

Communication from Public

Name: Christine J. Russo

Date Submitted: 01/13/2026 09:19 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Christine J. Russo 3 Kiki Place Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 chris@pacelinepictures.com January 13, 2026 Subject: Please Waive Plan Check and Building Permit Fees for All Pacific Palisades Fire Survivors Dear Councilmember: My property was the last real estate transaction prior to the Palisades Fire — I closed escrow at 3 Kiki Place the day before it burned to the ground. I never got the keys. Now I am saddled with a huge mortgage on nothing, and no promise I will be able to rebuild. Waiving any fees to help me recover would be a tremendous help. I respectfully urge you to vote YES on waiving plan check and building permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors — especially owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings, which constitute the community's remaining affordable housing. Waiving rebuilding fees for all Palisadians is a matter of equity. Failure to waive these fees will directly cause displacement. Rebuilding fees are not a minor inconvenience; for multi-unit homeowners and renters, they are a decisive barrier to recovery. Residents in these housing types are disproportionately retirees, underinsured households, and people with limited access to credit. Without relief, many will never return. This displacement is already happening. Two condominium/townhome HOAs — representing 61 households — have been forced to sell their land because they could not afford to rebuild. This is not an anomaly; it is a warning. Residents of Tahitian Terrace are fighting to return to the property, we are moving into year two of terrible uncertainty. Without immediate and universal fee relief, more multi-unit housing will fail, more land will be sold, and more affordable housing will be permanently lost. The City Administrative Officer's estimate of the cost to waive fees is fundamentally flawed. The revised \$278M figure assumes that 100% of affected properties will rebuild at 150% of their original size. This assumption is contradicted by decades of post-fire rebuilding data in California, which shows that only about 40% of properties are rebuilt by original owners. Multi-unit housing is typically rebuilt at or near original size due to insurance limits, HOA rules, zoning constraints, and financing realities. Plan check and permit fees for multi-unit housing represent a negligible portion of overall rebuilding costs, yet they are enough to prevent recovery for the

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Name: Richard Wurtz

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Communication from Public

Name: Felicia

Date Submitted: 01/13/2026 04:15 PM

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Name: donna burkons

Date Submitted: 01/13/2026 02:05 PM

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