



**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
18.		Favor	Sofia ARMENDARIZ-VIDAL	<p>It is important to establish an authority or an oversight committee to protect and properly guide fire victims in the rebuilding of their home. There should be accountability and training for county planners to prevent frustrating the process of rebuilding and thereby causing constituents to accrue further architectural fees and engineering fees by providing incorrect information. In my case, we were provided erroneous information by a county planner at the Altadena resource center that led to my plans being denied and requiring modification resulting in over \$10,000 in additional fees, in addition to time delays as well as additional living expenses. These mistakes should not go unnoticed and should provide restitution to fire victims.</p>
			Steven Torres Morales	
			Susie Harris	
			Yudith Meza	<p>My name is Alfredo Meza , and I am a resident at Bell Mobile Home Park Firstly, I would like to thank Supervisor Horvath, for listening to her constituents and introducing eviction protections for all Angelenos in the county.</p> <p>As you know immigrant families and neighbors are in crisis as a direct result of ICE raids. Incomes have been eviscerated. A proposal that applies only to unincorporated Los Angeles County fails to meet the reality of this crisis. ICE is occupying communities across ALL of 88 cities in LA County where the Board of Supervisors declared a state of emergency.</p> <p>A recent survey shows impacted tenants are already an average of 4 months behind on rent, with some carrying as much as \$13,000 in rent debt. A vast majority of those harmed live within the City of Los Angeles and Southeast LA cities like Norwalk and Downey.</p> <p>This emergency has been ongoing for nearly 8 months. During that time, immigrant tenants have lived in constant fear, seen loved ones detained or deported, and lost an average of 60% of their household income. These are conditions that push immigrants toward displacement, self-deportation, and homelessness.</p> <p>We urge the board to act with the urgency this moment demands, and their legal authority under the declared state of emergency, and vote yes on this motion apply county-wide and raise the threshold to at least three months of Fair Market Rent. Use your emergency powers to protect immigrant tenants now.</p>
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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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