



## PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

April 21, 2025

Hon. Thomas Umberg, Chair, CA State Senate Judiciary Committee  
Hon. Roger Niello, Vice-Chair, and Members of the Judiciary Committee  
Hon. Ben Allen, Senator, SD 24

*Via email to all addressees and submission to the CA state legislative comment portal*

**Re: SB 495 (Allen; the “Eliminate the List” bill) / hearing in Judiciary 4/29/25 -- SUPPORT**

Dear Senators:

Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has for 52 years been the voice of Pacific Palisades – the community that was devastated by the Palisades Fire. Our constituents are still suffering on all levels, including emotionally and financially, from this unprecedented, tragic event.

The PPCC Executive Committee believes that constituents who have already suffered enough from the massive tragedy should not be forced by insurers to undergo the painful process of itemizing every single item of personal property lost in the fire to receive full payment on their claims. Although we understand that some insurers have voluntarily agreed to forego this onerous requirement, detailed inventories of personal property losses are still required in many cases. SB 495 would end this practice by mandating that 100% of such claims arising from wildfires be paid without requiring victims to provide detailed inventories.

Acting on behalf of the PPCC Board, pursuant to PPCC’s bylaws,<sup>1</sup> the PPCC Executive Committee therefore advises that **PPCC strongly supports SB 495** and urges the Judiciary Committee members, as well as all Senators and Assemblymembers, to vote YES on the bill when it comes to them for a vote.

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

Sincerely,

The PPCC Executive Committee:

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

cc:

Hon. Jacqui Irwin, State Assemblymember, AD 42

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<sup>1</sup> The deadline to submit this letter before the Senate Judiciary hearing is 4/22/25 (before the next PPCC Board meeting will take place). The Executive Committee firmly believes that PPCC Board members – all of whom are suffering from the fire and many of whom are subject to the onerous “list” requirement -- fully support the position taken in this letter.