

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to request support from all City Council members to SUPPORT PERMIT FEE WAIVERS for ALL required permits for work related to the Palisades Fire. We lost our home in the Palisades Fire. We bought the house during COVID and did an extension renovation, jacking up the entire house and re-building a pre-Northridge foundation, to maintain the character of the surrounding neighborhood, and added a pool. HENCE, WE JUST PAID PERMIT FEES for all of this work...it is a true hardship to have to pay fees on top of construction costs due to the devastation of the fire. We continue to be disappointed by our insurance coverage, not to mention the process, and the SBA Loan we were originally immediately approved for has been retracted. It is very important to us to save costs where we can, given these uncertain market times to be able to complete the project and not leave an empty lot, or worse, one that is unfinished. There will be plenty of economic stimulus to the City broadly from the rebuild including supplies, materials, employment, associated services that go along with a neighborhood re-building. We have lived in FIVE of the 15 Council districts across the City over our time in LA. This affects everyone. Thank you for your consideration!