

Communication from Public

Name: Sara Buss

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Council File No: 25-0006-S38

Comments for Public Posting: Please partner with the County to approve the formation of a Disaster Recovery District (DRD) for the Palisades area. This DRD could make a significant impact in successfully financing our recovery, without placing further burden on the already suffering survivors. It could help unlock federal funds as well. By allowing us to use a portion of our own tax revenues to fund the recovery, the study shows how profitable this could be for the City & County alike. This is truly a Jerry Maguire moment: “Help me help you!” At this difficult moment, this is an easy way for us to rebuild together.

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Name: Sara G. Marti

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Comments for Public Posting: Public Comment on Council File 25-0006-S38 I'm submitting this comment on behalf of Resilient Palisades in support of continued development of a Palisades Disaster Recovery District, with a strong emphasis on resilience and sustainability as the district's priorities and eligible projects are defined. Recovery can't be limited to rebuilding individual homes. We also need to rebuild the systems around them. For Pacific Palisades, that means considering investments in safer and more resilient electrical infrastructure, electrification, distributed energy resources such as rooftop solar and battery storage, utility undergrounding, water resilience, hillside stabilization and erosion control, native habitat restoration, and the restoration of our tree canopy and other living infrastructure. Our tree canopy is not just aesthetic. Trees and healthy landscapes provide shade, reduce surface and ambient temperatures, slow and absorb stormwater, stabilize soil, support habitat and help make neighborhoods more livable during extreme heat. After the fire, we've experienced firsthand how much hotter the Palisades feels without the shade once provided by mature trees and even by the built environment itself. As recovery planning moves forward, we hope the City will treat tree canopy, native landscapes, healthy soils, bioswales and other living systems as essential infrastructure alongside roads, utilities and energy systems. Rebuilding resilience should include rebuilding the natural systems that cool our community, hold water in the landscape and help reduce future climate and wildfire risk. These needs are interconnected. All electric homes and distributed energy resources are much more valuable when the surrounding grid and infrastructure are resilient. Likewise, rebuilding on fire damaged hillsides requires investment in vegetation management, native restoration, water retention, erosion prevention and long term canopy recovery. Resilient Palisades is also working with UCLA Luskin through a 2026 to 2027 capstone project examining the feasibility of a recovery financing district in Pacific Palisades and how financing tools like this could support long term recovery, electrification, distributed energy resources and resilient community infrastructure. We encourage the City to ensure that resilience and sustainability are built into the district from the beginning rather than added later, and that community scale energy, water, hillside, canopy and

living infrastructure projects remain eligible for consideration as the framework develops. Thank you for advancing this conversation and for giving residents and community organizations an opportunity to participate. Sara G. Marti Board Member and Communications Director Resilient Palisades

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Name: M Sung

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Comments for Public Posting: As a Pacific Palisades resident of over 20 years and a survivor who lost my family home in the devastating Palisades Fire, I am writing to strongly advocate for the establishment of a Disaster Recovery District (DRD) in our Council District 11 community. Through my active work with local advocacy groups since the fire, it has become abundantly clear that a resilient and effective rebuild depends entirely on securing dedicated, localized funding to address our area's highly specific recovery needs. Standard recovery frameworks are insufficient for Pacific Palisades. Our community requires a tailored, well-funded approach due to a complex web of geographic, geological, and regulatory challenges. The creation of a DRD is critical for the following reasons: Regulatory & Environmental Complexities: Rebuilding and improving infrastructure in the Palisades is heavily encumbered by Coastal Commission regulations and sensitive environmental designations. A DRD would provide the focused resources needed to navigate these unique hurdles efficiently. Severe Topographical Vulnerabilities: Our community is highly exposed to geological threats, flanked by precarious, landslide-prone hillsides and a rapidly sliding coastline. These realities demand specialized, localized investment in geological mitigation and robust infrastructure improvements. Evacuation & Access Limitations: Geographically, our community is severely bottlenecked, leaving us virtually landlocked during mass evacuations. Upgrading evacuation routes and emergency access must be a primary focus of our recovery funding. Community-Directed Resiliency: Most importantly, a DRD ensures that invested community members have a direct voice in the distribution of funds. Those who live here and deeply understand these localized threats must be structurally involved in prioritizing and guiding the necessary improvements. Our neighborhood's recovery—and its ability to withstand future disasters—relies on proactive, community-informed investment. Establishing a DRD in Pacific Palisades is an essential step toward securing the targeted resources we need to rebuild safely and sustainably. I strongly urge the swift approval and implementation of this district.

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Name: Maryam Zar

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: Council File 25-0006-S38 — CAO Report Back on Disaster Recovery District (DRD) Study On behalf of the Malibu–Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce (PaliBu), I write in strong support of establishing a Disaster Recovery District (DRD) for Pacific Palisades as a critical mechanism for financing infrastructure improvements, accelerating commercial recovery, and supporting the return of residents and businesses following the devastating Palisades Fire. The recovery of Pacific Palisades cannot be measured solely by the rebuilding of homes. A functioning community requires a thriving commercial center, reliable infrastructure, essential services, and the return of the businesses that sustain neighborhood life and local employment. Establishing a DRD in Pacific Palisades sets an important precedent for the City of Los Angeles, creating a model for responding to future disasters in other neighborhoods with the urgency, coordination, and financial tools necessary to advance residential and commercial recovery in tandem. The lessons learned here can help the City build a more effective framework for community-wide recovery wherever disaster strikes. A DRD offers an opportunity to coordinate and finance the infrastructure investments necessary to support rebuilding, restore commercial corridors, improve public spaces, and create the conditions for businesses to reopen and reinvest. It should also provide a framework for leveraging public and private capital to address commercial recovery needs that existing disaster assistance programs have not adequately met. We urge the City to move expeditiously toward establishing a DRD with a clear implementation strategy, dedicated funding mechanisms, and meaningful participation by the local business community. Commercial revitalization must be an explicit priority, not an incidental benefit of residential reconstruction. Pacific Palisades needs more than permission to rebuild. It needs the infrastructure, investment, and economic conditions to come back as a complete and functioning community. A well-structured DRD can help deliver that recovery. Maryam Zar CEO, Malibu–Pacific Palisades Chamber of Commerce

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Comments for Public Posting: Re: Council File 25-0006-S38 — CAO Report Back on Disaster Recovery District (DRD) Study On behalf of the Palisades Recovery Coalition (PRC), I write in strong support of establishing a Disaster Recovery District (DRD) for Pacific Palisades as a critical mechanism for financing infrastructure improvements, accelerating rebuilding, supporting economic recovery, and strengthening the long-term resilience of our community following the devastating Palisades Fire. In April 2026, PRC convened a Community Recovery Lab, bringing together a randomly selected, representative assembly of 35 Palisades residents over two full Saturdays to examine two fundamental questions: What should a DRD fund, and how should it remain accountable to the community it serves? The findings were clear. Participants identified four priorities: rebuilding assistance, infrastructure and utility improvements, wildfire and climate resilience, and economic recovery, including small business support and commercial revitalization. The underlying consensus was equally important: recovery must be comprehensive, coordinated, and simultaneous—not fragmented or sequential. A DRD also presents an opportunity to establish an important precedent for Los Angeles. The City needs a replicable framework for responding to future disasters with the financial tools, governance structures, and urgency necessary to restore entire communities. Pacific Palisades can help establish that model. But financing alone is not enough. Our Community Recovery Lab emphasized that a DRD must be accountable to the people whose recovery it is intended to advance. Participants called for a meaningful community advisory structure, integration with trusted existing institutions, transparent investment priorities, reliable public communication, and ongoing opportunities for residents to participate in decisions. We urge the City to move expeditiously toward establishing a DRD with a clear financing and implementation strategy, measurable priorities, and meaningful community oversight. The district must be capable of leveraging public and private investment while ensuring that resources reach the infrastructure, neighborhoods, businesses, and residents most in need. Nearly two years after the fire, too many families remain displaced, too many businesses face an uncertain future, and too much of our recovery remains dependent on

disconnected systems and inadequate resources. We need a coordinated structure capable of turning recovery priorities into funded projects and measurable progress. Pacific Palisades does not need another layer of bureaucracy. It needs a mechanism for action, investment, accountability, and results. A thoughtfully structured Disaster Recovery District can provide that mechanism, while helping Los Angeles establish a stronger model for disaster recovery citywide. Maryam Zar Founder & President Palisades Recovery Coalition