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## Palo Alto pushes Hurricane Katrina city adoption idea

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PALO ALTO, Calif. — The city of Palo Alto today launched an initiative to encourage California cities to adopt direct Hurricane Katrina relief and recovery roles in Louisiana and Mississippi cities.

"The California Cities Katrina Aid and Relief Effort will be a way for California cities to find a city to adopt," said Palo Alto Mayor Jim Burch, "Having learned from our own experience we want to

assist other cities to establish a community-to-community relationship."

Palo Alto has adopted Kenner, which is similar in size. Palo Alto is partnering with statewide nonprofits in Louisiana, the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana in Baton Rouge, and in Mississippi, the John C. Stennis Institute of Government at Mississippi State University in Starkville, Miss.

"We are grateful for the assistance the city of Palo Alto has committed to Kenner. We look forward to matching more California cities to other Louisiana cities, which have been stricken by this disaster," said PAR President Jim Brandt.

Cities interested in participating should complete the Hurricane Relief form on the Palo Alto Web site (<http://www.cityofpaloalto.org/katrina/>) and e-mail it to [renata.falk@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:renata.falk@cityofpaloalto.org).

