

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 the aftermath of the Palisades Fire – one of the most destructive in our nation's history - its residents have responded with strength, unity and a determination to rebuild.

The neighborhood's recovery will be more than just rebuilding homes and lives. It will also be about rebuilding the community and restoring the social capital that made it unique and special - its people, small businesses and workforce; parks, library and schools; and houses of worship.

While the challenges are profound, other cities have responded and recovered from the same tragedies by implementing Long-Term Recovery Plans with strategies and tactics that strengthened communities. The County of Maui, which released its long-term recovery plan in December 2024, prioritized the rebuilding of its commercial center; the creation of a memorial for wildfire victims; and enhanced evacuation warning system. The City of Paradise, meanwhile, used its recovery to fortify its infrastructure and complete long overdue projects, including the undergrounding of utilities, improvements to evacuation routes and fire prevention measures.

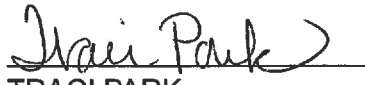
Ultimately, any decisions about how the Pacific Palisades will rebuild and what will be prioritized cannot be left to outside interests - they are for the community to decide, which is why it's so important that any discussion of recovery begin with resident-driven engagement. It's their input that will ultimately result in a safer and more resilient Pacific Palisades.

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; and

I FURTHER MOVE that Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst to report in 30 days on Long-Term Recovery Plans implemented in other cities and regions following destructive wildfires, including but not limited to the cities of Santa Rosa, Paradise and Maui County. The report should examine common themes, challenges and make recommendations for the creation of a long term recovery plan for the Pacific Palisades; and

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative to identify possible funding sources to procure an outside entity to create a Long Term Recovery Plan.

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