

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 02/02/2026 05:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please waive the fees for victims of the fires. We need your help and support to rebuild! I am disabled, and my husband and I are both seniors. It was terrifying to go through the fire, and it's terrifying at this age to potentially not have the resources to rebuild! Please help us!

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Name: Nancy Klopper

Date Submitted: 02/02/2026 02:31 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: DEAR CITY COUNCIL!!! We are writing to beg you to waive our permit fees! Many of us are struggling and can barely afford to rebuild. Please do this to pave the way for so many seniors to be able to go home again. Please, we really need this help.

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Name: Mark A. Smith

Date Submitted: 02/02/2026 02:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Please Waive Plan Check and Building Permit Fees for All Pacific Palisades buildings (CAO Option 3) Dear Councilmember, I respectfully urge you to vote “yes” to approve the Budget & Finance Committee’s recommendation to waive plan check and permit fees for all buildings destroyed by the Pacific Palisades wildfire (Option 3 of the CAO updated report). Although the CAO’s updated report employs more-realistic assumptions, the numbers remain exaggerated. As an example, condominium and townhomes will, in almost all cases, be rebuilt like-for-like and not to 110-percent. HOA governing documents won’t allow it. Further, where HOAs are under-insured, ALL homeowners will share in paying the fees. Many of these homeowners don’t have the financial means to pay the large loss assessments being levied by their associations. These homeowners, despite their homes not being damaged or destroyed, will be forced to sell their homes at deflated market values. Waiving planning and permit fees will help their situations and could be the difference between selling and keeping their homes. Many homeowners inherited their homes, are under-insured, and are financially-challenged to rebuild; they need every break possible. The financial impact of including multi-unit structures is a fraction of that for single-family homes and duplexes yet enough to prevent recovery for our most vulnerable residents. Why forsake us for so little? This is not about revenue loss to the City. This is about humanity, equity, and the opportunity to do what you know to be ethically and morally right. Please accept the Budget & Finance Committee’s recommendation and pass this extremely important initiative. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,

Mark A. Smith
Team Palisades Neighborhood Representative for Condominium and Townhome Owners
1645 Michael Lane, Pacific Palisades

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Robinson Bloom

Date Submitted: 02/02/2026 08:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider waiving the permit fees on fire rebuilds for Palisadian residents and small businesses. These fees add to the high cost of rebuilding and could prevent many life long Palisadians, who are not "loaded" from returning to their community.

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Comments for Public Posting: Their houses burn down because of Your neglect. Then you want them to pay a fee to you to build back their houses after they loose everything. Shame on you.

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Name: Teryl Ciarlo
Date Submitted: 02/02/2026 09:01 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: NO PERMIT FEES FOR FIRE REBUILDS!

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Name: Kevin Pazirandeh

Date Submitted: 02/02/2026 09:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: No permit fees on fire rebuilds! The city will already profit handsomely from the billions of dollars of new construction via property taxes and business activity, to say nothing of sales tax. We have contributed so much to this city over the years and asked for so little and received less. This is the least you can do.

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Name: Joshua

Date Submitted: 02/02/2026 09:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My parents are seniors. Eliminating the fees will make the difference between rebuilding in the Palisades or moving out of state. Creating property tax revenue and multiple other revenue streams for the city once residents move back and get back to living. Please end permit fees for fire victims.