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## MOTION

On January 7, 2025, the Mayor declared a state of local emergency in wake of the windstorm and wildfire events that impacted the Los Angeles metropolitan area, particularly the Pacific Palisades neighborhood. These wildfires are the most serious natural disaster to impact the City since the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. This event has destroyed numerous homes, businesses and critical infrastructure, and resulted in a number of deaths. These unprecedented fires are still ongoing — as is the City's emergency response.

While the City continues to provide robust and timely emergency response, it has also begun preparations for critical long-term recovery efforts. The scale of the disaster, however, will result in extraordinary costs. Given the national significance of these wildfires, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced that it will reimburse the City for "100 percent of the cost of debris removal and lifesaving and life sustaining activities — including fire suppression efforts — for 180 days."

The federal and State aid, however, requires front-funding by the City. The City Administrative Officer (CAO) has identified the available balance in the Building and Safety Building Permit Enterprise Fund as a potential source to provide a \$50 million loan for the City's emergency response. It is anticipated the loan will be repaid as soon as State and federal reimbursements are received or by the General Fund whenever fiscally feasible.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council AUTHORIZE the Controller to transfer a \$50 million appropriation from Fund 48R, Building and Safety Permit Enterprise Fund, Department 08, Account 08S204, Reserve for Future Cost, to a new line item, Fund 100, Department 56, Account TBD, 2025 Wildfire Emergency Response and Recovery, with the understanding that these funds are a temporary loan to be repaid from future State and federal reimbursements, for the 2025 wildfire emergency response and recovery.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council INSTRUCT the City Administrative Officer to authorize expenditures from the 2025 Wildfire Emergency Response and Recovery Account for FEMA-reimbursable response and recovery activities, with reports to the Mayor, Council President, Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee and Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee for L.A. Recovery, for the duration of the declared local emergency.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council AUTHORIZE the City Administrative Officer to make technical changes and/or prepare any Controller instructions to order and

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effectuate the intent of this Motion and authorize the Controller to implement those instructions.

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

  
  
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