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On September 5, 2026, Lineage Logistics announced that they had completed the full cleanup of food waste at the Boyle Heights Warehouse, following the fire that originally broke out at the facility on June 17, 2026, with the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) confirming that food material and debris have been removed from the site, as well as the completion of power washing and disinfecting of the interior of Freezer 1. Despite this shift in Lineage's intent, residents and community continue to contend with the impacts of the 81 days from when the fire first broke out to the removal of the food waste and debris from the facility. Many households experienced increased utility bills from the utilization of air purifiers to escape from the impact of the odors emanating from the facility and air conditioning units due to the sweltering temperatures from the untimely heat wave. Others incurred increased costs from being unable to cook food in their own homes given the need to keep windows closed while contending with the smells and extreme heat. Many continue to face anxiety and uncertainty regarding any potential health impacts from the fire, the odors,

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and insects drawn to the food waste. Meanwhile, small businesses in the surrounding facilities are still feeling the impacts of reduced customers and patronage during the prolonged cleanup and recovery period. The fallout from this prolonged recovery continues to be felt, and long-term support continues to be needed.

Since the fire's outbreak, at the direction of Board Chair and First District Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, a comprehensive response across a wide array of County departments was deployed. This included the Office of Emergency Management assisting with coordination of the County's response while collaborating and supporting the City of Los Angeles' emergency efforts. The Los Angeles County Fire Department provided technical assistance and backup support to the City of Los Angeles' Fire Department. The Department of Public Health inspected the facility, provided outreach and direct support to community members, convened community and academic experts, and worked with State and Federal partners with jurisdictional authority to ensure monitoring of the facility. Additionally, the Department of Public Works facilitated efforts to expedite cleanup of the facility, including increasing access on roadways and ensuring landfills accepting waste and debris remained open 24/7. Finally, several departments were available at community recovery centers, including the Department of Health Services' mobile clinic, which provided free screenings and care for concerned residents. The County estimates that departmental costs alone exceeded $1.8 million

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and continue to rise as support for the community remains ongoing.

In addition to the County's departments, since the fire's outbreak, Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, her staff, and community partners have been in the community, providing much-needed support and recovery assistance. This includes operating several recovery centers in community, including at City Terrace Park, Belvedere Park, Salazar Park, and at the East Los Angeles Civic Center, in collaboration with the Red Cross, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, County departments, and community and volunteer organizations. In addition, door-to-door outreach was conducted to households in the most impacted areas. Through these efforts, the First District utilized $2.5 million in discretionary funding, which supported over 65,000 residents and 13,000 households, and provided essential resources to community, including 13,362 air purifiers, 12,139 food boxes, 9,600 cases of water, 10,051 boxes of masks, 500 debit cards totaling $257,000 in direct support to residents, and 167 air conditioners. It also included $750,000 in grants for small businesses, and $400,000 to Alma Family Services to provide long-term case management for impacted residents. Additional advocacy also resulted in $750,000 in funding from AirBnB for temporary relocation of the most-impacted residents, as well as $45,000 from Southern California Edison for utility bill relief in unincorporated East Los Angeles.

Beyond this significant investment, there remain opportunities for additional

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support. The 2026 State Budget Act included Budget Trailer Bills AB 113/SB 113 contained funding for the County to assist with the continued recovery for the Lineage Warehouse Fire. This includes $2 million for the Department of Public Health for Lineage Fire clean-up and remediation, $3 million to DPH for environmental recovery, and $1 million for the County to support mobile clinics for respiratory illnesses. Residents continue to express concerns related to remediation from smoke and odor damage, pests, sampling to ensure their soil and water were not contaminated, and an understanding and support of long-term health needs.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors instruct the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) branch and the Department of Public Health to send a five-signature letter to Governor Gavin Newsom, Governor-elect Xavier Becerra, California Department of Public Health Director Dr. Erica Pan, and California Department of Finance Director Joe Stephenshaw, with a copy to the Los Angeles County State delegation and Attorney General Rob Bonta, advocating for timely distribution of the remainder of the $6 million in State funding not already distributed to the Department of Public Health, including but not limited to the following uses:

- Smoke and odor assessments and remediation
- Pest control

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- Rodent Abatement
- Assistance to pay for utilities, rent, and mortgages
- Other needs directly related to odor and smoke impacts, including health impacts addressed by Federally Qualified Health Centers
- Sampling of soil and water for contaminants related to chemicals that may be attributed to the fire
- Working with academic partners, support ongoing health assessment needs or establish a pilot program to determine how best to monitor long term health of those exposed to Lineage smoke and odors.

**WE, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Department of Public Health to:
    a. Establish a workgroup to help inform the proper utilization of the funding once received, including but not limited to:
        i. Community residents, environmental justice organizations, and other stakeholders from across the impacted region including but not limited to East Los Angeles, Southeast Los Angeles, the San Gabriel Valley, and City of Los Angeles communities;
        ii. Healthcare partners; and
        iii. County Departments, including the Department of Public Works

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(DPW), the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), the Department of Mental Health (DMH), Los Angeles Health Services (LAHS) Department, the Los Angeles County Fire Department (LACoFD), the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) and other relevant Departments to ensure the above uses are deployed in a manner most suited to community needs;

b. Develop and modify as necessary, in coordination with the Los Angeles County Development Authority (LACDA) and/or other qualified program administrators, to establish a program for the distribution of the funding to provide relief to eligible residents;

c. Authorize the Director of Public Health, or designee, to establish and modify, as necessary, program eligibility criteria, geographic boundaries that extend beyond proximity to the warehouse and also consider those impacted by the smoke and odors associated with the fire and recovery, application and verification requirements, prioritization criteria, award amounts, allowable uses of funds, payment methods, and other program procedures, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, provided such modifications remain

consistent with the purpose and funding authorization of this motion;

d. Coordinate with the City of Los Angeles and other City partners who are working to provide direct financial awards to avoid duplication. Such coordination shall not delay assistance to otherwise eligible applicants or require an applicant to receive or apply for assistance from another jurisdiction as a condition of eligibility for the County program;

e. Delegate authority to the Director of Public Health, or designee, to enter into a new agreement or amend an existing agreement with LACDA and/or other qualified partners, to expediently establish and administer this program, including the utilization of additional funding sources that may become available for these purposes; and authorize the Director of Public Health, or designee, to allocate and transfer up to $6 million in County funds to LACDA for this program;

f. Distribute guidance to healthcare providers in the areas impacted by the fire on potential health conditions to monitor; and

g. In collaboration with LAHS and DMH, develop and distribute informational materials for impacted community members to connect them to County supports and services to address long-term physical

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and behavioral health needs.

2. Direct DPH, County Counsel, and CEO LAIR, in collaboration with LACoFD, DPW, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, and OEM to assess existing local, County, State, and federal codes governing health evacuation orders and make recommendations to the Board regarding needed updates and advocacy to provide DPH and all relevant departments greater flexibility to issue evacuation orders pursuant to health risks.
3. Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to work with all relevant Departments to identify additional resources to provide mortgage, rent, and private and public utility bill relief to impacted residents. This includes working with the Center for Strategic Partnerships (CSP) to identify philanthropic funds to continue supporting residents' needs.
4. Request the Los Angeles County Assessor to determine the feasibility of reassessing property values for impacted residents that may require adjustment as a result of the Lineage incident.
5. Direct County Counsel to continue pursuing all legal avenues to hold all responsible parties accountable and provide additional relief to impacted residents.
6. Direct DPH, in collaboration with all relevant departments, to report back to

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the Board of Supervisors in person at the first Board meeting in January 2027 on Directives 1-5 with bi-monthly written reports to follow.

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