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June 23, 2026

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**Responding to the Los Palos Incident and Ratifying the Local Emergency**

On Wednesday, June 17, 2026, a fire at a Boyle Heights commercial building located at 1400 S. Los Palos St. broke out at 2:35 PM, now known as the Los Palos Incident. The fire impacted a cold storage facility operated by Lineage Logistics, which involved complex refrigeration systems, rooftop solar panel infrastructure, and other industrial equipment that created a complex and hazardous firefighting operation. Impacts on the refrigeration systems resulted in ammonia being off-gassed, prompting the City of Los Angeles Fire Department to order people nearby to shelter in place for several hours, due to a risk of exposure to hazardous materials. Additionally, smoke advisories were issued for unincorporated East Los Angeles, the City of Commerce, the City of Vernon, the City of Monterey Park, the City of Montebello, and parts of downtown Los Angeles. Subsequently, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) issued an Air Quality Advisory across all of Los Angeles County.

After initial efforts to quell the fire were unsuccessful, additional action was needed to open pathways to bring in additional State resources and support. On Saturday, June 20, 2026, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local

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emergency for the Los Palos Incident, in alignment with a declaration of a local emergency by the City of Los Angeles. This proclamation would help accelerate the ongoing local response, assist with the rapid procurement of vital supplies, and ensure all available resources would be deployed to protect residents, workers, and first responders. It also enables the utilization of mutual aid, including technical assistance, as well as potentially obtaining reimbursement and assistance from the State and federal government. Pursuant to Government Code section 8630(b) and Los Angeles County Code section 2.68.110, the Proclamation of Local Emergency shall not remain in effect for a period more than seven days unless it has been ratified by the Board of Supervisors (Board). That evening, Governor Gavin Newsom also proclaimed a State of Emergency for Los Angeles County in response to the warehouse fire. These proclamations enable the State to further support local response efforts, protect public health, and coordinate resources.

In addition, the County of Los Angeles also launched a shelter at City Terrace Park in unincorporated East Los Angeles for residents impacted by the fire. This respite shelter provided residents living near the facility with a respite available 24/7 from adverse impacts from the fire. The Department of Health Services and Department of Mental Health deployed teams to address ongoing health concerns, and the Department of Public Social Services offered assistance with safety net programs. The Department of Animal Care and Control additionally provided resources and supports

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for pets. The First Supervisorial District also offered food and resources, free transportation to the facility for impacted residents, and air purifiers for residents in the impacted areas. This was in alignment with County Department of Public Health guidance to limit exposure to outdoor air in areas impacted by the smoke, and to utilize air purifiers when available.

Although progress in containing the fire has been made, on Sunday, June 21, 2026, the City of Los Angeles Fire Department estimated that smoke would continue to come from the facility for several more days, though progress in combating the fire has progressed.

This fire is the second associated with this Lineage Logistics facility in Boyle Heights, as this warehouse previously caught fire in August of 2024. In addition, this operator had previously been accused of failing to comply with safety regulations to prevent the accidental release of ammonia, and in 2023, the company paid a fine to the Environmental Protection Agency related to a facility in Iowa. Although oversight of this facility spans State, County, and City jurisdictions, it is imperative that the County work with all impacted agencies to safeguard the health and well-being of impacted residents and businesses and take all necessary actions to hold the responsible parties accountable.

**BASED UPON THE FOREGOING, AND PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT  
CODE SECTION 54954.2(b)(2), WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board determine

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that:

1) There is a need to take immediate action to ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency and related directives; and

2) That the need to take this action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda for today's meeting.

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

1. Ratify the Proclamation of Local Emergency for the Los Palos Incident (Boyle Heights Commercial Building Fire) in the County of Los Angeles. The Proclamation of Local Emergency shall remain in effect until its termination is proclaimed by the Board.
2. Forward a copy of the Proclamation of Local Emergency to the Director of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Director), and request the Director find it to be acceptable in accordance with State law, make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act, and expedite access to State and federal resources and any other appropriate federal disaster relief programs.
3. Direct County Departments to implement all assessment, assistance and monitoring efforts as applicable.

**WE, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct County Counsel, the Chief Executive Office – Office of Emergency Management, the Los Angeles County

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Fire Department, and the Department of Public Health, to:

1. Partner with the City of Los Angeles, including the Mayor, Council District 14, and the City Attorney, as well as relevant State jurisdictions, to initiate an inspection and investigation of the facility in question, and determine any actions needed against the operator to provide recompense to impacted residents and businesses;
2. Collaborate with City and State partners to ensure all future inspections and certifications of the facility upon rebuild meet needed health and safety codes to prevent such incidents from repeating in the future;
3. Report back in writing in 180 days and every 60 days thereafter on the results of the above actions, until the facility is deemed adequately safe to operate and community needs are addressed.

**WE, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Health and the Chief Executive Office – Office of Emergency Management to work with State and federal regulatory entities to monitor air quality and environmental health impacts in surrounding communities and disseminate communications and resources to safeguard residents' health and safety.

**WE, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO), in consultation with the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, and the Office of Immigrant Affairs, to:

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1. Identify potentially impacted businesses, and promote and refer to available services and resources, in addition to hosting job fairs for workers impacted by the Los Palos Incident, and
2. Work with County Counsel to establish a claims process for businesses and impacted workers, and
3. Work with the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and applicable partners, such as the Red Cross, to explore the establishment of a training option for participants of existing DEO programs, and DPSS participants enrolled in CalFresh, Medi-Cal and CalWorks requiring workfare hours, that would prepare trainees to become disaster service workers, deployable to assist with temporary shelters and resource distribution.
4. Report back on the progress of directives 1 and 2 in writing in 30 days, and report back in writing on directive 3 in 90 days.

**WE, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office – Office of Emergency Management to collaborate with the Department of Public Health, the Department of Health Services, the Department of Public Works, the Internal Services Department, and all relevant departments to conduct an inventory of available equipment to safeguard residents from public health and environmental health risks, including personal protective equipment, N95 masks, respirators, and air purifiers, and report back to the Board within 30 days with a full inventory of what can be made

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available to impacted residents in similar crises.

**WE, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors provide the Director of Public Works the delegated authority to adjust disposal facility conditional use permits as-needed to facilitate waste disposal from the warehouse.

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