

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: My Pacific Palisades home of 42 years burned to the ground on January 7. The home that we purchased in 1983 was a 2 bedroom, 1 bath post WW2 structure. As our family grew, we did incremental remodels, my husband acting as general contractor, with cash on hand. The result was a lovely and welcoming home that we used for entertaining family and friends. The fire has taken all that away. This holiday season is yet another poignant and saddening reminder of what my family and my community have lost. I am now planning to rebuild, but it's an arduous process despite my prior experience. What is appalling is that the City of Los Angeles would even consider charging fees for me to replace something that was forcibly stolen from me. What is needed is for LADBS and this City Council to support the rebuild efforts of the property owners by waiving the LADBS fees. That is what creates community (something the City of Los Angeles needs more of...). What we DO NOT NEED is for Pacific Palisades to be sold out to and made soul-less (not to mention overcrowded and more dangerous) by large scale real estate development.