

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** SUBJECT: URGENT REQUEST MEASURE ULA RELIEF FOR PALASIDES FIRE VICTIMS Hello Los Angeles City Council Members, I am one of the thousands of residents who lost their home in the Pacific Palisades fires. I worked very hard to purchase my home and raised my son there as a single mother. He attended Palisades Elementary, Paul Revere Middle School, and graduated from Palisades High School. Like so many others, I am devastated by this loss—not only physically, but emotionally. I lived in a townhome community in the Highlands. One of the reasons I chose that home was because I could see the water tower from my window and believed that, should the unthinkable happen, we would be protected. Sadly, as we now know, there was no water—along with a series of other missteps that led to this catastrophic outcome. My neighbors and I are now being forced to sell our land because our HOA is severely underinsured and we do not have sufficient funds to rebuild. If Measure ULA is not amended and placed on the June ballot, we will be subject to the so-called “mansion tax,” despite the fact that none of us owned homes worth anywhere near \$5.3 million. There are 46 homes in our HOA. Individually, they were modest residences—not luxury properties. However, because the land must be sold as a single parcel, the total sale price will exceed the ULA threshold, triggering a massive tax burden on people who have already lost everything. This is a devastating and deeply unfair outcome. I can no longer afford to return to the place I loved. The costs are now far too high, and I previously had a 3% mortgage—something I will never see again. Like many of my neighbors, I am already struggling financially. To impose this additional tax would be a gut punch to families who are already down. I am pleading with you to ensure that Measure ULA does not further harm fire victims like us. Please amend it to exempt those who have lost their homes due to this disaster. I respectfully ask you to do the right thing. Thank you for your time, your service, and your consideration. Sincerely, Caren

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**Name:** Marie-Claude Ranés  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I lived in a townhome complex on Palisades drive, which burned completely on January 7,2025. We are forced to sell due to insufficient funds to face rebuilding costs. Our community felt safe as we were across the gulley from the Santa Inez reservoir. We didn't not know it had been out of service for a while, repairs were not done. Maybe the complex and more homes could have been spared should the reservoir have been operational, as it had been previously, when I could see helicopters come to load water and fly over my unit with their hose dripping with water on their way to a fire somewhere. We did not know the fire department budget had been reduced, we did not know we no longer were safe. Four helicopters came for water in the morning and left, empty. and now, we are facing the "ULA Mansion tax on the land sale !!! There were no "mansions", there are no "mansions"now ! Imposing Measure ULA doubles the harm to Palisades residents whose lives , have already been severely impacted by the catastrophe. I am asking that the Mansion tax be amended and placed on the June ballot. Thank you for your consideration.  
Respectfully, Marie Claude Ranés