

## MOTION

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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 Palisades Fire is one of the most devastating disasters the City has faced. Thousands of households have been displaced and thousands of homes destroyed, hundreds of businesses have been destroyed, and community spaces such as places of worship, cultural centers, and other significant community-serving resources are now gone. An untold number of people have lost their homes, their jobs, their livelihoods, and their community. In addition, other fires across the City, including the Sunset Fire in Hollywood and the Hurst Fire in Sylmer, have had significant impacts on residents. The City itself has also suffered, with the destruction of facilities that serve the community, such as parks and recreation centers, a library, cultural facilities, and other resources that serve the Palisades and its neighbors. The City must make every effort to begin the recovery process as soon as conditions are safe.

Evaluation of all City utilities, public works, and facilities must begin immediately to identify what has been lost, what can be salvaged, and what must be replaced. Without a comprehensive assessment of these losses, the City cannot begin the recovery necessary to help the residents and businesses in the Palisades and elsewhere in the City begin their recovery.

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 THEREFORE MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the Department of Public Works and its Bureaus and the Department of Transportation, and REQUEST the Department of Water and Power, to evaluate and report on the status of infrastructure and facilities serving the communities impacted by the Palisades Fire and other wildfires across the City; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Department of General Services and Department of Public Works and REQUEST the Departments of Recreation and Parks, Library Department, and Water of Power, to report on the status of City-owned buildings, facilities, service yards, and other resources that may have been impacted by the Palisades Fire and other wildfires in the City.

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