

MOTION

PUBLIC SAFETY

On June 17, 2026, a fire erupted at a large cold storage warehouse facility located at 1400 South Los Palos Street in Boyle Heights, generating a substantial smoke plume that continues to affect residents throughout Boyle Heights and neighboring communities. This has prompted shelter-in-place orders, public health advisories, ongoing air quality monitoring, and a multi-day emergency response involving City, County, State, and federal agencies. Although the shelter-in-place order has been lifted, smoke, odors, ash, concerns about air quality, and questions about potential public health impacts continue to affect residents, workers, schools, businesses, and surrounding neighborhoods. Fire suppression, environmental monitoring, debris removal, and recovery operations remain underway.

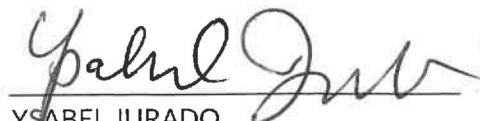
As residents continue seeking answers about what happened, many questions remain regarding the cause of the fire, the facility's compliance history, the adequacy of existing oversight systems, and whether any warning signs were missed prior to the incident. Understanding how this incident occurred and whether current inspection and regulatory frameworks are sufficient to prevent similar emergencies is critical to protecting public health and maintaining public confidence.

The facility is a large industrial cold storage warehouse that utilizes refrigeration systems and other infrastructure requiring ongoing inspection, maintenance, and regulatory oversight. As the City continues responding to this emergency and begins planning for recovery, it is important to review the circumstances surrounding the fire, examine relevant compliance and inspection records, and evaluate whether additional safeguards or oversight measures are warranted.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Fire Department, with the assistance of Department of City Planning, the Department of Building and Safety BE INSTRUCTED to report on the cause of the fire at the cold storage facility located at 1400 S. Los Palos Street in Boyle Heights, the status of ongoing investigations, and with information on the facility's compliance history related to hazardous materials storage, refrigeration systems and fire and life safety requirements. This report should be coordinated with the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health's Los Angeles District Office and include information on all State inspections, including those from 2023.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and Los Angeles Fire Department to report on current oversight and inspection protocols for large cold storage facilities utilizing ammonia refrigeration systems, and prepare recommendations for strengthening protocols.

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