



Pacific Palisades Community Council

Resolution Regarding LADWP

Master Infrastructure Plan for the Palisades

At its regularly-scheduled public meeting on February 12, 2026, on the recommendation of the Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) Infrastructure Committee, and after an opportunity for discussion, the PPCC Board unanimously adopted the following Resolution:

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 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, as well as with PPCC and its Infrastructure Committee, to develop a Master Infrastructure Plan for the placement of (1) transformer boxes (above and below-ground) and other infrastructure related to the 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) alternative, fire-resistant/non-combustible poles rather than wooden utility poles to be used wherever possible to support streetlights – an essential component of resilient community recovery, based on experience during the Palisades Fire with arcing on wooden utility poles; (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 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;

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; and

5. as part of its Master Infrastructure Plan, (1) LADWP is encouraged to try to locate transformer boxes outside of the canopy of any living street tree, and make every effort to avoid removing a living street tree, in order to preserve the surviving trees of our urban forest; and (2) LADWP should follow best industry practices to protect street trees with measures such as protective fencing to safeguard the trees' canopies, limbs and roots.

*Adopted 2/12/26
by the PPCC Board*