

## **STATUS UPDATE ON THE COMMISSION'S FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Background**

The independent Blue Ribbon Commission for Climate Action and Fire Safe Recovery ([Commission](#)) was convened by [Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath](#) on February 13, 2025, at an unprecedented moment for Los Angeles, following extreme climate-fueled wildfires that led to devastating urban conflagration events in dense residential neighborhoods.

Comprised of regional and national leaders from government, philanthropy, industry, economic development, and academia, as well as residents of fire-torn neighborhoods, the Commission drew upon its own subject matter expertise and lessons from other wildfire and climate-driven disasters across California and the nation.

Along with its research partner UCLA, the Commission worked independently for over four months and heard from dozens of community, organizational, and elected leaders. The result was a comprehensive set of [Final Recommendations](#) released on June 20, 2025.

The Recommendations were intended to serve as a roadmap for supporting more resilient rebuilding, advancing clean, distributed energy and water systems, helping ensure residents and communities get the resources they need to rebuild with greater certainty, and better preparing the region for future climate-fueled disasters.

### **Blue Ribbon Commission's Work is Complete**

**With the release of its Final Recommendations in June 2025, the Commission completed its formal charge in providing a clear set of Recommendations for resilient rebuilding. However, as January 7, 2026 marks the one-year anniversary of the devastating fires, the Commission convened a final time to conduct a status update on the Recommendations and highlight where opportunities remain to advance solutions to help in rebuilding and preparation. As of December 2025, based on publicly available information, 36 of the Commission's 59 Final Recommendations (61%) have seen progress at some level. See more detail about the Status update [here](#).**

# One Year Anniversary: Commission's Status Update on Final Recommendations

As of December 2025, based on publicly available information, 36 of the Commission's 59 Final Recommendations (61%) have seen progress at some level. However, fewer than a handful of the Recommendations have seen meaningful progress or are complete. While measuring the progress of each Recommendation is by necessity somewhat subjective, the clear assessment is that much work remains for policymakers in the years ahead.

Recovery does not move at the same pace as disaster occurs: fires can devastate communities over hours or days, yet rebuilding and recovery unfold over years. The last 12 months represent the opening chapter of recovery. Public institutions can only absorb and lead so much change in a single year, particularly in the absence of sustained federal support. While our region has seen some early and initial progress, the actions to date do not yet provide the tools sufficient to catalyze a recovery that meets the needs of fire survivors and advances the region's long-term resilience.

## LACK OF FEDERAL PARTNERSHIP FOR REBUILDING

For decades, communities recovering from disasters have received both funding and meaningful partnership from federal agencies as they worked to recover and rebuild. The federal government's absence since debris removal concluded has left Los Angeles to rebuild on its own. Without a federal partner, state and local leaders must step up and lead while we advocate for the federal government to return to its crucial role in post-disaster recovery.

## LOOKING AHEAD

While the Commission's work was completed in June 2025, this status update reinforces that the Commission's Recommendations—including for the creation of resilient rebuilding authority/ies and a regional entity to help prevent and prepare for future fire events, toward which key initial actions have been taken—are still worthy of pursuit. We commend and thank those stakeholders and elected officials who have worked to advance these Recommendations in whole or part, but steps taken so far are not enough to offer the bold action and accountability the region needs.

As we release this Status Update, the Commission:

- Urges our local and state elected officials to work with fire survivors, community organizations, and other key stakeholders to advance the remaining Recommendations to benefit rebuilding and recovery in Los Angeles, as well as help other regions respond more quickly in future disasters. This is of particular importance as the 2026 State budget and legislative process get underway.
- Encourages organizations, philanthropy, and residents to work together by each identifying one or more Recommendations to adopt and champion, provide needed resources to returning residents, and engage in community-based action to prepare for future climate disasters.
- Believes the Recommendations can serve as a roadmap for the state as well as other regions looking to prepare for future climate disasters. We acknowledge that the Recommendations are also just that: recommended best practices and ideas that, at a minimum, add to the learnings and solutions for future disasters.

The Commission thanks everyone who contributed to the original Recommendations, those who have championed their advancement, and to UCLA, Commissioners, and others for contributing to this Status Update.