

## Grants Committee Recommendation – Palisades Charter High School

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of **\$30,000** from donations that PPCC has received to Palisades Charter High School (PCHS), toward the purchase and installation of new cafeteria picnic tables/seating and benches at PCHS.

PCHS explains: “Like everyone in the community, our Palisades Charter High School (PCHS) students, families, and staff have been through a lot these last months – returning to online learning; filing and negotiating insurance claims; securing and building out a temporary facility; purchasing all the items needed to stock over 100 classrooms and dozens of work spaces; re-opening at the Santa Monica Sears Building (a.k.a. Pali South); addressing students’ post-fire socio-emotional needs; finding / funding off site facility rentals for athletics and visual/performing arts; and preparing for our campus re-opening in January 2026.”

PCHS also advises: “PCHS would like to do all we can to ensure that our spaces are safe and welcoming for our students when they return. **Despite significant aging, use, and smoke exposure, LAUSD is opting not to replace our campus’ 25+-year-old built-in cafeteria tables/seating and benches.**” [Original emphasis.]

PCHS has provided a quote from the school product provider, which indicates the cost for manufacture and installation of new cafeteria tables/seating is \$1,860 each (commercial grade, with Thermoplastic coating, galvanized and powder-coated ); the cost for the new benches is \$4,690 each (Blue, with Custom ID Name, galvanized and powder-coated). Here is a graphic of the tables/seating and benches: <https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Proposed-Pali-High-tables.pdf>.<sup>1</sup>

PCHS says it best: “New tables/seating and benches in the cafeteria will be another reason to celebrate upon our return and will help ensure that our Palisades community has a facility to take future students safely and successfully through the next 25 years.” The Grants Committee agrees; we strongly support the recommended contribution toward purchase and installation of new cafeteria tables/seating and benches.

By helping to ensure that students returning to PCHS will have a safe and welcoming space, this grant would support the goal of overall Palisades Fire Recovery. The Grants Committee urges the PPCC Board to approve a \$30,000 grant to Pali High for the purpose described above.

### **By the PPCC Grants Committee:**

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Prepared in connection with the October 23, 2025, PPCC Board meeting*

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<sup>1</sup> The recommended grant of \$30,000 would allow for the purchase of approximately 10 cafeteria tables/seating and 2 benches.