



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

July 28, 2025

Hon. Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California
via his Deputy Regional Director, Vishesh Anand

Via email

Re: URGENT Request for Governor's Suspension of SB 9 Operations in Pacific Palisades, per CESA

Dear Governor Newsom:

Following up on our letter of July 28, 2025, to you and other government officials, Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) respectfully urges that you issue an immediate emergency order, pursuant to your powers under the California Emergency Services Act (CESA / CA Govt. Code §§ 8550, et seq.) to temporarily suspend the operation of SB 9 in Pacific Palisades.

We understand that as Governor, you have the power under CESA to suspend statutes if in your judgment enforcement of the law would interfere with public health and safety. PPCC's letter amply identifies the risk to public health and safety posed by SB 9 projects in the Palisades, as well as the threat to the character of the Palisades as a whole. If SB 9 projects were to be allowed, the change in community character would be accelerated in a manner that was never contemplated by the legislature, as would the grave public safety risk posed by additional density on our narrow streets with extremely limited routes of ingress and egress.

We request that your suspension order remain in place to allow sufficient time for a permanent legislative remedy to be identified and enacted, and for at least as long as the emergency declaration with respect to Pacific Palisades remains in place.

We stress that initial recovery and rebuilding of the Palisades is expected to take three years or more; the emergency declaration and order suspending SB 9 operation should last at least as long as this time period.

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

Sincerely,

Pacific Palisades Community Council,
Executive Committee (acting pursuant to PPCC Bylaws, Art. V.3):
Sue Kohl, President, Quentin Fleming, Vice-President, Jenny Li, Treasurer, Beth Holden-Garland,
Secretary, Maryam Zar, Chair Emeritus, Christina Spitz, Elected Representative (At-large),
John Padden, Organizational Representative (P.R.I.D.E.)

cc (via email)

Hon. Ben Allen, State Senator; Hon. Jacqui Irwin, State Assemblymember; Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles;
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