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Re: Environmental Justice, Public Health, and Community Accountability Following the Lineage Logistics Fire

To Whom It May Concern:

At its regular public meeting on **August 11, 2026**, the Board of Directors of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council ("DLANC") voted to submit the following comments regarding the recent fire at the Lineage Logistics facility located at **1400 S. Los Palos Street**.

DLANC stands in solidarity with the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council and expresses its serious concern regarding the environmental, public health, and quality-of-life impacts associated with the fire. The incident underscores the need for stronger environmental oversight, transparent public communication, and meaningful accountability for communities located near industrial facilities.

Boyle Heights and surrounding Eastside communities have experienced decades of cumulative environmental burdens associated with freeways, rail corridors, freight movement, warehouses, and industrial operations. The fire has heightened concerns regarding smoke exposure, air quality, chemical odors, ash, potential contamination from firefighting runoff and debris removal, and access to timely and multilingual public health information.

DLANC believes that all communities are entitled to equal protection from environmental hazards and that no neighborhood should bear a disproportionate share of industrial risks. Accordingly, DLANC respectfully calls upon the **City of Los Angeles, South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD), California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Los**

Angeles County Department of Public Health, OSHA, Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Lineage Logistics to take the following actions:

1. Expand Air Quality Monitoring

- Install additional permanent AQMD-grade air quality monitors throughout Boyle Heights, Downtown, and surrounding affected areas.
- Deploy at least five additional monitors within Boyle Heights and increase monitoring throughout the industrial corridor south of 8th Street.
- Maintain monitoring throughout demolition, debris removal, remediation, and reconstruction.

2. Conduct Independent Environmental Testing

- Conduct independent testing of air, soil, groundwater, and surface water in affected communities.
- Test runoff entering the Los Angeles River for hazardous contaminants associated with the facility and fire.
- Publicly release all environmental testing results in accessible formats and continue monitoring to identify potential long-term impacts.

3. Protect Public Health

- Provide appropriate health screening and testing for residents experiencing symptoms potentially associated with environmental exposure.
- Partner with trusted community organizations, healthcare providers, and public health agencies to provide accessible community health services.
- Conduct a comprehensive Health Impact Assessment addressing potential short- and long-term health effects.

4. Ensure Safe Cleanup and Remediation

Require rigorous environmental and worker-safety protections throughout demolition and cleanup, including covered debris, contained hauling, continuous dust suppression, independent environmental monitoring, and increased regulatory oversight.

5. Improve Emergency Notification and Public Communication

Establish multilingual emergency notification and public-information systems providing timely updates regarding protective measures, health risks, environmental conditions, and monitoring results.

6. Increase Transparency and Accountability

Require public disclosure of the cause of the fire, hazardous materials stored onsite, emergency response actions, environmental monitoring results, cleanup timelines, corrective actions, and future safety improvements. Regular community meetings should also be held to allow residents to directly engage with responsible agencies and Lineage Logistics.

7. Strengthen Industrial Oversight

Review and strengthen regulations governing cold-storage warehouses, refrigeration facilities, freight logistics centers, and other industrial operations. Future permitting should incorporate cumulative environmental impact assessments, enhanced fire-prevention standards, improved hazardous-materials management, independent safety audits, emergency preparedness exercises, and increased regulatory oversight.

8. Community Investment and Environmental Mitigation

Require meaningful community investments addressing the impacts of industrial operations, including long-term environmental monitoring, public health programs, emergency preparedness, neighborhood greening, expanded tree canopy, air-filtration resources, and consideration of a Community Environmental Mitigation Fund.

9. Long-Term Environmental Justice Planning

Advance policies that reduce cumulative pollution burdens through expanded green infrastructure, permanent air-quality monitoring, reduced freight-related emissions, improved land-use planning, and targeted environmental justice investments in communities experiencing disproportionate industrial impacts.

Public records identified in the attached draft also raise questions regarding the ownership, leasing, permitting, and regulatory history of the facility at 1400 S. Los Palos Street, including code-enforcement investigations initiated following the fire. These circumstances warrant a thorough and independent review of facility operations, regulatory compliance, emergency preparedness, and existing public-safety protections.

DLANC stands with the residents and communities affected by this incident and urges the City and all responsible agencies to act promptly, transparently, and collaboratively. The Lineage Logistics fire should serve as a catalyst for stronger environmental

protections, improved emergency preparedness, and meaningful accountability for Boyle Heights and other frontline communities.

Sincerely,

SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY DLANC BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON AUGUST 11, 2026

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