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COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

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To: The Los Angeles City Council, City of Los Angeles Departments, the South Coast Air Quality Management District, California Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Cal/OSHA, the Regional Water Quality Control Board, and other responsible regulatory agencies.

RE: Community Impact Statement Regarding the Lineage Logistics Fire, Environmental Justice, Public Health, and Rebuilding Permits

The Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council (GCPNC) represents stakeholders who live, own property, work, or conduct business within the Cypress Park community. At its regular Board and Stakeholder meeting on August 11, 2026, the GCPNC voted to adopt this Community Impact Statement in solidarity with the residents of Boyle Heights and to express profound concern regarding the environmental, public health, and community impacts resulting from the fire at the Lineage Logistics facility located at 1400 S. Los Palos Street.

This incident demonstrates the disproportionate burden that industrial hazards continue to place on Boyle Heights and other historically underserved communities throughout the Eastside of Los Angeles. These communities have endured decades of cumulative pollution from freeways, freight movement, rail corridors, warehouses, industrial facilities, and other emission sources.

Residents have raised serious concerns regarding prolonged smoke exposure, chemical odors, ash and debris, deteriorating air quality, firefighting runoff, and the availability of timely and multilingual public health information. These risks are especially concerning for children,

seniors, outdoor workers, people with respiratory or cardiovascular conditions, and households without adequate resources to limit their exposure.

Environmental hazards do not remain confined to neighborhood boundaries. Environmental and public health impacts extend beyond neighborhood boundaries and raise broader concerns regarding industrial safety, environmental justice, and regional air quality that affect communities throughout Northeast and East Los Angeles. All residents deserve equal protection, transparent government oversight, meaningful participation in decisions affecting their health, and accountability from both regulatory agencies and private industry.

Position Regarding Rebuilding and Operational Permits

The GCPNC does not support the approval of any permits that would allow Lineage Logistics, the property owner, any affiliated entity, or any successor operator to rebuild, reconstruct, or resume industrial operations at this site unless the conditions set forth below have been satisfied.

The GCPNC urges that no rebuilding, reconstruction, demolition, or operational permits be approved until the following conditions have been satisfied:

1. The cause of the fire has been fully and independently investigated;
2. All hazardous materials stored or used at the facility have been publicly disclosed;
3. Comprehensive testing of the surrounding air, soil, groundwater, surface water, debris, and firefighting runoff has been completed;
4. The results of all environmental and public health assessments have been released to the public in clear, accessible, and multilingual formats;
5. Existing permitting, inspection, code-enforcement, and regulatory-compliance concerns have been fully investigated and resolved;
6. Cleanup, demolition, and remediation have been completed under independent regulatory oversight;
7. A comprehensive Health Impact Assessment and cumulative environmental impact analysis have been conducted;
8. Meaningful public participation, including at least one publicly noticed hearing, has occurred before any rebuilding, reconstruction, or operational permits are considered;
9. Lineage Logistics and the property owner have demonstrated that any future use of the site would comply with strengthened fire-prevention, hazardous-materials, worker-safety, emergency-response, and environmental-protection standards; and
10. The City and relevant regulatory agencies have determined, through a transparent public process, that rebuilding would not pose an unacceptable risk to public health, worker safety, or the surrounding communities.

Approval of permits before these conditions are satisfied would be premature and inconsistent with the City's obligation to protect public health and advance environmental justice.

Requested Actions

The GCPNC respectfully urges the City of Los Angeles and all responsible regulatory agencies to undertake the following actions to protect public health, ensure environmental accountability, and restore community confidence:

1. Conduct Independent Environmental and Public Health Testing
 - a. Perform comprehensive independent testing of air, soil, groundwater, surface water, debris, and runoff in affected areas.
 - b. Test for heavy metals, volatile organic compounds, ammonia-related byproducts, hydrogen fluoride, and contaminants associated with insulation materials and industrial refrigeration systems.
 - c. Continue testing throughout demolition, debris removal, remediation, and any future construction.
 - d. Release all results promptly in accessible and multilingual formats.
2. Expand Air-Quality Monitoring
 - a. Install additional permanent, regulatory-grade air-quality monitors throughout Boyle Heights and the surrounding industrial corridor.
 - b. Use multiple strategically placed monitors to identify pollution patterns and account for prevailing winds and changing weather conditions.
 - c. Maintain monitoring throughout cleanup, remediation, and any future activity at the site.
3. Protect Community Health
 - a. Provide free health screenings and appropriate testing for residents who may have experienced exposure.
 - b. Partner with trusted community organizations, local clinics, and environmental justice advocates to reach vulnerable residents.
 - c. Complete a comprehensive Health Impact Assessment addressing immediate and long-term consequences.
4. Ensure Safe Cleanup and Remediation
 - a. Require damaged structures and debris to be securely covered.
 - b. Require debris-hauling vehicles to use fully contained and covered loads.
 - c. Maintain continuous dust suppression during demolition and debris removal.
 - d. Require independent environmental monitoring and increased regulatory oversight throughout every phase of cleanup.
 - e. Establish clear worker-protection and community-safety requirements.
5. Improve Emergency Communication
 - a. Establish multilingual emergency notification systems that provide timely updates through text alerts, social media, local news outlets, and trusted community organizations.

- b. Provide clear public guidance regarding health risks, protective measures, cleanup activities, and environmental monitoring results.
 - c. Ensure information is available in English, Spanish, and other languages commonly spoken in affected communities.
- 6. Ensure Meaningful Public Participation
 - a. Hold a public hearing before the consideration or approval of any demolition, rebuilding, reconstruction, or operational permits associated with the site.
 - b. Provide timely notice of any hearing or permit application in English, Spanish, and other commonly spoken languages.
 - c. Provide meaningful opportunities for residents, environmental justice organizations, labor representatives, public health experts, and other community stakeholders to submit written and oral testimony.
 - d. Make permit applications, environmental studies, and supporting documents publicly available sufficiently in advance of any hearing.
 - e. Hold regular public meetings during investigation, cleanup, remediation, and permitting activities.
- 7. Require Transparency and Accountability
 - a. All permit applications, supporting studies, environmental reports, and agency findings be made publicly available sufficiently in advance of any hearing or decision. The City and responsible agencies should also hold regular public meetings where residents may question agency officials, public health representatives, the property owner, and Lineage Logistics.
 - i. Require public disclosure of:
 - 1. The cause and contributing factors of the fire;
 - 2. Hazardous materials stored or used at the facility;
 - 3. The facility's inspection, permitting, and code-enforcement history;
 - 4. Emergency response actions;
 - 5. Environmental and public health testing results;
 - 6. Cleanup and remediation plans;
 - 7. Regulatory violations and corrective actions;
 - 8. Applications for demolition, rebuilding, reconstruction, or renewed operation; and
 - 9. Proposed safety improvements.
- 7. Strengthen Industrial Oversight
 - a. The City should review and strengthen regulations governing cold-storage warehouses, ammonia refrigeration systems, freight logistics centers, and other industrial facilities located near residential communities.
 - i. Future permitting should require:
 - 1. Cumulative environmental impact analyses;

2. Enhanced fire-prevention and hazardous-materials standards;
 3. Independent third-party safety audits;
 4. Routine emergency-preparedness exercises;
 5. Stronger inspection and enforcement requirements;
 6. Meaningful community participation; and
 7. Consideration of less hazardous and less pollution-intensive land uses.
8. Require Community Mitigation and Investment
- a. Lineage Logistics and the property owner should be required to fund meaningful measures addressing the consequences of the incident, including:
 - i. Long-term environmental monitoring;
 - ii. Community health programs;
 - iii. Air-filtration resources for vulnerable households;
 - iv. Emergency-preparedness education;
 - v. Neighborhood greening and tree-canopy expansion; and
 - vi. A community environmental mitigation fund developed with affected residents and community organizations.

The Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council stands with the Boyle Heights community in demanding environmental justice, public health protections, transparency, and accountability following the Lineage Logistics fire.

The desire to rebuild quickly must not take priority over public health, environmental safety, regulatory accountability, or the rights of residents. This incident must become a turning point toward stronger protections for Boyle Heights and all communities carrying a disproportionate share of Los Angeles' industrial burden.

The Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council respectfully urges all responsible agencies to place public health, environmental justice, and community safety at the forefront of every decision concerning this site. The long-term health of surrounding neighborhoods must take precedence over the expedited resumption of industrial operations. We encourage transparent decision-making, meaningful public participation, and full accountability throughout the investigation, cleanup, permitting, and any future redevelopment of the property.

Thank you,

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