

## Communication from Public

**Name:** State Senator Ben Allen

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear LA City Council Members, I write to express strong support for the City of Los Angeles adopting comprehensive permit fee waivers for rebuilding in communities impacted by the 2025 Palisades and other wildfires. This support includes explicitly commercial properties, multifamily housing, and single-family homes — recognizing that families, small businesses, and renters have all endured significant loss and remain deeply affected by ongoing recovery challenges due to the Palisades Fire. In the aftermath of the fires, affected residents, small businesses, and property owners face extraordinary financial and logistical challenges. Rising construction expenses, insurance gaps, and prolonged displacement already compound the cost of rebuilding. Permit fees are a significant barrier to timely recovery. The City Administrative Officer has put forward a proposal to expand permit fee waivers to cover all structure types — including single-family homes, duplexes, accessory dwelling units, multifamily buildings, and commercial properties — for projects rebuilding up to 110% of their original footprint. This expanded approach will help all Palisades residents and business owners—especially renters, small businesses, and condo owners — who rely on the swift restoration of multifamily and commercial spaces to return to stability. Waiving permit and plan check fees now, especially for commercial, multifamily, and single-family projects, will help reduce financial barriers to recovery, promote economic activity, and shorten displacement for thousands of Angelenos. These fee waivers work in tandem with ongoing state streamlining efforts, including expedited and ministerial rebuild approvals on State property and CEQA streamlining. I appreciate the City Council’s leadership and deliberation on this critical issue and respectfully urges the City council to support the fee waiver proposal that include all fire impacted properties. Thank you for your consideration and continued commitment to the Pacific Palisades community and its recovery. Sincerely, BEN ALLEN Senator, 24th District

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Los Angeles City Council  
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