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June 09, 2026

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

RECOMMENDATION TO TERMINATE THE DECLARED LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE JANUARY 2025 CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS (ALL AFFECTED) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Public Health (Public Health) is recommending that the Board of Supervisors (Board) terminate the local health emergency declared on January 10, 2025, in response to the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events impacting Los Angeles County (County).

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Adopt and approve the attached Resolution to Terminate a Local Health Emergency, which was proclaimed as a result of the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events in the County of Los Angeles.

2. Direct the Chief Executive Officer Office of Emergency Management (CEO-OEM) to forward a copy of the Resolution to Terminate a Local Health Emergency to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

After a local health emergency has been proclaimed by the local health officer, State law requires that the Board: (1) review the need for the proclaimed local health emergency to remain in effect at least once every 30 days, until it is terminated; and (2) proclaim the local health emergency terminated at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant. Public Health, in conjunction with the involved County Departments, has reviewed the need for the proclaimed local health emergency referenced below to remain in effect, and/or whether it is now warranted for the local health emergency to be terminated. This review included considerations of the extent to which the specified conditions for the proclaimed local health emergency (i.e., whether a hazardous waste release or escape is an immediate threat to the public health or whether there is an imminent and proximate threat of the introduction of any chemical agent, noncommunicable biologic agent, toxin, or radioactive agent) 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 health emergency remaining in effect.

Conditions have shifted from an acute, immediate public health threat driven by widespread risks from active wildfires and fire debris, including hazardous household materials addressed in Phase 1 and remaining fire debris addressed in Phase 2, to a more controlled state following completion of Phase 2 cleanup within burned properties.

Based on a review of the above listed factors, Public Health is recommending that the Board now find that it is warranted to terminate the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events local health emergency, as proclaimed by the Public Health Officer on January 10, 2025.

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 on current services.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 and Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code requires the Board to review the need for a proclaimed local health emergency to remain in effect at least once every 30 days, until it is terminated. California Health and Safety Code Section 101080 requires the Board to terminate a proclaimed local health 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)

There is no impact on current services**.**

The impacts of the fires that burned throughout Los Angeles County in January 2025 will be long-lasting. Thousands of homes and other structures have been lost.

For a comprehensive list of information related to wildfires response services being provided by the County of Los Angeles, visit https://recovery.lacounty.gov/road/.

Concerned residents are advised to continue to follow precautions and guidance to protect their health and well-being after a fire, available on Public Health's website at http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Wildfire/.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by the Board, an adopted, stamped copy should be returned to CEO-OEM. A copy of the Resolution to Terminate a Local Health Emergency will be forwarded to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services for their records.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
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Public Works
CEO Office of Emergency Management

RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO TERMINATE THE PROCLAMATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE JANUARY 2025 WINDSTORM AND CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS

WHEREAS, on January 10, 2025, the County Public Health Officer, Dr. Muntu Davis, declared a local health emergency for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 101040, 101080, and 120175, which was also ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on January 14, 2026, due to the existence of an immediate threat to the public health in the County of Los Angeles, as a result of the potential for widespread toxic exposures, debris from fire damage including damaged building materials, contamination with heavy metals, debris and ash from residential structures, and hazardous household substances that may have burned or released in the fire; and

WHEREAS, Health and Safety Code Section 101080 provides that after the Board ratifies a declared local health emergency the Board shall review, at least every 30 days, the need for continuing the local health emergency and shall proclaim the termination of the local health emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant the termination; and

WHEREAS, with respect to the above local health emergency initially proclaimed by the Health Officer and ratified by the Board on January 14, 2025, and thereafter extended, the conditions relating thereto are such that, effective June 9, 2026, it is warranted that the declared local health emergency for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, be terminated; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that, effective June 9, 2026, the declared local health emergency for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events is terminated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, effective June 9, 2026, any and all emergency orders issued by the Health Officer and ratified by the Board, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Sections 101040 and 101080 relating to the declared local health emergency for the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events are terminated and no longer in effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, on or after June 9, 2026, a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services.

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