

Communication from Public

Name: Kari Weaver

Date Submitted: 12/02/2025 12:08 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for taking the time to read my public comment. I lost my home in the Palisades Fire on January 7th-8th. I am a single mom of three children. At the time of the fire my oldest was home on break from her sophomore year at college. My middle child was home on break from Palisades High School and my youngest was home ill (she attends Girls Academic Leadership Academy). We were enjoying the last few days of winter break before my oldest went back to the east coast for school. We still had our Christmas Tree standing with all of the ornaments that I had been collecting my entire life, including a few from when I was a baby, all of my children's baby ornaments and those they hand made in school, all of the one's gifted to me from family and friends, and all those that I had acquired on my various trips. As I prepare for this Christmas...I am reminded of all that I lost. Even though Christmas decorations are not that important in the grand scheme of life, they represented by family, people I love, memories I made and more. They are a symbol of ALL that I have lost. Through no fault of my own, I along the majority of my neighbors lost the one place that was our sanctuary...providing a roof over our heads, time spent together, meals and memories. All gone. I had never planned on tearing down and rebuilding that home, our sanctuary. I loved it, with it's flaws and all. As I'm sure you all love your home and I'm sure you all treasure the memories you made in that home and the items that were cherished by you that represented your life and those of your family. Imagine losing everything but your family members and anything that you thought to take with you? It's heartbreaking. Almost 11 months later and I am still dealing with temporary housing, my insurance company and my insurance claim, going through the many hurdles of rebuilding, and all of the expenses associated with my destroyed home (property tax statement was just received for my lot), mortgage payments, and more. All things I knew nothing about, yet find myself needing to learn. If I were building a home because it was something I chose to do, I absolutely would have no issue with paying for permit fees, etc., however, this rebuild is not due to my choice, it is due to something that happened to me, my neighbors and my community. I've heard from many who have stated that the city budget did not include revenue from the permit fees for those that lost their home to the Palisades Fire. For

all of these reasons, I ask that you please approve the council file that would remove permit fees from all those who are rebuilding after losing their homes (single family, condo, etc.) in the Palisades Fire. Thank you, Kari Weaver

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Name: JACK abd DIANE ALLEN

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 01:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Although we lost our home in the Palisades Fire, we are OPPOSED to granting Fee Waivers for re-building our homes. We do not think we should be treated any differently than anyone else who lost their homes because of a fire or any other natural disaster. The fees unfortunately are necessary to fund the LADBS. If fees are waived, it may be necessary to replace them out of the General Fund. Also, in many cases, the cost of fees necessary for rebuilding are covered in the insurance proceeds received by the applicants.

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Name: Claude Harvey

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Comments for Public Posting: Claude Harvey My home was totally destroyed in the Pacific Palisades fire. When I consider all the events surrounding that fire, the financial struggles I'm having replacing the home within the boundaries of my insurance coverage and the vast array of unknown future expenses that will be required to occupy and maintain a replacement home, such as fire insurance, my share of infrastructure repair (sidewalks? underground electric service? cost of mandated electric utilities? etc.), adding the cost of city permits to rebuild and occupy said property may well tip over my tentative decision to rebuild that which has been lost. I'll note for the council's consideration that what has been lost is not only my house and home, but a part of the property tax base on which the city expects to rely for may years into the future. Claude Harvey