

On June 17, 2026, a major fire broke out at the Lineage Logistics cold storage facility (1400 S. Los Palos Street, Boyle Heights), a subsidiary of Bay Grove Capital, LLC. The eight-day blaze required round-the-clock operations from the Los Angeles Fire Department. The blaze caused toxic air quality with smoke, vapors, and toxic debris that prompted shelter-in-place advisories from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) extending into central LA County, the San Gabriel Valley, and the Northwest San Bernardino Valley.

While the fire was extinguished, it triggered a secondary environmental and public health crisis for Boyle Heights. The power loss during the fire caused nearly 85 million pounds of frozen food to begin rotting, releasing a persistent, putrid odor across the community. Additionally, the decaying food triggered severe fly and rodent infestations, forcing local business closures and rendering adjacent residential areas nearly uninhabitable. This environmental and public health crisis has required and will continue to require response efforts until the rotting food is completely transported from the facility to disposal sites.

Multiple state, county, and City agencies are managing response efforts. The Bureau of Sanitation (LASAN) has maintained continuous "boots on the ground" oversight through its Livability Services, Support Services, Watershed Protection, Industrial Waste Management, and Cleanwater Conveyance divisions.

While LASAN has contracted with CATS USA Pest Control to deploy 250 rodent and 200 fly collection devices across the impacted neighborhoods and community, additional support is needed. The removal of rotting food is not moving fast enough. The City must immediately deploy additional resources to accelerate site remediation, support impacted families and small businesses, and protect public health.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council instruct the City Administrative Officer (CAO) and the Chief Legislative Analyst to report immediately on the feasibility of establishing a Mitigation Response Fund of up to \$10 million, funded through current Unappropriated Balance line items or other eligible sources of funding, to mitigate the June 17, 2026 Lineage Logistics cold storage facility fire's impacts on Boyle Heights, and to identify the appropriate department(s) to administer these funds.

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

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct the Community Investment Department, in coordination with LASAN and other relevant departments, to report on mobilizing Family Resource Centers to address the above disaster and provide direct financial relief to impacted small businesses, with funding from the Mitigation Response Fund. Remediation recommendations should include, but not be limited to, additional funding for case managers, utility bill vouchers, and emergency financial assistance.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council request the City Attorney to report on legal remedies to ensure reimbursement from Lineage Logistics, a subsidiary of Bay Grove Capital, LLC, other government agencies responsible for cleanup, and any other responsible parties for City response efforts described in this Motion.

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