



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
4.		Favor	Alemnesh Tasfayee	Great day
			Ann Dorsey	
			Eric Gordon	The June motion was intended to support victims of the Eaton and Palisades Fires, not to advantage one set of victims over another. Unfortunately, by electing to narrow the scope of the waiver to those living in unincorporated areas, the Board failed to waive rebuilding fees currently being imposed by the County for those residing in the City of Malibu. Worse, the County Fire Prevention Bureau currently has Malibu applications on hold while the waiver issue is being considered, even if those fees have already been paid. The current fee waiver form implementing the June resolution is limited to residences that met the June resolution criteria (including that the property be in unincorporated County). Therefore, a new waiver form will need to be created if this motion passes and then completed, filed and processed. Please direct the County Fire Prevention Bureau to process Malibu applications NOW, and not weeks or months later as these forms are created and processed. Thank you.
			Salwa Wahba	See attached letter
		Item Total	4	
Grand Total			4	



Dear Board of Supervisors,

We are writing in strong support of Agenda Item 4, "Removing the Burden of County Permit Fees for Rebuilding After the 2025 Palisades Fire for Malibu Homeowners."

As you know, the 2025 Palisades Fire has financially and emotionally devastated more than 700 Malibu families. None of us ever imagined losing our homes in a matter of hours, nor the long-term trauma, displacement, and financial strain that would follow. The cost to rebuild in Malibu, given the County's own fire-hardening requirements, and escalating construction costs, is extraordinarily high. Many of us were significantly underinsured and are now shouldering rebuilding costs that far exceed our coverage. Families are draining retirement savings, taking on substantial debt, or postponing rebuilding altogether because of the mounting expenses.

In this context, County permit fees, while modest, represent a meaningful and unnecessary barrier during a time when families are already overwhelmed. Removing these fees is not only compassionate; it is consistent with the County's long standing practice of supporting residents recovering from catastrophic natural disasters. It directly aligns with the Board's stated intent to help primary homeowners return to their properties as safely and quickly as possible.

Rebuilding a community is not just about structures; it is about restoring stability, dignity, and the fabric of neighborhood life. Removing permitting fees is a small but deeply meaningful step that signals to displaced families that the County stands with them and is committed to supporting their recovery.

We thank you for your leadership, compassion, and continued support during this difficult period.

Sincerely,

Salwa Wahba
On behalf of Malibu Rebuild Task Force (MRTF)