

MOTION

AD HOC ULA

The January 2025 fires threatened and damaged communities across Los Angeles, including extraordinary devastation in Pacific Palisades, destroying homes, displacing families, and creating significant financial hardship for affected property owners.

Measure ULA, adopted by City voters in 2022, established a funding mechanism for affordable housing production and homelessness prevention through a transfer tax on qualifying real property transactions. As residents impacted by the fires may wish or need to relocate due to the devastation caused by the disaster, the City has evaluated temporary relief from the Measure ULA transfer tax in order to reduce the financial burden placed on fire victims during the recovery process.

Motion (Park - Harris-Dawson) was introduced in October 2025, requesting the City Attorney to explore a proposal that would grant the Director of the Department of Finance increased delegated authority to promulgate rules that grant a one-time Measure ULA tax exemption to owners of all residential properties in the Pacific Palisades. In their report back, dated January 16, 2026 (Council File No. 25-0006-S86), the City Attorney advised that while the proposed Palisades Fire Amendment to ULA failed to meet the threshold requirements of the City Council's Amendment Authority under Measure ULA, the council could put a ballot measure with this exemption before the voters.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney, with assistance from the Office of Finance, Los Angeles Housing Department, and Chief Legislative Analyst, prepare and present within 15 days the documents necessary to place before the voters in the next feasible municipal election a measure that would amend Measure ULA to allow the Office of Finance to issue a one-time, five-year exemption from the Measure ULA tax, retroactive to January 7, 2025, to owners of residential properties that were impacted by the January 2025 Palisades fire, if the listed taxpayer can provide evidence that their property was damaged or destroyed by the fires.

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