



PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

May 6, 2026

Hon. Gavin Newsom, Governor, State of California
via his Deputy Regional Director, Victor Reyes-Morelos
Hon. Buffy Wicks, Chair, CA Assembly Appropriations Committee
Hon. Josh Hoover, Vice-Chair, CA Assembly Appropriations Committee
Hon. John Harabedian, State Assemblymember
Hon. Jacqui Irwin, State Assemblymember
Hon. Ben Allen, State Senator
Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles
Hon. Traci Park, City Councilwoman, CD 11

Via email to all addressees

Re: SUPPORT AB 1642 (Harabedian); Assembly Appropriations Committee / in suspense 4/8/26

Dear Governor Newsom, Chair Wicks, Vice-Chair Hoover, Assemblymember Harabedian, Assemblymember Irwin, Senator Allen, Mayor Bass and Councilwoman Park:

On behalf of Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC), the PPCC Executive Committee, as authorized by the PPCC Bylaws, writes to express our support for SB 1642 (Harabedian; co-sponsors Allen and Irwin) now in suspense, which would require the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) to develop standards for investigation, environmental testing, and removal of contaminants inside and outside of homes, schools, and workplaces in residential areas after a wildfire to help ensure that residents can safely reoccupy.

As you know, the Pacific Palisades community suffered massive and unprecedented destruction from the Palisades Fire. Many of the homes that remain standing sustained extensive damage, resulting in unsafe conditions and disputes with insurers as to whether homes are in fact safe to live in. Assemblymember Harabedian explains:

“[T]he bill creates an essential framework for victims to more safely rebuild their lives post-WUI fire.”

AB 1642 is supported by respected organizations, including United Policy Holders, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Every Fire Survivor’s Network (formerly Eaton Survivors), Resilient Palisades and the Palisades Recovery Coalition. We urge the Appropriations Committee to vote in favor of AB 1642 and move the bill to the Assembly floor for a vote.

Thank you for your assistance and anticipated attention to this important request.

Sincerely,

Sue Kohl, President, on behalf of the Executive Committee
Pacific Palisades Community Council

cc (*via email*): Nikita Koraddi, Assembly Appropriations Committee Consultant (Environmental Safety/Toxic Materials)