

Communication from Public

Name: Grace Boeve

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 02:55 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Given the communities devastating events of January 7, we ask that the city please waive the permit fees for rebuilding. We are only interested in moving back to our homes and our community. We have already been through so much. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Jacobi
Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 07:02 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am writing to urge you to waive the permit fees for families trying to rebuild in the Palisades. My family made the Palisades our home in 1979. It was the only place in Los Angeles my parents could afford to buy a house, and it became the place that shaped my entire childhood. Growing up in our small, close-knit community was one of the greatest gifts, and it was where I had hoped to raise a three-generation Palisades kid. What I have loved most, even as an adult, is that I could walk into the market and still run into people I grew up with, and even the parents of childhood friends, who remain one of the best parts of this town. The cost to rebuild after the fire is already overwhelming. For many longtime residents, especially those who purchased their homes decades ago and now live on fixed incomes, paying additional permit fees makes the possibility of rebuilding feel out of reach. The Palisades has always been a place where generations live side by side, and where community connection is unwavering. Waiving permit fees will give those families a real chance to come home. It is one small but critical step toward preserving the spirit, diversity, and history that make the Palisades what it is. Thank you for your consideration,
Elizabeth Jacobi

Communication from Public

Name: Tracy Saucier

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 07:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, My mother, Naomi Saucier (80 years-old), and her only sibling, my aunt, Colleen Cohn (81 years-old), both lost their homes and everything in them in the Palisades Fire on January 7, 2025. My aunt lived in her 1500 sf home, built in 1951, for over 50 years. She was diagnosed with Alzheimers/dementia in 2024. I am her niece and POA, and my daughter was living with her to help take care of her, and she also lost everything. Our whole family has been devastated by this tragedy. My aunt bought her house with her ex-husband and worked as at LA City Unified School District as a Social Worker for about 40 years and has no children. Her house has been her lifeline financially and has had to refinance several times to make ends meet. Her house is underinsured and will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars more than what she was insured for, leaving her with very little money for her care. Her annual income is about \$80,000, including Social Security. The fire has been extremely traumatic for her and has worsened her condition. My mother lived in her 2000 sf home, built in 1947, for 45 years before the fire, and she also was underinsured and will have to spend hundreds of thousands of dollars more to rebuild her home. She too has been traumatized and has trouble thinking clearly. Fortunately, I am able to help my aunt and my mom rebuild their homes as I just retired, but they would not have been able to rebuild and return home if it wasn't for my help. Many of my mom's and aunt's friends who lost their homes are unable to handle the details of rebuilding, and are selling their lots for much less than they were worth before the fire. I urge you to waive the permitting fees for people like my aunt and mom who are underinsured and are trying to rebuild their home as it was, and has a limited income (\$80,000 for my aunt and \$195,000 for my mom). The \$20,000 - \$30,000 savings is very significant for them both. Please consider the elderly who have been in the Palisades their whole adult life and lost everything and are struggling to return. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments. Tracy Saucier POA for Colleen Cohn

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Name: Elad Levine

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 07:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council: My wife grew up in the palisades, and we proudly have multiple family members owning (now empty) properties in this unparalleled neighborhood. Personally, we had the pleasure to live there in our home and raise our (now 2-year old) for about a year before the disaster happened. We lost our home to the Palisades Fires and are fighting our way back to rebuild, which is a very steep uphill battle. On behalf of ourselves and every other resident of the Palisades, who are traumatized, exhausted and (most of us) underinsured, my family implores you to waive the building and permitting fees for everyone's rebuild. This is the least the City can do to help us try to reclaim our lives and our community. Thanks you in advance, Elad and Kelly Levine

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Name: D Schaefer

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 07:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please follow the precedent established following the Northridge earthquake and waive building permit fees for all fire victims. Limiting permit waivers to only construction which is within 110% of prior structure locks the Palisades into a mid-20th-century set of homes that would limit the property tax base and be inappropriate for the current year. Construction should be geared to the future rather than locked in the past..

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Name: Jill Sullivan

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 07:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We have lost everything in this fire and are trying to hold on and come back working against our age, health issues and insurance trying to rebuild our lives. Don't add injury to insult taking money we don't have to spend. Help the people who suffers in this tragedy bring back their community. Remove ALL fees to rebuild for any and add palisades and Altadena residents regardless of type of home they lived in.

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Name: Lisa Zeder

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 07:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We have been displaced since the 2025 wildfires We have paid our insurance premiums on time for 30 years - insurance that includes coverage for the damages this wildfire caused We need to gut our home of 30 years in order to move back into an environmentally safe home California Fair Plan still has not acknowledged the extent of the damage - despite 2 private environmental reports, 3 restoration and remediation proposals and 3 general contractor proposals We need and deserve more help in all areas to return home - including the waiving of permit fees.

Communication from Public

Name: Danusia Heilemann

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 09:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We need rebuilding permit fees waived in order to start rebuilding process. We are underinsured, need to take a loan to rebuild and facing so many additional cost. Waiving fees is a must!

Communication from Public

Name: Robert and Margaret Gold

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 10:01 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We are senior citizens, ages 86 and 92. We lost our home of 48 years. Our home was located at 353 Las Casas Ave. We are trying to rebuild our home and our lives in the community we love. Please waive the building fees for rebuilt homes destroyed in the Palisades Fire. Thank you for your time. Robert and Margaret Gold.

Communication from Public

Name: C. Newman

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 10:14 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Re: Support for Palisades Fire Rebuild Permit Fee Waiver Dear Council President and Honorable Councilmembers, Our family lost our home on lower Bienvenida Avenue in Pacific Palisades due to the Palisades Fire. We are requesting the waiver of permit fees for Palisades Fire rebuilds and repairs for all residential structures (single family homes, condos, small apartment buildings and mobile homes). Not only am I (was) a long time homeowner and resident of Los Angeles, but I am a 3rd generation resident. We need to do all we can to encourage rebuilding to bring back myself and neighbors, but also the tax base LA is losing. I hope you understand how dire this situation is. Almost a year since the fire, the more I hear neighbors deciding not to rebuild, or still undecided, due to the cost of rebuilding, magnified by the lack of insurance companies actually paying out what they owe. One thing I would like to point out is the ridiculous "estimate" of \$278mm cost to waive fees. It would seem to me that the only additional costs to the LABSD would be labor costs for additional plan checkers, clerks and administrative support. (Most, if not all, other costs would be sunk costs already covered by current budgets.) Let's say the city increased the headcount of LABSD, if at \$200k per year cost per employee added, that would be an additional 1,390 additional employees. And the city is not increasing the headcount of that department by even 5% of that. And if the \$278mm estimate is coming from a lost additional revenue perspective, I think it is gross for the city to want to benefit/profit from the misfortune of thousands of its' citizen victims. (Especially from a preventable event due to the neglect of LA city). So, either way, the \$278mm "cost" is grossly inaccurate. We strongly support the Mayor's bill to waive plan and permit fees for fire victims, and we urgently ask you to approve it. Everyone who lost their home in this fire deserves the same opportunity to rebuild, regardless of the type of structure or minor paperwork issues. We are asking you to help us and our neighbors come home. And for the city to rebuild with the least amount of barriers possible, including financial. Please vote YES to waive plan and permit fees for all Palisades fire victims. Thank you for your time, your compassion, and your service to our community. Sincerely, C. Newman Bienvenida Avenue homeowner of over 20 years, 3rd generation LA resident

Communication from Public

Name: Hany Farid

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 10:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please permanently waive the rebuilding feed for the list homes in the Palisades fires. We've experienced so many expenses and hurdles in our effort to rebuild. We've significantly under insured, and can use any help the city and offer us. This has been a very traumatic experience, the process is slow, time and labor intensive, and so very expansive.

Communication from Public

Name: Ray Klostermann

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 11:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: These fees should not have to be incurred given they are the result of not being properly prepared to protect our structures. It's one thing to assess for development purposes but it's not ok to assess for a fire that could have and should have been prevented

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Name: Roberta Kenney
Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 11:48 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor of waiving the rebuild permit fee in solidarity with former neighbors who are stymied by the lack of movement on getting their homes rebuilt.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Sabin

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 12:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My wife and I raised our three children in the only home they ever knew. They attended local schools and we were active members of our community. On January 7th 2025 everything was taken from us. Our home, memories, photos, everything! Now we're faced with rebuilding what was lost and are underinsured like so many others. We never saw this coming and never anticipated the city would have just let our homes burn. I am hopeful that the least the city will do is waive permit and plan check fees. I mean, that is the very least. Best, Kevin Sabin

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Hawkins

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 12:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our family strongly supports the waiver of permit fees for fire victims. We lost everything in the Palisades fire and the combination of cost to build plus inadequate insurance has made it hard for so many to rebuild. Waiving permit fees for those affected will help so much for those struggling to find a way to rebuild and bring back our community to what it was pre-fire. Thank you for your support in this difficult time!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 01:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers Eunisses Hernandez, Adrin Nazarian, Bob Blumenfield, Nithya Raman, Katy Yaroslavsky, Imelda Padilla, Monica Rodriguez, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Curren D. Price Jr., Heather Hutt, Traci Park, John Lee, Hugo Soto-Martinez, Ysabel J. Jurado, Tim McOsker: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers: I am writing to implore you to vote to ensure that all planning and building and related permit fees for the City of Los Angeles are waived for all rebuilds of homes destroyed in the Palisades Fire. This issue is of critical importance. Most of us are uninsured or at minimum underinsured and cannot afford rebuilding permit fees on top of the cost to rebuild. This fire was no fault of our own. Requiring property owners who lost their homes to wildfires, to pay fees to the city to rebuild their homes adds insult to injury. Moreover, there is plenty of precedent in California for waiving these fees in response to natural disasters, including fires: In 1994, in response to the Northridge Earthquake, the Los Angeles City Council waived all plan-check and permit fees for repairing, demolishing, or rebuilding structures damaged or destroyed in the disaster. https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los_angeles/latest/lamc/0-0-0-190107 In 2018, in response to the Woolsey Fire, the City of Malibu waived planning and building permit fees for properties destroyed in the disaster. <https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/24698/Fee-Waiver-FAQ>. The deadlines for these waivers have been extended. <https://www.malibucity.org/958/Fee-Waiver-Deadlines>. In 2020, in response to the Glass Fire in Northern California, the City of Santa Rosa waived planning and other permit fees. <https://www.srcity.org/2674/Resilient-City-Zoning> In 2021, in response to the Dixie Fire in Northern California in 2021, Nevada County waived planning and building permit fees for properties destroyed in the disaster. <https://yubanet.com/regional/nevada-county-provides-priority-permitting-and-fee-waiver-for-winter-storm-damage/> We are prepared to invest in our city's future, but we cannot move forward until we know that all rebuilding related permit fees have been waived, not simply deferred.

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Name: Keith Holyoak

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 01:25 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm one of the hundreds of Palisadians trying to rebuild in the aftermath of the fires. This is a huge stress and financial burden, especially for older fire victims such as myself. Waiving permit fees is critical to make it financially possible for us to rebuild our lost homes.

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Name: Mia Feil

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 02:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: You let us burn. We didn't ask for this. We shouldn't be left paying fees on homes we were not planing on rebuilding. You will end up making multi millions on us in a few years anyway with property taxes, transfer taxes, ULA etc. Do the right thing.

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Name: Barbara Callas

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 08:38 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I, my husband and our two children who had lived in the Palisades for the past 26 years. We respectfully request that we not be burdened with yet another expense (rebuild permits) after enduring the complete and total loss of our home and all of the contents from the January 7th 2025 fire. We continue to battling with insurance (State Farm) to make good on the policy limits that with a loan from SBA will allow us to rebuild "like-for like" on our burn site. There is no money to spare. We are not asking for a handout. We are asking to get back part of what was lost. We will never be made whole. But as we paid permit fees for renovations to our home n 2001 and again in 2008 - we have already paid our fair share and plead with the city council to - in this small way to - help make us whole again. Respectfully, Barbara Callas, Paul, Alegra and Camile Gurian



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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 08:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I understand soon there will be a vote at City Hall whether to wave the permit fees to rebuild the destroyed homes in Pacific Palisades . I am praying and hoping that council members will vote YES. Only people like us who lost their house on January 7th will understand the financial , emotional effects suffering from this disaster. Only people like us are feeling on our skin the pain and suffering .We are being urged to come back and rebuild , but we need every single form of assistance available to us to be able to rebuild and return. The shortfall from insurance companies due to no coverage or underinsuring due to limitation of insurance coverage in palisades have put a big void to make up in order to rebuild our homes. These fees were not in the City's budget revenues to begin with so why burden the people that are suffering now. I urge you to please Vote YES to WAVE ALL FEES.
Respectfully, Hratch And Marine Andonian.

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Name: Louise Curland

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 09:21 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a nurse with a young child and a husband who is retirement age. We lived in a small 1920s bungalow and lost everything during the Palisades fire. We are under insured and facing immense financial strain. We would like to build a smaller house, but change the height in order to adhere to current setbacks and improve fire resilience for us and for our Neighbourhood. Our setbacks were previously 3ft - we want to adhere to current code, 5ft, but to do so on our small lot we would have to build higher. If you use the current arbitrary "like for like" definition you will dissuade people like us from adhering to current code and increasing setbacks to 5ft as we would not qualify for the fee waiver as written. Please, we beg you, remove the height restriction from your 'like for like' definition (just go by square footage) so you can help low income Palisadeans who owned old bungalows build back the same sq footage (or smaller) more safely. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 09:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am asking LACC to waive plan & permit fees in Pacific Palisades for all homes being rebuilt after the fire including condos, townhomes, mobile homes, small apartment buildings, and house disqualified for technicalities. Thank you

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Name: Catherine Ruddy

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 10:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in one of four occupied houses on my block of 45 lots. I evacuated for 8 months due to damage to my home. There are only five standing homes on the next block, only one of which is occupied. I want my neighbors to return. This emptiness is due to the city's gross negligence in not extinguishing the Lachman fire and not preparing for the January 7 wind event. The city should not profit from its failure to provide services at the further expense of those very people who lost nearly everything due to the city's failures. The city needs to facilitate rebuilding by waiving permit fees. They are unjust under these circumstances.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 10:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please waive all plan and permit fees for all homes, condos, townhouses, mobile homes, and apartment buildings being rebuilt due to the Palisades and Eaton fires. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathrin Werner

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 10:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Councilmembers, If nothing changes, nothing changes.?Today, you have the opportunity to make a meaningful change for the fire victims of Pacific Palisades. PLEASE VOTE YES TO WAIVE PERMIT FEES FOR FIRE VICTIMS Two decisions—one before you now and one coming in the near future—are deeply connected in their impact on our recovery: 1. Waiving all building permit fees for fire victims — the item before you NOW. Not for developers, but for the families who are being forced to rebuild through no fault of their own. There is a misconception that all Palisadians are wealthy. Many are elderly, fixed-income residents who cannot afford to return without relief. Waiving fees is one of the most immediate, tangible ways to support households already burdened by trauma, displacement, insurance delays, and steep construction costs. 2. A Climate Resilience District (CRD) — which will come before you LATER. While the CRD vote is not today, it is important to understand that it is the long-term solution that can sustainably support rebuilding and, in the future, help shoulder or offset permit fees. A CRD would create its own revenue mechanism, strengthen infrastructure, and accelerate the return of homes—and property tax revenue—to the City far faster than our current system ever could. These two votes are not the same, but they are two steps in the same direction: Relief NOW, resilience LATER. On a personal note: my husband and I were on the first hill that ignited. He fought the fire on our small property for two hours with only four garden hoses. For 45 minutes he kept every flame off our property—until the water ran out. Our home survived only because of that narrow window, while almost all of our surrounding neighbors' houses burned to the ground. That moment showed clearly why our infrastructure must be rebuilt, modernized, and strengthened—and why future tools like a CRD are essential. Many of my neighbors—especially elderly residents who have lived in the Palisades for 60 or 70 years—cannot return without support. If they cannot come home, developers will inevitably take over. Yes, that may bring short-term revenue, but it accelerates the pattern of pushing long-time residents out and then forcing the City to adopt stricter, more expensive corrective policies later. You have the chance to break that cycle—starting TODAY, with the vote before you. The world's eyes will be on

Los Angeles in the coming years. This is a moment for leadership: to rebuild stronger, safer, and more resiliently, and to protect the communities that define this city. ?Please change something, so things can change.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Wallin

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 11:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: With regard to the waiver for permits for fire rebuilds, please know that your decision on this is crucial to getting residents back in their homes. The Palisades is a vibrant community with wide income levels and ages, and many families have owned their homes since the 70s. The fees will make a difference between growing the community back and bringing back the tax base versus empty lots and no money going back into the city. We are paying attention to your decisions on this matter. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Alireza Shekarchi
Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 11:24 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: We need to have all building fees waived.