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

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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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Enclosures

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

RESOLUTION BY THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO CONTINUE THE LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY FOR THE JANUARY 2025 CRITICAL FIRE EVENTS

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, the existence of a local health emergency was declared by the County Health Officer on January 10, 2025, and ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board) on January 14, 2025, due to conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the January 2025 Windstorm and Critical Fire Events, beginning on January 7, 2025, affecting areas throughout the County of Los Angeles (County); and

WHEREAS, the January 2025 Critical Fire Events, beginning on January 7, 2025, are an ongoing local health emergency in the County, whose conditions have included an ongoing response to a number of destructive and wind-driven fires, which include, among others, the Palisades Fire, Eaton Fire, Hurst Fire, Creek Fire, Lidia Fire, and the Kenneth Fire, and post-fire hazards in the form of burned common household hazardous materials and contaminated ash, soot and fire debris remaining in the burn zones and surrounding areas. These conditions are or will likely be beyond the control of the resources of the County and require the combined forces of other political subdivisions and the ongoing need for federal and/or State financial assistance. To the extent which departments continue to engage in essential emergency-related activities that are dependent on the local health emergency remaining in effect; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property arising from the January 2025 Critical Fire Events in the County, and to mitigate the risks to health created by the fires and post-fire health hazards, which include the presence of extensive amounts of common household items burned in the wildfires that created contaminated ash and fire debris, must be removed, transported, and disposed of from properties in accordance with federal and State standards, which is an on-going effort; and

WHEREAS, 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 declared local health emergency to remain in effect at least once every 30 days, until it is terminated by the Board at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the need to continue the local emergency for the January 2025 Critical Fire Events, which was already ratified on January 14, 2025, and continued thereafter; and

WHEREAS, the Board determines that there continues to exist conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the health and safety of people arising from the local health emergency for the January 2025 Critical Fire Events such that continuation of this local health emergency is warranted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles that the local health emergency due to the January 2025 Critical Fire Events in the County continues to exist and is hereby extended for thirty (30) additional days, unless sooner terminated by the Board.

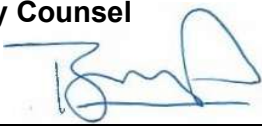
The foregoing resolution was on the *5th* day of *May 2026*, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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Executive Officer
Board of Supervisors

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Deputy

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