject – Endorsement of Rabbi Jay Miller

Dear National Advisory Council:

I am writing to endorse Rabbi Jay Miller as an appointee to the FEMA National Advisory Council. I have had the opportunity to confer with Rabbi Miller for several years as a result of the San Mateo County-based project he designed. This plan structures congregations in advancing individual disaster preparation and supporting all individuals in the immediate moments of a widespread disaster.

Rabbi Miller brings knowledge of the essential aspects of religion. He has a well-developed awareness of the structures and people in full diversity of the congregations in our communities. This has resulted in the widest exchange of knowledge and ideas between congregant teams and community emergency management professionals.

I know Rabbi Miller has worked with two different county systems. In San Mateo County, he worked extensively with the OES. In Santa Clara County he worked with the Emergency Managers' Association.

Rabbi Miller attended our California State Training Institute in San Luis Obispo for a one week Emergency Managers Course, earning that certificate and NIMS certification.

The components which Rabbi Miller has framed in the San Mateo County pilot bring a designed structure to disaster preparedness. These components are applicable to the widest range of incidents, large and small, where the full scale of congregational resources would be a significant community asset.

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Rabbi Miller would be a great fit for the NAC, extending his insights and developed procedures collectively to FEMA, as well as to the sectors represented on the NAC.

Sincerely,

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BRENDAN A. MURPHY
Deputy Director