

Communication from Public

Name: Lee Ann Daly

Date Submitted: 11/27/2025 11:12 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: This respectfully asks LACC to waive plan & permit fees for ALL homes being rebuilt after the January 2025 fires, including condos, townhomes, mobile homes, small apartment buildings, & houses disqualified for technicalities. I am a Pacific Palisades resident who lost her home. Sincerely Lee Ann Daly

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/26/2025 07:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We are not wealthy and hoping to build a home

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Name: Roseanne Landay

Date Submitted: 11/27/2025 11:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please waive building plan check and permit fees for fire survivors, following the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation, and amend it to include condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and small, owner-occupied apartment buildings. We represent thousands of Palisades Fire survivors. 1. We lost everything. The fire didn't just take structures — it took homes, memories, and our sense of security. 2. Most fire survivors are underinsured. Insurance rarely covers the full cost of rebuilding, and many families are facing staggering shortfalls. Waiving permit fees would make a real, immediate difference for families trying to come home. 3. The City is already benefitting financially. We project that 30% of fire survivors will have no choice but to sell their lots at a loss. These sales, along with the new construction that follows, generate higher property taxes and development fees. The City is not losing money — it's gaining revenue because so many survivors cannot afford to rebuild. In addition, fire survivors are still paying for mortgages and property taxes on their empty land. Fire survivors are still contributing to the City Fund along with paying for rent to live somewhere else plus sales tax for all the replacement items and building supplies they are purchasing. 4. The City's budget assumptions are simply wrong; in fact, the City will profit. The idea that every homeowner would rebuild at 150% of their previous square footage, losing the City \$250 million in income, is completely unrealistic. These numbers misrepresent the real, human scale of what's happening. At a minimum, 30% of fire survivors are selling their lots. The builds on these lots represent an unexpected profit to the City. Revenues from non-eligible builds will actually be far higher than those from eligible builds - so revenue will be cash positive. The assumption is that only 25% of plan and permit revenues goes to actual administrative cost. (this is taken from the LADBS refund statement that 20% is required to cover clerical and administrative, so we add a further 5% for physical inspections). 5. Condos, Townhomes, Mobile Homes, and Small, Owner-occupied Apartment Buildings must be included in the ordinance. Many of these properties represent the few sources of affordable housing in our community. We estimate that 9 of the 16 condo/townhome buildings and 8 small, owner-occupied apartment buildings will rebuild as eligible projects. Our

projections indicate that this would be less than \$1.2M of plan and permit revenue, and just an estimated \$300,000 of costs. If these properties cannot be rebuilt, we lose not just homes but affordability and diversity. Further, the burden will be to all homeowners in the impacted HOAs since loss assessments are levied to all homeowners, not just the owners of destroyed units. Rebuilding these structures is critical to keeping families, seniors, and working people in Los Angeles. At a time when our City faces an affordable housing crisis, supporting every resident who wants to rebuild should be a moral and civic priority. 6. ??Our vulnerable elderly population is harmed. 27% of our community are over 62 falling into the category of house rich cash poor. We lost our biggest asset: our home. 7. The City has acknowledged room for improvement. The rebuilding process has been painfully slow and filled with red tape. This waiver is one of the simplest, most meaningful actions the City can take to show it stands with survivors. 8. Developers shouldn't be the ones to benefit. When the City refuses to waive fees, the only people hurt are the residents who already lost everything. The developers, buying lots from underinsured homeowners, will gain. 9. Do not exclude fire victims regardless. For single-family residence rebuilds by original owners of homes destroyed in the fire, please waive fees on at least a pro rata basis, bringing them to parity with eligible rebuilds (comparable size, type, use). Many rebuilds are deemed "ineligible" due to technicalities — for example, numerous circa-1920s single-story homes with three-foot setbacks are being reconstructed as two-story homes with the same total square footage to allow for larger, more fire-resilient setbacks. We want to ensure we can count on you to vote to waive building permit fees for fire survivors — and ensure that condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and small, owner-occupied apartment buildings are included in that relief along with single family homes. It's the right thing, the ethical thing to do, and it's the least our City can do for those who have already lost so much.

Sincerely, Reza Akef, Beverley Auerbach, Martin Curland, Darragh Danton, Claude Erb, Susie Fitzgerald, Ross Greenberg, Daphne Gronich, Allison Holdorff Polhill, Sara Houghton, Tony Hocking, Kambiz Kamdar, Sue Kohl, Roseanne Landay, Karina Maher, Robin Meyers, Vienna Nowell, Mark Smith, Chris Spitz, Jill Smith, May Sung, Hank Wright, Matt Yoder, Maryam Zar

To: Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor; Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, City Council President; Hon. Eunisses Hernandez, Adrin Nazarian, Bob Blumenfeld, Nithya Raman, Katy Yaroslavsky, Imelda Padilla, Monica Rodriguez, Curren D. Price, Jr., Heather Hutt, Traci Park, John S. Lee, Hugo Soto-Martinez, Ysabel Jurado and Tim McOsker, City Councilmembers,

We are deeply grateful for your service which is a huge and, at times, a thankless task. While the Palisades Fire may not have happened in your own district, we know that disasters don't respect boundaries — the next fire, flood, or earthquake could impact any one of our communities. What we do now sets the tone for how Los Angeles stands by its residents when the unimaginable happens.

We are writing from our hearts to ask you to **vote to waive building plan check and permit fees for fire survivors**, following the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation, **and to amend it to include condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and small, owner-occupied apartment buildings**. We are writing on behalf of thousands of Palisades Fire survivors. For many of us, this is not just about rebuilding homes — it's about rebuilding lives, neighborhoods, and the very fabric of our community.

1. We lost everything.

The fire didn't just take structures — it took homes, memories, and our sense of security. Every survivor we've spoken with is still trying to put the pieces back together.

2. Most fire survivors are underinsured.

Insurance rarely covers the full cost of rebuilding, and many families are facing staggering shortfalls. Every dollar counts. Waiving permit fees would make a real, immediate difference for families trying to come home.

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With gratitude,

Reza Akef
Claude Erb
Allison Holdorff Polhill
Sue Kohl
Vienna Nowell
May Sung

Beverley Auerbach
Susie Fitzgerald
Sara Houghton
Roseanne Landay
Mark Smith
Hank Wright

Martin Curland
Ross Greenberg
Tony Hocking
Karina Maher
Chris Spitz
Matt Yoder

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Communication from Public

Name: Roseanne Landayd

Date Submitted: 11/27/2025 11:22 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Members of the City Council, We are writing to respectfully request that you include condos, townhomes, and small apartment buildings in the fee-waiver ordinance—and that you pass the ordinance. Condos, townhomes, and small apartment buildings represent some of the last remaining affordable housing in Pacific Palisades, and protecting their residents is essential to preserving the diversity and stability of our community. Our home, a condo on Sunset Blvd., was completely destroyed in the Palisades fire. In our condo building, nearly two-thirds of our neighbors are retired. More than half are single women. About two-thirds have lived in the building for more than ten years. Those that are not retired work in education, health care, caregiving, and other essential fields. They are not wealthy. It took nine months for our HOA board to get debris removed from our lot. We believe it will be four to six years before we can return home. Yet we received less than one year's rent from our insurance company, and we continue to pay our mortgage, our property taxes, and our HOA fees. Just up the road, the small apartment building where we lived for 22 years also burned down. The landlord, a Pali High graduate, lost his building, and his tenants—our longtime friends and neighbors—lost their homes as well. They are renters, they are not wealthy, and they are part of the fabric of this community. The fire didn't only destroy our homes, our possessions, and our community—it severely damaged the financial security of both us and our neighbors. We are asking for your help so that we can rebuild and return home. Please include condos, townhomes, and small apartment buildings in the fee-waiver ordinance, and please pass it. Thank you for your consideration. Roseanne Landay & Chris McElroy

Communication from Public

Name: Lin He
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Comments for Public Posting: Please review all plan review and permit fees

Communication from Public

Name: Dean Christopher

Date Submitted: 11/27/2025 12:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to approve the fee waivers for rebuilding after the fires. None of the fire victims asked to have their homes destroyed and incurring more fees in addition to all of the rebuilding costs, and in addition to never-ending fights with insurance to recover costs only causes more harm to residents. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Lindsay Berz

Date Submitted: 11/27/2025 12:57 PM

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Name: Bahaa Nahas

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Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Locker

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Comments for Public Posting: As I write this note on Thanksgiving afternoon, Nov 27, 2025, I am feeling grateful that my family of Four generations of Palisadians survived the tragic nightmare of 1/7/2025. My family has lived in the Palisades since the 1970's. It has been a struggle to find reasonable housing for us all in the very expensive and already low inventory of the L.A. rental market. Now that more than 14,000 homes were destroyed and more than 14,000 families are now displaced by the LA fires, the current housing market is even more challenging. My mother, age 82, has finally found a safe rental, moving in only yesterday. As we grieve our destroyed Palisades community, we are continually assaulted with financial and emotional burdens beyond belief. We have mortgages for dirt lots, property taxes, unbelievably high rental payments for temporary housing, costs to furnish these rentals, fighting our insurance payments, finding architects, contactors, ever changing building rules and regulations and unbearable heartache for all that this fire destroyed. And on top of all of this, permit and coastal commissions fees. Please help us by waiving the fees for all Palisades rebuilds including multi family residences, condos and apartment buildings. My family alone lost 3 homes and a multi family residence. Never had we thought we would have to build one single house, but now all we have are four vacant lots with endless expenses, heartaches, depression and sadness. Please help us rebuild our lives by waiving the permit fees to aid us in the rebuilding of all that has been destroyed. Sincerely, Lisa Locker Robert Koch Kathi Locker Michael Lauman Justin Atlan Milana Atlan Aimes Atlan Valerie Atlan

