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June 14, 2025

TO: Palisades Community

FROM: Acting Commanding Officer, Operations-West Bureau

SUBJECT: LAPD Plan for the Re-Opening of the Palisades

Dear Palisades Community,

I am sure by now that you have heard that a decision has been made to re-open the Palisades on June 14, 2025, at 0600 hours. Deputy Chief Woodyard and I want you to know that this decision was not made lightly and was only made after careful consideration and consultation with Chief of Police James McDonnell and Mayor Karen Bass. In coming up with this plan, we collaborated with the Commanding Officer of West Los Angeles, Captain Rich Gabaldon to develop a comprehensive plan for the re-opening of the Palisades to the general public. It reflects a deliberate evaluation of local crime trends, the current density of remaining structures, citywide public safety needs, and the necessity to responsibly manage personnel and resources. Above all, it reflects our unwavering commitment to your safety.

Key to this plan is the implementation of enhanced 24-hour police coverage throughout the Palisades. You will see an increased presence of uniformed LAPD officers along with contract security officers conducting high-visibility patrols, which will serve as a visible deterrent and improve response times to calls for service. As we transition to this policing model, the California Highway Patrol will coordinate with the LAPD and continue overlaying their resources with ours for now.

Equally important to our strategy is enhanced communication and collaboration with the community. As part of our "Palisades Re-Opening Plan," residents and local security professionals will be invited to observe and provide information at public roll-call briefings at various locations throughout the Palisades. These briefings will foster greater transparency, build trust, and give you the opportunity to stay informed and engaged.

Please know that this is a dynamic plan. Your West Los Angeles Community Police Station personnel will continually assess the effectiveness of the plan and will make adjustments based on real-time data and feedback from both the community and our officers. Your voice is vital in this process. Deputy Chief Woodyard and I have the utmost confidence in the leaders and officers that will be implementing and evaluating this plan.

To that end, we encourage you to remain vigilant and report all crimes or suspicious activity:

- Emergencies: Call or text 911 immediately.
- Non-emergencies: Call 877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273)
- In-person assistance: Visit the LAPD West Los Angeles Community Police Station at 1663 Butler Avenue, or call (310) 444-0701
- Online Reporting: Visit www.lapdonline.org
- Community Tips/Information: Email us at Palisades@lapd.online

This transition will take time, and we recognize that change can bring uncertainty. But please know this: we care deeply about the Palisades and the people who live, work, worship and play there. Your safety and well-being remain our top priority, and we are fully committed to standing with you as we move forward—together.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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