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CELIA ZAVALA
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**RECOMMENDATION TO CONTINUE PROCLAIMED LOCAL EMERGENCIES
(ALL AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Chief Executive Office-Office of Emergency Management (CEO-OEM) is recommending the Board of Supervisors (Board) continue five local emergencies, which were proclaimed, respectively, on May 10, 1990 (Fruit Fly Infestation), January 10, 2023 (Homelessness), January 10, 2023 (Severe Winter Storms Throughout Los Angeles County), March 1, 2023 (Frigid Winter Storms Throughout Los Angeles County), and August 20, 2023 (Tropical Storm Hilary Throughout Los Angeles County).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Resolution to Continue the Local Emergency for the Fruit Fly Infestation.
2. Approve and instruct the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Resolution to Continue the Local Emergency for Homelessness.
3. Approve and instruct the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Resolution to Continue the Local Emergency for the Severe Winter Storms.
4. Approve and instruct the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Resolution to Continue the Local Emergency for the Frigid Winter Storms.
5. Approve and instruct the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Resolution to Continue the Local Emergency for Tropical Storm Hilary.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

After a local emergency has been proclaimed by the Board, State law requires that the Board: (1) review the need for the local emergency to remain in effect at least once every 60 days, until it is terminated by the Board; and (2) proclaim the local emergency terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant. CEO-OEM, in coordination with the involved County departments, has reviewed the need for each of the referenced proclaimed local emergencies (as summarized below) and is recommending that the five local emergencies be continued. This review included considerations of the extent to which the specified conditions for the proclaimed local emergencies (i.e., the conditions of disaster or extreme peril to the safety of person and property) are still existing; the ongoing need for emergency response and recovery operations; the ongoing need for Federal and/or State financial assistance; and the extent to which departments continue to engage in essential emergency-related activities that are dependent on the local emergency remaining in effect.

Based on a review of the above listed factors, CEO-OEM, in coordination with the involved County departments, is recommending that the Board find that, with respect to the following local emergencies, the conditions thereof warrant that the emergencies be continued:

- Discovery of an infestation of fruit flies in the County, as proclaimed by the Board on May 10, 1990.

The proclaimed local emergency for the fruit-fly infestation has been in effect since May 10, 1990, and continued by the Board thereafter. At this time, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by the infestation of fruit flies continue to exist; this warrants the local emergency being continued by the Board.

The infestation of fruit flies is an ongoing and persistent local emergency in the County, which continues to present a significant and clear threat to agriculture and the overall economy of the County. In addition to posing a threat to a wide variety of commercial crops, invasive fruit flies threaten loss and damage to the natural environment, including native plant species, private and public property, and food supplies. These conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the resources of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. By continuing the local emergency, the County may utilize emergency measures and resources to mitigate the impacts of the invasive fruit flies.

- Pervasive and pernicious homelessness in the County, as proclaimed by the Board on January 10, 2023.

The proclaimed local emergency for homelessness has been in effect since January 10, 2023, and continued by the Board thereafter. At this time, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by pervasive and pernicious homelessness continue to exist; this warrants the local emergency being continued by the Board.

Homelessness is an ongoing local emergency in the County, whose conditions include a continuing high number of unsheltered homeless individuals and a critical threat to the physical and mental health and safety of those experiencing homelessness, as well as the public health and well-being of the surrounding community. These conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the resources of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. The County's response to mitigate these conditions include an initial focus on resolving

encampments, addressing insufficient housing, and furnishing mental health and substance use disorder services. The County's emergency authorities related to the use of accelerated hiring, procurement, contracting, spending, housing, and services are critical to respond to homelessness in the County. Additionally, the combined forces of other jurisdictions are imperatively needed to combat the current conditions of homelessness, including coordinating resources and response efforts to resolve encampments and find housing solutions. By continuing the local emergency, the County may utilize emergency measures and resources to mitigate the impacts of pervasive and pernicious homelessness.

- Severe winter storms, beginning January 1, 2023, affecting areas throughout the County, as proclaimed on January 10, 2023, and ratified by the Board on January 17, 2023.

The proclaimed local emergency for the severe winter storms has been in effect since January 10, 2023, and continued by the Board thereafter. At this time, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by the severe winter storms continue to exist; this warrants the local emergency being continued by the Board.

The severe winter storms, beginning on January 1, 2023, are an ongoing local emergency in the County, whose conditions include severe flooding, damaged roads and bridges, and other significant damage to property within the County. These conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the resources of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. The County has been included as part of a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration, which provides resources for the County to continue to respond to and recover from the winter storms. The County's efforts to respond to and mitigate the impacts of the winter storms have included extensive debris removal, necessary repairs to damaged roads, bridges, and other property. The local emergency provides the County with the ability to continue its efforts to assess costs and damages, seek assistance for residents and businesses, and perform significant repairs to damaged property within the County. By continuing the local emergency, the County may utilize emergency measures and resources to mitigate the impacts of the severe winter storms.

- Frigid winter storms, beginning February 23, 2023, affecting areas throughout the County, as proclaimed on March 1, 2023, and ratified by the Board on March 7, 2023.

The proclaimed local emergency for the frigid winter storms has been in effect since March 1, 2023, and continued by the Board thereafter. At this time, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by the frigid winter storms continue to exist; this warrants the local emergency being continued by the Board.

The frigid winter storms, beginning on February 23, 2023, are an ongoing local emergency in the County, whose conditions include a blizzard, snowfall, high winds, substantial precipitation, damaged roads and bridges, and other significant damage to property within the County. These conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the resources of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. The County's efforts to respond to and mitigate the impacts of the frigid winter storms have included necessary repairs to damaged roads, bridges, and other property. The local emergency provides the County with the ability to continue its efforts to assess costs and damages and perform significant repairs to damaged property within the County. By continuing the local emergency, the County may utilize emergency measures and resources to mitigate the impacts of the frigid winter storms.

- Tropical Storm Hilary, beginning August 20, 2023, affecting areas throughout the County, as proclaimed on August 20, 2023, and ratified by the Board on August 22, 2023.

The proclaimed local emergency for Tropical Storm Hilary has been in effect since August 20, 2023, and continued by the Board thereafter. At this time, conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property caused by Tropical Storm Hilary continue to exist; this warrants the local emergency being continued by the Board.

Tropical Storm Hilary is an ongoing local emergency in the County, whose conditions include high winds and wind gusts, intensive precipitation, debris flows, river and urban flooding, and other significant damage to property within the County. These conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the resources of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. The County's response to mitigate the impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary has included debris removal, necessary repairs to critical infrastructures, utilities, and other property. The local emergency provides the County with the ability to continue its efforts to assess costs and damages and perform significant repairs to damaged property within the County. By continuing the local emergency, the County may utilize emergency measures and resources to mitigate the impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no fiscal impact related to the continuance of these local emergencies, but the proclamations of local emergencies could allow the County to seek recovery of eligible costs from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and State of California. The County will incur costs associated with the response to and recovery from the local emergencies.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Government Code Section 8630(c) and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code require the Board to review the need for a proclaimed local emergency to remain in effect at least once every 60 days, until it is terminated by the Board. Government Code Section 8630(d) and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code require the Board to terminate a proclaimed local emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This action is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is excluded from the definition of project under section 15378(b)(5) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

None.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board, the CEO-OEM requests that an executed, stamped copy of each attached Resolution be returned to CEO-OEM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fesia A. Davenport', with a stylized, flowing script.

FESIA A. DAVENPORT

Chief Executive Officer

FAD:JMN:ADC

KM:LL:GW:md

Enclosures

- c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
- County Counsel
- Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures
- Public Health
- Public Works
- Regional Planning

**RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE THE LOCAL
EMERGENCY FOR THE INFESTATION OF THE FRUIT FLIES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code, the existence of a local emergency was proclaimed on May 10, 1990 by the Board of Supervisors (Board), and continued thereafter, due to conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the discovery of an infestation of fruit flies in the County of Los Angeles (County); and

WHEREAS, the infestation of fruit flies is an ongoing and persistent local emergency in the County, which continues to present a significant and clear threat to agriculture and the overall economy of the County. In addition to posing a threat to a wide variety of commercial crops, invasive fruit flies threaten loss and damage to the natural environment, including native plant species, private and public property, and food supplies. These conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the resources of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. By continuing the local emergency, the County may utilize emergency measures and resources to mitigate the impacts of the invasive fruit flies; and

WHEREAS, there continues to exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property on the basis of the infestation of the fruit flies in the County, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630(c) and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code require the Board to review the need for a proclaimed local emergency to remain in effect at least once every 60 days, until it is terminated by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the need to continue the local emergency for the infestation of the fruit flies, which was initially proclaimed on May 10, 1990, and continued thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines there continues to exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the local emergency for the infestation of the fruit flies such that continuation of this local emergency is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that the local emergency due to the discovery of an infestation of fruit flies in the County continues to exist and is hereby extended for sixty (60) additional days, unless sooner terminated by the Board.

The foregoing resolution was on the 9th day of January 2024, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

Lillian Salinger

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CELIA ZAVALA, Executive Officer-Clerk of
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By

Deputy

RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE THE LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR HOMELESSNESS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code, the existence of a local emergency was proclaimed and ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on January 10, 2023 due to conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property on the basis of pervasive and pernicious homelessness in the County of Los Angeles (County); and

WHEREAS, homelessness is an ongoing local emergency in the County, whose conditions include a continuing high number of unsheltered homeless individuals and a critical threat to the physical and mental health and safety of those experiencing homelessness, as well as the public health and well-being of the surrounding community. These conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the resources of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. The County's response to mitigate these conditions includes an initial focus on resolving encampments, addressing insufficient housing, and furnishing mental health and substance use disorder services. The County's emergency authorities related to the use of accelerated hiring, procurement, contracting, spending, housing and services are critical to respond to homelessness in the County. Additionally, the combined forces of other jurisdictions are imperatively needed to combat the current conditions of homelessness, including coordinating resources and response efforts to resolve encampments and find housing solutions. By continuing the local emergency, the County may utilize emergency measures and resources to mitigate the impacts of pervasive and pernicious homelessness; and

WHEREAS, there continues to exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property on the basis of pervasive and pernicious homelessness in the County, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630(c) and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code require the Board to review the need for a proclaimed local emergency to remain in effect at least once every 60 days, until it is terminated by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the need to continue the local emergency for homelessness, which was initially proclaimed on January 10, 2023, and continued thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines there continues to exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the local emergency for homelessness such that continuation of this local emergency is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that the local emergency due to pervasive and pernicious homelessness in the County continues to exist and is hereby extended for sixty (60) additional days, unless sooner terminated by the Board.

The foregoing resolution was on the *9th* day of *January* 2024, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE THE LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE SEVERE WINTER STORMS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code, the existence of a local emergency was proclaimed on January 10, 2023 and ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on January 17, 2023, due to conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the severe winter storms, beginning on January 1, 2023, affecting areas throughout the County of Los Angeles (County); and

WHEREAS, the severe winter storms, beginning on January 1, 2023, are an ongoing local emergency in the County, whose conditions include severe flooding, damaged roads and bridges, and other significant damage to property within the County. These conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the resources of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. The County has been included as part of a Presidential Emergency Disaster Declaration, which provides resources for the County to continue to respond to and recover from the winter storms. The County's efforts to respond to and mitigate the impacts of the winter storms have included extensive debris removal, necessary repairs to damaged roads, bridges, and other property. The local emergency provides the County with the ability to continue its efforts to assess costs and damages, seek assistance for residents and businesses, and perform significant repairs to damaged property within the County. By continuing the local emergency, the County may utilize emergency measures and resources to mitigate the impacts of the severe winter storms; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the severe winter storms in the County, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630(c) and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code require the Board to review the need for a proclaimed local emergency to remain in effect at least once every 60 days, until it is terminated by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the need to continue the local emergency for the severe winter storms, which was initially proclaimed on January 10, 2023, and continued thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines there continues to exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the local emergency for the severe winter storms such that continuation of this local emergency is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that the local emergency due to the severe winter storms in the County continues to exist and is hereby extended for sixty (60) additional days, unless sooner terminated by the Board.

The foregoing resolution was on the 9th day of January 2024, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



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RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE THE LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR THE FRIGID WINTER STORMS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code, the existence of a local emergency was proclaimed on March 1, 2023 and ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on March 7, 2023, due to conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the frigid winter storms, beginning on February 23, 2023, affecting areas throughout the County of Los Angeles (County); and

WHEREAS, the frigid winter storms, beginning on February 23, 2023, are an ongoing local emergency in the County, whose conditions include a blizzard, snowfall, high winds, substantial precipitation, damaged roads and bridges, and other significant damage to property within the County. These conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the resources of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. The County's efforts to respond to and mitigate the impacts of the frigid winter storms have included necessary repairs to damaged roads, bridges, and other property. The local emergency provides the County with the ability to continue its efforts to assess costs and damages and perform significant repairs to damaged property within the County. By continuing the local emergency, the County may utilize emergency measures and resources to mitigate the impacts of the frigid winter storms; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the frigid winter storms in the County, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630(c) and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code require the Board to review the need for a proclaimed local emergency to remain in effect at least once every 60 days, until it is terminated by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the need to continue the local emergency for the frigid winter storms, which was initially proclaimed on March 1, 2023, and continued thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines there continues to exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the local emergency for the frigid winter storms such that continuation of this local emergency is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that the local emergency due to the frigid winter storms in the County continues to exist and is hereby extended for sixty (60) additional days, unless sooner terminated by the Board.

The foregoing resolution was on the *9th* day of *January* 2024, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



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RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE THE LOCAL EMERGENCY FOR TROPICAL STORM HILARY

WHEREAS, pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code, the existence of a local emergency was proclaimed on August 20, 2023 and ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on August 22, 2023, due to conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from Tropical Storm Hilary, beginning on August 20, 2023, affecting areas throughout the County of Los Angeles (County); and

WHEREAS, Tropical Storm Hilary, beginning on August 20, 2023, is an ongoing local emergency in the County, whose conditions include high winds and wind gusts, intensive precipitation, debris flows, river and urban flooding, and other significant damage to property within the County. These conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the resources of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat. The County's response to mitigate the impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary has included debris removal, necessary repairs to critical infrastructure and utilities, and other property. The local emergency provides the County with the ability to continue its efforts to assess costs and damages and perform significant repairs to damaged property within the County. By continuing the local emergency, the County may utilize emergency measures and resources to mitigate the impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from Tropical Storm Hilary in the County, which are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of the County, and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 8630(c) and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code require the Board to review the need for a proclaimed local emergency to remain in effect at least once every 60 days, until it is terminated by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the need to continue the local emergency for Tropical Storm Hilary, which was initially proclaimed on August 20, 2023, and continued thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines there continues to exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the local emergency for Tropical Storm Hilary such that continuation of this local emergency is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that the local emergency due to Tropical Storm Hilary in the County continues to exist and is hereby extended for sixty (60) additional days, unless sooner terminated by the Board.

The foregoing resolution was on the 9th day of *January* 2024, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



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