## Grants Committee Recommendation - Pacific Palisades Woman's Club

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of \$10,000 from donations that PPCC has received to the Pacific Palisades Woman's Club (PPWC), toward the rebuilding of an outdoor wooden staircase used extensively by the community, which was destroyed in the Palisades Fire.

The PPWC is a nonprofit organization founded in 1925 that is committed to enhancing the quality of life in Pacific Palisades. Many Palisadians are familiar with the clubhouse, which, as the PPWC explains, "is a hub for community enrichment."

The PPWC goes on to explain that the property spans two parcels of land – a lower lot located on Temescal Canyon Rd., and an upper lot located on Haverford Ave., where the clubhouse stands. The lower lot was also rented to employees of the nearby Gelson's Market, supporting local businesses and easing neighborhood congestion. A wooden staircase historically connected these two lots and provided critical pedestrian access for the community (including high school students, Gelson's employees and residents who "utilitzed it as a safe, efficient shortcut from the Palisades to Temescal Canyon." Per the PPWC: "Unfortunately, this staircase was destroyed in the Palisades Fire and is not covered by our insurance policy." The PPWC has provided photos of the stairs post-Fire:





The Grants Committee agrees with the PPWC's conclusion: "Rebuilding the staircase is not just a repair – it's a restoration of access, safety and community connection." We believe that this grant would support the goal of overall Palisades Fire Recovery and requests that the PPCC Board approve a \$10,000 grant to the PPWC for the purpose described above.

## By the PPCC Grants Committee:

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The PPWC advises that the approved bid to rebuild the staircase and install new lighting is \$33,516 (not including permitting costs or any drawings that may be required). The PPWC has applied for additional funding from Steadfast LA (pending). They have also indicated that any level of contribution would be appreciated. The Grants Committee believes that a grant of \$10,000 is appropriate and feasible for PPCC to award at this time.