

Communication from Public

Name: Rayee

Date Submitted: 11/28/2025 06:19 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Our home burned completely in the palisades fire, and we've had to come out of pocket in so many things we should not have (temporary power poles, utility connection, etc). I am now in the process of rebuilding (like for like), and LADBS was very good during the permit approval process. However, no additional building permit fees should be charged (especially like for like). Those are fees that the city would not have collected were it not for the fire. It is unreasonable to collect money on something that we entered into involuntarily (and due to the city's negligence). Additionally, I built my home recently and already paid the permit fees several years ago. Charging again at this point is unconscionable. In conclusion, charging fire rebuilds with permit fees will ultimately deter people from rebuilding.

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Name: Patricia Collins
Date Submitted: 11/28/2025 07:47 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: All fees to rebuild homes destroyed in the wildfires should be waived. This was a natural disaster that destroyed thousands of homes. My home was destroyed as were the homes of my two daughters. One daughter had Fair Plan by necessity and is way underinsured. But even with decent insurance coverage, none of us have enough insurance to cover the cost of rebuilding when there are thousands of us in the market and experiencing surge pricing. It will cost us many many thousands over what our coverage provides and we are personally building a smaller house as we are in our 70's. It's one thing to decide to build your dream home and to accept the costs of permitting as the price of that house. But we are not that person who is building a dream home by choice. We are building by necessity. To add thousands more dollars to our certain and foreseeable losses by charging permit fees is unconscionable. This is one tangible area where the City can make a difference and it should waive these fees. It is the morally responsible thing to do given the unimaginable devastation we have all suffered and the financial losses we are all certain to suffer or have already suffered. Do the right thing. Please.

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Name: Ryan Bernet

Date Submitted: 11/28/2025 08:03 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing in strong support of waiving permit fees for Palisades fire victims. Rebuilding after this wildfire is already overwhelming for me and for my entire community. In my case, I had just completed a remodel three months before the fire and had already paid all of the required fees. Now, I am simply trying to rebuild the same home that was destroyed, and I should not have to pay those fees twice for something that was completely out of my control. Waiving these fees would provide real, meaningful relief and help families like mine begin to move forward. Thank you for considering this.

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Name: Ben Einbinder

Date Submitted: 11/28/2025 08:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, In considering the waiver of the permits fees for the rebuild of Pacific Palisades, I would implore you to take a holistic view of the impact to the city (and state) at large if the rebuild is expedited by even just one year. If homes are rebuild and the property values are reassessed back to pre-fire assessed values or higher, this will result in an increase in tax revenue to the state and city in excess of \$200M annually. The longer the rebuild takes, the more and more revenue is lost. You all should be viewing this decision through the lens of the long-term impact on the city. To date, the focus has been entirely on the immediately loss revenue/cost reimbursement which is completely short-sighted. Waiving the permit fees is not just a charitable act for the residents of Pacific Palisades - it is a rationale economic decision that is in the best interest of the city. As the decision makers of this city, you have fiduciary duties to your constituents and you should keep those in mind as you make this decision. Do what is right for your constituents. Sincerely,
Ben Einbinder

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Name: Kelly Wallace

Date Submitted: 11/28/2025 08:39 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: In regards to the file number stated, I urge all member of the Council to vote to unanimously approve to waive permit fees for ALL projects by Palisades homeowners impacted by fire and smoke damage that were a result of the Palisades Fire. We loved our home in the Palisades. We had saved money every year to work on parts of the home and finally 6 months before the Fire we had finishes. We now find ourselves needing to take our home down to the studs due to fire and amoke damage which is a decision we NEVER would have found ourselves making if it wasnt from the Fire. Dealing with insurance has been a nightmare and we are already incurring so may expenses that we had not planned for. Please vote to waive permit fees to help ensure that Palisades residents can rebuild and move back home. Our lives have been forever changed and negatively impacted by this Fire.

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Name: Eli Baker

Date Submitted: 11/28/2025 08:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council: I am a 3rd generation Los Angeleno and my four children are 4th generation. My Grandfather and Grandmother were children of immigrants - born in Los Angles in 1914 and 1919 respectively. My wife and I have lived in the Pacific Palisades area for the last 13 years, which was a remarkable little town in a great City. We lost our home to the Palisades Fires and are fighting our way back to rebuild, which will not be easy. On behalf of ourselves and every other resident of the Palisades, who are traumatized, exhausted and terribly underinsured, my family implores you to waive the building and permitting fees for everyone's rebuild. Said another way... it's the least the City can do to help us try to reclaim our lives and our community. Eli Baker (and Family)