

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Council members, Over the course of the past year since our homes were destroyed in the Palisades Fire, I and fellow Pacific Palisades community members have spent countless hours organizing, advocating, writing letters, and showing up a City Hall to ask you, our City leadership, to do the right thing and waive rebuild fees. This past year has taken a horrendous toll on our mental and physical health. We have lost our homes, our possessions, our neighbors, and our community. We have had to deal with inadequate insurance policies, bureaucratic government agencies, and have stood in long lines like beggars to receive vital donations. Whereas my husband and I were prepared for disaster - we had an evacuation plan, a check list, a grab bag, a pre-determined place to shelter - the City wasn't. Laws like this should have already been on the books, especially after the Northridge Earthquake. You need to prepare better! What other measures should you have taken and could still take to support disaster victims? For example, why are you forcing disaster victims to be taxed like millionaires if they lack the funds to rebuild their homes and condo HOAs? Three condo HOAs, 90 affordable housing units, have already been forced to sell. The individual owners will be forced to pay the mansion tax despite having lost their home, possessions, and mental and physical well being. Disaster can strike anywhere. This isn't just a "CD-11 problem." No Angeleno should ever be placed in this position again!