

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.

On the morning of January 7, the Pacific Palisades Fire broke out and is still burning one week later. So far, it has burned over 23,000 acres and has become the costliest wildfire in history. It has destroyed entire neighborhoods of homes, businesses, houses of worship, open space and a library. It has significantly upended the lives of so many. This fast moving fire caused people to immediately flee their homes for safer areas.

Unfortunately, in the hurriedness of escaping a very dangerous situation, some people were not able to take their much loved pets. To many, pets are a member of their families that provide emotional support and companionship. A missing pet, particularly during this time, brings an additional level of stress and emotional hardship.

While we have seen or read several heart warming stories of people being reunited with their missing pets, too many people are still waiting to be reunited with theirs. We must make every effort to reunite people with their missing pets.

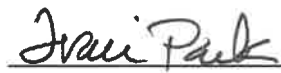
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council determine, as provided in section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for immediate action came to the attention of the 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 instruct Los Angeles Department of Animal Services, particularly the West Los Angeles Animal Shelter, to do the following:

- Make every effort to reunite animals and their guardians by keeping animals found at or near the fire zone at the West Los Angeles Animal Shelter to increase the likelihood of reunification regardless of time. The fire zone shall be defined as the geographic area shown on the [www.calfire.com](http://www.calfire.com) map (evacuation order & evacuation warning areas)
- Animals found in the fire zone shall not be placed for adoption for 90 days.

- Continue to collaborate with animal rescue organizations in providing care for animals, particularly those found at or near the fire zone.
- Animals that are to be fostered or cared for by an animal rescue organization should remain in the West Los Angeles Area.
- Make additional efforts to reunite animals and their guardians by utilizing information from chipped animals and animals with tags.
- Animals found in the fire zone area shall be included on the Department of Animal Services website with a picture and description of the animal.
- Report back in 30 days on the status of the efforts to reunite pets with their guardians and recommendations should reunification not be possible.

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