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Since the posting of the agenda, it has come to the attention of the City of Los Angeles that in response to the Palisades Fire, the Eaton Fire, the January 2025 Windstorm, and related fires, it is necessary for the City to immediately address dozens of issues related to response and recovery, including but not limited to: FEMA reimbursement, financing strategies for fire recovery, public safety in evacuation areas, lost pets, price gouging, FEMA's Direct Lease program, relief from LADWP bills, assessing infrastructure and facilities, ongoing federal coordination, an ad hoc committee for fire recovery, LADWP infrastructure and the offline reservoir, support for dislocated workers, mitigating debris flows and landslides, exempting additional positions from the prioritized critical hiring process, a centralized permit operation center, additional resources for LAFD, creation of a recovery plan, mitigation of toxic hazards, federal resource centers, tenant protections for impacted persons and pets, and financial assistance for impacted persons and businesses.

The Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) and many other departments will play a critical role in recovery and rebuilding efforts in response to the Palisades Fire. Emergency Executive Order No. 1 orders the creation of a Disaster Recovery Permitting Center. It is essential that this center be in Council District 11 so that Pacific Palisades residents and businesses have convenient access to services and resources as they rebuild. To do that, it is necessary to evaluate the suitability of the LADBS Office in West Los Angeles Sawtelle to serve as a centralized permit operation center for all LADBS and other department permits related to the Palisades Fire, and evaluate if an expansion is necessary to accommodate the scale of the recovery and rebuilding effort.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council determine, as provided in section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for immediate action came to the attention of the City subsequent to the posting of the agenda on Friday, January 10, 2025 for today's Council meeting.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the General Service Services Department in coordination with Department of Building and Safety and other departments as needed, to report to Council within 30 days on the LADBS office in West LA regarding its suitability for a centralized permit operation center, and whether expansion or improvement of the existing facility is necessary to meet anticipated demand to accommodate applications submitted by residents impacted by the Palisades Fire. The report should look at other Council District 11 locations as well if West LA proves infeasible.

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