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On June 17, 2026, a fire erupted at a large cold storage warehouse facility located at 1400 South Los Palos Street in Boyle Heights, producing a substantial smoke plume that affected Boyle Heights and neighboring communities. Although the immediate emergency has ended, recovery continues for many residents whose homes were affected by smoke, ash, and lingering odors. Improving indoor air quality may require replacing HVAC filters, installing air filtration systems, addressing smoke contamination, or taking other remediation measures that can create significant financial burdens for households.

Older adults, low-income residents, and individuals with underlying respiratory or cardiovascular conditions may face additional barriers to recovery. Seniors and people with disabilities may be less able to temporarily relocate or complete smoke remediation without assistance, while many low-income households may lack the financial resources needed to address indoor environmental conditions following an environmental emergency.

The City of Los Angeles currently administers the Handyworker Program (CF 97-0370) through the Los Angeles Housing Department using Community Development Block Grant funding to assist seniors and low-income residents with health- and safety-related home improvements. As environmental emergencies become more frequent and recovery efforts extend beyond the immediate emergency response, the City should evaluate whether existing programs can also support smoke remediation measures that help residents safely remain in their homes, strengthen long-term recovery efforts, and improve the City's preparedness for future environmental emergencies.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT Los Angeles Housing Department (LAHD), with assistance from the Community Investment Department (CID), to report on the feasibility of utilizing the Handyworker Program funding to support Senior Citizens, and other low income persons, with smoke remediation tactics such as HVAC remediation, odor neutralization, and the installation of air filtration systems.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT LAHD, with assistance from CID, to report within 30 days of a program to utilize and disburse funds from the Handyworker Program to support Senior Citizens, and other low income persons, with smoke remediation efforts. The program proposal should include details for proactive community outreach, education materials on how to apply for funding, qualification guidelines, and recommended award amount for each recipient.

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