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Devastating fire leaves nine Lavender Hill families on the Cape Flats homeless

The Al Jama-ah party is calling on the City of Cape Town (CoCT) to provide the nine Lavender Hill families on the Cape Flats whose houses were gutted by a fire in the early hours of Monday morning, with alternative accommodation.

Al Jama-ah is concerned that the victims of the fire had to spend Monday night in their gutted and damaged homes. This is surely posing serious health and safety risks to the families. We call on CoCT to urgently provide the families with alternative temporary housing.

Al Jama-ah's shadow councillor Raihaan Pietersen, the party's National Parliamentary Constituency officer, Qaasim Hendricks and the party's Team-24, responded almost immediately to the destitute residents' call for help.

The 18 homeless residents include a five-month-old baby boy, a one-year-old baby and a 70-year-old male who have lost all their clothing and other possessions in the fire.

The windows of nine other houses windows were shattered and some serious damages to houses caused by the fire. Al Jama-ah's Team-24 extends its sincere appreciation to Thornton Cares for providing a pot of food to the victims, the Islamic Relief Agency who donated food parcels, face masks and blankets and to a concerned resident from Zeekoevlei for his kind donations of blankets.

It is evident that the victims will continue to need more community support to help them through this trying time.

The party appeals to fellow citizens to open their hearts with donations of beds, blankets, clothing, shoes, cutlery, bedding and food.

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