

Communication from Public

Name: Kamala Harmony Dexter Hall

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:57 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please support the citizens of Pacific Palisades in our incredibly challenging journey to getting back in our homes. Insurance money, if you're lucky enough to have it, will not cover more than a fraction of all the rebuild costs, continuing to pay mortgage and taxes for an empty lot, and renting another home while we struggle to rebuild. We desperately need the City Council's support in waiving permit fees to assist in this long and arduous building process. Help Pacific Palisades get back home. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Judith Cimbolo
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 08:21 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: I believe these fees should be waived for a stated period of time. That said, permits must still be evaluated and align with the prescribed codes and ACR,s that are prescribed by each individual area.

Communication from Public

Name: Daniela

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 08:46 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for reading this and I will try to say something that you have not already heard to compel you to vote with a sense of civic duty as I know you done many times before. We remodeled our home 4 years ago and spent thousands on plan check fees, coastal commission waivers and permit fees. We did so and it took more out of our build budget than we had anticipated. All money lost due to the fire. We are building our house in like kind of what burned down. Making us pay these fees again and at a higher rate doesn't seem like a good way for the city to operate or least help fire victims. We should be grandfathered in and from the bottom of my heart I beg you to help us out. We don't come from money. We worked hard to buy our home 30 years ago. We are VERY active in the community. Our 2 daughters went to Marquez, Paul Revere and Pali High. They too are hard working people who never got in trouble - just people who knew the value of working hard and how lucky we/ they were to grow up in the Palisades. Our older daughter is a teacher at Marquez. We desperately want to come home. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Craig
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 04:59 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Like thousands of others in the Palisades, the January fire incinerated our home and everything inside. After years of working to make our dream come true, it was all gone in a day. Even though we were badly underinsured, we have led the way in the Palisades rebuild and revival. I had to provide hope and positivity to my three teenagers in a time of extreme trauma and struggle. We met with an architect Jan 13 and submitted all new plans Feb 28. We were approved to rebuild by DBS Mar 28 and broke ground Apr 29. We are now just days away from moving into our brand new home, the first family in town to make this happen. We were so early with all of my actions that LADBS required us to pay all fees, totaling nearly \$18,000. I was told to submit a refund request for all fees and it was quickly approved, yet we still have not received the refund from LADBS. Please be sure to approve the waiving of all of these fees for all Palisadians and make sure that I receive my refund for all fees paid. Every single dollar helps us and the Palisades community get back on our feet.

Communication from Public

Name: Alan Savoian

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 05:42 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please waive our fees for rebuilding from palisades fire. We are all underinsured and can't afford to rebuild. This will help the community. Thank you Alan

Communication from Public

Name: Gioia Frelinghuysen
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 06:19 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I am writing as a longtime resident of Pacific Palisades and as one of the many homeowners whose lives were devastated by the catastrophic fires of January 7, 2025. My home at 15860 Seabec Circle was burned to the ground, along with every home on my street and a significant portion of our broader neighborhood. In the aftermath of this disaster, our community has been working to navigate the enormous emotional and financial toll of losing everything. Rebuilding is not only essential for our families' stability but also for restoring the fabric of our neighborhood. However, the process is exceptionally arduous and costly. Many of us are facing insurance gaps, temporary housing expenses, environmental cleanup costs, and the daunting financial burden of reconstruction. For these reasons, I am respectfully requesting that the City of Los Angeles waive all permitting and related fees for residents of Pacific Palisades who lost their homes in the January 7th fires. These fees, while necessary under ordinary circumstances, represent a significant additional hardship at a moment when families are struggling to regain their footing. Granting a fee waiver—an action the City has taken in past wildfire recovery efforts elsewhere in California—would provide meaningful relief and accelerate the rebuilding process. A fee waiver would not only ease individual financial strain; it would also signal to our community that the City stands with us as we work to recover from an unprecedented loss. This support would make a tangible difference in helping families rebuild safe, resilient homes and return to their lives with dignity. Thank you for your attention, your service, and your consideration of this urgent request.

Communication from Public

Name: Cindy Kirven

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 06:23 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: My home was a total loss resulting from the Palisades Fire. I am a retired widow struggling to rebuild. I support the Mayors proposal to waive permit fees and urge the City Council to approve this action.

Communication from Public

Name: The DeMicco Family
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:05 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: City Council, There are so many families, like ours, who were dropped by our insurance carriers just months before our homes burned down. In general, we were all left underinsured by no fault of our own. The fire was no fault of our own. We just want to come back to whatever community is willing and many, many people are unable to move forward as they are on limited funds to do so. To be “charged” to build your home back after it was taken from you would cause further pain and suffering in our community. Please vote as though it were your house, and your community that burned down. What would you fight for in that scenario? Thank you for your consideration. The DeMicco Family

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Shepherd

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:09 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Whom it may concern, I am writing in support of the proposal to waive permit fees for rebuilding after the fires of January 2025. This destruction was an unforeseen hardship that nobody asked for. To ask residents to pay for permit fees on top of finding the money to rebuild while under-insured is an unnecessary burden to place upon them. Removing them will hasten our own progress towards rebuilding and helping contribute to the rebound of our neighborhood. Thank you. Richard Shepherd

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara Frankel
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:10 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: I am a 75 year old long time Palisades resident. I went to Canyon, Paul Revere and Pali High. My home was completely lost in the January fire. Despite being under-insured, I am already rebuilding. It means taking out a new mortgage, although we paid off our original mortgage as part of our retirement plan. Every dollar counts right now. Please help us by waiving all building and permit fees!

Communication from Public

Name: Debra Wilken

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:13 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a 72 year old, life long, Pacific Palisades resident whose home was destroyed on January 7, 2025. I am not rich, as is constantly the portrayal of Palisades residents. I am a senior, who is underinsured, hoping to rebuild and move back to the town I love. Please waiver the building permit fees. This fire was due to mismanagement and poor decision making by multiple LA City agencies. It was not the residents fault. We should not be the ones to have to struggle to find enough money to rebuild. Please waive the fees. Thank you, Debra

Communication from Public

Name: christopher wiehl

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:24 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please waive all rebuilding permits for the victims of the terrible fire on Jan 7. We lost our home and our entire community from so many mistakes. Please help us now attempt to rebuild without putting more road blocks up. We need help! Charging for permits would be a double tragedy at this point. Please make the right decision and encourage the rebuilding process not put up more road blocks to recovery. Much appreciated Christopher Wiehl 15861 Seabec Circle pacific palisades. Palisades strong!

Communication from Public

Name: Wes Nichols

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:37 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: URGENT – Palisades Fire Rebuild Permit Fee Waiver Office of the City Clerk Los Angeles City Council Re: Support for Waiving Plan & Permit Fees for Palisades Fire Victims Dear Council President and Honorable Councilmembers, We are homeowners who nearly lost our home in the Palisades fire. Our house, everything we owned, and all of our family memories are damaged or destroyed forever. Like many others, we did not receive enough money from insurance to cover the full cost of rebuilding. The additional cost of plan check and permit fees is a serious financial burden. Without these fees being waived, we may simply not be able to rebuild at all. We strongly support the Mayor's bill to waive plan and permit fees for fire victims, and we urgently ask you to approve it. We are asking you to help us and our neighbors come home. Please vote YES to waive plan and permit fees for all Palisades fire victims. Thank you for your time, your compassion, and your service to our community.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Wagner Barton
Date Submitted: 11/28/2025 05:55 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: Please! The Palisades community has been through hell and back. Help us out by waiving all permit fees for our homes!! We are counting on you.

Communication from Public

Name: David

Date Submitted: 11/28/2025 12:09 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: You must eliminate these permit and planning fees! We the Palisades community is suffering financially so much we are desperate for all the help we can get to help rebuild. This and the ULA are the biggest factors needed to be eliminated to save our communities! PLEASE take care of us

Communication from Public

Name: Declan Durcan
Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 06:45 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: URGENT – Palisades Fire Rebuild Permit Fee Waiver Office of the City Clerk Los Angeles City Council Re: Support for Waiving Plan & Permit Fees for Palisades Fire Victims Dear Council President and Honorable Councilmembers, We are homeowners who lost our home at 654 Palmera Ave, Pacific Palisades in the Palisades fire. Our house, everything we owned, and all of our family memories are gone. What we have now is simply a burned, empty lot. Like many others, we did not receive enough money from insurance to cover the full cost of rebuilding. We are already struggling just to figure out how we can ever return home. The additional cost of plan check and permit fees is a serious financial burden. Without these fees being waived, we may simply not be able to rebuild at all. We strongly support the Mayor’s bill to waive plan and permit fees for fire victims, and we urgently ask you to approve it. Please ensure that the waiver applies to all homes being rebuilt, including: • Condos • Townhomes • Mobile homes • Small apartment buildings • Houses that might otherwise be disqualified on technicalities Everyone who lost their home in this fire deserves the same opportunity to rebuild, regardless of the type of structure or minor paperwork issues. We are asking you to help us and our neighbors come home. Please vote YES to waive plan and permit fees for all Palisades fire victims. Thank you for your time, your compassion, and your service to our community. Sincerely, Declan and Rose Durcan Former homeowners at 654 Palmera Ave, Pacific Palisades, CA Phone: 917-709-2957 Email: declan.durcan@gmail.com

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Robbins

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 03:56 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote yes to waive building permit fees for the January 2025 fire survivors, following the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation — with an additional amendment including condominiums and apartments. We, like the 1000s of Angeleno fire survivors, need your vote. We want to rebuild our lives, neighborhoods, and the very fabric of our community. We can't rebuild our homes without help as virtually everyone was uninsured or, at best, underinsured. Insurance companies are paying out 20% - 40% effectively slow rolling us to settle and move on. An assault disproportionately falling on the elderly. Fee waivers are the simplest, most cost-effective action to quickly recover precious housing stock. As history shows, it is the shortest route to get property and sales taxes flowing into city coffers funding the rest of the city. The short-term benefit of collecting cost recovery fees pales in comparison to the long-term tax revenue benefits. Condos and apartments must be included. Condo and apartment owners are fire survivors with many units representing some of the few sources of affordable housing in our community. In the true spirit of local community investment, many condos and small apartment buildings are owned by individual or small groups of investors living out the American dream. If these residents can't rebuild, we lose homes, affordability, and diversity. Rebuilding these structures is critical to keeping families, seniors, and every community member in Los Angeles. The budget assumptions presented to the finance committee are simply wrong. The idea that 100% of the homes rebuild at 150% of the 2024 size does not comport with other communities where 35% to 60% of the homes are rebuilt after 7 years. We are 10 months out and less than 1% have been rebuilt. We think the \$250 million in lost fees is pure fantasy. Developers shouldn't be the ones to benefit. If you vote no to fee waivers, you hurt your fellow Angelenas who lost everything. The developers — who often buy up lots from uninsured and underinsured homeowners at a discount from pre fire values— are the ones who gain. It is the individual Angeleno who pays regardless of who builds back the housing stock. The key here is community, and the City of Los Angeles is a wonderfully diverse community whose power is derived from our shared commitment to one another. Everything we do sets the tone for how we are there for

each other in this tumultuous time. Don't look away. Don't stand by. Act to mend the fabric of our family, community, of humanity.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 04:52 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: If you want Palisadians to return and help rebuild the Palisades, please waive the permit fees.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 04:52 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: If you want Palisadians to return and help rebuild the Palisades, please waive the permit fees.

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Guerin

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 07:21 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: As a members of the Pacific Palisades community who lost our home in fire, we strongly support and would greatly appreciate a waiver of the building permit in connection with rebuilding our home. It would really help! Thanks!

Communication from Public

Name: Arvand

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 10:28 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Our house burned down. We lost everything. We are doing are best to scrape together as much as we can for a rebuild. Please waive all permit fees for rebuilding. We are doing the best we can but will need all the help we can get.

Communication from Public

Name: David Greenwald

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 02:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please approve the full waiver of all City permit fees, plan-check fees, and related charges for property owners rebuilding homes lost in the Palisades Fire. For the vast majority of Pacific Palisades residents, insurance payouts fall far short of today's actual rebuilding costs. Many families are already facing gaps of hundreds of thousands of dollars—or more—before they even begin the permitting process. Adding tens of thousands in City fees on top of that financial burden will only delay or prevent people from rebuilding their lives in the community they love. Waiving these fees is one of the most direct and immediate ways the City of Los Angeles can help Pacific Palisades recover quickly, keep families in their neighborhood, preserve our tax base, and restore the community's character and vitality. Other cities in California have granted similar fee waivers after major wildfires with great success, and Los Angeles should do the same. Please vote YES on the permit-fee waiver motion (CF 25-0006-S57) and give Palisades fire victims the relief they desperately need to rebuild without unnecessary financial obstacles. Thank you for your leadership and compassion during this difficult time. Respectfully and thank you in advance, David Greenwald (Palisades Fire Survivor and currently rebuilding)

Communication from Public

Name: Maritza.roberts@yahoo.com

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 02:47 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, Thank you for the opportunity to comment. As a longtime Palisadian who lost my home, I'm concerned that the cost estimates presented for waiving permit fees don't match available LADBS data. There is clear precedent: after the Northridge earthquake, all rebuilding fees were waived. I respectfully ask the Council to waive building permit fees for all fire victims. I've lived in the Palisades for 23 years, and the cost to start over is overwhelming. This disaster was not our fault. Thank you for your time. Maritza

Communication from Public

Name: Caitlyn Crisp

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 06:26 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please waive the permit fees for all Palisades rebuilds, even those going beyond 110%. Our three young daughters are growing up as we are displaced from the Palisades and we'd like to build back a house to accommodate our family. Those of us who are increasing square footage for our rebuilds should not be penalized.

Communication from Public

Name: Karee Rowen

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 09:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, My name is Karee Rowen. I lost my home in Pacific Palisades, and this has been an extremely traumatic year for me. I am trying to rebuild my life and my home, but the financial strain is overwhelming. I am respectfully asking for a waiver of the permit fees. Any help you can offer would make a meaningful difference as I work to recover from this loss. Thank you for your compassion and understanding.
Sincerely, Karee Rowen