

## MOTION

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.

In an effort to save and defend their homes during the Palisades, Hurst and other Los Angeles fires, residents resorted to using their garden hoses to fight flames and harden their roofs. In some instances, residents left their sprinkler systems and water running after they evacuated in the hopes that these efforts would be enough to save their homes. While residents wait to return to their homes, the water, regardless of the structure's fate, continues to run.

Following the 2018 Woolsey Fire, Los Angeles County instructed its Director of Public Works to waive water bill charges for those customers who lost nearly everything. In a time of similar tragedy and need, the Department of Water and Power should consider a similar program for ratepayers, in addition to the Bureau of Sanitation which also must suspend its service charges.

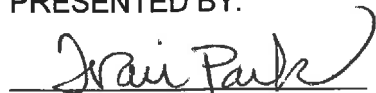
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council determine, as provided in section 54954.2(b)(2) of the Government Code, and pursuant to **Rule 23** of the Rules of the City Council, that there is a need to take immediate action on this matter AND that the need for immediate action came to the attention of the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

I THEREFORE MOVE that Council REQUEST the Department of Water and Power to waive water utility bill charges during the billing cycle of the Los Angeles wildfires specifically for rate payers, as determined by the CEO, with homes or businesses that were destroyed or substantially damaged; and

I FURTHER MOVE that Council REQUEST the Department of Water and Power to reduce water tier bill charges for consumption during the billing cycles of the Los Angeles fires for properties in the fire zone upon request by the customer; and


I FURTHER MOVE that Council INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation to remove refuse, recycle, green waste and sewer service charges for ratepayers in the burn zones, effective Tuesday, January 7, 2025.

PRESENTED BY:



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