

CIVIL RIGHTS, EQUITY, IMMIGRATION,
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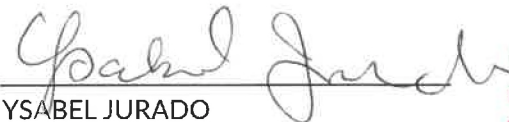
In June 2026, the Lineage Logistics cold-storage facility in Boyle Heights burned for a week, which forced shelter-in-place orders due to an ammonia line rupture and left tens of millions of pounds of rotting food in a residential community. Disasters such as this reflect a longstanding and well-documented pattern of environmental injustice in which low-income neighborhoods and Communities of Color disproportionately bear the health, economic, and safety consequences of industrial pollution, inequitable infrastructure, and climate-related disasters. Often, these same communities systemically have the least access to resources, decision-making power, and recovery support in the aftermath.

The City of Los Angeles currently lacks a dedicated body through which communities can consistently engage City government on environmental justice issues, participate in policy development, advise the Mayor and Council of the needs of impacted communities, and hold agencies accountable during both emergency response and longstanding policy implementation. Commissions and Advisory Councils have long served as an effective mechanism for including community voice directly into municipal decision-making.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Civil and Human Rights and Equity Department, with assistance from the Office of the City Attorney, and any other department as needed, to report, in 90 days, on the feasibility of establishing an Environmental Justice and Advocacy Advisory Commission designed to engage communities citywide on Los Angeles' persistent environmental justice issues, foster sustainable education initiatives, promote equity in sustainable benefits, and to advise the Mayor and City Council on policy Recommendations.

I FURTHER MOVE that the report includes recommendations for the prospective Commission to include a wide and diverse representation of community-based stakeholder organizations to inform the mission and bylaws, and to establish a process where prospective commissioners are appointed by the Mayor and City Council.

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