

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 Palisades and Eaton Fires have forced tens of thousands of people to evacuate their homes and find shelter across Los Angeles. Some impacted people and their pets are currently staying with friends and family in rental properties that may not allow pets or additional persons under current leases. To prevent further instability and distress, it is necessary to learn more about the impact of the fires on our city's housing stock and to update the municipal code as soon as possible to provide eviction protections related to relocated people and pets.

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.

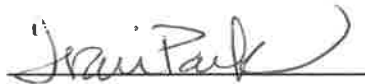
I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance amending the Los Angeles Municipal Code to prohibit evictions related to unauthorized occupants and pets necessitated by the Palisades, Eaton, or related January 2025 fires for one year from the effective date of this ordinance. This ordinance shall also require tenants to inform their housing provider or management about any unauthorized pets and persons that are residing in the unit due to the Palisades, Eaton, or related January 2025 fires within 30 days from the effective date of this ordinance.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Housing Department report back within 15 days with an estimate of housing units and household members impacted by the Palisades Fire, the Hurst Fire, the Kenneth Fire, and the Sunset Fire, including information about the number of affordable and rent stabilized housing units; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Housing Department, in coordination with the Economic and Workforce Development Department and the Community Investment for Families Department, report in 15 days with recommendations for new programs or resources to assist residents impacted by the fire, including an update on the progress on the citywide database of available rental units currently under construction, and support the rebuilding of housing; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Housing Department, in coordination with the City Attorney, to report in 7 days with an analysis of the rent obligations of tenants with leases for destroyed, partially destroyed, and damaged rental units, in addition to tenants who have been forced to evacuate and are not inhabiting their units. The report should recommend changes, if necessitated, to relieve tenants of their responsibility to pay rent if they are currently evacuated and return rent to those tenants whose units have been destroyed.

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