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Statement From Mayor Doug Stewart on the Reopening of Pacific Coast Highway

As of 8 a.m. today, February 2, Pacific Coast Highway (PCH) in Malibu and the unincorporated areas is open to regular traffic, with one lane in each direction. Like Supervisor Horvath, we were surprised by last night's announcement from the City of Los Angeles delaying the reopening – only to now learn that while neighborhood turn-offs have checkpoints, PCH itself remains fully open.

What was the purpose of this late-night decision if it was not going to be enforced? Our residents are trying to reclaim some sense of normalcy, and our businesses are trying to bring back employees who need to get to work. These last-minute, uncoordinated decisions create unnecessary confusion and disruption.

We urge the City of Los Angeles to work collaboratively with all affected jurisdictions in the future to ensure clarity, consistency, and thoughtful communication. Our communities have a hard enough road ahead – these moments require coordination and leadership, not confusion. Malibu remains focused on recovery and ensuring our residents and businesses have the stability they need.

Additionally, we ask everyone traveling through the area to be mindful and respectful. We've been made aware that some individuals are pulling over to look at the devastation. Please remember that what you are seeing is not just burned structures—it is someone's home, their memories, and their loss. This is not a spectacle or a novelty; it is a tragedy that our neighbors are living through. We urge everyone to show compassion and respect as the community works to heal."

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