



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

July 28, 2025

Hon. Ben Allen, California State Senator
Hon. Jacqui Irwin, California State Assemblymember
Hon. Lindsey Horvath, Los Angeles County Supervisor
Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Hon. Traci Park, City Councilmember, CD 11

Via email to all addressees

Re: Proposed Rebuilding Authority for Pacific Palisades

Dear Senator Allen, Assemblymember Irwin, Supervisor Horvath, Mayor Bass and Councilwoman Park:

As you know, Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has for 52 years been the voice of the community and the most broad-based organization in Pacific Palisades – our beautiful community that was tragically destroyed by the unprecedented Palisades Fire almost seven months ago.

As we embark on the massive effort required for the recovery, we appreciate and thank each of you for your efforts to help fully restore Pacific Palisades to the condition that we all knew and loved before the Fire. At the same time, while we recognize that a governing Authority of some kind to oversee rebuilding may be beneficial to a swift and full recovery, the Palisades community has made loud and clear that ***any such Authority must be community-led and should not be established without significant community input, involvement and agreement.***

As a result, after discussion at our regularly scheduled public Board meeting on July 17, 2025, the PPCC Board unanimously passed the following motion recommended by the PPCC Executive Committee:

“PPCC acknowledges and commends the recommendations and concerns raised in Councilwoman Traci Park’s letter to Senator Allen and Supervisor Horvath of July 8, 2025, regarding the proposed Rebuilding Authority for Pacific Palisades.

“We strongly support the principles of transparency and robust public engagement, and agree that community input and involvement in the governing structure must be an integral part of any path forward. As Councilwoman Park noted, ‘Far more study and direct engagement with Palisades residents is essential before such powers are assigned to the Rebuilding Authority.’

“To that end, we believe it is critical for any proposal for a Rebuilding Authority or District to take into account data forthcoming from the NORC survey commissioned by PPCC, along with recommendations from the PPCC Rebuild Committee and additional community input. Our priority is to ensure the recovery moves forward in a way that is inclusive, informed and responsive to the needs of Palisades residents.”

PPCC appreciates that SB 549 has now been paused and that Sen. Allen has made clear that he will work with Councilwoman Park, PPCC and the community to guide next steps. We hope and trust that Supervisor Horvath will do the same, to ensure that the ongoing parallel County effort will not move forward without similar participation, input and agreement with and from the Councilwoman, PPCC and the entire Palisades community.

Thank you again for your important work to assist in the restoration of our beloved Pacific Palisades.

Sincerely,

Executive Committee, Pacific Palisades Community Council:

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 (P.R.I.D.E.)