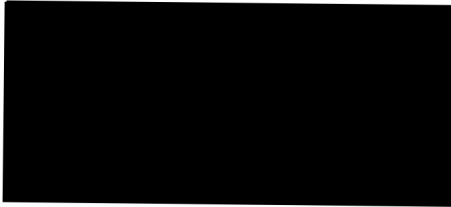


Amos Shechtman



Holly Wolcott, City Clerk  
200 North Spring Street, Room 360  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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Dear Ms. Wolcott,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the current delays in obtaining certificates of occupancy, especially in the context of the recent devastating fires that have left countless families without homes.

As a member of our community, I believe we must act swiftly and decisively to address the pressing housing needs of those affected. The aftermath of the fires has created an urgent situation where many families are in desperate need of shelter.

Unfortunately, the lengthy process—often taking over two months—to secure a certificate of occupancy adds unnecessary barriers to providing housing solutions. This bureaucratic red tape not only delays the availability of much-

needed housing but also prolongs the suffering of families who are already facing the hardships of displacement.

I am prepared and willing to offer a rental property at fair market value to a family in need, but the current system makes it increasingly difficult to do so efficiently. The numerous agencies involved in the approval process can create confusion and frustration, preventing us from quickly responding to the housing crisis at hand.

I urge you and your fellow representatives to prioritize streamlining the certificate of occupancy process, especially in times of emergency. By reducing the wait times and simplifying the approval procedures, we can enable more property owners to step forward and provide housing to those who urgently need it.

In this critical moment, we have the opportunity to demonstrate compassion and responsiveness to our community's needs. Let us work together to eliminate the barriers that hinder our ability to help our neighbors during such a challenging time.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I am hopeful for your support in creating a more efficient pathway to provide housing for families in need.

Yours sincerely,

Amos Shechtman

CC: Mayor Karen Bass, Katy Yaroslavsky, Matthew Szabo