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Los Angeles City Council
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Dear Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

On behalf of Alliance for a Better Community (ABC), I write to you today in support of Councilmember Jurado's motion to establish a Mitigation Fund to mitigate the impacts of the Lineage Warehouse Fire. Establishing a dedicated fund would provide the City with an important tool to respond to these immediate needs and ensure that impacted residents and community-based organizations are not left to shoulder the burden of recovery alone.

For over 25 years, ABC has advanced opportunity, education, health, and most recently disaster response across Los Angeles County. Following the 2025 wildfires, ABC launched the Fuerza Fund, distributing over $1.1 million in direct relief to nearly 500 families and investing over $100,000 in grassroots Latina/o-led organizations to strengthen community capacity and leadership.

Most recently, ABC has been working directly with families affected by the Lineage Fire, witnessing firsthand the environmental and economic impacts of the disaster. Poor air quality forced one family to remain indoors for a week, disrupting therapy for their son with autism, while another grandmother was unable to work as a street vendor due to unsafe conditions, placing additional financial strain on her household. These experiences further underscore the need to address the fire's broader environmental impacts including air and water quality concerns, cleanup, and long term health risk to nearby residents. Due to the environmental risks, many

families are choosing to stay indoors which is why community outreach is essential to ensure residents can access support which highlights the need for community-facing outreach workers. Promotoras and case managers can help reach families who may be hesitant or unable to leave their homes. Utilizing our outreach workers is an effective solution to this urgent need as the Lineage Fire has underscored the need for a coordinated, community-centered response that addresses immediate needs.

As the City considers the structure and feasibility of the proposed Migitation Fund, we encourage the City to build on the existing infrastructure that has already been established through community based organizational partners. Leveraging existing community-led response efforts can help ensure that resources reach impacted families efficiently and with minimal administrative barriers.

Therefore, ABC urges the City to engage directly with community-based organizations and outreach workers with established experience supporting families impacted by the Lineage Fire. By leveraging community partnerships, and trusted outreach networks, including promotoras and case managers, the City can help ensure that resources reach impacted families and that Boyle Heights residents are at the center of recovery efforts.

Thank you,

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