

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Beth Andersen

**Date Submitted:** 12/01/2025 05:03 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S57

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in support of waiving the building permit fees for Pacific Palisades residents. My husband and I are in our seventies. We have lived at 921 Iliff Street for forty years. We lost our only child to CoVid on Sept. 28, 2023 and then we lost everything we treasured on January 7th. We had slowly improved our home over those forty years as we were able. The house was in good condition and we had no desire to remodel at this stage in our lives. We paid building permit fees when we added a second story to the home. Now, we are being forced to rebuild. Like almost everyone, we are underinsured. In fact, insurance is denying coverage that we we have paid for for 30 years. We are digging very deep into our retirement funds to rebuild. We are professional musicians who have lost a massive sum in grand piano and so many instruments and recording equipment and so much which insurance does not cover. Please understand that we are trying to go home and we are struggling to make the numbers work. It's a short walk up the hill to the Chautauqua Reservoir and station 69 in just 4 blocks away. We are paying dearly for this tragedy. Thank you for allowing us to comment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Natasha

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

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S57

**Comments for Public Posting:** We have suffered a total loss in the fire in Palisades on January 7th 2025, we lived in the house since 1993. Planning to rebuild and everything helps. We both are seniors, 65 and 67 years old

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lucinda Mariscal

**Date Submitted:** 12/01/2025 02:26 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S57

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please waive all permit fees associated with rebuilding homes from the Palisades Fire. We have been in our home since 1996 It is overwhelming to have this challenge in our lives to rebuild our home. We want to help our community by supporting the efforts to eliminate permitting fees. Many neighbors need help with their post fire insurance navigation. Please consider what the Palisades has experienced this past year! We want home being built as soon as possible with more cooperation and leadership!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark Stankevich

**Date Submitted:** 12/01/2025 10:02 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S57

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am in favor of waiving permit and plan check fees for homes being rebuild or repaired by their former owners after destruction or damage from the January 2025 fires. It is hard enough without having to incur these fees. This is one concrete way the city can help the restoration process

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patrick Ashby Sr.

**Date Submitted:** 12/01/2025 10:25 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S57

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Los Angeles City Council Members. I am a 60-year-old life-long resident of Pacific Palisades. Both my wife and our 4 grown children are also proud life-long Palisadians & Angelenos. I am kindly & respectfully asking that all of you please vote to waive all permit fees for those of us who will be rebuilding our homes and our lives in the town that my entire family has been deeply rooted in for generations. 11 months have passed since the historical conflagration of January 7th which has now and forever changed our lives. We have been patient and most of us have relatively kept silenced our emotions and frustrations, as we trust that our State & City Leadership would have devised action plans by now on how to help rebuild Pacific Palisades. Instead of any assistance though, we have found our entire community has since been abandoned as we are continually served up with meaningless rhetoric, no real strategic plan on rebuilding homes, businesses and the infrastructure along with not one ounce of accountability taken in what is now a mis-guided leadership system failure of monumental proportions. Most of us are not flush with endless streams of cash or funding sources and that the insurance companies have left us in having to now pay out of pocket in order to rebuild our homes. How has this disaster (or as of late October's findings) this act of arson, hatred, mis-management and murder now become our responsibility? We're now left having to hold the strings despite all of the preventative measures we took annually as homeowners in fire-proofing our properties, paying high taxes that fund the Los Angeles Fire Department and paid expensive fire insurance premiums, only to receive almost nothing. Having built our home myself just over 25 years ago, we we're the first homeowners to have developed an increase and updated value on our immediate block, and thereafter comparable homes in similar value had been built thus providing an increased property tax base for both the City and the County. At this point now, in order for me to rebuild our home with a pre-fire valuation close to \$5,000,000, there is not enough in insurance pay-out for me to rebuild of that value. By having each one of your support in voting to waive the permit fees will significantly help us to come back home and put all of us homeowners onto a trajectory once again of much needed increased tax revenue. With the beautiful beaches, plentiful hiking trails and wonderful retail businesses,

Pacific Palisades has always been a community of inclusion and diversity. Pacific Palisades is a community that has also created thousands of jobs & countless economic opportunities. Pacific Palisades is a community where our elders found peace in leaving the lives they worked and planned for, and for their children to carry on legacies. In having the City of Los Angeles waiving the permit fees will show an honest, motivated and unified effort in recovery. It'll show that our leaders have our backs and that they too care about their home just as much as we do; The City of Los Angeles including CD11, Pacific Palisades. With Gratitude, Warm Regards & Holiday Cheer. Patrick Ashby 424.420.8425

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 12/01/2025 11:25 AM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S57

**Comments for Public Posting:** We lost our home in the Palisades fire. We are requesting that the permit fees be waived so that we can rebuild our home as soon as possible.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karen G Fairbank

**Date Submitted:** 12/01/2025 12:00 PM

**Council File No:** 25-0006-S57

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please waive the building fees for victims in the fire areas. I am writing as a resident of almost 50 years of Pacific Palisades. The Palisades is not filled only with rich people. There are many of us who simply bought our houses a long time ago and are not rich, including most of my neighbors. We were lucky that our house didn't burn down (well, sort of lucky) but all the houses around us are gone and we hope that our neighbors of 50 years can rebuild. Every dollar towards rebuilding is important, especially with the terrible treatment that the insurance companies are dealing to victims. It's the least that you can do to help. Thank you!!