

# *California wildfires: Concerns over housing shortage*

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Los Angeles, January 18 (RHC)-- In the U.S., residents of Los Angeles are deeply concerned about the ongoing wildfires, insurance companies' refusal to compensate for damages, and the exacerbation of the preexisting housing shortages and inequality.

The fires in Los Angeles are nowhere near dying down, but already the residents of Los Angeles have voiced a multitude of concerns, regarding the mismanagement of the State, but also regarding their future, which is at stake now.

The most prevalent fear among Californians is their fear of no compensation from insurance companies, which are meant to protect their investments in case of loss or damage to their homes.

Thousands of properties have been destroyed or severely damaged by the massive wildfires in Los Angeles, while many of the insurance companies have actually refuted insurance claims, many of them have just turned a blind eye to the plight of those in need.

Other fears that the residents of Los Angeles have expressed include the preexisting housing shortage, and housing inequality, which can be seen among communities such as the African American community and the Latino community, who still grieve the losses that they have seen in the Altadena area, which is now almost burned to The ground as a result of the Eaton fire that still remains uncontained.

The raging wildfires in the U.S. have revealed poor crisis management with all fingers at misplaced priorities of the Biden administration – aid to Israel and neglect at home.

Another fear that these residents have been expressing is the fact that speculators and property developers have been taking advantage of their grief, of their losses, and making money out of this loss.

The state of California has set a 10% cap on rent increases, yet the state does not seem to control the predatory behaviors of these speculators. This is evident in the many frustrations expressed by many residents in Los Angeles, those who have been evacuated, and even those who have not and are sympathizing with their fellow residents here in Los Angeles.

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