

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Budget and Finance Committee Members, We have lost everything. Our town. Our community. Our home. Everything we knew, and how and where we lived our lives every day, from schools to supermarkets. We have no photos or family heirlooms. While we have our safety from the fire, it feels like we have nothing else. Most of us are experiencing extreme financial hardship and are struggling to rebuild. And yet... We are not leaving the community. We are taking a risk investing our time, money, and hopes into helping the Palisades come back to life. We don't know what our hometown will become. We respectfully ask that building permit fees be waived for all Palisadians who need to submit permits for construction—whether repair or rebuilding. It is imperative that this happens. There are already so many struggles and hoops to jump through. Many families are not rebuilding. Many lots will not be rebuilt for years. And others for decades or perhaps never at all. Help those of us with the desire and momentum move forward. Not just for our healing, but for the future of the city. Returning home will allow the city to more quickly recoup property tax revenue which was over \$500 MILLION (over \$700M by some estimates) in Pacific Palisades. Los Angeles is in a budget deficit. You need this revenue. Approving permit fees waivers will be a tiny investment now with large returns imminently. Lisa Locker