



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

March 15, 2025

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Hon. Marqueece Harris Dawson, President, LA City Council
Hon. Traci Park, City Councilwoman, CD 11
Hon. Bob Blumenfield, City Councilmember, CD 3
Matthew Szabo, City Administrative Officer, City of Los Angeles (CAO)
Vince P. Bertoni, AICP, Director, Los Angeles Dept. of City Planning (DCP)
Osama Younan, General Manager, Los Angeles Dept. of Building & Safety (LADBS)

Via email to the above addressees and submission to the City Clerk filing portal in CF 25-0006-S57

Re: CF 25-0006-S57/Waiver of Plancheck and Permit Fees for Rebuilds and Repairs of Structures Destroyed In the Palisades Fire: SUPPORT

Dear Los Angeles City Officials:

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.

As we embark on the daunting task of rebuilding our entire community, including reconstruction and repair of thousands of homes and other structures that were completely destroyed in the fire, we write to express our strong support for a **full waiver of all plancheck and permit fees for rebuilds and repairs**.

We urge the CAO to complete the required feasibility study at the earliest opportunity and to conclude that a **full waiver of fees is required**, as occurred in the wake of the Northridge Earthquake. We further request that **the City Council approve a full waiver of fees as soon as possible**.

Alternatively, we request that to the extent feasible, **Mayor Bass issue an immediate executive order directing that all such fees be waived**.

In a recent letter to the Mayor published in the March 13 edition of “Circling the News” in Pacific Palisades, a resident commented on the “massive” fees required for permits: “At the meeting with a City Plan Checker yesterday, we learned our permitting could exceed \$70,000. If this holds true, this could render our ability rebuild as a non-start.” (<https://www.circlingthenews.com/letter-to-mayor-karen-bass-waive-building-fees-for-fire-victims/>)

A full waiver of plancheck and permit fees is of the utmost importance to constituents and critical to the reconstruction of Pacific Palisades.

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

Sincerely,

Pacific Palisades Community Council Executive Committee:

President Sue Kohl; Vice-President Quentin Fleming; Treasurer Jenny Li; Secretary Beth Holden-Garland;
Chair Emeritus Maryam Zar; Elected Representative (At-large) Christina Spitz; Organizational Representative
(PRIDE) John Padden