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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 calling for final results of water quality testing conducted on stormwater runoff associated with the Lineage Warehouse fire. For over 25 years, ABC has worked alongside communities to advance policies that improve opportunity, education, and health for Los Angeles County residents. This commitment includes supporting communities before, during, and after environmental disasters, particularly when their health, safety, and economic stability are at risk.

The impacts of this fire have raised significant concerns surrounding both air and water quality and the long-term impacts to community members. Local media outlets have documented the direct day-to-day impacts to community members and have raised concerns regarding the safety of water quality in areas closest to the Lineage warehouse, as well as runoff into surrounding communities. ABC has been working directly with other community based organizations to assist families directly affected by the Lineage Fire and through our [Fuerza Fund](#), we have been able to provide support to residents as they navigate the impacts of this disaster. Through this work, we have seen firsthand the importance of ensuring that affected residents have access to clear information and resources.



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As part of our commitment, ABC is also currently leading a community-based air quality monitoring project, supporting community members in hosting air quality monitors at their home to measure toxic metals and help inform advocacy efforts to improve environmental conditions across the East LA and Southeast Los Angeles (SELA) region. The recent warehouse fire in this area has reinforced the importance of this type of neighborhood level monitoring to protect residents' health. This is especially important for areas like East LA, Boyle Heights and closely surrounding areas like Southeast LA, particularly due to their historical disproportionate experience of environmental issues and limited access to environmental data and resources.

Building on these efforts for effective disaster preparedness, environmental justice, and accountability, ABC appreciates the motion introduced by City Councilmembers Ysabel Jurado & Adrin Nazarian to call for a report by the Bureau of Sanitation on the results of stormwater testing and recommendations for continued monitoring following the Lineage Warehouse Fire. We are also supportive of a report on the requested Cleanup and Abatement Order issued by the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board which includes a remediation plan, implementation timeline, responsible agencies and any progress made towards protecting the public's health. These reports are an important step toward ensuring transparency and accountability, but they must be completed quickly and effectively. The reports should provide clear information about what was tested, what was found, and what actions have or will be taken. The City's response should incorporate the experiences of community members who have documented their concerns and the impacts they have experienced since the fire began, during it, and the aftermath of the fire. Community experiences and input should not be



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treated as separate from the City's assessment, but as an important source of information that can help inform the City's response to this fire.

As the information from these report outs become available, we urge the City to make the information transparent, accessible, and community friendly. Impacted residents should not have to navigate through government documents or multiple agencies to understand whether their health, environment, and neighborhood remain at risk. The City should publicly post findings, provide information in accessible language(s), and clearly explain what the results mean for residents. It's also important to note that this incident affects not only the City of Los Angeles, but also surrounding communities, including unincorporated areas, Southeast Los Angeles cities, and other jurisdictions that may be affected by water contamination and poor air quality, and other related environmental health risks. We strongly urge the City to coordinate with not only the County of Los Angeles, but also relevant municipalities, unincorporated communities, and community-based organizations to ensure that residents across the *entire* affected region receive timely and accurate information.

Thank you,

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