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21.		Favor	Susie Harris	
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February 6, 2026

Re: Support for Disaster Recovery Rebuild Authority and Passive House Implementation

Dear Supervisors Horvath and Barger,

The [Blue Ribbon Commission's report on Climate Action and Fire-Safe Recovery](#) calls for accelerating the transition to clean, resilient energy and modernizing the grid to lower long-term energy costs, reduce emissions, improve air quality, and strengthen community resilience. The Commission recommends that City, County, and state governments create City- and County-level master permits and/or pre-approved designs for fire-resistant, all-electric homes — such as Passive House buildings (p.7) — and instant permitting for pre-approved electrical systems, including solar and battery storage. **The Passive House Network (PHN) would be glad to assist in implementing these recommendations.**

I am a constituent of Supervisor Horvath and Community Coordinator for PHN. I strongly support your recommendation to establish a Disaster Recovery Rebuild Authority. The report highlights the critical role of fire-resistant, energy-efficient, and healthy Passive House buildings in accelerating resilient post-disaster rebuilding. A Rebuild Authority can streamline permitting, reduce rebuilding delays, and, for those pursuing Passive House, help ensure these principles are consistently applied to protect residents' health, safety, and energy resilience.

PHN and Passive House California (PHCA) recently released the [California Rebuilds Catalog](#), featuring all-electric, solar-ready, and fire-resistant Passive House designs — from Craftsman to Spanish Colonial Revival to Midcentury Modern — reflective of our diverse neighborhoods. This emerged from a global design competition and two juries that included community members now rebuilding, including a Glendale High School student on the student jury and his teacher, who is rebuilding her Altadena home to the Passive House standard.

Local Certified Passive House Designers, Consultants, and Tradespersons (CPHD/C/Ts) are already rebuilding Passive House homes in the fire-affected areas and are available for technical guidance, including on pre-approved designs. **Please let us know if you would like to be connected with these experts or if there is any other way we can support the February 10th vote and/or Disaster Recovery Rebuild Authority.**

I met Field Deputy Zac Gaidzikat at the Palibu Chamber event in December. It was a privilege to thank them in person for your office engaging UCLA, and producing such an informative report. Thank you again, and please keep us in mind as this work moves forward — no question is too big or small.

Sincerely,



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