

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 governmental 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 structure fire began at the 491,000 square foot Lineage Cold Storage Facility in Boyle Heights; and

WHEREAS, this facility, which contained an estimated 85 million pounds of frozen food, burned for eight days before it was finally extinguished; and

WHEREAS, the fire resulted in massive increases in airborne pollution levels in the Los Angeles region, and resulted in shelter-in-place orders for nearby residents; and

WHEREAS, additional harms to local residents were created by rotting food at the site, including an increase in pests such as flies and vermin, as well as terrible odors; and

WHEREAS, as cleanup was continuing, Lineage applied to rebuild their facility, despite ongoing concerns and health impacts to residents; and

WHEREAS, AB 817 (González) would address local concerns by requiring that Lineage and other cold storage operators establish a contingency fund for emergencies, prior to any building permits be issued; and

WHEREAS, AB 817 would also exclude any funds received as settlement for damages caused by the Lineage fire from taxes through 2032;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2025 - 2026 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for AB 817 (González), which would prohibit a city or county from approving a building permit for a cold storage facility unless the owner or operator of the facility establishes and maintains a contingency fund, and excludes from gross income settlement for claims relating to the 2026 Boyle Heights fire incident, as specified.

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