

Communication from Public

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Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 10:11 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: December 1, 2025 Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles Hon. Marqueece Harris Dawson, President, LA City Council Hon. Traci Park, City Councilwoman, CD 11 Hon. Bob Blumenfield, City Councilmember, CD 3 Matthew Szabo, City Administrative Officer, City of Los Angeles (CAO) Vince P. Bertoni, AICP, Director, Los Angeles Dept. of City Planning (DCP) Osama Younan, General Manager, Los Angeles Dept. of Building & Safety (LADBS) Via email to the above addressees and submission to the City Clerk filing portal in CF 25-0006-S57 Re: CF 25-0006-S57/Waiver of Plancheck and Permit Fees for Rebuilds and Repairs of Structures Destroyed In the Palisades Fire: SUPPORT Dear Los Angeles City Officials: Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has for 53 years been the voice of Pacific Palisades, the community at the epicenter of the Palisades Fire on January 7, 2025 – the most devastating catastrophe ever experienced in Los Angeles. As we embark on the daunting task of rebuilding our entire community, including reconstruction and repair of thousands of homes and other structures that were completely destroyed in the fire, we write to express our strong support for a full waiver of all plancheck and permit fees for rebuilds and repairs. We urge the CAO to complete the required feasibility study at the earliest opportunity and to conclude that a full waiver of fees is required, as occurred in the wake of the Northridge Earthquake. We further request that the City Council approve a full waiver of fees as soon as possible. Alternatively, we request that to the extent feasible, Mayor Bass issue an immediate executive order directing that all such fees be waived. In a recent letter to the Mayor published in the March 13 edition of “Circling the News” in Pacific Palisades, a resident commented on the “massive” fees required for permits: “At the meeting with a City Plan Checker yesterday, we learned our permitting could exceed \$70,000. If this holds true, this could render our ability rebuild as a non-start.” (<https://www.circlingthenews.com/letter-to-mayor-karen-bass-waive-building-fees-for-fire-victims/>) A full waiver of plancheck and permit fees is of the upmost importance to constituents and critical to the reconstruction of Pacific Palisades. Please waive permitting fees!!! Evelyn Miller

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Name: Beth Holden-Garland

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 12:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers: My name is Beth Holden-Garland, and we lost our home in the fire of January 7th (it actually burned early the morning of January 8th), my neighbor who held off the flames for some time with a garden hose said the water supply stopped at 10:30 pm (because of the unfilled reservoir). As you can imagine, this has been a nightmare for so many, we are also spinning not knowing what our future looks like. Fire insurance had already more than doubled before the fire. Now we do not know who will insure our properties, or how much it will cost, on top of the hugely expensive rebuild. We want to ask that you waive the permit fees so we don't have to incur that extra cost. It seems like a simple gesture that would go a long way with our community. Thank you for your thoughtful support, it would mean a lot to many of us considering what we have already been through. Appreciate your kind consideration.

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Name: Farzad Abolfathi
Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 05:05 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please remove all permit fees for people who lost any type of structures in the fire.

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Name: Sharon Stephens

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Comments for Public Posting: I am 82 years old and have lived in my home in the Alphabet streets since 1972. My husband of 58 years passed away a week after the fires. The Palisades was everything to us - our church, friends, school and community. Now it is all gone. Please consider to waive these fees and do whatever you can to make it possible to rebuild our beautiful community.

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Name: Kirsten Lando

Date Submitted: 12/02/2025 07:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do the right thing and waive these permit fees. No one wanted to rebuild, we were failed and the fire should have never reached anyone's homes. Pure negligence occurred, killing 12 people and leaving thousands of us without a home, neighborhood and town. This is cruel to even consider making us Palisadians pay.

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Name: Karen Ridgley

Date Submitted: 12/01/2025 03:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA City Councilmembers - I urge you to waive the permit fees for residents of Pacific Palisades that the City of LA normally imposes upon a homeowner who builds or rebuilds a new or improved home in the City of Los Angeles. The Palisades Fire of Jan 7, 2025 devastated the town of Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 and burned approximately 6500 structures. Those whose homes were burned or damaged by the fire, heat and smoke and had no control over the fire which destroyed or damaged their homes. The City should not punish the residents of Pacific Palisades for rebuilding, repairing and remediating their residences by imposing onerous and expensive permit taxes on them to replace their former homes. They already paid permit taxes when they first built or bought their homes. Please support Mayor Bass' Executive Order and Traci Park's recommendation to waive permit fees for R1 and duplexes burned or damaged by the Jan 7 Fire in Pacific Palisades. Many older residents were underinsured and are unable to meet the high cost of rebuilding, now quoted at \$500-800/square foot. I am 84 and retired with heart and respiratory conditions. I am told it will be 2-3 years before many homes are rebuilt and commercial services restored. My alternative living expenses were curtailed by insurance company as of August and won't cover my condo rental which is exorbitant at \$4700/mo., nor replacement furnishings during the time it will take to rebuild. I have lived in my Palisades home for 48 years and planned to age in place at my home. My house has unacceptable lead and tested too toxic from smoke for inhabiting, yet my insurance company, CA Fair Plan is refusing to pay for any "damage not visible to the human eye unless the result of a direct hit by fire". Lead and toxins from smoke are invisible, but were proven present throughout my house. The Ca Fair Plan exclusion of "invisible toxins" was judged to be illegal in a recent CA trial, yet they have not changed their payout practices. We urge your vote to waive permit fees. They are unfair and ethically wrong to impose on our fire victims. Thank you, Karen Ridgley, Pacific Palisades Community Council member, representing approximately 3000 residences in Pacific Palisades.