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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 six 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), August 20, 2023 (Tropical Storm Hilary Throughout Los Angeles County), and on February 4, 2024 (Winter Storms Throughout Los Angeles County).

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

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

6. Adopt and instruct the Chair of the Board to execute the attached Resolution to Continue the Local Emergency for the Winter Storms.

**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 six 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 use 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 use 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 use 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 use 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 use emergency measures and resources to mitigate the impacts of Tropical Storm Hilary.

- Winter storms, beginning February 1, 2024, affecting areas throughout the County, as proclaimed on February 4, 2024, and ratified by the Board on February 6, 2024.

The proclaimed local emergency for the severe winter storms has been in effect since February 4, 2024, 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 winter storms continue to exist; this warrants the local emergency being continued by the Board.

The winter storms, beginning on February 1, 2024, are an ongoing local emergency in the County, whose conditions include high winds, substantial precipitation, closure and damage to highways and roads, evacuation warnings in areas impacted by burn scars, potential for significant debris flows, river and urban flooding, land movement incidents, widespread power outages, 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 winter storms have included extensive debris removal, necessary repairs to damaged highways and roads, 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 use emergency measures and resources to mitigate the impacts of the winter storms.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These recommendations support the County Strategic Plan: North Star 2 – Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, Focus Area A – Public Health, Strategy i, Population Based Health.

**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.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

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Respectfully submitted,



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Public Health  
Public Works  
Regional Planning



**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, personnel, 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 *10th* day of *September* 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.

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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.

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