



AGENDA
PPCC BOARD MEETING

March 13, 2025

6:00 PM

via Zoom Meeting

Link to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88283101185?pwd=G7rqFX4t6sGI3K6B4srbYL9HC67efX.1#success>

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1. **Call to Order and Reading of Community Council's Mission.** The purpose of the Pacific Palisades Community Council shall be to (1) be a forum for the consideration of Community issues, (2) be an advocate for Pacific Palisades to government and private agencies upon issues where there is broad Community agreement, as reflected by two-thirds of the Board Members voting on any one of those issues at a PPCC Meeting, and (3) assist other organizations in the Palisades which want help in accomplishing their objectives or projects, which the PPCC determines to support. See PPCC Bylaws: <http://pacpalicc.org/index.php/council-bylaws/>.

2. **Introductions / Roll Call.**

3. **Certification of Quorum.**

4. **Approval of Minutes.** Approval of draft minutes of February 27, 2025.

5. **Consideration of Agenda & Upcoming Meetings.** *March 27, 2025* (topics to be announced); *April 10, 2025* (appointment of Nominating Committee to nominate PPCC officers for the 2025-26 term).

6. **Treasurer's Report.**

7. **General Public Comment** – As time allows. This time is reserved for non-Board members to speak on any item of interest to the public that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the PPCC (Bylaws Art. IX.7). Speakers will be limited to one minute. Chair retains discretion to extend.

8. **Reports, Announcements and Concerns.**

8.1. From the Chair/Presiding Officer.

8.1.1. Appointment of Jenny Li to the Rebuild Committee.

8.1.2. New PPCC representative appointments to the WRAC MTC: Kaye Steinsapir, primary rep; Sharon Garrett, Alternate rep (Julia Nilsen has resigned as primary rep).

8.1.3. Position letters written since last PPCC meeting:

<https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/PPCC-Letter-re-CCRsF.pdf>

<https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/PPCC-Statement-and-Request-re-CCRsF-1.pdf>

<https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/PPCC-Letter-Re-Hydrants.pdf>

<https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/PPCC-Letter-Re-Soils-Testing.pdf>

<https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/PPCC-Letter-Re-CDR-Motion.pdf>

8.2. From Officers/Chair Emeritus.

8.3. From At-Large and Area Representatives.

8.4. From Organizational Representatives.

8.5. From Government Offices / Representatives (as available). Contact information:

<https://pacpalicc.org/index.php/government-contacts/>.

8.5.1. Brian Espin, LAPD Senior Lead Officer (SLO), Pacific Palisades.

8.5.2. Arus Grigoryan, Palisades Field Deputy, CD 11 (Councilwoman Traci Park).

8.5.3. Marian Ensley, West Area Representative, Mayor Karen Bass.

8.5.4. Zac Gaidzik, Coastal & Westside Field Deputy, County Supervisor Lindsey Horvath.

8.5.5. Sean Regan, District Representative, Congressman Brad Sherman.

8.5.6. Samantha Gallegos, Field Representative, SD 24 (Sen. Ben Allen).

8.5.7. Anthony Avila, Field Representative, AD 42 (Asm. Jacqui Irwin).

8.6. From PPCC Advisors and Liaisons.

9. **Reports from PPCC Committees.**

9.1. Land Use Committee (LUC; Chris Spitz, Chair). Update on the LUC's work; recommendations for action by the Board (*see proposed motions/Items 11.2(a)-(b) & related attachments*).

9.2. Rebuild Committee (RC; David Schwarz, Chair). Update on the RC's work; adoption of the RC's "Statement of Rebuilding Goals and Guiding Principles":

<https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Background-Rebuild-Committee-Statement.pdf>

10. **Old Business** – None.

11. **New Business.**

11.1. Presentation & Q&A – MySafe LA: LA Fire Safe Council. Discussion only. [*Note: may be taken out of order, following the Treasurer's report/item 6.*]

[*Further note: Items 11.2-11.3 below may also be taken out of order, following earlier agenda items.*]

11.2. Proposed Motions sponsored by the PPCC LUC.

11.2(a): Motion to **oppose SB 677 (Wiener)** (language of motion and background attached below).

11.2(b): Motion re **Specific Plan notice and enforcement** (language of motion and background attached below).

12. Adjournment.

For additional information see www.pacpalicc.org or e-mail info@pacpalicc.org.

ATTACHMENTS:

Item 11.2(a) – Motion to oppose SB 677 (Wiener)

“Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has for 53 years been the voice of Pacific Palisades, the community at the epicenter of the Palisades Fire on January 7, 2025 – the most devastating catastrophe ever experienced in Los Angeles. Our experience with wildfires, and the extreme danger posed by limited routes of ingress and egress on our hillside streets during mandatory evacuations, has led PPCC to long oppose any efforts by government, whether directly or indirectly, to increase density in our low-density Palisades residential communities. <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/02/PPCC-Policy-Statement-Density-Public-Safety.pdf>.

“The extreme risk to public safety was made evident during the Palisades Fire, when residents under mandatory evacuation were forced to abandon cars and flee for their lives while emergency vehicles were impeded from entering burning areas. Increased density (more housing) will only exacerbate the risk as we continue to face the serious threat of wildfires during the reconstruction of Pacific Palisades and beyond.

“PPCC therefore opposes SB 677 (Wiener), which mandates further streamlining and automatic approval of certain permits for increased housing development and places all areas within the Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone (VHFHSZ), including the entirety of Pacific Palisades, at risk of public safety, by failing to provide for an unconditional exemption for areas within the VHFHSZ.

“PPCC urges our state elected representatives, Senator Ben Allen and Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin, to vote No on the bill and to support the unconditional exemption of VHFHSZs from any attempt to waive the ordinary review, hearing, and comment process for permits that seek to increase density in these areas. We further request that our City Councilmember Traci Park bring a resolution in City Council forthwith to add opposition to SB 677 to the Council’s state legislative priorities for 2025-26.”

Background: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Wiener-bill-background.pdf>

Item 11.2(b) – Motion re Specific Plan notice and enforcement

“Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) requests that during the reconstruction of Pacific Palisades, all applicants for building permits for multifamily or mixed used developments within the area of the Pacific Palisades Commercial Village and Neighborhoods Specific Plan (Specific Plan) be notified by the Los Angeles Dept. of Building and Safety (LADBS) of the provisions of the Specific Plan. PPCC further requests confirmation by our city officials and relevant agencies, including the Mayor, our Councilwoman, the Dept. of City Planning and LADBS, that the provisions of the Specific Plan will not be waived but will instead be applied and enforced as to all permit applications for multifamily or mixed used developments within the Specific Plan area during the reconstruction of Pacific Palisades.”

Background: According to recent reporting, at least one property owner may seek permission to build a large, multi-story/multifamily building within the Palisades Specific Plan area which may violate certain Specific Plan provisions. It is possible that during the community’s reconstruction, other property owners may seek to do the same. PPCC has long supported application and enforcement of the Specific Plan. It is unclear whether the City’s streamlining of permits during reconstruction of the Palisades will include waiver or non-enforcement of Specific Plan provisions. See Specific Plan link at: <https://pacpalicc.org/index.php/about/community-specific-plans/>.