



**American
Red Cross**

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To Whom It May Concern:

With the presentation of appropriate identification on the part of social workers and substance abuse counselors:

Red Cross shelter management must allow social workers to enter their shelters in order to track cases and to work with their clients. To not do so could impede the recovery of clients affected by the California wildfires.

Red Cross shelter management must also allow substance abuse counselors to enter the shelters in order for people with substance abuse problems to receive appropriate counseling.

Red Cross shelter management must allow 12-step program groups to form whenever possible as these are part of community and social networks and will facilitate recovery.

Further, individuals employed as mental health providers in local community mental health facilities should be permitted and welcomed into Red Cross facilities to work alongside Red Cross personnel in order to optimize recovery efforts.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Yin', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

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Together, we can save a life