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On June 21, 2016, the Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local emergency due to a fire in the City of Maywood, with resulting air quality conditions, displaced residents, and economic hardships impacting residents and businesses in the Cities of Maywood and Vernon. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has engaged contractors to test for hazardous levels of heavy metal contamination in the fire ash, and County departments have been heavily engaged in response and recovery activities, including providing support to displaced residents and affected jurisdictions. The emergency requires ongoing monitoring and testing of the impacted area to ensure the safety of residents and responders, including personnel from law enforcement, fire, public health, the office of emergency management, and public works, as they continue to work with private sector, federal, and State agencies.

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On June 21, 2016, the Board of Supervisors also delegated authority to the Chief Executive Office to identify available funding to provide reimbursement of up to \$125,000 to various agencies for food, shelter, and other assistance as necessary.

Over the last two weeks, shelter has been provided in nearby motels to 204 individuals who were displaced by the incident. The County has also provided cash assistance for meals through the American Red Cross. The total cost for these expenditures through June 30, 2016 is estimated at \$98,000. It is estimated that the original allocation of funding will be depleted in early July 2016.

As work continues to ensure the safety of affected homes in the fire area, it is important that we continue to provide assistance to these vulnerable residents until the evacuation order is lifted.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS delegate authority to the Chief Executive Office to identify available funding to provide reimbursement of up to an additional \$75,000 to various agencies for food, shelter, and other assistance as necessary.

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