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Supporting Additional Accountability Measures for the Los Palos Incident

As cleanup from the June 17 fire at the Lineage Logistics, LLC (Lineage) remains ongoing, residents of unincorporated East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, and surrounding communities continue to live with nauseating odors, as well swarms of flies. Roughly 85 million pounds of meat that were stored in the facility have been rotting, spreading foul odors throughout the area and raising concerns about air quality and associated health risks.

In response, the County has worked with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) on mitigation and accountability measures. On July 17, 2026, South Coast AQMD issued a formal demand letter requiring Lineage strengthen its Odor Management Plan by incorporating additional measures. South Coast AQMD had been working with Lineage and providing recommendations reduce the odors generated during the removal of the decomposing food waste, however, Lineage had not yet incorporated several key actions to minimize odor impacts to the community. Their formal demand letter directed Lineage to implement more than two dozen additional measures, covering a wide array of matters including loading trucks, housekeeping, odor containment, and community communication plans. South Coast

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AQMD also petitioned their Hearing Board for an Order for Abatement directed at Lineage, alleging that Lineage was in violation of several rules, with South Coast AQMD issuing nine Notices of Violation alleging public nuisance relating to the odors. This Order of Abatement would require Lineage to cease violating the rules by implementing enhanced odor mitigation measures or comply with other remedial measures that the Hearing Board deems appropriate.

On August 5, 2026, the South Coast AQMD Hearing Board will hold a hearing at 9:30 AM to hear proposed conditions to reduce odors impacting the nearby community from the Lineage Warehouse fire cleanup. During this hearing, it is imperative that the County uplift the concerns and conditions residents are experiencing and urge the Hearing Board to implement strong accountability and enforcement measures to compel Lineage to adhere to conditions outlined by South Coast AQMD.

These measures would complement additional enforcement efforts by the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (DPH), which has issued six citations to Lineage since July 23, which will continue should unsanitary or nuisance conditions in the surrounding community persist during subsequent inspections. DPH has outlined corrective actions Lineage must take, including the removal and proper disposition of all food, waste, and decomposing materials; eliminating all actual and potential fly breeding sources; thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing all affected areas that can support flies and other vectors; implementing effective vector control measures; and taking all necessary measures to prevent flies originating from the property from migrating to neighboring

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properties. This is in addition to a Public Health directive they issued on June 29 that required mitigation efforts in the impacted communities related to the facility fire and subsequent decaying food waste.

The County must continue to pursue all regulatory means necessary to hold Lineage accountable and expedite the safe and effective cleanup of the debris and rotting food remaining at the facility.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors send a five-signature letter to the South Coast Air Quality Management District Hearing Board (Hearing Board) in support of the Petition for Order for Abatement filed by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and urge the Hearing Board to implement strong accountability and enforcement measures to compel Lineage Logistics, LLC to adhere to conditions outlined by South Coast AQMD.

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