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DATE: October 22, 2026

TO: Honorable Ysabel Jurado, Chair
Honorable Adrin Nazarian, Vice Chair
Honorable John Lee, Member
Special Meeting - Ad Hoc Committee for Boyle Heights Fire Recovery

FROM: Joone Kim-Lopez, Executive Director and General Manager
LA Sanitation and Environment



for

**SUBJECT: CF 26-0906-S12 - LA SANITATION AND ENVIRONMENT
RESPONSE TO ENHANCED RESOURCES WITH FUNDING FROM
THE MITIGATION RESPONSE FUND**

RECOMMENDATION

1. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation to coordinate with the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and Office of the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA) to report on the feasibility of identifying additional funding to allocate to the Bureau of Sanitation for dedicated enhanced core service components in response to the Lineage Logistics warehouse fire to do the following:
 - a. Scheduled pressure washing of heavily impacted sidewalks, and public corridors; and
 - b. Continued proactive and rapid response removal of accumulated debris, large items, and illegal dumping across designated zones; and
 - c. Pest and vermin mitigation, including rodent bait station maintenance and fly trap monitoring in coordination with contractual service providers.
2. INSTRUCT the Bureau of Sanitation to maintain records, expenditures, metrics and performance data about its systematic deployment of service teams as part of this rapid response.

INTRODUCTION

On September 16, 2026, the Los Angeles City Council adopted motion Council File No. 26-0906-S12 that instructs LASAN and other relevant departments to report on resources required for the following, with funding from the Mitigation Response Fund:

- Expanding odor, vermin, and pest mitigation in surrounding zones.

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- Identifying and mitigating any disaster impacts not being addressed by current response efforts.
- Fully restoring public health, welfare, and the local environment.

BACKGROUND

Following the June 17, 2026 warehouse fire in Boyle Heights, LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN) launched emergency relief and environmental response efforts. To maintain these services, LASAN is requesting authorization of additional funding to support enhanced services and expanded contractual support through the end of the fiscal year.

LASAN has collaborated closely with the Mayor's Office and Council District 14 to prioritize affected areas. The Livability Services Division (LSD), alongside Support Services, Watershed Protection, Industrial Waste Management, and Cleanwater Conveyance, has provided essential support. However, additional funding is required to sustain LSD's operations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

DISCUSSION

LASAN realigned staff from existing programs to provide enhanced community services around the impacted site. Through contractual agreement with CATS USA Pest Control, 250 rodent stations and 200 fly traps were deployed. These traps undergo daily monitoring and replacement as needed. LSD's CleanStat Program developed a web-based mapping tool to document and track all vector control placements (FIGURE 1).

FIGURE 1:

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Since the onset of the emergency, LASAN's response and recovery activities have included but not limited to:

- 269 Completed Services Request from MyLA311 and the Customer Care Call Center
- Since July 15, 2026, LSD staff have serviced over 1,200 locations
- Over 97 tons of material removed
- Pressure Washing continues on a daily basis. Over 55 locations power washed since July 30, 2026

These services along with other LASAN related services have been coordinated and aligned within a very short window to provide much needed, immediate, and critical services.

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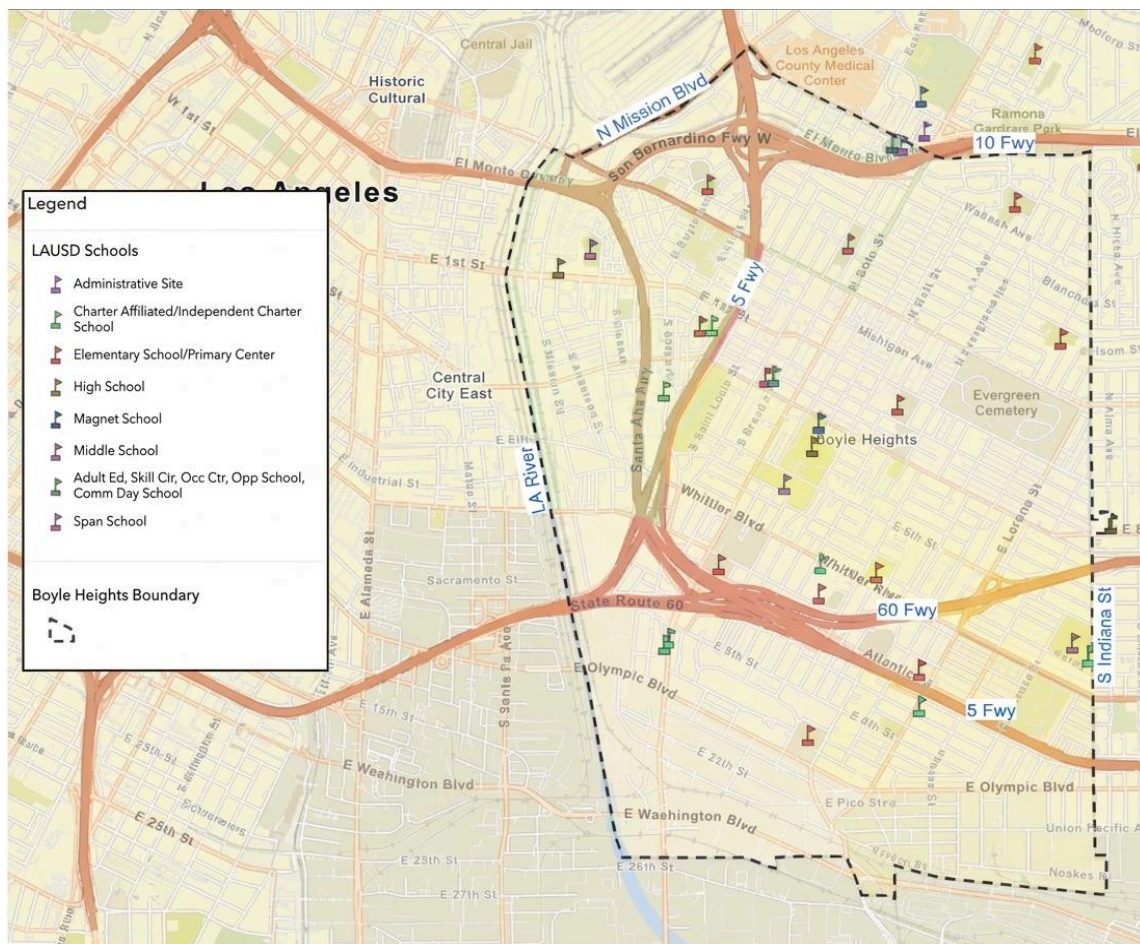
LSD's staff, using the CleanStat Street Indexing Program has identified and collected material from over 1,200 service locations that previously went unreported in the MyLA311 constituent driven service request system.

These services can continue with an additional allocation so that the impacted Boyle Heights community can continue to receive the support they need.

PROPOSED SERVICE PLAN OVERVIEW

To effectively address community needs following the Lineage fire, LASAN has developed a targeted, phased service plan spanning specific areas. These zones are bounded by the 10 Freeway, N. Mission Blvd, the Los Angeles River, S. Indiana St, and E. Washington Blvd.

FIGURE 2:



The operational strategy integrates several core service components to address the impacted area:

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- **Power Washing & Sanitation:** Scheduled pressure washing of heavily impacted sidewalks, and public corridors.
- **Public Right-of-Way (PROW) Cleaning:** Proactive and rapid response removal of accumulated debris, large items, and illegal dumping across designated zones.
- **Vector Control Initiatives:** Pest and vermin mitigation, including rodent bait station maintenance and fly trap monitoring in partnership with vector control contractor Cats USA. These efforts will be continuously monitored and adjusted in coordination with the contractor based on operational needs and site conditions.

Dedicated Livability Services Division (LSD) teams will be deployed systematically across the service area prioritizing high-traffic corridors and public areas. Performance metrics, service completion, and vector station data will be continuously evaluated to optimize resource allocation and ensure comprehensive coverage through the end of the fiscal year.

RESOURCES NEEDED FOR RESPONSE AND RECOVERY

To date, LASAN has expended approximately \$1.3 million to support response activities and ongoing work following the fire.

The requested funding is intended solely to fund continued operational response efforts moving forward, including contractual pest control services and the deployment of LSD staff to provide dedicated relief efforts in Boyle Heights, while maintaining essential, non-deferrable services and operational capabilities for the remainder of the fiscal year. Recovery of response-related costs is a priority and in coordination with the CAO and CLA, will be addressed in a separate report-back under Council File No. 26-0906-S14.

The budgetary breakdown is as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Account 1090 (Salaries Overtime)	\$576,738
Account 3040 (Contractual Services)	\$1,200,000
<u>Account 6020 (Operating Supplies)</u>	<u>\$87,722</u>
Total Request	\$1,864,460

CONCLUSION

This report provides an overview of existing Livability Services programs, current service levels, and identified operational needs in support of response and recovery efforts and objectives and our continued commitment to servicing the impacted community of Boyle Heights. We thank you for your continued support and are committed to keeping you updated on recovery efforts. Please feel free to contact me or Assistant Director Gabriel Miranda at

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