



## PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

October 12, 2024

Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, President, Los Angeles City Council

Hon. John S. Lee, Chair, Council Planning & Land Use Management (PLUM) Committee

Hon. Eunisses Hernandez, Councilwoman, CD I

Hon. Traci Park, Councilwoman, CD II

*Via email to all addressees and submission to the City Clerk online filing portal*

**Re: Support for CF 24-1128 – Report Back re Abandoned/Unfinished Construction Sites**

Dear President Harris-Dawson; PLUM Chair Lee and Members; and Councilwomen Hernandez and Park:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has been the most broad-based community organization and voice of the Palisades since its founding 51 years ago, in 1973. Pacific Palisades is a hillside coastal community located entirely within the designated Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ).

Our community has numerous abandoned/unfinished construction sites, some of which have been incomplete for more than a decade. These sites are hazardous and present clear threats to public safety and welfare. They are nuisances and magnets for squatters, contribute to blight, and most significantly, are at constant risk of igniting dangerous wildfires, with potential *massive property damage and even loss of life as a result*.

Based on long experience with these conditions, after full discussion at the regularly scheduled public PPCC board meeting on October 10, 2024, our board unanimously passed the following motion:

*“Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) believes that there is a clear need for oversight and accountability for negligent property owners and developers who allow construction sites to remain incomplete and/or abandoned for extended time periods. PPCC therefore supports CF 24-1128 (Hernandez), which calls for a report back by LADBS on consequences and solutions to the problem of abandoned / incomplete construction sites, which pose a risk of fire and other hazards and are a threat to public safety and welfare.”*

We urge the PLUM Committee to take up CF 24-1128 at the earliest opportunity, and request that PLUM members and the entire City Council vote in favor of the motion.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated prompt attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

*Sue Kohl*

Sue Kohl, President

Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc (via email): Hon. Heather Hutt, Vice-Chair PLUM / CD 10; Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Member PLUM / CD 5; Hon. Kevin de Leon, Member PLUM / CD 14 / Hon. Imelda Padilla, Member PLUM / CD 6