KAREN BASS
MAYOR

EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 3
AND
PARTIALLY REVISED EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2
Boyle Heights Recovery & Environmental Justice

Issue Date: July 31, 2026

Subject: Lineage Warehouse Fire

INTRODUCTION

On June 17, 2026, a fire engulfed the Lineage warehouse in the Boyle Heights community of the City of Los Angeles. This was the second fire at the facility within the past two years. An estimated 85 million pounds of frozen food products, including meat, were stored within the facility, all within close proximity to homes, schools, daycare facilities, parks, recreation centers, houses of worship, and hospitals. This very large facility is not a typical storage facility and its close proximity to these sensitive sites is an unusual circumstance.

The impacts to the surrounding community from the rotting food waste continue to worsen. With the high heat and humidity, the stench of rotting food permeates the surrounding community and the vermin and pest infestation are unabated. In response to these and other conditions on the property, multiple government agencies have issued abatement orders and code violations, including the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety, the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, and the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health.

Emergency Executive Order No. 2, issued on June 29, 2026, ordered the removal of all food waste within 45 days. There remains an unacceptable lack of transparency by Lineage as to its progress in removing the decomposing food waste. Lineage has also failed to provide consistent, reliable information as to its efforts to effectively mitigate the intense odor and manage the vermin and pest infestation that is severely impacting the community.

Accordingly, to ensure public safety, defend public health, and protect frontline communities, 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:

A. No plans to rebuild the Lineage cold storage warehouse shall be reviewed until a report led by the Departments of City Planning and Building and Safety is considered by the City. The report shall investigate and analyze the Lineage site and its proposed uses, as well as provide recommendations on how the City can apply a discretionary review and approval process for any future land uses proposed by the owner, including subjecting the proposed uses to environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act. Relevant city departments shall assist in preparing the report along with assistance from other agencies and the Office of the City Attorney. This section supersedes any conflicting language in Emergency Executive Order No. 2, issued on June 29, 2026.

B. Request the City Council to adopt an interim control ordinance to place a moratorium on large cold storage facilities within close proximity of Residential zones (R Zones) and sensitive uses.

Executed this 31st day of July, 2026

Karen Bass

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Mayor

Dated at Los Angeles, California
Date: July 31, 2026
Time: 9:13 a.m.

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