REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: September 11,2026

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso for
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Council File No. 25-0002-S127
Assignment No: 26-09-0637

SUBJECT: Resolution to Support Governmental Assistance in Response to the Boyle Heights Lineage Logistics Cold Storage Warehouse Fire

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution to include in the City's 2025-2026 Federal and State Legislative Programs, support for legislative or executive action by the Federal Government, the State of California and the County of Los Angeles that would provide immediate emergency assistance, funding, regulatory relief, and resources for the cleanup, remediation, and recovery efforts related to the June 2026 fire at the Lineage Logistics cold storage facility located at 1400 South Los Palos Street in Boyle Heights.

SUMMARY

Resolution (Jurado – Padilla), introduced August 4, 2026, explains that on June 17, 2026, a fire ignited at the Lineage Logistics cold storage facility located at 1400 South Los Palos Street in the Boyle Heights community of the City of Los Angeles. The fire burned for eight days within a heavily insulated, approximately 491,000-square-foot cold storage structure, requiring round-the-clock firefighting operations by the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD) and mutual aid partners. The incident resulted in a shelter-in-place order for neighboring residents and extended air quality advisories from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) impacting families in the immediate vicinity, central Los Angeles County, the San Gabriel Valley, the East San Fernando Valley, and the Northwest San Bernardino Valley.

The Resolution continues, stating that while the shelter-in-place order has been lifted, and an estimated 85 million pounds of frozen food product were stored within the facility, the loss of refrigeration has caused substantial spoilage and decomposition of the product, which constitutes a public nuisance as the odors and pestilence plague the surrounding neighborhoods. The community of Boyle Heights, a historically under-resourced and environmentally burdened neighborhood, requires transparent, coordinated, and expedited governmental action at all levels.

Therefore, the Resolution requests that the City include, as part of the 2025-2026 Federal and State Legislative Programs, support for legislative or executive action by the Federal Government, the State of California and the County of Los Angeles that would provide immediate emergency assistance, funding, regulatory relief, and resources for the cleanup, remediation, and recovery efforts related to the June 2026 fire at the Lineage Logistics cold storage facility located at 1400 South Los Palos Street in Boyle Heights.

BACKGROUND

On June 17, 2026, a fire broke out at the Lineage Logistics cold storage warehouse located at 1400 S. Los Palos Street in Boyle Heights, a roughly 491,000-square-foot facility used to store frozen food products. The blaze reportedly originated on the rooftop solar array, though the official cause remains under investigation.

The fire prompted the evacuation of approximately 70 residents and a shelter-in-place order for surrounding areas due to smoke and air quality concerns, and burned for more than a week before being declared contained by the Los Angeles Fire Department on June 24, 2026. The scale of the incident, including an estimated 85 million pounds of decomposing frozen food inside the facility, led Mayor Karen Bass and Governor Gavin Newsom to issue state of emergency declarations for the surrounding area. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors also issued a local emergency proclamation on June 20, 2026.

At the state and regional levels, the South Coast Air Quality Management District issued a smoke advisory and extended a Particle Pollution Advisory during the fire. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services worked with the U.S. Small Business Administration to approve the State's request for a disaster declaration on August 18, 2026, making low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) available to small businesses and private nonprofits that suffered financial losses from the fire.

Several County departments also responded to the fire, including the County Office of Emergency Management, Fire Department, Department of Public Health, Department of Public Works, and Department of Economic Opportunity. The County also opened a resource center at the East Los Angeles Library, financial assistance to affected residents and businesses, and cooperated with the City's Department of Transportation to manage traffic impacts during cleanup with modified debris-haul routes.

DEPARTMENTS NOTIFIED

None

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Attachment: 1. Resolution (Jurado – Padilla)

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2026, a fire ignited at the Lineage Logistics cold storage facility located at 1400 South Los Palos Street in the Boyle Heights community of the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the fire burned for eight days within a heavily insulated, approximately 491,000-square-foot cold storage structure, requiring round-the-clock firefighting operations by the Los Angeles Fire Department and mutual aid partners; and

WHEREAS, the incident resulted in a shelter-in-place order for neighboring residents and extended air quality advisories from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) impacting families in the immediate vicinity, central Los Angeles County, the San Gabriel Valley, the East San Fernando Valley, and the Northwest San Bernardino Valley; and

WHEREAS, while the shelter-in-place order has been lifted, and estimated 85 million pounds of frozen food product were stored within the facility, the loss of refrigeration has caused substantial spoilage and decomposition of the product, which constitutes a public nuisance as the odors and pestilence plague the surrounding neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the community of Boyle Heights, a historically under-resourced and environmentally burdened neighborhood, requires transparent, coordinated, and expedited governmental action at the City, County, State and Federal levels; and

WHEREAS, on June 20, 2026, Mayor Karen Bass declared a Local Emergency, and Governor Gavin Newsom issued a State of Emergency proclamation for the State of California, in response to the ongoing fire and its impacts on public health, air quality, and the surrounding community;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025-2026 Federal and State Legislative Programs SUPPORT for legislative or executive action by the Federal Government, the State of California and the County of Los Angeles that would provide immediate emergency assistance, funding, regulatory relief, and resources for the cleanup, remediation, and recovery efforts related to the June 2026 fire at the Lineage Logistics cold storage facility located at 1400 South Los Palos Street in Boyle Heights.

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