PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	**Relate To**	**Position**	**Name**	**Comments**
15.		**Oppose**	Carlos Martinez	
		Other	Carlos Singer	Dear Chair and Members of the Board: On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, representing employers across Los Angeles County, we write regarding Supervisor Solis's motion responding to the June 17, 2026 fire at the Lineage cold storage facility in Boyle Heights and its ongoing impact on small businesses in unincorporated East Los Angeles. The Chamber commends Supervisor Solis for acting quickly on behalf of the 64 small businesses identified by the Department of Economic Opportunity survey, and we support the motion's core relief provisions. We ask the Board to consider several amendments, described below, to ensure the motion's fourth directive is scoped appropriately and that the County's business community has a formal seat at the table as these provisions are implemented. The Chamber strongly supports directing DEO to activate a Small Business Interruption Fund using Supervisorial District 1 Catalytic Development Funds, and to do so within 45 days. Businesses in the Soto/Olympic, Soto/Pico, and Union Pacific corridors have already absorbed weeks of lost revenue from ash, odor, and access disruptions; further delay compounds the harm. We likewise support directing DEO to report back on deploying the countywide Business Interruption Fund established in March 2026 should District 1 funds prove insufficient. We would ask only that DEO's implementing guidelines minimize documentation burdens on the small, often cash-based businesses this fund is meant to serve, consistent with the Chamber's ongoing advocacy for streamlined disaster assistance. The Chamber also supports directing County Counsel and the Office of Emergency Management to pursue reimbursement from Lineage and other responsible parties for funds the County dispenses to affected businesses. Public dollars — and any fee revenue drawn from the broader business community, discussed below — should be treated as a backstop, not a substitute for accountability by the party whose facility caused the loss. The Chamber does not object to Regional Planning studying funding mechanisms for the countywide Business Interruption Fund. But the directive as written reaches all new manufacturing, recycling, warehouse, and "any other industrial land use facilities" with the mere potential to affect nearby small business vitality — a standard broad enough to sweep in routine, well-run facilities with no connection to the Lineage incident. That is a general tax on industrial development, not a risk-based charge, and it would penalize compliant operators alongside bad actors while discouraging new industrial investment in the County. We ask the Board to direct Regional Planning to (a) scope the fee to an objective risk classification, not facility type; (b) evaluate alternatives such as mandatory business interruption or environmental liability insurance for high-risk operators; and (c) include the Chamber and affected industry associations in the stakeholder process before the 90-day report returns to the Board.

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				The Chamber agrees that a facility causing the scale of public health impact seen in the Lineage incident should face penalties proportionate to that harm, and we support DPH evaluating its citation and fee structure accordingly. We also support requiring community health and safety preparedness plans for genuinely high-risk facilities near homes, schools, and health care facilities. We ask that DPH's recommendations define "high-risk" and "significant impact" with clear, objective criteria, and that the Department consult the business community while developing the preparedness plan requirement so that compliance costs are proportionate to actual risk rather than facility category. The Chamber shares the Board's urgency in getting relief to East Los Angeles small businesses and shares the goal of ensuring the party responsible for this incident bears its cost. We ask that the amendments above be incorporated as the motion moves forward, and we welcome the opportunity to serve as a resource to DEO, Regional Planning, and DPH as each directive is implemented. Carlos Singer Chief Policy Officer
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July 31, 2026

The Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Support with Requested Amendments — Motion by Supervisor Solis, "Responding to the Lineage Fire Impact on Local Small Business in Unincorporated East Los Angeles" (Agenda of August 4, 2026)

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Respectfully,

Carlos Singer
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