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EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 1
Boyle Heights Recovery & Environmental Justice

Issue Date: June 29, 2026

Subject: Emergency Response and Recovery Actions following the Lineage Warehouse Fire

INTRODUCTION

On June 17, 2026, a fire ignited at the Lineage cold storage facility located at 1400 South Los Palos Street in the Boyle Heights community of the City of Los Angeles.

The fire burned for eight (8) days within a heavily insulated, approximately 491,000-square-foot cold storage structure, requiring round-the-clock firefighting operations by the Los Angeles Fire Department and mutual aid partners.

The incident resulted in a shelter-in-place order for neighboring residents and extended air quality advisories from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) impacting families in central Los Angeles County, the San Gabriel Valley, the East San Fernando Valley, and the Northwest San Bernardino Valley.

While the shelter-in-place order has been lifted, an estimated 85 million pounds of frozen food product were stored within the facility; the loss of refrigeration has caused or will cause the spoilage and decomposition of all or substantially all of that product, which constitutes a public nuisance.

The community of Boyle Heights, a historically under-resourced and environmentally burdened neighborhood, requires transparent, coordinated, and expedited governmental action at City, County, State and Federal levels.

Accordingly, to defend public health, protect frontline communities, and enforce accountability across our city's industrial areas, pursuant to City Charter Section 231, subsection (i), and under the provisions of the Los Angeles Administrative Code Section 8.29 that authorize me to promulgate, issue and enforce emergency rules, regulations, orders, and directives, I hereby declare the following order to be necessary for the protection of life and property and I hereby order, effective immediately, that:

I. Mobilizing City Resources for Boyle Heights

A. The Emergency Management Department (EMD) and Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) are directed to establish a Community Resource Center with direct assistance, resources, and information for residents, workers, and small businesses.

B. EMD, in partnership with RAP, the Mayor's Office and Council District 14, are directed to coordinate with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LA County Public Health), federally qualified health clinics and private partners on the deployment of mobile health screening stations to provide direct medical attention and mental health resources at community centers and other locations to be determined in collaboration with community partners. The Department of Transportation (LADOT) shall provide free transportation to City established centers.

C. LADOT is directed to increase the number of buses deployed for the DASH Boyle Heights/East LA route to run every 10 to 15 minutes, and to pause fare collection on this route, effective immediately and until the emergency declaration has been lifted. LADOT is directed to coordinate with EMD and to post or carry fliers with the most up-to-date information.

D. LADOT is directed to pause fare collection on CityRide services in the Boyle Heights/East LA service area effective immediately and until the emergency declaration has been lifted.

E. EMD is directed to initiate requests for necessary resources from the County and State to mitigate potential health risks to the community, including but not limited to N95 respirator masks, air purifiers, and enhanced air quality monitoring and technical support, and other emergency supplies available through the state's logistics network.

F. All City Departments shall issue all health and related incident advisories in Spanish and English and other languages primarily spoken in affected areas. City Departments shall request the same of their County and regional agency counterparts, including the LA County Public Health and South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD).

G. EMD to request that SCAQMD continue air quality monitoring for particulate matter, volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and other pollutants of concern in Boyle Heights, Maravilla, East Los Angeles, El Sereno, City Terrace, and other locations as needed for the duration of remediation. EMD is directed to request that LA County Public Health and SCAQMD expand public awareness of existing reporting tools and localized air monitoring data, instruct residents in these communities on how to check air quality using mobile apps and online maps, and notify residents in English and Spanish on how to sign up for email air quality advisories.

H. EMD is directed to work with the responsible entity in coordination with SCAQMD to request their third-party contractor conducting air quality monitoring make their air quality data publicly available and to ensure it is communicated in a format that is easily understood to the public. Additionally, EMD is directed to request that the responsible entity make its Community Air Monitoring plan available to the public.

I. Los Angeles Housing Department, is directed to work with community organizations such as Stay Housed LA and the Mayor's Fund, to educate Boyle Heights residents on renter protections and safe living conditions.

II. Commencing Remediation & Recovery Now

A. The Fire Department is directed to maintain a minimum of one (1) fire company on standby during all active interior removal and demolition until re-ignition risk is abated.

B. Los Angeles Sanitation (LASAN) through its Watershed Protection Program is directed to provide a report to the Mayor and Council on potential impacts to stormwater drains, channels, and the LA River.

C. LASAN is directed to formally request a Cleanup and Abatement Order from the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board to address any toxic runoff from the fire.

D. LASAN, in coordination with the Southern California Air Quality Management District, Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, LACDPH, and DTSC is directed to monitor the appropriate removal of debris, organic waste, and clean-up of the site in accordance with an approved remediation plan. Additionally, LASAN is directed to enforce compliance with MS4 permit requirements, adherence to appropriate dust mitigation measures during remediation, and work with the above County and State agencies to monitor soil testing of impacted properties.

E. The Fire Department, in coordination with the LASAN, is directed to submit a formal technical referral to LA County Public Health, providing all necessary data to request an immediate Health Officer Order declaring decomposing organic matter at the facility a public health nuisance.

F. The Department of Water and Power and the Mayor's Office of Strategic Partnerships, are directed to identify funding and develop public-private partnerships to address indoor air quality for neighboring residents. Such measures should have the aim of reducing entry points for smoke and

airborne contaminants and consider how to weatherize homes and multi-family homes, install energy efficient cooling and heating systems, and improve poorly-sealed housing.

G. LASAN is directed to coordinate with LA County Public Health, South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC), academic research partners and other government and non-governmental entities to implement a long-term environmental monitoring program for Boyle Heights and East LA.

H. CID is directed to work with the Mayor's Office of Strategic Partnerships to coordinate with philanthropic and community partners to provide direct financial relief and other support to residents, small businesses, open air workers, and other workers affected by the warehouse fire and its aftermath.

III. Planning for Future Preparedness

A. City Planning and the Department of Building and Safety (LADBS) are directed within 45 days to analyze and report on existing concentrated industrial land use facilities located within close proximity to incompatible sensitive land uses such as homes, schools, and other sensitive uses within the City of Los Angeles and to evaluate potential changes to current zoning and land use policies to reduce cumulative health impacts from existing facilities and proposed new facilities.

B. Subsequent to the report mentioned above (in III(A)) Civil, Human Rights and Equity Department, CID and City Planning – in partnership with the Mayor's Office and Council Offices – are directed to conduct community listening sessions across the City in the most impacted communities. Additionally, the departments listed above are directed to utilize other community engagement and/or outreach tools to reach residents in the most impacted communities.

C. After the cause of fire is determined, the Fire Department and LADBS are directed to analyze and report to the Mayor's Office on existing state and local building and fire code standards for structures similar to the Lineage Warehouse, and provide recommendations on where regulations could be amended to mitigate fire risk and improve the ability of LAFD to quickly and effectively manage similar types of fires.

D. The Fire Department is directed to report on firefighting approaches, challenges, and recommendations in addressing fires occurring in

structures similar to the Lineage Warehouse in Los Angeles and other jurisdictions.

E. The Fire Department, in consultation with other departments, is directed to assess existing fire standards for industrial cold storage facilities, rooftop solar arrays, and other high-risk industrial facilities, and propose a tier of reforms dependent on the chemicals used and/or stored, including additional mandatory fire-suppression system inspection cycles, surety bonds, and other recommendations to strengthen standards. The Fire Department is further directed to work with the California Environmental Protection Agency and other relevant state agencies to develop hazardous material reforms that enhance the safety of communities and the environment surrounding high-risk industrial facilities.

F. EMD, in coordination with City Departments, is directed to develop a system for the efficient distribution of emergency supplies and a protocol for clear communication to Angelenos during emergencies. The protocols should include how to partner with community organizations and coordinate with other government agencies to share information. The protocols and a Donations and Volunteer Management Annex to the City's Emergency Operations Plan shall be developed with input from the Mayor and Council Offices.

IV. Ensuring Accountability

A. The Fire Department is directed to report in 90 days on the status of ongoing investigations as to the source and/or cause of the fire.

B. The Fire Department is directed to request that EPA initiate a joint federal-local dual audit of the facility’s Risk Management Program.

C. The Fire Department, in coordination with the LASAN, is directed to provide the EPA On-Scene Coordinator with technical data including localized chemical sensor logs, prior 2024 fire dossiers, runoff contamination analyses, watershed mapping, and sensitive receptor overlays. This packet, which shall be provided in a manner consistent with CA Government Code Section 7921.605, shall be positioned to formally establish the administrative record for federal action, ensuring any forthcoming EPA enforcement incorporates strict, localized specifications tailored to community needs.

D. The City Attorney is requested to utilize all available regulatory and legal pathways to hold responsible parties accountable and secure long-term oversight, independent auditing, remediation and recovery resources for residents, small businesses, and workers, and strict environmental protections for the Boyle Heights community.

E. All City Departments are directed to report and investigate any incidents of consumer fraud, price gouging and violations of tenant protections to the City Attorney, who is requested to prosecute, as appropriate.

F. All City Departments are directed to cooperate in providing input, resources, and active participation in regulatory matters, including the submission of formal City comments, such as for any proposed EPA administrative order; permit objections, including under the Clean Air Act; and administrative petitions.

G. All City Departments are directed to report back in seven days with a list of additional resources and funding needed from county, state, and federal agencies.

H. All City Departments are directed to track all spending on the fire, remediation and recovery and report that information to the City Administrative Officer.

Executed this 29th day of June, 2026

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KAREN BASS
Mayor

Dated at Los Angeles, California
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