



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

June 28, 2023

California State Senate
Senate Governance and Finance Committee
Anna Caballero, Chair
Kelly Seyarto, Vice Chair
Sacramento, CA 95814

Via email and the CA legislation submission portal

Re: AB 1287 (Alvarez) – Density Bonus / Original position: Oppose unless amended to retain the protection of the Coastal Act; Current position: Unopposed to current iteration (as amended in the Assembly to retain the Coastal Act Saving Clause)

Dear Senators Cabellero and Seyarto, and members of the Senate Governance & Finance Committee:

Pacific Palisades is a community of about 25,000 located in the wildland-urban interface between the Los Angeles coastline and the Santa Monica mountains. Large portions of our community are located within the Coastal Zone and our entire community is part of the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), as determined by LAFD.

The Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the voice of the community and the most broad-based organization since 1973, advocating for our interests across City, County and State agencies. For many years, our community has relied on the protections afforded by the California Coastal Act.

While PPCC recognizes the need for reasonable solutions to the demand for affordable housing, we felt strongly that AB 1287, as originally proposed, would have compromised public safety and the environment, unless amended to retain the important protections of the Coastal Act (the Coastal Act Saving Clause). AB 1287 was subsequently amended in the Assembly to retain the Coastal Act Saving Clause. Therefore, PPCC is now unopposed to the bill in its current iteration.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Maryam Zar, President
Acting on behalf of the Executive Committee
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc: Hon. Ben Allen, Senator, SD 24
Hon. Jacqui Irwin, Assemblymember, AD 42