

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Paul Nagle and I am a once and future resident of Pacific Palisades, addressing the issue of Building Permit Fee Waivers. The issue of Permit Fee Waivers is from the perspective of fire victims both personal and deeply and profoundly personal. From the perspective of the city's GAO, however, the issue is, and understandably so, purely financial. Given that, it is incumbent upon the Budget and Finance Committee to insist that the GAO premise their assumptions on information that is as current and accurate as possible. Case in point, the updated General Fund Impact Report on Fee Waivers not that as of the end of November 2025, 353 properties in the Palisades had been sold and are thus excluded from permit fee waivers for future rebuilding. However, as of two weeks ago, those numbers are actually 382 properties sold with an additional 27 properties in escrow (with no reason to believe that those pending transactions won't close). Thus the number of excluded properties is already over 400. And that total continues to steadily rise, with 127 properties currently listed for sale. These are easily verifiable statistics and the council should insist that the GAO provide it with the most accurate and current information possible. Truly accurate information on the number of excluded properties will show that the financial impact of permit fee waivers is less than that being currently represented by the GAO and that that impact will inarguably continue to lessen over time. All of this further justifies the smart and vital relief provided by Option 3 of the Permit Fee Waiver proposal now before the Council. I strongly support Option 3, as should you - PAUL NAGLE