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**PADILLA DIRECTS CITY OF LOS ANGELES TO AID JAPAN IN AFTERMATH OF  
8.0 QUAKE**

*City to study quake to improve its own disaster preparedness efforts*

**LOS ANGELES B** City Council President Alex Padilla introduced a motion today directing the Los Angeles' Emergency Preparedness Department to assist with relief efforts and to study the magnitude 8.0 earthquake on the island of Hokkaido in northern Japan that resulted in 243 injuries.

"The City of Los Angeles should utilize the expertise of its top emergency experts to assist the people of Hokkaido to help recover from this disaster where 24,300 homes were left without power," said Council President Padilla. **AI** have also asked the City to study and observe the Hokkaido earthquake in order to improve our own disaster preparedness efforts here in Los Angeles."

Thursday's 4:50am earthquake, located 50 miles off the southeastern coast of Hokkaido, derailed an express train and created a 3-foot tsunami that damaged property on the island's eastern coastline.

Padilla's motion will be heard by the City Council next week.

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