

Pacific Palisades Community Council
Infrastructure Committee
Resolution Recommended to the PPCC Board

(Proposed) PPCC Resolution requesting the City of Los Angeles to immediately suspend all plans to plant new street trees for at least one year from the date of this Resolution, to allow for the development of a Master Infrastructure Plan and to ensure the proper planning and implementation of new infrastructure in the community, including but not limited to undergrounding of utilities and electrical or telecommunications poles, installing new below and above-ground transformer boxes, and installing new streetlights, cellular towers and/or wireless telecommunications facilities and equipment.

Resolved:

Whereas Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) supports and eagerly awaits the restoration of our beautiful urban forest devastated by the 2025 Palisades Fire, and

Whereas PPCC simultaneously recognizes that placing utilities underground is critical for public safety, future fire resilience and insurability in Pacific Palisades,

Therefore, PPCC requests that:

- 1. an official pause of at least one year be placed on the planting of any new street trees in residential neighborhoods within Pacific Palisades, to allow LADWP to coordinate and plan with elected officials and other vital City of Los Angeles departments to develop a Master Infrastructure Plan for the placement of (1) transformer boxes (above and below-ground) and other infrastructure related to undergrounding of utilities and electrical or telecommunications poles in the community, and (2) streetlights, cellular towers and wireless telecommunications facilities that cannot feasibly be placed below-ground;**
- 2. the main priority for undergrounding by LADWP must be to (1) use below-ground transformers wherever possible to preserve the aesthetics of the community, and (2) install above-ground transformers, if needed, on parkways or other areas of the public-right-of-way (PROW), rather than on the private property of Palisades fire victims;**
- 3. to enhance public safety and/or reduce visual impact, the Master Infrastructure Plan should provide for (1) metal rather than wooden utility poles to be used wherever possible to support streetlights; (2) wireless telecommunications facilities or equipment that cannot feasibly be placed below-ground, such as antenna arrays, to be placed on and incorporated within the design of metal streetlights rather than on wooden poles or towers; (3) freestanding cellular towers to be eliminated or reduced, to the extent feasible and consistent with federal law and public safety needs; and (4) community input to be sought regarding the design of any new streetlights incorporating wireless telecommunications facilities or equipment and/or towers to support such equipment; and**
- 4. the City enact amendments to the Above Ground Facilities (AGF) Ordinance ([LAMC 62.08](#)), or enact new regulations if and as necessary to effectuate the requests in this Resolution.**

PPCC Infrastructure Committee: Reza Akef, Chair; Kimberly Bloom, Kambiz Kamdar, Allison Holdorff, May Sung, Hank Wright; Sue Kohl, ex officio (nonvoting); Justin Skaggs, Advisor (nonvoting)

(Note: A Motion to support the above recommended Resolution will be presented to the PPCC Board for a vote of approval on February 12, 2026, and will be sponsored by the Infrastructure Committee, since the Committee has only one voting PPCC Board member (K. Bloom), the Motion will also be sponsored by C. Spitz, PPCC At-large Rep, as another voting PPCC Board member who supports the proposed Resolution; thus a “second” on the Motion will not be needed.)