



Altadena Town Council

Meeting Minutes – April 15, 2025

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Start time – 7:01pm – 9:10pm

1. CALL TO ORDER – meeting called to order at 7:00pm – Victoria Knapp, Chair

1.1 Flag Salute - Captain Jabari Williams

1.1.1 Past Councilmember Billy Malone introduced Commander Jabari Williams

1.2 Roll Call - Kim Yu, Recording Secretary

1.2.1 Following Councilmembers were present: Connor Cipolla, Victoria Knapp, Nic Arnzen, Milissa Marona, Dorothy Wong, Jon Carmody, Darlene Greene, Isis Moulden, Vi-Eyvette Stewart Gordon, Pat Sutherlen, Diane Marcussen, Sylvia Vega, Reggie Wilkins

1.2.2 There was 1 unexcused absence: Adam Vourvoulis

1.3 Approve April 15th, 2025, Meeting Agenda - Nic Arnzen, Vice Chair

1.3.1 Agenda was approved with some minor changes as reflected in these minutes

2. OFFICERS' REPORTS

2.1 Chair - Victoria Knapp

2.1.1 Eaton Fire Remembrance: Today marks 98 days since the Eaton fire. A moment of silence was observed for the 18th victim, whose remains were recently recovered in Altadena

2.1.2 ROE Submissions: The deadline for ROE submissions in Altadena was April 15th. There are now fewer than 60 outstanding ROEs. Appreciation was expressed to all property owners who submitted their forms.

2.1.3 Lot Clearing Milestone: The team is approaching a significant milestone of 2,500 cleared lots, expected to be reached by tomorrow.

2.2 Vice Chair - Nic Arnzen – no report

2.3 Recording Secretary, Approve March 18th, 2025, Minutes - Kim Yu

- 2.3.1 March 1, 2025, minutes were approved with one minor correction. Councilmember Yu motion to approve, Councilmember Arnzen seconds

2.4 Treasurer - Milissa Marona

- 2.4.1 Opening balance o \$3,234.00. Last month received a \$50 donation with a current closing balance of \$3,284.00
- 2.4.2 Donations can be made (in lieu of the in-person can) through Zelle

2.5 Corresponding Secretary - Connor Cipolla

- 2.5.1 Councilmember Cipolla read into public record two letters recently voted for approval by the full council.
- 2.5.2 The first letter was written to Congress, joining the State of California requesting the approval of a funding package aimed to providing supplemental appropriation for disaster funding to aid LA County residents (particularly those affected by the Eaton Fire)
 - 2.5.2.1 Council members who voted to approve: Nic Arnzen, Connor Cipolla, Reggie Wilkins, Kim Yu, Milissa Marona, Darlene Greene, Sylvia Vega, Pat Sutherlen, Japhena Musson
 - 2.5.2.2 Council members in opposition to the letter: Isis Moulden, Vi-Evette Stewart Gordon
- 2.5.3 The second letter was sent in support of Supervisor Kathryn Barger's request to Congresswoman Judy Chu requesting federal funding to improve and enhance the Altadena Community Center
 - 2.5.3.1 Council members who voted to approve: Nic Arnzen, Milissa Marona, Connor Cipolla, Reggie Wilkins, Pat Sutherlen, Darlene Greene, Sylvia Vega, Kim Yu, Japhena Musson
- 2.5.4 Third letter is also sent to Congresswoman Judy Chu, expressing the ATC's support for the Charles White Park community rebuilding project and request to ensure that the 2026 fiscal year includes federal appropriations for Charles White Park.
 - 2.5.4.1 Council members who voted to approve: Nic Arnzen, Milissa Marona, Connor Cipolla, Reggie Wilkins, Pat Sutherlen, Darlene Greene, Sylvia Vega, Kim Yu, Isis Moulden, Vi-Evette Stewart Gordon, Japhena Musson

3 PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

3.1 Altadena Sheriff's Station - Acting-Captain Marquez

- 3.1.1 Increase crime rates: high number of home burglaries in March (39)
 - 3.1.1.1 Will get 5-15 extra deputies per shift for combat crime
 - 3.1.1.2 15 arrests were made on the previous Sunday - (8 felonies, 7 misdemeanors) related to various thefts, primarily targeting remnants of burned property
- 3.1.2 Property Security Recommendations:
 - 3.1.2.1 Set up temporary (construction-type) perimeter fencing to create a barrier to entry. This establishes a legal basis for trespassing charges.
 - 3.1.2.2 "Letter of Agency": Submit a "letter of agency" to the Sheriff's Department (directly to and at the Altadena Sheriff's Station) authorizing them to arrest on your behalf if trespassers are found.
 - 3.1.2.3 No Trespassing Signs: Post "No Trespassing" signs on the property.
- 3.2 California Highway Patrol - Officer Bay
 - 3.2.1 13 traffic crashes in the month of March – 3 hit and runs, 6-property damage only, 4-resulted in injuries. No DUI's and no fatalities.
 - 3.2.2 March 5th on Beverly Way and Maiden Lane – vehicle vs bicyclist – no serious injuries and on same day, at 7:20pm, crash at Woodbury Rd and Lincoln Ave – car vs pedestrian trying to cross the street at the crosswalk.
 - 3.2.3 Month of April is Distracted Driver Awareness month
 - 3.2.4 Exponential increase in traffic complaints regarding debris hauling trucks – please keep the calls coming when you see any thing
- 3.3 L.A. County Fire - Maria Grycan, Asst. Fire Chief Pat Sprengel
 - 3.3.1 204 responses in the month of March: 138 medical calls (104 patients transported), 2 fires – cooking fire on Glen Canyon Rd, and a garage fire on New Yor Dr., 4 traffic collisions

4 COMMUNITY REPORTS

- 4.1 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Major McMahan
 - 4.1.1 Phases of Recovery & Debris Removal:
 - 4.1.1.1 Phase 1 (EPA/USACE): EPA handled hazardous household materials removal. USACE oversaw and conducted Phase 1 tasks when EPA deferred due to safety concerns. Phase 1 involves removing items like propane tanks, batteries, aerosols, paint, solvents. Completion marked by a wood stake with a smaller sign on the parcel.

4.1.1.2 Contractors perform a Hazardous Site Assessment (HSA) including Hazardous Tree Assessment, Asbestos Survey, and Site Sketch.

4.1.1.2.1 If access is limited, a Site Access Plan is required, which may involve knocking down unstable structures.

4.1.1.2.2 Asbestos testing: If positive, abatement and removal are required. If negative, Phase 2 begins.

4.1.2 Phase 2 (USACE)

4.1.2.1 Begins with a Right of Entry (ROE) form from the county.

4.1.2.2 USACE reviews ROEs for completeness and either approves or returns them.

4.1.2.3 Approved ROEs sent to the contractor.

4.1.2.4 Homeowner receives:

4.1.2.4.1 3–5-day notice prior to 360 walks.

4.1.2.4.2 24-hour notice prior to 360 walks (homeowner presence encouraged but not required).

4.1.2.5 Debris removal and tree removal done by separate crews.

4.1.2.6 Standard parcels take 2-4 days; complex parcels (hillside, peers, basements) take longer.

4.1.2.7 Punch list walk with USACE to identify incomplete items (pools, temporary fencing if 4ft+ drop).

4.1.2.8 Final erosion control (hydro mulch, waddles).

4.1.2.9 Final sign-off by USACE and contractor; USACE sends sign-off to the county.

4.1.2.10 Completion marked by a metal stake with a metal sign on the parcel.

4.1.3 Chimney Removal Clarification: Chimneys may be knocked down during Phase 1 for asbestos testing (mortar, flue) when safe access is limited.

4.1.4 ROE Submission & Deadlines:

4.1.4.1 Deadline for ROE submission was today (noon).

4.1.4.2 If concerned, submitting before the deadline was recommended (could be pulled back).

4.1.4.3 Properties where homeowner opted out or didn't respond to ROE must be cleared by June 30, 2025 (county requirement).

4.2 USPS - Andrew Jones, Gov Relations

- 4.2.1 Representative from USPS did not show up
 - 4.2.1.1 Council Member Stewart Gordon led efforts over the past month to secure USPS attendance and information.
 - 4.2.1.2 Multiple reminders and requests for attendance or a written statement were made.
 - 4.2.1.3 No statement was received prior to the meeting.
 - 4.2.1.4 Absence is considered disappointing and disrespectful to the community and concerning
- 4.2.2 Temporary Postal Station: USPS leadership stated that "emergency alternate quarters is not necessary", and the landlord should provide a rebuild schedule. Operations to remain at the current location.
- 4.2.3 Mail Forwarding: Mail forwarding to the Lincoln station ceased as of April 19th
- 4.2.4 ATC will continue to engage with USPS in discussion to provide services to Altadena

4.3 LA County Regional Planning - Mitch Glaser, Asst. Deputy Director

- 4.3.1 Disaster Recovery Team: Dedicated team of planners assisting fire survivors. Providing counseling at the Altadena One-Stop Center, phone, email. Reviewing temporary housing and rebuild applications. Attending outreach meetings; available upon request.
- 4.3.2 Altadena One-Stop Center: Busy with walk-ins and appointments. Additional appointments added (Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays) due to backlog.
- 4.3.3 Rebuild Application Statistics (as of this morning):
 - 4.3.3.1 Total Applications Received: 239
 - 4.3.3.2 Cleared for Plan Check Stage: 85 (36%)
 - 4.3.3.3 Returned to Applicant: 108 (45%) - for more information or corrections
 - 4.3.3.4 Needs Initial Review: 46 (19%)
 - 4.3.3.5 Review Time: Checks/rechecks within 14 calendar days; often quicker due to overtime volunteers (some within a couple of days).
- 4.3.4 Application Process:
 - 4.3.4.1 One application form for all departments.
 - 4.3.4.2 Starts with basic architectural plans.
 - 4.3.4.3 Regional Planning checks for "like for like" rebuilds:
 - 4.3.4.4 Like for Like & Complete: Approved on first round.

- 4.3.4.5 Like for Like & Needs Information: Applicant notified.
 - 4.3.4.6 Not Like for Like: Process explained, may involve public hearing; opportunity to redesign.
 - 4.3.4.7 Cleared applications go to Plan Check Stage.
 - 4.3.5 Resources & Initiatives:
 - 4.3.5.1 Contract Planners: Adding contract planners using state funding; some starting next week.
 - 4.3.5.2 Pre-Approved Standard Plans: Launching April 26th in partnership with Foothill Catalog Foundation and Habitat for Humanity.
 - 4.3.5.3 Epic LA Improvements: Streamlining workflows for all departments.
 - 4.3.5.4 Innovative Solutions (AI): Exploring chatbots for assistance and AI for plan reviews.
 - 4.3.6 Communication & Application Returns (High Rate):
 - 4.3.6.1 45% return rate is high: aiming to reduce this.
 - 4.3.6.2 Efforts to Improve Communication:
 - 4.3.6.3 Continually updating application forms for clarity.
 - 4.3.6.4 Updating LA County Recovers website and FAQs (recovery.count.gov).
 - 4.3.6.5 Simplified flowchart and videos.
 - 4.3.6.6 Collaboration with Code for America and Governor's staff.
 - 4.3.7 Reasons for Application Returns (Biggest Buckets):
 - 4.3.7.1 Incomplete plan sets and missing information.
 - 4.3.7.2 Unclear application language/instructions.
 - 4.3.7.3 Project not considered "like for like" (different fees, process, potential public hearing).
 - 4.3.8 Outreach Meetings & Support: Regional Planning can arrange and participate in town halls or virtual meetings for constituents in census tracts.
- 4.4 CCAR (Community Coalition for Altadena Recovery) – Anish Saraiya, Director of Altadena recovery
- 4.4.1 First phase of broader Altadena Recovery and Rebuild Commission (ARRC), Potential 501(c)(3) nonprofit, will handle roles outside of government scope. CCAR focuses on grassroots input, local voices, and shaping next recovery actions

- 4.4.2 Government handles official county functions and resources. ARRC/CCAR focus on non-governmental support (e.g., creative housing, flexible rebuild support)
- 4.4.3 Includes key Altadena organizations such as Altadena Town Council, Altadena Heritage, Altadena NAACP, Chamber of Commerce, Altadena Rotary, Altadena Historical Society, etc.
- 4.4.4 Main issues to tackle include Infrastructure modernization, undergrounding utilities, temporary housing options, and policy suggestions for faster rebuilding
- 4.4.5 This is a time-limited outreach, so reliance on coalition members to amplify info and collect feedback. Director and Sussy Nemer to lead meetings and relay issues back to county government. Supervisor Barger promises continued engagement and responsiveness
- 4.5 Chamber of Commerce - Judy Matthews, President
 - 4.5.1 Focus: Chamber aims to ensure the survival, growth, and development of businesses and the community, while fostering hope for youth.
 - 4.5.2 Fire Recovery & Marcus Strowman 2025 Scholarship: Two \$25,000 scholarships for high school seniors in Altadena and Pasadena affected by wildfire.
 - 4.5.3 Restaurant Care Resilience Fund: Offers \$10,000 grants for Los Angeles restaurants; information on Chamber website.
 - 4.5.4 Upcoming Calendar events
 - 4.5.4.1 May 3rd: Legislative Update with Senator Sasha Renee Perez (CA 25th District).
 - 4.5.4.2 May 29th: "Pay It Forward" event co-hosted by Spectrum.
 - 4.5.4.3 AI Summit: AI Summit for LA Small Businesses.
 - 4.5.4.4 San Gabriel Valley Chamber Executives: Lunch and Learn series (April - November 2025).
 - 4.5.5 Chamber meets weekly
 - 4.5.6 Chamber collaborated with Santa Monica, Palisades Malibu, and LA Area Chambers to express support for Governor Gavin Newsom's request for \$39.68 billion in federal aid to the US House of Representatives.
 - 4.5.7 Expanded initiatives: Chamber's call to action has expanded beyond San Gabriel Valley Chamber Association of Executives to include the "Back in Business" initiative led by Dr. Juliana Delgado (President, Southern California Planning Congress).

4.6 Parks - Samuel Estrada, Regional Director

4.6.1 Volunteer Days: Volunteer days on Saturdays in April from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM f (first one was April 5th). With over 100 volunteers each day, tasks include planting trees, plants, shrubs: painting (murals and walls). Muralists: Eric Junker, Victor Ving, and Katie have created murals.

4.6.1.1 Teen Volunteers: Must be 14 years or older. No advance registration needed, can just show up.

4.6.1.2 Hiring Opportunity: Looking to hire teens and displaced individuals; jobs available.

4.6.2 Building Cleaning: Cleaning Started This week by Ocean Blue to be completed by Friday. Areas Cleaned: Upper buildings and rooms completed; gymnasium and pool buildings next.

4.6.3 Park Reopening: Saturday, May 17th, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

4.6.3.1 Features & Activities:

4.6.3.1.1 Dodger Dream Field open (featured on NBC yesterday evening), Central Altadena Little League closing day ceremony and game, Clipper Court refurbishment, two brand new playgrounds, Altadena Satellite Library, Department of Aging and Disability offering senior programs.

4.6.3.1.2 Theme: Picnic-style reopening; family, friends, and neighbors gathering; lighthearted event.

4.6.4 Post-Reopening Programs:

4.6.4.1 Senior Program: Department of Aging and Disability.

4.6.4.2 Afterschool Program: Monday - Friday, 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM (free).

4.6.4.3 Summer Camp Program: Ages 6-11 years old starts June 16th, Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 6:00 PM (free).

4.6.4.4 Tiny Tots Program: Monday - Thursday.

4.6.4.5 Parks After Dark: Starts June 21st, Saturday and Sunday.

4.6.5 Soil Testing: Completed, results on LA County Public Health website.

5 SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5.1 SCE - Karla Sayles, VP Local Public Affairs, Robert Lloyd, Principal Manager

5.1.1.1 Grid Rebuild & Undergrounding Overview (Robert Lloyd)

5.1.1.1.1 63 total miles identified for targeted undergrounding: ~40 miles in High Fire Risk (HFR) zones, ~23 miles in non-HFR zones, ~19 additional

miles under evaluation (undergrounding or covered conductor).

5.1.1.1.2 Early design includes Alta Drive and Sunny Oak Circle areas.

5.1.1.1.3 Infrastructure improvements include Increased circuit capacity (especially where substations were destroyed), and more automation and modern grid standards.

5.1.1.2 Easements & Property Access

5.1.1.2.1 Easement acquisition is critical, especially on private roads.

5.1.1.2.2 Spectrum Land Services (not the internet provider) is the firm coordinating easement outreach.

5.1.1.2.3 Customer participation is key; lack of easement access could delay or change project scope.

5.1.1.3 Temporary Power & Customer Support

5.1.1.3.1 SCE teams (energy advisors & planners) available at Altadena Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) (until April 30).

5.1.1.3.2 Transitioning to One-Stop Permitting Center starting May.

5.1.1.3.3 Dedicated support line: 1-800-250-7339.
Customers encouraged to download the “Rebuild Essentials Guide.”

5.1.1.4 Community Survey - Anonymous survey open to gather ongoing feedback about grid rebuild preferences and needs.

5.1.2 Key Q&A Highlights

5.1.2.1 Q1: Who pays for underground connection to the house? Customer responsible from handhole to panel (~\$8–10K). SCE seeking FEMA/state assistance to potentially subsidize this cost.

5.1.2.2 Q2: Will undergrounding occur only in rebuilt areas? No. Decisions based on multiple factors (infrastructure, damage, rebuild plans). Rebuild will take several years, and SCE will coordinate temporary power in the interim.

- 5.1.2.3 Q3: Will the whole system move to 16kV? Most of it, yes. One 4kV line will remain for reliability. Choke points and capacity limitations are being addressed.
- 5.1.2.4 Q4: Coordination with LA County for street-level work? Yes, especially in narrow roadways like Altadena Drive and Fair Oaks. Active collaboration to integrate safety improvements (e.g., pedestrian signals).
- 5.1.2.5 Q5. Can customers preemptively set up underground service even with overhead drops? Yes. Recommended to consult with SCE energy advisors.
- 5.1.2.6 Closing Notes
 - 5.1.2.6.1 SCE committed to frequent updates and transparency.
 - 5.1.2.6.2 The rebuild process, especially undergrounding, is expected to take multiple years.
 - 5.1.2.6.3 DRC remains open, but LA County departments exit by April 30.

5.2 Eaton Fire Collaborative - Jill Hawkins, Darryl Qualls

5.2.1 Collaborative Overview:

- 5.2.1.1 The Eaton Fire Collaborative consists of over 90 partner organizations and nonprofits.
- 5.2.1.2 Meetings are held weekly (Tuesdays at 11 a.m. at the Elks Lodge).
- 5.2.1.3 Goal: Coordinate efforts to rebuild Altadena while preserving its character and community assets.
- 5.2.1.4 **Disaster Recovery Phases:** Started in the emergency response phase (e.g., donation drives).
 - 5.2.1.4.1 Now transitioning to **interim recovery**, building toward a **Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG)**.
 - 5.2.1.4.2 **LTRG Mission:** Community-led and non-governmental Comprised of residents, nonprofits, schools, faith-based organizations, civic groups, etc. that works **alongside** government agencies, which act as advisors and provide supplemental resources.
 - 5.2.1.4.3 **LTRG Benefits:** Access to **funding, volunteers (muscle)**, and **materials** (e.g., appliances, construction supplies). Leverages partnerships with organizations like Red Cross, Salvation Army, Habitat for Humanity.

5.2.1.4.4 **Disaster Case Management:** Unified database system (VisionLink) prevents duplication of services. Case managers will identify and address survivor needs (e.g., insurance gaps, housing). Example: Supporting displaced residents who cannot be present regularly due to work/life circumstances.

5.2.1.4.4.1 Addresses needs that insurance/government programs don't cover (e.g., undergrounding utilities, mental health).

5.2.1.4.4.2 Connects survivors with resources through collaboration with funders and service orgs.

5.2.1.4.5 **Community Call to Action:** Help is coming — survivors are urged **not to rush rebuilding decisions**. Resources will be available for:
Underinsured/uninsured homeowners, Renters, Those with standing but damaged structures, Mental health, youth services, and school support

5.2.1.5 Information available at: eatonfirecollaborative.org

6 COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.1 Renters Protection and Recovery - Darlene Greene, Chair

6.1.1 First meeting was on April the 2nd

6.1.2 Was able to assist some renters with remediation in collaboration with Fire Poppy Project

6.1.3 Stay connected and refer to the Altadena Town Council recovery website for updates

6.2 Legislative - Milissa Marone, Chair

6.2.1 Lead Paint Hazard Mitigation Funding

6.2.1.1 \$3 million approved by LA County Board of Supervisors. For property owners within one mile downwind of the Eaton Fire burn area.

6.2.1.2 Covers soil lead testing and mitigation costs (labor, lab tests). Department of Public Health to report back in 30 days on status.

6.2.2 Unified Permitting Authority – Altadena One-Stop Recovery Center

6.2.2.1 New permitting authority established to expedite fire recovery efforts.

6.2.2.2 Will streamline residential rebuilding by allowing cross-departmental final permit decisions.

6.2.2.3 County departments will station liaisons at the one-stop shop.

6.2.2.4 Performance monitoring will be implemented for accountability.

6.2.3 Generational Homeowner Protection Act – SB 293

6.2.3.1 Passed the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee with unanimous bipartisan support.

6.2.3.2 Sponsored by Senator Lena Gonzalez (referenced by office of Sen. Perez).

6.2.3.3 Allows fire-impacted homeowners to update property titles without penalties.

6.2.3.4 Especially beneficial to historic Black communities with generational property transfers.

6.3 By-Laws - Connor Cipolla, Chair

6.3.1 bylaws committee is constituted to ensure that our bylaws address, meet, and equip us to live into our purpose as a council

6.3.2 request to all census tracts is to get together with your census tract mate and choose one to represent your tract on the bylaws committee

6.4 Education - Councilmember Isis Moulden

6.4.1 announcing our fourth annual PUSD summer internship program

6.4.2 Attended the 2nd Annual PUSD Intern Networking Event on April 3.

6.4.2.1 Collected 40+ student resumes.

6.4.2.2 Interviews will be conducted soon.

6.4.2.3 Call to Council Members: Confirm availability to participate in student interviews, Send finalized summer meeting schedules to align with intern availability, confirm whether recurring meetings will continue during summer, Share intern-appropriate initiatives or areas of focus for tailored assignments.

6.4.3 Congrats to class of 2025

6.4.3.1 Notable achievements:

6.4.3.1.1 John Muir High School: Over 21% acceptance rate to UCLA.

6.4.3.1.2 PUSD-wide acceptance rate to UCLA: Up to 16.3%.

6.4.3.1.3 Outstanding individual achievements: One student received the Regeneron Science Talent Scholarship, accepted to Caltech, MIT, Stanford, and Georgia

Tech. Two students named National Merit Finalists – top 1% of U.S. high school seniors.

6.4.3.1.4 Preparing to onboard and coordinate with incoming interns for summer.

6.5 Communication - Nic Arnzen, Chair

6.5.1 Calling for community members who have experience in communications and social media to join the committee

6.5.2 Please reach out to Nic Arnzen if you're interested.

6.5.3 Altgether – founded by John Mayo has formed a system with neighborhood captions and looking to work with the Altgether network to get information out

6.6 Altadena Eaton Fire Recovery Fund Advisory Committee - Milissa Marona, Co-Chair

6.6.1 met three times over the last month and are determining the class of recipients the application process

6.6.2 Looking forward to grant announcement in the coming weeks

6.6.3 how to best continue to raise funds for those Altadena residents

7 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT

7.1 See all public comment below

1. Rosie Abramian

Topic: Undergrounding of Power Lines

- Concerned about when and where power lines in Altadena will be buried.
- Requests updates on Edison's plans, particularly regarding Eaton Canyon and Altadena Drive power poles.

2. Ava Peril

Topic: Conflicting Information on Undergrounding Commitment

- Notes discrepancy between Supervisor Barger's promise to underground all Altadena power lines and SCE's current stance of limiting to high fire risk areas.
- Seeks clarity and timeline.

3. Gloria Ooa

Topic: Equitable Redevelopment

- As a USC social work student, asks how redevelopment and housing efforts are being guided by the needs of long-term residents over corporate interests.

4. Beth Andrews

Topic: Recontamination & Public Health Response

- Claims financial and health burden from recontamination due to golf course activity.
- Urges for public health orders to protect residents from silica, metals, and other particulates.

5. George Gund

Topic: Toxic Waste at Altadena Golf Course

- Alleges that toxic operations are occurring dangerously close to residences.
- Criticizes lack of independent health data and public health oversight.
- Requests an in-person town hall meeting for affected neighbors.

6. Ray Umstead

Topic: Lead Contamination & Community Safety

- References confirmed lead contamination in burn zone soils.
- Calls for public spaces (parks, schools) to be closed and for support to protect residents.
- Criticizes lack of action from County officials.

7. Leila Towry

Topic: Altadena Resident Impact Survey

- Reports on a community survey capturing post-fire concerns (1,200 responses collected).
- Plans to publish findings in May; invites further participation at www.thefutureorg.com

8. Sanford Kraner

Topic: Rebuilding with Electrification

- Advocates for using all-electric appliances to reduce climate impact and improve health.
- Encourages decarbonizing rebuilt homes and offers Citizens Climate Lobby resources to support electrification.

9. Bonnie Barata

Topic: Delays in Permit Review

- Raises concern about delays despite promises of expedited permitting for like-for-like home rebuilds.
- Seeks clarity on when expedited reviews will begin.

10. Cameron Duncan

Topic: School Site Safety & Remediation

- Questions the adequacy of cleanup at schools near the burn scar (e.g., Jackson, Longfellow).
- Raises concern about soil contamination and reliance on rain for remediation.
- Requests testing data and safety reassurances.

11. Michelle Zach

Topic: Property Damage from Army Corps/ACE Contractors

- Reports damage and trespass by contractors using her former home as a lot.
- Requests procedure for filing a damage claim with ACE.

12. Aladdin Elhaj

Topic: Request to Speak as a Contractor

- Represents FEC (Future Contractors and Engineers).
- Requests to register to speak at future council meetings and offers expertise on rebuilding and development.

8 CENSUS TRACT REPORTS

8.1 4612 – Councilmember Wilkins

- 8.1.1 There have been two Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) meetings and a "Keep Our Community Safe" protest and community meetings and the following concerns were raised:

- 8.1.1.1 **Air Quality – PM2.5 Levels:** Noted **indoor PM2.5 readings of 46–50**, far above the accepted level of **9**. Concerns that **federal/state safety thresholds** are being exceeded. AQMD and Phase 2 team are monitoring, but clarity is needed on **target and threshold levels**. Requested clearer communication for stakeholders on what PM2.5 levels are considered hazardous.
- 8.1.1.2 **Noise Levels: some residents report loud noise**, indicating possible **noise “pockets.”** Encouraged continued **noise mitigation efforts** and follow-up where complaints arise.
- 8.1.1.3 **Health Impacts & Resident Protection:** Emphasized **PM2.5's link to respiratory issues** like asthma. Recommended that residents reporting high PM2.5 levels be considered for **temporary relocation or support**.
- 8.1.1.4 Urged Altadena leadership to recognize these **involuntary impacts** and take **mitigating actions** to protect affected residents more directly.

9. ADJOURN – 9:19pm