

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 09:42 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Please Waive Plan Check and Building Permit Fees for All Pacific Palisades Fire Survivors Dear Councilmember Raman, My husband and I are senior citizen retirees who lost our home one year ago in the Palisades fire. We are on a fixed income, trying to rebuild our home. We are underinsured and were recently informed that our income is not high enough to qualify for an SBA loan. We, along with thousands of Angelenos who lost their homes overnight to the catastrophic January 7th fire did not choose this loss, yet we now face city fees simply to rebuild. For us and especially fellow seniors and residents of multi-unit housing, these fees are not incidental—they are a decisive barrier that will force displacement. Waiving rebuilding fees is a matter of fairness and common sense. We respectfully urge you to vote yes on waiving plan check and building permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors, including owners of homes, condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings that make up much of the community's remaining affordable housing. The City Administrative Officer's \$278 million estimate of potentially waived fees is based on unrealistic assumptions—that every affected property will rebuild at up to 150% of its original size. Decades of post-fire rebuilding data in California show that only about 40% of properties are typically rebuilt by original owners, and most rebuilds are close to original size due to insurance limits, zoning rules, HOA restrictions, and financing constraints. The estimate significantly overstates any potential loss. Under realistic assumptions, the City will still collect substantial new revenue from post-fire rebuilding. If roughly 60% of properties are sold and rebuilt by new owners, the City would generate an estimated \$166.8 million in permit and plan check fees—revenue that would not exist without the fire. Waiving fees for original owners does not deprive the City; it accelerates recovery. Los Angeles is one city. This is not a request to subsidize a single neighborhood—it is a choice about whether the City will allow displacement to cascade across the housing system. Preventing the loss of houses and multi-unit housing in Pacific Palisades reduces pressure on already scarce housing citywide, protects the tax base, and supports jobs. Many Los Angeles residents live in a high risk fire area and all areas are vulnerable to earthquakes. If disaster struck any city council

member's district tomorrow, their constituents would expect fairness, urgency, and leadership. Pacific Palisades residents deserve the same. For these reasons, I urge you to vote in favor of waiving plan check and building permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors. Sincerely, Evette Richardson 537 Ocampo Drive, Pacific Palisades, 90272

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 09:47 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I respectfully urge you to vote to adopt the CAO's recommendation Option 1 filed today, Jan. 16, 2026, to waive plan check and permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors, especially owners of multifamily condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings, which constitute the community's remaining affordable housing. We lived in the lower Woodies condos in the Palisades. Your support is very much appreciated and necessary for our return to our home and our community. Sincerely, Carole J. White

Communication from Public

Name: Bart A Jereb

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 04:57 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, My wife and I lost our townhome (in fact, the whole community) in the Palisades Fire. We have been displaced since the first night of January 7, 2025 and will continue to be until our rebuild is complete which is expected to be some time in 2027 provided everything goes smoothly. To that end, waiving permit and plan check fees would be a great help to keeping rebuilding costs down for not only our home owners association, but also for each of the 36 unit owners. I respectfully urge you to vote to adopt the CAO's recommendation Option 1 filed today, Jan. 16, 2026, to waive plan check and permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors, especially owners of multifamily condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings, which constitute the community's remaining affordable housing.

(https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0006-s57_rpt_cao_1-16-26.pdf)

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; they are a decisive barrier to recovery for multi-unit homeowners and renters. Residents of these housing types are disproportionately retirees, underinsured, and have limited access to credit. Without relief, many will never return. This displacement is already happening. Two condominium HOAs, representing 61 households, have been forced to sell their land because they could not afford to rebuild and at least two other developments are seriously considering doing the same. This is not an anomaly; it is a warning. 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. Los Angeles is one city. This is not a request to subsidize a single neighborhood; it is about preventing displacement, preserving housing diversity, and ensuring recovery does not favor only those with the greatest financial means. Preventing the loss of multi-unit housing in Pacific Palisades reduces pressure on already scarce housing citywide, protects the tax base, and supports jobs. Should disaster strike your district tomorrow, your constituents would expect fairness, urgency, and leadership. Pacific Palisades residents deserve the same. I urge you to stand for equity, prevent permanent displacement, and vote "yes" to waive plan check and building permit fees for all impacted Palisadians, especially owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings. Sincerely, Bart A Jereb 1287 Palisades Dr Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Communication from Public

Name: Annette Yu

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 04:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please waive the permit fees for those of us rebuilding our homes due to the devastating fires that started on January 7, 2025. We want to rebuild our 1800 square foot house- possibly adding 500 square feet to make it adaptable to multi-generational living given that this was the only home our three children have known. Please also include condominiums, apartments and other multi-occupant structures in your consideration. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Reena E Jereb

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 05:11 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, My husband and I lost our townhome (in fact, the whole community) in the Palisades Fire. I retired in August of 2024 and my husband had planned to retire in November of 2026. Because of our uncertain financial future, he is continuing to work for the foreseeable future and beyond the suggested retirement age of 67. We have been displaced since the first night of January 7, 2025 and will continue to be until our rebuild is complete which is expected to be 2027 or 2028 provided everything goes smoothly. To that end, waiving permit and plan check fees would be a great help to keeping rebuilding costs down for not only our home owners association, but also for each of the 36 unit owners. I respectfully urge you to vote to adopt the CAO's recommendation Option 1 filed today, Jan. 16, 2026, to waive plan check and permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors, especially owners of multifamily condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings, which constitute the community's remaining affordable housing. (https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0006-s57_rpt_cao_1-16-26.pdf) 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; they are a decisive barrier to recovery for multi-unit homeowners and renters. Residents of these housing types are disproportionately retirees, underinsured, and have limited access to credit. Without relief, many will never return. This displacement is already happening. Two condominium HOAs, representing 61 households, have been forced to sell their land because they could not afford to rebuild and at least two other developments are seriously considering doing the same. This is not an anomaly; it is a warning. 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. Los Angeles is one city. This is not a request to subsidize a single neighborhood; it is about preventing displacement, preserving housing diversity, and ensuring recovery does not favor only those with the greatest financial means. Preventing the loss of multi-unit housing in Pacific Palisades reduces pressure on already scarce housing citywide, protects the tax base, and supports jobs. Should disaster strike your district tomorrow, your constituents would expect fairness, urgency, and leadership. Pacific Palisades residents deserve the same. I urge you to stand for equity, prevent permanent displacement, and vote "yes" to waive plan check and building permit fees for all impacted Palisadians, especially owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings. Sincerely, Reena E Jereb 1287 Palisades Dr Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Peterson-Manz
Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 03:28 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I respectfully urge you to vote to adopt the CAO's recommendation Option 1 filed today, Jan. 16, 2026, to waive plan check and permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors, especially owners of multifamily condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings, which constitute the community's remaining affordable housing. (https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0006-s57_rpt_cao_1-16-26.pdf) 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; they are a decisive barrier to recovery for multi-unit homeowners and renters. Residents of these housing types are disproportionately retirees, underinsured, and have limited access to credit. Without relief, many will never return. This displacement is already happening. Two condominium HOAs, representing 61 households, have been forced to sell their land because they could not afford to rebuild and at least two other developments are seriously considering doing the same. This is not an anomaly; it is a warning. 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. Los Angeles is one city. This is not a request to subsidize a single neighborhood; it is about preventing displacement, preserving housing diversity, and ensuring recovery does not favor only those with the greatest financial means. Preventing the loss of multi-unit housing in Pacific Palisades reduces pressure on already scarce housing citywide, protects the tax base, and supports jobs. Should disaster strike your district tomorrow, your constituents would expect fairness, urgency, and leadership. Pacific Palisades residents deserve the same. I urge you to stand for equity, prevent permanent displacement, and vote "yes" to waive plan check and building permit fees for all impacted Palisadians, especially owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings. Sincerely, Julie Peterson-Manz 1295 Palisades Drive Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Communication from Public

Name: Adrian Manz

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 03:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I respectfully urge you to vote to adopt the CAO's recommendation Option 1 filed today, Jan. 16, 2026, to waive plan check and permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors, especially owners of multifamily condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings, which constitute the community's remaining affordable housing. (https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0006-s57_rpt_cao_1-16-26.pdf) 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; they are a decisive barrier to recovery for multi-unit homeowners and renters. Residents of these housing types are disproportionately retirees, underinsured, and have limited access to credit. Without relief, many will never return. This displacement is already happening. Two condominium HOAs, representing 61 households, have been forced to sell their land because they could not afford to rebuild and at least two other developments are seriously considering doing the same. This is not an anomaly; it is a warning. 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. Los Angeles is one city. This is not a request to subsidize a single neighborhood; it is about preventing displacement, preserving housing diversity, and ensuring recovery does not favor only those with the greatest financial means. Preventing the loss of multi-unit housing in Pacific Palisades reduces pressure on already scarce housing citywide, protects the tax base, and supports jobs. Should disaster strike your district tomorrow, your constituents would expect fairness, urgency, and leadership. Pacific Palisades residents deserve the same. I urge you to stand for equity, prevent permanent displacement, and vote "yes" to waive plan check and building permit fees for all impacted Palisadians, especially owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings. Sincerely, Adrian Manz 1295 Palisades Dr Pacific Palisades CA 90272

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 03:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: While waiving fees for plan checks and permits has been very helpful for single family home owners who lost their houses in the fire, it is even more important for those of us in multifamily condominiums. I respectfully urge you to vote to adopt the CAO's recommendation Option 1 filed today, Jan. 16, 2026, to waive plan check and permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors, especially owners of multifamily condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings, which constitute the community's remaining affordable housing. (https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0006-s57_rpt_cao_1-16-26.pdf) 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; they are a decisive barrier to recovery for multi-unit homeowners and renters. Residents of these housing types are disproportionately retirees, underinsured, and have limited access to credit. Without relief, many will never return. This displacement is already happening. Two condominium HOAs, representing 61 households, have been forced to sell their land because they could not afford to rebuild and at least two other developments are seriously considering doing the same. This is not an anomaly; it is a warning. 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. Los Angeles is one city. This is not a request to subsidize a single neighborhood; it is about preventing displacement, preserving housing diversity, and ensuring recovery does not favor only those with the greatest financial means. Preventing the loss of multi-unit housing in Pacific Palisades reduces pressure on already scarce housing citywide, protects the tax base, and supports jobs. Should disaster strike your district tomorrow, your constituents would expect fairness, urgency, and leadership. Pacific Palisades residents deserve the same. I urge you to stand for equity, prevent permanent displacement, and vote "yes" to waive plan check and building permit fees for all impacted Palisadians, especially owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 04:00 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember: We respectfully urge you to vote to adopt the CAO's recommendation Option 1 filed today, January 16, 2026, to waive plan check and permit fees for ALL Pacific Palisades fire survivors, ESPECIALLY owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings, which constitute the community's only remaining affordable housing. Waiving rebuilding fees for all Palisadians is a matter of EQUITY. Failure to waive these fees will directly cause more displacement. Rebuilding fees are not a "minor inconvenience"; they are a DECISIVE BARRIER to recovery for multi-unit homeowners and renters. Residents of these housing types are disproportionately retirees, underinsured, and have limited access to credit. Without relief from the plan check and permit fees, many of these homeowners will never return. This displacement is already happening. Two condominium HOAs in Pacific Palisades, representing 61 households, have been forced to sell their land because they cannot afford to rebuild, and at least two other HOA developments are seriously considering doing the same. THIS IS NOT AN ANOMALY. Without immediate and universal fee relief, more multi-unit housing will fail, more land will be sold to developers of expensive housing, and more affordable housing will be PERMANENTLY LOST. We have been homeowners of a Pacific Palisades townhome since 1988. We raised our family there. We are over age 70, retired, and live on our Social Security and savings; we do not have pensions of any kind. We cannot afford to purchase replacement housing anywhere in Pacific Palisades or even elsewhere in Los Angeles. The Palisades Fire destroyed our home and all possessions in our home. We do not have insurance to pay for our temporary housing, and we are currently spending down our savings at a rapid rate to pay rent--the very savings that were intended to carry us through our senior years. We understand that the plan check and permits to rebuild our HOA's 36 townhomes will be approximately \$900,000 (\$25,000 per townhome), on top of the enormous costs we already face to rebuild our 36 townhomes. That likely would be the final blow to our HOA that would prevent us from rebuilding and permanently displace the 36 households in our HOA. Los Angeles is one city. This is not a request to subsidize just a single neighborhood. Rather, it is about PREVENTING

DISPLACEMENT, PRESERVING HOUSING DIVERSITY, and ensuring that recovery from the horrendous Palisades Fire does not favor only those with the greatest financial means (and, despite media comments to the contrary, everyone who was living in Pacific Palisades at the time of the Palisades Fire does NOT have the means to financially rebuild their destroyed homes). If disaster were to strike your district tomorrow, your constituents would expect fairness, urgency, and leadership. Pacific Palisades residents deserve the same. We urge you to stand for equity, to prevent permanent displacement, and to vote "yes" to waive plan check and building permit fees for ALL impacted Palisadians, and especially owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings. Sincerely, Regina Covitt and Salah Bendifallah 1285 Palisades Drive Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 [our destroyed home address]

Communication from Public

Name: William S. Ponty

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 03:14 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I respectfully urge you to vote to adopt the CAO's recommendation Option 1 filed today, Jan. 16, 2026, to waive plan check and permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors, especially owners of multifamily condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings, which constitute the community's remaining affordable housing. (https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0006-s57_rpt_cao_1-16-26.pdf) 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; they are a decisive barrier to recovery for multi-unit homeowners and renters. Residents of these housing types are disproportionately retirees, underinsured, and have limited access to credit. Without relief, many will never return. This displacement is already happening. Two condominium HOAs, representing 61 households, have been forced to sell their land because they could not afford to rebuild and at least two other developments are seriously considering doing the same. This is not an anomaly; it is a warning. 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. Los Angeles is one city. This is not a request to subsidize a single neighborhood; it is about preventing displacement, preserving housing diversity, and ensuring recovery does not favor only those with the greatest financial means. Preventing the loss of multi-unit housing in Pacific Palisades reduces pressure on already scarce housing citywide, protects the tax base, and supports jobs. Should disaster strike your district tomorrow, your constituents would expect fairness, urgency, and leadership. Pacific Palisades residents deserve the same. I urge you to stand for equity, prevent permanent displacement, and vote "yes" to waive plan check and building permit fees for all impacted Palisadians, especially owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings. Sincerely, William Ponty 1315 Palisades Drive, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Communication from Public

Name: Penny St John

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 03:15 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Please Waive Plan Check and Building Permit Fees for All Pacific Palisades Fire Survivors Dear Councilmembers, I respectfully urge you to vote yes on waiving plan check and building permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors, including owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings that make up much of the community's remaining affordable housing. On January 7, 2025, thousands of Angelenos lost their homes overnight to a catastrophic fire. None of us chose this loss, yet we now face city fees simply to rebuild. For many, especially seniors like me and residents of multi-unit housing, these fees are not incidental—they are a decisive barrier that will force displacement. Without universal fee relief, our most vulnerable residents and much of the community's affordable housing will be permanently lost. Waiving rebuilding fees is a matter of fairness and common sense. The City Administrative Officer's \$278 million estimate of potentially waived fees is based on unrealistic assumptions—that every affected property will rebuild at up to 150% of its original size. Decades of post-fire rebuilding data in California show that only about 40% of properties are typically rebuilt by original owners, and most rebuilds are close to original size due to insurance limits, zoning rules, HOA restrictions, and financing constraints. The estimate significantly overstates any potential loss. This figure is not a cost; it is a theoretical maximum revenue estimate. Under realistic assumptions, the City will still collect substantial new revenue from post-fire rebuilding. If roughly 60% of properties are sold and rebuilt by new owners, the City would generate an estimated \$166.8 million in permit and plan check fees—revenue that would not exist without the fire. Waiving fees for original owners does not deprive the City; it accelerates recovery. Los Angeles is one city. This is not a request to subsidize a single neighborhood—it is a choice about whether the City will allow displacement to cascade across the housing system. Preventing the loss of houses and multi-unit housing in Pacific Palisades reduces pressure on already scarce housing citywide, protects the tax base, and supports jobs. If a disaster struck your district tomorrow, your constituents would expect fairness, urgency, and leadership. Pacific Palisades residents deserve the same. For these reasons, I urge you to vote in favor of waiving plan check and

building permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors.
Sincerely, Penny St John (1054 Hartzell Street, Pacific Palisades,
CA 90272)

Subject: Please Waive Plan Check and Building Permit Fees for **All** Pacific Palisades Fire Survivors

Dear Councilmembers,

I respectfully urge you to vote **yes** on waiving plan check and building permit fees for **all** Pacific Palisades fire survivors, **including owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings that make up much of the community's remaining affordable housing.**

On January 7, 2025, thousands of Angelenos lost their homes overnight to a catastrophic fire. None of us chose this loss, yet we now face city fees simply to rebuild. For many, especially seniors like me and residents of multi-unit housing, these fees are not incidental—they are a decisive barrier that will force displacement. **Without universal fee relief, our most vulnerable residents and much of the community's affordable housing will be permanently lost.** Waiving rebuilding fees is a matter of fairness and common sense.

The City Administrative Officer's \$278 million estimate of potentially waived fees is based on unrealistic assumptions—that every affected property will rebuild at up to 150% of its original size. Decades of post-fire rebuilding data in California show that only about 40% of properties are typically rebuilt by original owners, and most rebuilds are close to original size due to insurance limits, zoning rules, HOA restrictions, and financing constraints. The estimate significantly overstates any potential loss.

This figure is not a cost; it is a theoretical maximum revenue estimate. Under realistic assumptions, the City will still collect substantial new revenue from post-fire rebuilding. If roughly 60% of properties are sold and rebuilt by new owners, the City would generate an estimated **\$166.8 million** in permit and plan check fees—revenue that would not exist without the fire. **Waiving fees for original owners does not deprive the City; it accelerates recovery.**

Los Angeles is one city. **This is not a request to subsidize a single neighborhood—it is a choice about whether the City will allow displacement to cascade across the housing system.** Preventing the loss of houses and multi-unit housing in Pacific Palisades reduces pressure on already scarce housing citywide, protects the tax base, and supports jobs. If a disaster struck your district tomorrow, your constituents would expect fairness, urgency, and leadership. Pacific Palisades residents deserve the same.

For these reasons, I urge you to **vote in favor of waiving plan check and building permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors.**

Sincerely,

Penny St John (1054 Hartzell Street, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272)

Communication from Public

Name: Kiela Hine

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 08:25 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Please Waive Plan Check and Building Permit Fees for All Pacific Palisades Fire Survivors Dear Councilmember, 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. 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 \$278 million 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 most vulnerable residents. Worse still, denying this relief is fiscally unsound. Approximately 60% of all properties will be sold and rebuilt by new owners, generating an estimated \$166.8 million in permit and plan check fees—revenue the City would not otherwise receive. Waiving fees for original owners does not deprive the City; it accelerates recovery. Los Angeles is one city. This is not a request to subsidize a single neighborhood—it is a choice about whether the City will allow displacement to cascade across the housing system. Preventing the loss of multi-unit

housing in Pacific Palisades reduces pressure on already scarce housing citywide, protects the tax base, and supports jobs. If a disaster struck your district tomorrow, your constituents would expect fairness, urgency, and leadership. Pacific Palisades residents deserve the same. I urge you to stand for equity, prevent permanent displacement, and vote to waive plan check and building permit fees for all impacted Palisadians—especially owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings. Sincerely, Kiela Hine 362 N. Las Casas Ave Pacific Palisades, 90272

Communication from Public

Name: Joel Frederico

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 01:02 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, My family lost everything but the clothes on our backs, as we fled the Palisades fire. We are trying to rebuild our condo, but the costs are high and our budget is very tight. I am serving on the board of my HOA, trying to do the best I can for my community, as I'm sure you are too. We need your help. I respectfully urge you to vote to adopt the CAO's recommendation Option 1 filed today, Jan. 16, 2026, to waive plan check and permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors, especially owners of multifamily condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings, which constitute the community's remaining affordable housing.
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Failure to waive these fees will directly cause displacement. Rebuilding fees are not a minor inconvenience; they are a decisive barrier to recovery for multi-unit homeowners and renters. Residents of these housing types are disproportionately retirees, underinsured, and have limited access to credit. Without relief, many will never return. Joel Frederico 1273 Palisades Dr., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 01:17 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: William H. Borthwick

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 03:00 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Many homeowners in the Pacific Palisades are without insurance or have insurance amounts available that far less than rebuilding cost. By waiving permitting fees, our City helps expedite the rebuilding process and lets homeowners afford to rebuild rather than being forced to sell to speculators and hedge funds. It is a wonderful gesture by the City as a whole to help our burned out commuter back on its feet more quickly with more of our residents coming back. Please vote to waive permitting fees.

Communication from Public

Name: Peggy
Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 01:27 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: Please help home owners burned out in the palisades fire.
(Including townhomes) rebuild by waiving fees.

Communication from Public

Name: Scott Mischel

Date Submitted: 01/16/2026 01:30 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmember, I respectfully urge you to vote to adopt the CAO's recommendation Option 1 filed today, Jan. 16, 2026, to waive plan check and permit fees for all Pacific Palisades fire survivors, especially owners of multifamily condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings, which constitute the community's remaining affordable housing. (https://cityclerk.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2025/25-0006-s57_rpt_cao_1-16-26.pdf) 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; they are a decisive barrier to recovery for multi-unit homeowners and renters. Residents of these housing types are disproportionately retirees, underinsured, and have limited access to credit. Without relief, many will never return. This displacement is already happening. Two condominium HOAs, representing 61 households, have been forced to sell their land because they could not afford to rebuild and at least two other developments are seriously considering doing the same. This is not an anomaly; it is a warning. 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. Los Angeles is one city. This is not a request to subsidize a single neighborhood; it is about preventing displacement, preserving housing diversity, and ensuring recovery does not favor only those with the greatest financial means. Preventing the loss of multi-unit housing in Pacific Palisades reduces pressure on already scarce housing citywide, protects the tax base, and supports jobs. Should disaster strike your district tomorrow, your constituents would expect fairness, urgency, and leadership. Pacific Palisades residents deserve the same. I urge you to stand for equity, prevent permanent displacement, and vote "yes" to waive plan check and building permit fees for all impacted Palisadians, especially owners of condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and apartment buildings. Sincerely, Scott Mischel 1289 Palisades Dr. Pacific Palisades, Ca. 90272

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Due to the loss of our Townhome complex/Santa Ynez Canyon HOA and previously known as the "Lower Woodies" I am writing on behalf of myself and the rest of our community. I have been a resident and "taxpayer" of Pacific Palisades and California for over 40 years and I am asking if the City of Los Angeles could take into consideration of the "total loss" and the magnitude of the current situation of over 50% of the Pacific Palisades residents and to PLEASE waive the permits and plan check fees so that we could possibly afford to rebuild our Townhome complex and restart our lives! Thank-you in advance for waiving all of the plan check fees and permits for not only single family homes but "Town Home Complexes" as well.

Communication from Public

Name: Craig Hunter

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of myself and my wife, I strongly support the continuance of the City of LA's fee waivers for homes destroyed in the Palisades Fire. Our HOA has been counting on these waivers as part of their planning to rebuild. The discontinuance of the waivers would put the reconstruction of our townhomes in serious jeopardy as all of our planning has relied on these waivers. Please consider this and all the other comments I assume will be coming from many others trying to rebuild their homes in the Palisades. Thank you.