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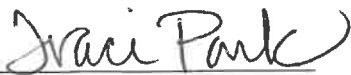
Since the posting of the January 24, 2025 Council meeting agenda on Friday, January 17, 2025, a need for immediate action has arisen to facilitate the City's ongoing response to the 2025 wildfires, including California lawmakers' approval of \$2.5 billion in wildfire aid on Thursday, January 23, 2025 and a new Mayoral executive order announcing business tax relief on Friday, January 24, 2025.

In addition to destroying thousands of homes, the Palisades fire has destroyed or significantly interrupted many businesses in the Pacific Palisades - restaurants, cafes, home businesses, gardeners, housekeepers and more. Having lost nearly everything, along with important records, equipment and accounts, these businesses will likely face difficulty or be unable to pay their business taxes in 2025. To alleviate this profound economic hardship, the City should take immediate action to relieve impacted businesses of this responsibility, similar to Council's adoption of Ordinance 169977 following the Northridge Earthquake in 1994.

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 17, 2025 for today's Council meeting by the City Council.



I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the City Attorney, with the assistance of the Office of Finance, to prepare and present an urgency ordinance to provide relief from the payment of the gross receipts tax for the 2025 tax year for businesses within the city of Los Angeles that have been destroyed by the wildfires, or that have been impacted for 60 or more consecutive days as a result of the fires, with eligibility to be determined by the Office of Finance on a case-by-case basis.

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