



## PACIFIC PALISADES COMMUNITY COUNCIL

June 12, 2025

Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor, City of Los Angeles  
Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, President, LA City Council  
Hon. Traci Park, Chair, Ad Hoc Committee for LA Recovery (LARC) and members, LARC  
Hon. Katy Yaroslavsky, Chair, Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) and members, BFC

Via email to the above addressees and submission to the City Clerk filing portal in CF 25-0006-S57

**Re: CF 25-0006-S57/Waiver of Plan Check and Permit Fees for Rebuilds and Repairs of Structures Destroyed In the Palisades Fire: SUPPORT Exhibit B version of proposed ordinance**

Dear Mayor Bass, Council President Harris-Dawson, Councilwoman Park, Councilwoman Yaroslavsky and LARC and BFC members:

As you know, Pacific Palisades Community Council (PPCC) has for 53 years been the voice of Pacific Palisades, the community at the epicenter of the Palisades Fire – the most devastating catastrophe ever experienced in Los Angeles.

PPCC has previously communicated its position in strong support of a waiver of Plan Check and Permit fees.<sup>1</sup> We appreciate that the City Attorney, at the direction of the City Council, has now submitted two versions of a proposed ordinance (Exhibits A and B), which we understand may be taken up soon by the LARC and BFC (before the PPCC Board is able to meet and consider the proposed ordinance).

The PPCC Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the PPCC Board as authorized by PPCC's Bylaws, now writes to express our position on Exhibits A and B as submitted by the City Attorney in the above-referenced Council File.

**PPCC strongly supports the Exhibit B version of the ordinance**, which would promote the continued rebuilding of the Palisades and would be fair and equitable in assisting homeowners to return and recover from this catastrophic loss. Moreover, Exhibit B would provide incentives for homeowners to rebuild.

PPCC also requests that Exhibit B be amended to remove the \$30 million annual cap and maintain the \$90 million budget over a three-year period, as an additional incentive for homeowners to rebuild.

Should the LARC and/or the BFC consider moving forward with the Exhibit A version of the ordinance, *clarification for the community is essential* as to the following: Section (c) requires owners to pay for permit fees if their insurance policy specifically provides for the cost of permits. Is this meant only to prevent homeowners from

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<sup>1</sup> See prior letters submitted to the above Council File in Spring 2025:  
<https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/PPCC-Letter-Waiver-Fees.pdf>; and  
<https://pacpalicc.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/PPCC-Letter-Waiver-Fees2.pdf>.

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getting insurance disbursements when the permit fees have already been waived, i.e., double-dipping? If interpreted broadly, then the owner could be required to pay their permit fees out of a standard insurance bucket, such as Construction, or Ordinance or Law. This requirement could require the insurance policy of every owner to be analyzed, increasing costs and overburdening City staff as well as insureds.

PPCC reiterates that a full waiver of Plan Check and Permit fees for all owners seeking to rebuild and return to our beloved community is of the utmost importance to constituents and critical to the reconstruction of Pacific Palisades.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Pacific Palisades Community Council Executive Committee:

President Sue Kohl; Vice-President Quentin Fleming; Treasurer Jenny Li; Secretary Beth Holden-Garland;

Chair Emeritus Maryam Zar; Elected Representative (At-large) Christina Spitz; Organizational Representative (PRIDE) John Padden