

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Irwin

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 10:40 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: On January 6, 2025, my home of nearly two decades was destroyed in the Palisades fire. Since then, I have been displaced and currently living in Montana close to my family. The recovery process has been extremely challenging, with significant short falls in insurance claims, and no additional monies even to be considered until a contracted rebuild estimate for a permitted structure is approved. Pacific Palisades is my home, and my community, and wish to rebuild the modest 1300 sq ft that I owned. However, even planning for this rebuild has been exceedingly expensive... the permit application including architecture fees, geotechnical, mechanical and structural engineering totaled over 340 pages in length and cost over \$90,000, about \$300 per application. I am very appreciative that Mayor Bass and the City of LA has waived the initial application fees and developed an expedited review process. However, I do not know whether I will have the resources to take the next step. Waiving of the permit fees, which I understand can total into the several thousands, is essential to my ability to consider rebuilding this coming year 2026.

Communication from Public

Name: Victoria Zeitlin
Date Submitted: 11/28/2025 02:39 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: Please waive permit fees for La fire victims so we can rebuild.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 12:57 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Office of the City Clerk Los Angeles City Council Re: Support for Waiving Plan & Permit Fees for Palisades Fire Victims Dear Council President and Honorable Councilmembers, I am writing on behalf of many friends and colleagues who lost their homes in the Pacific Palisades and Altadena. I strongly support the Mayor's bill to waive plan and permit fees for fire victims, and I urgently ask you to approve it. Please ensure that the waiver applies to all homes being rebuilt, including: • Condos • Townhomes • Mobile homes • Small apartment buildings • Houses that might otherwise be disqualified on technicalities Everyone who lost their home in this fire deserves the same opportunity to rebuild, regardless of the type of structure or minor paperwork issues. I am asking you to help us and our neighbors come home. 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, Jennifer Jung-Kim 1210 S Lucerne Blvd Los Angeles, CA 90019 the3kims@gmail.com

Communication from Public

Name: Arthur Gilberp
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:00 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: Our home on Wynola Street in the Palisades was completely destroyed by the fire. We need the help.

Communication from Public

Name: Dorene Rutter

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 08:09 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: We are delaying our construction while waiting to obtain full settlement with our insurance company for construction costs. Permit fees are a significant portion of this and hence a barrier to rebuilding. We strongly urge the City Council to pass this measure.

Communication from Public

Name: John Frelinghuysen
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 08:53 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I am writing as a longtime resident of Pacific Palisades and as one of the many homeowners whose lives were devastated by the catastrophic fires of January 7, 2025. My home at 15860 Seabec Circle was burned to the ground, along with every home on my street and a significant portion of our broader neighborhood. In the aftermath of this disaster, our community has been working to navigate the enormous emotional and financial toll of losing everything. Rebuilding is not only essential for our families' stability but also for restoring the fabric of our neighborhood. However, the process is exceptionally arduous and costly. Many of us are facing insurance gaps, temporary housing expenses, environmental cleanup costs, and the daunting financial burden of reconstruction. For these reasons, I am respectfully requesting that the City of Los Angeles waive all permitting and related fees for residents of Pacific Palisades who lost their homes in the January 7th fires. These fees, while necessary under ordinary circumstances, represent a significant additional hardship at a moment when families are struggling to regain their footing. Granting a fee waiver—an action the City has taken in past wildfire recovery efforts elsewhere in California—would provide meaningful relief and accelerate the rebuilding process. A fee waiver would not only ease individual financial strain; it would also signal to our community that the City stands with us as we work to recover from an unprecedented loss. This support would make a tangible difference in helping families rebuild safe, resilient homes and return to their lives with dignity. Thank you for your attention, your service, and your consideration of this urgent request.

Communication from Public

Name: Jay Nickels

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 09:26 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning... We have lived in Pacific Palisades for over 60 years. The January 7th fire destroyed 2 of our family homes - It was an unimaginable tragedy!! We hope to rebuild and be able to call Pacific Palisades " home" again. Please waive the permit fees to allow our family and other Palisades residents to rebuild our community. Thank you Jay & Rita Nickels

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 10:47 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I implore you to do the right thing and vote to waive all fees related to the submission, review and approval of plans for any rebuild by a Palisades resident who lost their home in the Palisades fire. This catastrophic loss of our homes and town are taking a devastating emotional and mental toll on all of us. We lost not only our homes, but our family keepsakes and histories. We lost the places where our family memories were made and our life stories were written. All wiped off the face of the earth - through no fault of our own. Now, the financial toll is taking years off of our lives. We have all been significantly set back financially by this disaster. Again, through no fault of our own. Please remove this costly barrier which only further hinders our ability to return, adds to the weight of the financial concerns, and for some will be prohibitive to returning. After all that has happened, it is fundamentally unfair and unconscionable to increase the cost of the rebuilding process following loss that could have and should been prevented. I urge and beg you to do the right thing. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Holly Wyman

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 10:53 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: It is imperative that the City of Los Angeles comes through for Palisades and Eaton fire victims by waiving permit fees for rebuilding and repairs. We have fought and endured the relentless suppression of our rights by the insurance companies and now need a sign, ANY SIGN, that our own City cares about its residents and is ready to help them get back on their feet. PLEASE VOTE YES to waive permit fees for residents trying to make our way back home. We are almost there but need your help. PLEASE APPROVE THIS ORDINANCE!

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Communication from Public

Name: Dorothy Ceccon
Date Submitted: 11/27/2025 01:29 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: Please waive plan & permit fees for ALL homes being rebuilt including condos, townhomes, mobile homes, small apartment buildings, & houses disqualified for technicalities. Our community desperately needs your full support so that we can rebuild.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 11:05 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: The waiver for building permits should continue till all the properties have been rebuilt! All fees should be removed for gas connections, and electrical connections as well! We all know this is just another attempt by the politicians to slow down the process so more people will be forced to sell their properties so the city can reassess property taxes! Instead of helping us, they are putting their own interest first! Council member should be ashamed of themselves. We should remove them all from OFFICE !

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Bostick

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 11:29 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Those who lost everything in the fire are still suffering mightily. Those of us who are attempting to re-build need help. We were told if we re-built essentially the same home on our land, we could qualify for an expedited permitting process and the waiving of fees. We are financially devastated and desperately need a break. Please make this a reality -- we have gone through enough and we are counting on this!

Communication from Public

Name: Susy Forbath

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 11:47 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Many months ago Mayor Bass announced that the City would be waiving the permit fees for homeowners seeking to rebuild their homes lost in the January wildfires. However, nearly a year later, that waiver is only a fee "deferral". The City and LADWP failed to repair the cover on the reservoir that could have provided enough water to save many of our lost homes and lives. The VERY least the City could/should do for us, after letting our homes burn, is to waive the permit fees that are adding significant expense to the costs of rebuilding our homes. IF the city wants the Palisades to be rebuilt and repopulated with its long time residents, PLEASE waive all permit fees for Palisades residents who lost their homes. The City can more than make up the fee revenues by imposing permit fees on developers who will recoup the fees on the sale of the house. 100% of the permit fees should be waived for resident rebuilds. WE HAVE LOST ENOUGH!!

Communication from Public

Name: Steve, Kristine, Eleanor, and Abigail Yoda

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 12:07 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers: Our family is 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 have been living in the Palisades since 2008 and are eager to rebuild and return to where we call home. Please help us get there! Sincerely, Steve, Kristine, Eleanor, and Abigail Yoda

Communication from Public

Name: Monica Loya-Clarke

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 09:32 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council, Please waive all fees associated with permits required to repair or rebuild buildings or structures damaged or destroyed by the January 2025 Wildfires, as well as assessing the feasibility of waiving plan check and permit fees related to reconstruction of affected private properties. All these fees would pose additional obstacles with being able to move forward with our lives. Building our home is not something we voluntarily wanted to do and is a result of negligence by others. Our kids were the 5th generation growing up in the family home. All these fees would be additional burden and impact our ability to build a home. All associated fees should be waived. Regards, Monica Loya-Clarke

Communication from Public

Name: Juliette Youngblood
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 09:41 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I suffered the total loss of my home in Pacific Palisades in the Palisades fires nearly a year ago. There was no one there to help us not a single firefighter or police officer. To make matters worse, State Farm, after 30 years of taking premiums from me and my husband cancelled our policy 7 weeks before the fire. We have been failed by every governmental branch and insurance company that we relied on and expected to protect us. Please turn this nightmare around and waive all permit fees for fire survivors to rebuild their homes. This has been done in other fires and earthquakes. It is only fair because none of us would need to rebuild if our homes had been properly protected. Please put yourselves in our shoes. How would you feel if the city resources you paid tens of thousands a year for were nonexistent when you needed them and then you lost everything as a consequence and then you are asked to pay fees to even begin the process of rebuilding. Please turn this terrible situation around! Please waive all permit fees for fire survivors today!

Communication from Public

Name: Christian Hart

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 09:47 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please let this notice serve as a formal request to the City of Los Angeles to waive all permit and license fees associated with the rebuilding of single family homes in the areas affected by the Palisades Fire and Eaton Fire in January, 2025. My family lost our home of nine years in the Palisades Fire on January 7th, and we have begun the process of rebuilding our home. We love our community and our neighbors and think that these communities could use as much support as possible at this time when the prospect of rebuilding is in a delicate position for so many.

Communication from Public

Name: Evan M Jones

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 09:53 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to urge you to waive building permit fees for homes damaged or destroyed in the Pacific Palisades wildfire. After living there for 27 years, we suddenly have no home and face the daunting task of rebuilding. Many of us are eager to rebuild, but the thought of paying permit fees after the City failed in protecting us so miserably is annoying. This all comes seven days after I retired, and am now truly on a fixed income. For those of us with older -- often smaller -- houses, the ability to rebuild a larger home is critical for an intelligent investment of our funds, and for our families when we pass-on. Please waive the rebuilding fees and do not limit it to ten percent of the initial footprint. Thanks for your consideration, Evan Jones

Communication from Public

Name: Pam Finck

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 09:56 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I'm speaking on behalf of my family, neighbors and all the residents of Los Angeles who lost their homes in Altadena, Pasadena, Topanga, Pacific Palisades and Malibu. We can all agree that thousands lost their homes due to grave human error. A no vote on waiving the permit fees is a vote for further victimization of the victims. We lost my husbands only picture of his great grandmother that he had just recently found among so many sentimental items that we'll never be able to replace. Families lost multigenerational homes that were historical iconic California architecture that can never be rebuilt to the beauty that they once were. A vote yes can ease the financial struggles for us to rebuild our homes, but we will never be able to replace our children's school artwork.

Communication from Public

Name: Gregory Carney
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 09:58 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I think the economics for collecting permit fees versus the collection of property tax revenues for completed rebuilds is obvious. When thousands of high value structures in the cities tax base are destroyed, what is the most efficient way for the city and the local communities to recover? The city benefits most by Re establishing the tax base quickly. The sooner the city can recover lost property tax revenues the sooner city services and infrastructure projects can be funded. The city should be creating incentives for residents to rebuild as quickly as possible in order to restore the tax base that was lost. Instead the city is slowing recovery efforts by essentially double charging fire victims who already paid these fees for the houses they lost. It's just another hurdle for victims in the recovery process and it further delays the overall pace of recovery for fire victims, the city tax base, and the local business community. Waiving the permit fees on rebuilds under 110% will allow for the fastest tax base recovery, which in the long run will generate far more revenue for the city while also showing a more supportive effort for victims who need more help getting back home.

Communication from Public

Name: Chris Keller

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 09:59 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Hi - and thank you for your time. Sadly, my wife and I lost our 1951 home in the Palisades Fire. Our neighborhood was wiped out along with one of cars and my place of business. We want to build back and be apart of the community we hustled to earn the money to live in are still paying the mortgage (and property taxes). You probably have heard, insurance isn't enough to cover the costs to rebuild (true), the arbitrary 110% additional square footage number is unrealistic (as we had a small two bedroom house) and the permitting fees are another large burden. Please remove the 110% additional square footage number and waive permitting fees for all victims of the 2025 fires in Los Angeles. Both would be more helpful than can be expressed in writing. Sincerely, Chris & Kate Keller

Communication from Public

Name: Peter and Sid Greenwald

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 10:14 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: We have applied for city permits to rebuild our home of 34 years which was destroyed by the Palisades fire. Page 33 of the Council agenda states that this proposal would: “waive all building permit fees associated with repair or reconstruction of single family structures and duplexes, damaged or destroyed up to 110 percent of the original structure as a result of the Wildfires. . . .”
Question: what metric regarding a particular home rebuild will be used to calculate the 110% limit for fee waivers? Is it square footage of building envelope? Is it area of ground “footprint”? Or other metric? We are concerned that the 110% limit might be interpreted to require us to pay tens of thousands of dollars in permit fees—even though our planned 2,500 square foot two-story home would have fewer square feet than our prior two-story home—because our “footprint” on the ground will be slightly bigger than 110% of the prior home’s footprint. We are seniors and—so that we can remain in our Palisades home as we age—have chosen to rebuild our home with less square footage but more of that footage on the ground floor (in compliance with all setback and other requirements). We should not be disadvantaged for this.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn M. Sommer & Steven H. Sommer

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 10:23 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: URGENT – Palisades Fire Rebuild Permit Fee Waiver Office of the City Clerk Los Angeles City Council Re: Support for Waiving Plan & Permit Fees for Palisades Fire Victims (Council File Number: 25-0006-S57) Dear Council President and Honorable Councilmembers, We are homeowners who lost our home at 687 Palmera Avenue, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 in the Palisades fire. Our house, everything we owned, and all of our family memories are gone. What we have now is simply a burned, empty lot. Like many others, we did not receive enough money from insurance to cover the full cost of rebuilding. We are already struggling just to figure out how we can ever return home. The additional cost of plan check and permit fees is a serious financial burden. Without these fees being waived, we may simply not be able to rebuild at all. We strongly support the Mayor’s bill to waive plan and permit fees for fire victims, and we urgently ask you to approve it. Please ensure that the waiver applies to all homes being rebuilt, including: • Condos • Townhomes • Mobile homes • Small apartment buildings • Houses that might otherwise be disqualified on technicalities 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. 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, Lynn M. Sommer and Steven H. Sommer Property/Land owners at 687 Palmera Avenue, Pacific Palisades CA 90272 Phone: 310.562.2007 Email: lynn.sommer@yahoo.com

Communication from Public

Name: Sara B

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 01:33 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please approve the permit fee waivers for fire rebuilds, as the County and Malibu already have. We lost everything and are fighting for every dollar from our insurance company in hopes that we will be able to rebuild. This has been an absolutely devastating year, and there are fights involved at every step. Now we hear that permit fees are going to take another \$70,000-\$90,000 to rebuild the house that we had never planned to leave. We love our town, and we've tried to do everything possible to return. Now we need your help to do what you can to help our town, which has consistently paid tax dollars to this City and simply wants the minimum support from the Council who was elected to help its citizens. Please, have a heart! Thank you,
Sara

Communication from Public

Name: Charles Simonds
Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 05:28 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: I support waiving rebuild permit fees for people in the burn zones of Pacific Palisades. Please join me.

Communication from Public

Name: Iyyad Abueida
Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 06:16 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: 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. Further, it is egregious to exclude those who are building the same square footage but increasing height to adhere to new setback requirements and enhance fire safety. Or those who are rebuilding on a different lot. ALL fire rebuilds need this relief. LA County did the right thing, and we implore you to do the same. 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. Sincerely, Iyyad Abueida

Communication from Public

Name: Emily

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 06:04 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: We, the victims of the Palisades fire, have been through enough. We have received almost no help from the government at the local state and federal levels. You let our homes burn. At the very least, the mayor, has said that she will waive the permit fees. Don't betray us again. We have submitted plans with the promise that permit fees would be waived. Don't make yourselves liars to people who have lost everything.

Communication from Public

Name: Kambiz Kamdar

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 09:25 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: After eleven months, it is clear that these permit fees must be waived indefinitely for any family rebuilding their home in Pacific Palisades. The figures being circulated by the City are significantly inflated—there is simply no scenario in which these permits would cost the City \$280 million. A review of past and current permit records makes that obvious when you look at real valuations and actual fee totals. A rebuild of this scale benefits every district in the City of Los Angeles. Every Angeleno gains from the thousands of jobs created—contractors, subcontractors, laborers, engineers, inspectors, suppliers, delivery drivers, and every employee tied to the businesses providing materials and services for the rebuild. On top of that, the City will generate millions in business tax revenue throughout the process. But beyond the numbers, waiving these fees is simply the right thing to do. We are Angelenos. No matter where we live, we show up for one another—especially when our neighbors are trying to come home after unimaginable loss.

Communication from Public

Name: Vivian C Chen

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 10:06 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: My neighbor and I own a townhouse (duplex) at 748/750 Palisades Dr in the SeaRidge Community, located at the bottom of Palisades Dr, which was burned down in the January 7 Fire. There were just two units (a duplex) burned out of 75 units in the community, as we are located at the north end, right by the hillside. We are just one structure divided by a wall, which is pretty similar to a single-family home. We are a duplex and should not be considered as “multifamily-family”. I would really appreciate it if the City would waive our permit and plan check fees since we are going to start rebuilding in December, and we are determined to bring our houses back and rebuild the community from the fire that destroyed our lives. Please include townhouses in the permit fee waiver at your City Council Hearing. Please see our house pictures before and after the fire. Thank you. Vivian Chen 748 Palisades Dr, Pacific Palisades



Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 11:02 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: No permitted fees for fire victims and back pay if already paid

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 02:56 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I think the City Council should follow the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee for LA Recovery and waive and plan check, permit, and other rebuild/repair related fees for all those impacted by the Jan 2025 Palisades Fire.

Communication from Public

Name: Joanne Sahakian

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 03:48 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I am 70 years old, grew up in the Palisades and I lost my house a block from the town. I have witnessed so many fires in this area over the years and never did I think a fire would reach our town center. It's heartbreaking and am under insured because building costs are so high. Plus insurance company is being difficult to pay the full policy amount. I would love to move back and rebuild. It would help so much if the city council would waive the permit fees. My community has lost so much and I hope you all will have mercy on us and help us. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn H Mack-Costello

Date Submitted: 11/30/2025 04:17 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: URGENT – Palisades Fire Rebuild Permit Fee Waiver Office of the City Clerk Los Angeles City Council Re: Support for Waiving Plan & Permit Fees for Palisades Fire Victims Dear Council President and Honorable Councilmembers, We are homeowners who nearly lost our home at 511 Bienvenida Ave. in the Palisades fire. While our house stands, those of all of our neighbors do not. They have lost everything they owned and now have only a burned, empty lot. Insurance, what they have managed to recover from the insurers, is far from adequate to cover the full cost of rebuilding. They are struggling just to figure out how they can ever return home. The extremely huge additional costs of plan check and permit fees is a serious financial burden. Without these fees being waived, many may simply not be able to rebuild at all. We strongly support the Mayor's bill to waive plan and permit fees for fire victims, and we urgently ask you to approve it. Please ensure that the waiver applies to all homes being rebuilt, including: • Condos • Townhomes • Mobile homes • Small apartment buildings • Houses that might otherwise be disqualified on technicalities 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 our neighbors come home. Please do the right thing, since the Palisades was allowed to burn. We too, are not able to return home due to the severe damage, partial burns, and repair work needed. The sooner our neighbors can rebuild, the sooner we can feel safe to return. 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, Lynn Mack-Costello Homeowners at 511 Bienvenida Ave., Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 Phone: 310.995.5966 Email: cos511@aol.com

Communication from Public

Name: Daphne Gronich and Paul Nagle

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 08:15 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: • Our family is writing to request that the City Council Members please vote to waive building plan check and permit fees for Pacific Palisades fire survivors like us who are rebuilding our destroyed home. As longtime Los Angeles community members and taxpayers who have supported initiatives favoring other Council District areas across the City over the years, we are hoping that you will support your fellow Angelenos in their rebuilding efforts after the Palisades Fire which incinerated our home – which we owned for 27 years - and all our worldly possessions. Before and after photos of our house are included to give you a sense of our loss. Currently, we have a dirt lot waiting to be built upon. • By way of background, we bought our home before we had a family because we were captivated by the small town feel of our community and the welcoming neighbors and the opportunity for kids to walk to their local public school. We had several old style apartment buildings near us where teachers and supermarket clerks and community faith leaders lived. (They all burned too, displacing all those renters.) • We couldn't afford to buy in other parts of the City when we brought our home, which we renovated and improved over the years. Many of our neighbors grew up in the community or had lived in the area for 30 to 40 years. Some had moved in more recently to be closer to parents or children or had moved back to their childhood home after their parents had passed away. And everyone loved coming together (or coming home) to celebrate July 4th in the Palisades with our annual home town parade (started by the American Legion in 1948!) and morning 5K/10K run. We never wanted to move away but have been displaced and hankering to rebuild and move back. • We want to be a part of rebuilding our community and to have as many of our neighbors able to do so as well. To that end, we need your support in waiving building plan check and permit fees for fire survivors. • We would also ask that the waiver being voted on be amended to include waivers for condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and small, owner-occupied apartment buildings, as set forth in the original motion by Councilmember Park. • 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 or all of them, as

occurred with Covid. What is done by you on this issue now sets the tone for how Los Angeles stands by its residents when the unimaginable happens. Please support us.

Council members,

As parents of a graduate of our local public high school, we have witnessed the difficulties of LAUSD's budgets over the years, and we are aware of the difficulties of trying to manage our City's budget – including to ensure adequate services, such as basic power and sewer services or having Police and Fire Department protection for all communities that need them.

We are writing to ask you to **vote to waive building plan check and permit fees for fire survivors**, per the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation, **and to amend it to include condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and small, owner-occupied apartment buildings**. For many of the thousands of Palisades Fire survivors, this plea is not just about helping us rebuild our 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. Each of us is still trying to put the pieces of our lives back together and many of us — especially our oldest community members are not only dealing with the trauma of the evacuation but with reliving the fact that everything they ever owned and had in their home was eviscerated and then disappeared.

2. Most fire survivors are underinsured.

Insurance rarely covers the full cost of rebuilding, and many families - including ours - are facing staggering shortfalls. Every dollar counts. Waiving permit fees would make a real, immediate difference for families trying to build and move back home. Furthermore, some of the fees that would be waived — namely, impact fees - were paid long ago when our homes were originally built. Asking us to pay those fees again now adds insult to injury.

3. The City is already benefitting - and will continue to benefit – financially in the aftermath of the Fire.

Rather than losing money, the City will be gaining revenue from so many survivors not being able to 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.

Many of our neighbors who are fire survivors are realizing that, if they can't afford to rebuild (and can't continue to live in temporary housing), they will be forced to sell their lots at a loss. Such sales, along with the new construction that will follow, inevitably generate higher property taxes and development fees.

4. The City's budget assumptions are simply wrong; in fact, the City will profit from the rebuilding even if building plan check and permit fees are waived.

The idea that every homeowner would rebuild at 150% of their previous square footage, costing the City more than \$250 million in lost income, as posited by the CAO presentation to the Budget and Finance Committee (the back-up for which presentation has still not been seen by affected residents) is completely unrealistic. The numbers misrepresent what is actually happening. At a *minimum*, 30% of fire survivors are selling their lots and on some streets, 50% of owners have said they will be selling. The new builds on these lots will generate significant profits to the City *and* permit fees, not to mention revenues from sales taxes to be paid for all the building materials that will be purchased by the new owners of the lots.

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 (per the LADBS refund statement that 20% is required to cover clerical and administrative, so we can 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. Many residents believe that 9 of the 16 condo/townhome buildings and 8 small, owner-occupied apartment buildings will rebuild as eligible projects, which could amount to less than \$1.2M of plan and permit revenue, and just an estimated \$300,000 of costs. If these properties cannot be rebuilt, our community loses not just homes but affordability and diversity. Further, the burden will be felt by all homeowners in the impacted HOAs since loss assessments are levied on all homeowners, not just the owners of destroyed units. Rebuilding these structures is critical to keeping families, seniors, and working people

in our part of 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. 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.

7. Developers shouldn't be the ones to benefit.

When the City refuses to waive fees, the only people hurt are the residents who have already lost everything. The developers — who often buy up lots from underinsured homeowners — are the ones who gain. And, there have already been speculators who bought empty lots from people who felt they had no choice except to sell — only to see the buyers turn around and offer to sell their lots to large investors at a markup.

8. Do not exclude fire victims regardless. For single-family residence rebuilds by original owners of homes destroyed in the Palisades 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.

We are grateful for your service to the City, which is a huge and, at times, a thankless task.

Pictures of our home before and after the fire are included here. We need your help. Thank you for your efforts on our behalf.





Communication from Public

Name: Vienna Nowell

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 08:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council members, Myself, my husband and our two boys lived in the Palisades until January 7th. We had spent three years living in a renovation to get us our dream home. We loved our 1960's post and beam and wanted to preserve and retain its' character. We paid our last sizable invoice in December of 2024. Our home burned down less than a month later. We want to come back. We want to rebuild. We were underinsured, as so, so many Palisadians were. We had insurance for our pre-renovation home but had not put our coverage up as we had not closed out our permits yet (we had one light fixture to put up left). We are trying to figure out how to afford the rebuild, between struggling with insurance and all the fees for engineering, civil and structural, architects, soil testing, it is really hard adding up. And that is just the start of the rebuilding process. Waiving the permits fees for all Palisades fire rebuilds is so important to help us over this hurdle. We are starting from scratch here. We are not building back our beautiful ranch style home with sweeping eaves. We are building back more resiliently and not within 110% of the original dimensions. We will have a smaller footprint but higher overall height. Please consider all Palisadians. We did not ask or want to rebuild our home. We know now that we can build in a more fire safe way so we will do to prevent this ever happening again. Thank you for your time and your consideration, Vienna Nowell

Communication from Public

Name: Martin Curland

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 08:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please waive Palisades Fire Rebuild Permit Fees for all Owners Building on their same lot. My wife and I felt incredibly blessed to be raising our six-year-old son in the Palisades. This community has been the heart of our family's life. Our neighbors in the Alphabets are a true cross-section of Los Angeles—retired seniors who've lived here for decades, young families just starting out, hardworking middle-class households, and yes, some who are more fortunate. We have never taken any of it for granted. We are not high-net-worth homeowners. Twenty-nine years ago, we stretched to buy a small Palisades house that most considered a tear-down. I worked my way through college, and I have worked every year since to make the payments that allowed us to stay here and raise our son in a safe, stable home. When the fire came, our entire neighborhood burned. We are part of the city of Los Angeles, yet our reservoir was dry, multiple hydrants failed, and only a handful of fire resources were anywhere near the initial blaze. Our losses were profound. Now we are doing everything in our power to rebuild—not only our homes, but the fabric of a community that means the world to us. We are asking for your grace and partnership in that effort. We respectfully ask the city to waive permit fees—up to a fixed and reasonable cap—for all homeowners who are rebuilding on their existing properties. This support is critical not only for those who meet LADBS “like-for-like” guidelines (a misnomer), but also for those of us whose original homes were built a century ago under outdated codes. Our house built 100 years ago had 3-foot setbacks. In rebuilding, we are choosing less square footage and a two-story design so that we can create larger, safer setbacks and defensible space—choices that make our home and our community more fire-resilient, not less. We are simply trying to come home. Waiving these fees would provide meaningful relief at a time when every family who lost their home is carrying an overwhelming burden. And rebuilding our neighborhood quickly and safely is not only compassionate—it is good for the City of Los Angeles. Please stand with us. Please help us return stability to our families, revive our streets, and restore the community that has been such a treasured part of this city for generations that have gone before and we hope for generations that follow.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Lombino
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 06:23 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing today because my life—and the lives of thousands of my neighbors—changed forever on January 7, 2025. The Palisades Fire did not just burn through our community; it erased it. My home, along with virtually every belonging I owned, was destroyed. More than 5,500 families in Pacific Palisades are experiencing this same upheaval, but I can only speak from my own heart when I say that this past year has been emotionally devastating in ways I could never have imagined. Losing a home is not just losing a structure. It is losing the place where you feel safe, the place where your routines exist, where your memories live. I walk by the remains of my house and feel the weight of everything that was taken—from the large things like the roof over my head to the small, irreplaceable personal pieces collected over a lifetime. From my grandma's china and her collection of bone china tea/coffee cups that were each unique and beautiful to the writing my mother did from her travels. Earlier in the year there was almost a month when I could not stop crying. I am still grieving belongings I never thought would matter so much until they were gone. What makes this even harder is that I recently completed a major remodel. I had poured nearly all my savings into making my little home on my small, oddly shaped lot in the Alphabet Streets finally feel functional and complete. Because the lot is pie-shaped and extremely limited, the remodel took tremendous planning and expense, and I had recently purchased new furniture for much of the house. Standing in the ashes of something I had just finished building has been heartbreaking. And because I was underinsured, the financial strain is overwhelming. I should have been retiring this year, but this has caused me to put that on hold. I can't tell you the level of stress I have been feeling between performing my demanding job to the detriment of finding an architect and contractor. Now that I must rebuild entirely, the only practical option is to add a second story so I can create a small backyard—something that was impossible in the recent remodel, where the limited space meant I could only have a deck and no lawn. It is the only way to make my property livable again and to restore some normalcy and dignity to my life. This brings me to why I am writing today. I—along with so many others—am asking for your support in waiving all building permit fees for fire

victims. Waiving these fees will not solve all the challenges we face, but it would make a meaningful and tangible difference. For those of us who are underinsured, already financially stretched, or starting from zero after losing everything, these fees represent yet another burden at a time when we are already carrying more than we can manage. More importantly, your vote to waive these fees would send a powerful message: that our city sees us, cares about us, and is doing what it can to support families who are trying to rebuild their lives from the ground up. It would be a gesture of compassion from our local government at a moment when so many of us are exhausted—emotionally, financially, and spiritually. We are trying to move forward, but it is hard to rebuild when you are still healing. Your support would lift a small but significant weight off our shoulders and help us feel that our community, including its leadership, is standing beside us. Thank you for considering this request. I deeply hope you will vote to waive the building permit fees and give all of us who lost our homes a sense that we are not alone in trying to rebuild our lives. Sincerely, Rebecca

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Fuhrman

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 06:47 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles County resident who lost my home in the January 7th Palisades Fire, I respectfully urge the Board to waive permit fees for families like mine—families facing overwhelming rebuilding costs, still working through unresolved insurance coverage issues, and holding onto the hope of returning to our community in time to spend the next holiday season back at home. For many of us, rebuilding after this disaster isn't just a matter of replacing a structure—this process is a deeply emotional effort to restore our community and the sense of home that was destroyed in the fire. Every step in the process is intertwined with reminders about what has been lost, constant financial pressures, and the challenges of temporary living. And while we appreciate the County's efforts to streamline approvals, permit fees continue to weigh heavily on families already coping with temporary housing costs and substantial out-of-pocket rebuilding expenses. For many, this burden is further compounded by insurance gaps and ongoing disputes that can take years to resolve, leaving homeowners to shoulder significant expenses during an already overwhelming time. It's also important to note that fire survivors in Altadena have had their permit fees fully waived. Extending that same relief to all affected residents across Los Angeles County would ensure fair and compassionate treatment for everyone who has lost so much. A fee waiver would provide much-needed support, show the County's commitment to helping fire survivors return home safely, and make it possible for families like mine to rebuild our lives and reconnect with the community we love. I respectfully ask the Board to consider adopting a fee-waiver program for all fire victims rebuilding their homes in the Palisades.

Communication from Public

Name: Beverley Auerbach

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:23 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Regarding City Council Meeting of 2 December - Agenda Item #23 - Regarding Fee Waiver for Plan Check and Building Permits for survivors of the January Palisades wildfire My husband and I lost our home in the January wildfires. Not just our home of 45 years, but our entire neighborhood, the offices of both our doctors, our library, our grocery store, the restaurants where we celebrated special events, our banks, our close-knit community – all gone. We are not movie stars, tech moguls or high-priced lawyers but regular middle class people who educated our three children in public schools, who joined civic clubs and donated to neighborhood parks. We are small business owners now in semi-retirement. That we should have to go through this agonizing loss in our seventies, with its attendant crushing expense, is overwhelming even eleven months after the disaster. And now we face the holidays with no home, having been forced to move four times since January. Every step of this process is more wrenching and more expensive than anything we have experienced before. Everything keeps adding up, far beyond the amount that our insurance is willing to pay. We are facing a bleak future with no sense of certainty. We are part of Los Angeles – do not make the mistake of thinking that all Palisadians are wealthy or well-connected. This is not true. When we originally moved here in 1980, putting our entire savings toward a downpayment on our house, our neighbors were electricians, teachers, blue collar workers, widows. Many of those same people still live here. We need help from the City we have always called home and will be completely disheartened if you leave us to shoulder this burden on our own. Altadena has had their fees waived. Why should the government of LA County be more empathic and understanding than the City of Angels? We are counting on the City Council to support our recovery with this meaningful step – the waiver of all permitting fees. Sincerely, Beverley Auerbach & Bart Lynn, formerly at 1126 Embury Street, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272
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Communication from Public

Name: Mario Spanicciati
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:28 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I am writing to strongly urge a YES vote on the ordinance to waive permit and plan check fees for rebuilding structures damaged by the January 2025 wildfires. This measure is not only a compassionate response to disaster victims, but also a consistent and principled approach that aligns with the City's past actions. First, consider the precedent: after the Northridge Earthquake, the City waived fees for thousands of buildings. Voting no now would contradict that precedent and create an unfair double standard for victims of the 2025 wildfires. Second, charging these fees would, in effect, amount to disaster profiteering - placing a financial burden on residents who have already lost so much. This is not just a matter of financial impact; it's about maintaining the public trust and doing right by Angelenos in a time of need. In sum, approving this waiver is not a "cost" to the City; it is a moral obligation and a commitment to help our neighbors rebuild. I urge you to vote yes. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia Lewin

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:33 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I am a 85 year old woman who had lived in my house in Pacific Palisades for 50 years. I lost no only my house in the fire but all my memories of my husband and everything inherited from my family. My homeowner's insurance is insufficient to rebuild. I am considering building a much smaller house. However, having to pay the permit fees just adds to the worry about being able to rebuild.



Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Chan

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:36 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I support the waiver of the Rebuild Permit Fee. There has been conflicting information as to what we can submit for the rebuilding on our lot. I was told that I could rebuild 10% more when in fact I couldn't rebuild 10% as the DPD wouldn't allow me to. Because of the conflicting information, I unnecessarily paid for architectural and structural fees for that 10%--this unnecessarily cost me \$25K in fees I could have avoided. As such, my rebuild permit fee should be waived. - Valerie

Communication from Public

Name: Elisa
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 07:47 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: As a total loss victim of the palisades fire, I request you to please approve the permit fee waiver as has been done in past disasters (northridge quake). As we navigate rebuilding while also being underinsured (and fighting still with our insurance even for that amount), having some relief on permit fees would be a huge help. We had no plans to build a house from scratch but the fire has forced that upon us. So please help us get back on track. The stress and emotional strain of these 11 months is unimaginable, waiving these fees will make a bright light in this whirlwind.
Thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 04:40 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: Support Full Building Permit Fee Waivers for Palisades Fire Victims Dear Councilmembers, My husband was born and raised in Pacific Palisades and has lived here his entire life. Our children live with us, and this was meant to be the home we one day pass on to them. The fire did not just take our house, it disrupted multiple generations of our family at once. My husband's parents lost their home. His childhood home was destroyed. His sister, brother-in-law, their children, and several cousins also lost their homes. We lost everything through no fault of our own, and now face the financial reality of rebuilding in today's Los Angeles construction market. Without a full building permit fee waiver, we will not have the funds to rebuild. Our insurance falls short of actual rebuilding costs. Permit fees of \$40,000 to \$95,000 would make rebuilding impossible for us. We are not developers. We are families trying to go home. Like most residents of the Palisades, we are not wealthy. These are generational homes, and the people displaced by this fire are families who expected to remain here for life. Fee waivers also make financial sense for the City. When residents rebuild, the tax base grows. New construction raises property tax revenue, generates sales tax from construction, and results in safer, fire-resistant homes. If families cannot rebuild, that long-term revenue disappears. I also urge you to remove the 110 percent size cap tied to fee waivers. It unfairly penalizes families who never expanded before the fire and discourages meaningful reinvestment in the community. Recovery should not be limited by an arbitrary cap. We want to rebuild, return home, and keep our family rooted in the Palisades. We cannot do that without real financial relief. Please approve full building permit fee waivers for all fire victims without restrictive size limits. Sincerely, Chelsea & Rich Ford 761 Hartzell St Pacific Palisades

Communication from Public

Name: BRONWEN SENNISH

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 04:55 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider the fate of elders like us who lost our homes, possessions, and financial security in the Palisades Fire. My husband and I are in our late seventies. The Palisades Fire destroyed the only house we ever bought, a bungalow built in 1924, a tiny place compared to the mansions of Pacific Palisades. We lived in this 1500 square foot house for 33 years, raised children, worked long hours and retired just a few years ago. My husband worked 70-80-hour weeks (physical labor on film crews) until he was 73 so that we could afford to live on a fixed income in a house with very low overhead. Our retirement finances depend on having a house that costs much less than current Los Angeles prices. Basically, we can't afford not to rebuild. But we cannot afford to rebuild if we have to spend a large portion of our meager budget on permit fees. The insurance we bought in good faith, thinking it would cover rebuilding (at \$300/square foot) is not enough to rebuild, and our insurance company is not even paying out our limits. Please waive permit and plan check fees for fire victims like us, as LA County and Malibu, and every county and state authority has done in this and previous wildfire disasters. As the City Council did after the Northridge earthquake. We need your help. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Lex Cooke
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 03:39 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: Please support our community as we endeavor to rebuild after this incredible loss.

Communication from Public

Name: Jacqueline Berman

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 03:57 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I am a 90-year old senior citizen who lived in my home for 50 years. My life plan was to die in this home. Not only will this not happen but along with the complete destruction of my home I lost every thing inside the home and garage as well., which means all pictures and memories I collected over a lifetime. There is not a day that goes by that I don't think of something that was in the house and then suddenly remember it is gone, along with everything I've ever owned. Eight years ago I was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and have been in remission since - a small miracle I've been told, even from my oncologist. Moving on from the fire has not yet been possible for me - I don't know where to move on to. I fear I will never recover from this.

Communication from Public

Name: John Closson

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 04:08 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Honorable City Council Members - I lost my personal residence and the office building within which I worked as a result of the fires. While my situation is not unique, it is somewhat unusual and gives me a clear perspective on the importance of building back our community. Central to a rapid reconstruction of the residences is waving permit fees for construction. The Palisades represents a special community, blending valuable residential real estate, with commercial services offered in a community setting. Waving permit fees will encourage residential development promptly, resulting in reassessment of property taxes in line with what people were paying prior to the fires and significantly increased commercial activity which also yields greater sales and revenue taxes. The motivation is not purely financial, but also morally correct given the set of circumstances that led to the fire's devastation. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Sheryl Rosenbaum

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 04:18 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Our family is in the process of rebuilding the home where we raised our children, after losing it in the January fires. We are rebuilding because we love our community and we want other community members to feel encouraged to return, as well. Please waive all building fees for us and for all fire victims to help us with the financial burden and to help the city to maintain its sense of community. Fee waivers may encourage people who are sitting on the fence about rebuilding to embark on the project. These waivers should apply for all types of homes, including townhomes, mobile homes, condos and single family homes. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Alice Gould

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 04:25 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Alice Gould. I am 69 years old. I bought my home 28 years ago and raised my 2 children there, working full time as a single parent. I retired December 31, 2024. A week later my house burned to ashes. We lost everything. I made the decision to rebuild my house which is under construction. I made this decision based on Mayor Bass's executive order and commitment to streamline the process and to waive all building and permit fees. Also, I assumed that after being a loyal customer of State Farm Insurance for over 50 years, the company would honor my policy. How could they not? There is no dispute, nothing worse could have happened to my home yet State Farm is holding back a significant % of my coverage, and I am now forced to use my retirement money to complete my rebuild. Many associate the Palisades as a rich and affluent town. However, the statement that every person or household there is "rich" doesn't hold up under the data. Yes, there is a percentage of high-income earners but a significant number in our community are lower income residents renting apartments, lived in the 2 mobile home parks or like me, purchased their homes when it was affordable. They earn at relatively lower levels and face the same high costs of living in that area. • 27% are seniors, many living on a fixed income • 42% of Palisades residents earn less than \$150k • 22% earn less than \$75k • 20% of our resident's rent their homes Like Altadena, the multi-generational component of Pacific Palisades makes the community unique and special. Having a young family living close to parents and grandparents with some having multiple generations living under one roof. The challenge we are facing is that people are polarized and can't make decisions for financial reasons. Nobody knows if they will be required to pay building and permit fees which is creating a tremendous amount of uncertainty and stress. For me personally, I don't know if I am building my home to live in, or rebuilding to sell and will need to relocate to an unknown community where I don't know anyone. A huge part of my outcome depends on your decision today. Our town is suffering. Waiving permit and plan check fees for rebuilding represents a clear public benefit by getting property and business taxes back in the city's coffers. The waivers would remove barriers to reconstruction and get people back in their homes. On behalf of the Palisades seniors and all the residents, I

ask you honor Mayor Bass's executive order and do the right thing. Waive all permit and building fees so everyone who wants to, can come home.

Communication from Public

Name: Ghizlane Morlot
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 01:02 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: We support the waiver of such fire rebuild permit fees.

Communication from Public

Name: Megan Price

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 01:27 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Due to the city and state mismanagement over 7,000 structures were lost in addition to the 12 lives... Mayor Karen Bass said permit fees would be waived and given that people didn't chose "empty lots" and the ramifications of the January fires it's only right to not charge them to rebuild... thank you

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 01:36 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I'm a senior citizen who lived in my Palisades home for over 50 years. I lost absolutely everything in the Palisades 2025 fire. It was a Total Loss. I am retired and on a fixed income. I was extremely underinsured. I am asking the L.A. City Council to please vote to Waive permit fees for rebuilding homes for the Palisades 2025 fire victims. This is city council agenda item 23. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Kaner
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 02:42 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the fee waiver for anyone who lost their homes in the Palisades and Alta Dena fires.

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Fracchiolla

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 02:53 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to respectfully request waiving building and permit fees for LA Fire victims. I moved into my 1943 two bedroom, one bath house on Hartzell Street on December 17, 1993. It was a simple home and that's what I loved about it. I quickly fell in love with the community--my husband was an Associate Pastor at the Methodist Church and I was extremely active in the Palisades Complex Schools. I found my passion teaching young people about theatre. First at the Methodist Church, then Theatre Palisades, Paul Revere and finally teaching at Pali High for the past 13 years. I retired in June and have been lost. I spend many sleepless nights terrified that I will not be able to afford rebuilding my home. Like so many I was underinsured so am now securing loans and praying building costs will go down. I am not Uber wealthy. I don't want to upgrade to a larger footprint, I don't want a McMansion. I just want my modest home in a community that I gave my heart and soul to for over 30 years. I want to grow old in the Palisades and live out my days in a community that I love.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 02:58 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Waive the fees so we can rebuild our town!

Communication from Public

Name: Irene M Pazirandeh

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 03:02 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: We lost our home in the Palisades of 48 years through no fault of our own. Not one single fire fighter tried to save our house because there was no water. We have been struggling with our insurance to cover what we lost. Since the city failed to protect us, the least they can do is save us the fees to get a permit to rebuild our house and resume paying taxes to the city. Not only is it the kind thing to do but financially smart thing to do.

Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Dahlberg

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 11:07 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear esteemed Council members, I am writing to ask that you waive permit and any/all related rebuilding fees for the residents of Malibu and Pacific Palisades. The Palisades Fire has destroyed communities, broken families apart and caused inexplicable pain and financial hardship to thousands upon thousands of tax paying citizens. None of us are “choosing” to rebuild, rather—and if we are “lucky” enough—we are forced to rebuild. Slapping all these fees on top of building costs makes a huge difference in our ability to go back home. I am asking you to PLEASE put yourselves in our shoes and do the right thing: PLEASE WAIVE PERMIT AND ALL RELATED REBUILDING FEES SO WE CAN ALL HAVE A FAIR CHANCE TO GO BACK HOME. Thank you for your time and consideration. All the best,
Stephanie Dahlberg

Communication from Public

Name: Rosanna Rocker
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 10:05 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Our Mayor told us we would be supported, our Governor told us we would be supported, our President told us we would be supported, where is this support? I have paid THOUSANDS of DOLLARS so far to obtain permits, plans, studies, reports, tests, etc etc, and I have been given every excuse as to why my burned down structure requires these fees and these reports. I live in my home, and stare at my demolished burned down structure and cry daily (guest house built in the 1960's) where my teenage daughter lived, and the structure that I want to rebuild. It MADE my property more valuable at time of purchase, its' value made my property less valuable at time of burning down and was granted a re-assessment by the assessor's office, but now my city wants to fight me on its eligibility for all of the benefits, if any, of a rebuild of a burnt structure because it was built in the 60's and no one can find the permits on the structure. I am paying that price. My heart is saddened. Where is our sense of community, comradery, decency and pure human compassion? My bestie, as in girlfriend for almost 30 years, lost her home as well, we are on polar opposite of the political sphere, but this fire knew no political affiliation, no financial affiliation, but only blind destruction. We are strong, we can handle it, but please remember, the paperwork is bogging, expensive, hard, boring, all of those words that our youth love to use and we tell them that they can't - because we are resilient - but we are TIRED - depleted, both emotionally and financially - if we are really the city of Angels, can we start acting like it? Can we start shedding some HEALING LIGHT on our citizens, even if you think that we are all rich... Richness is a blessing from within, and having the support of your community and government, while holding our hand during this process and guiding us and making it just a little bit easier through the hard times. I stand here and state, when we are on the path, and there is a stone in that path, and even though we are sure of foot and can walk around it, we have a moral obligation to stop and remove the stone from the path so that those that are not as sure of foot, can navigate the path without tripping and falling. Please help us in this journey city council. You have the ability to do that!

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Comments for Public Posting: We are victims of the wildfire of January 7 in the Pacific Palisades and have lost everything. We never could have imagined that the fire would reach across Sunset Blvd. and destroy the whole urban area! We evacuated with the conviction that we would return to the house the next day. But the Palisades was left to burn! My husband and I are in our mid and late eighties. We had to struggle with the insurance and finally decided to rebuild as Owner-builder because the insurance money would not permit us to hire a General contractor. My husband is a retired architect and has done previous similar projects. We are planning to rebuild on the same square footage, on a difficult lot. Every dollar counts and we would really appreciate if you could waive the fees for permitting as well as plan check fees. I think all owners who want to rebuild at 100% or 110% should be exempt of these fees. The developers and speculators, and there will be a big number of them, should not benefit of it. with gratitude,
Romana and Gerhard Pichel

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of my family, I'm writing on the eve of your vote regarding the waiver of permit fees for rebuilding homes lost to the fires. The waiver of these fees would help our family move forward with our rebuild and return to the neighborhood where we raised our children. Between work and parenting (and often instead of work and parenting), we spend our time trying to figure out how we will afford to rebuild. If we are able to rebuild, we wonder if we will have enough left to replace any of the things we lost. It's heartbreaking, frustrating, and all consuming. Most of the time, we feel stymied. A waiver of these fees would help cover costs we never thought we would have to pay. It would also go a long way in showing the city supports families trying to return home against great difficulties. Please consider these waivers so we can get home and the city can return to some sense of normalcy.