

Overview of South Coast AQMD Efforts for the Lineage Warehouse Fire and Recovery Efforts

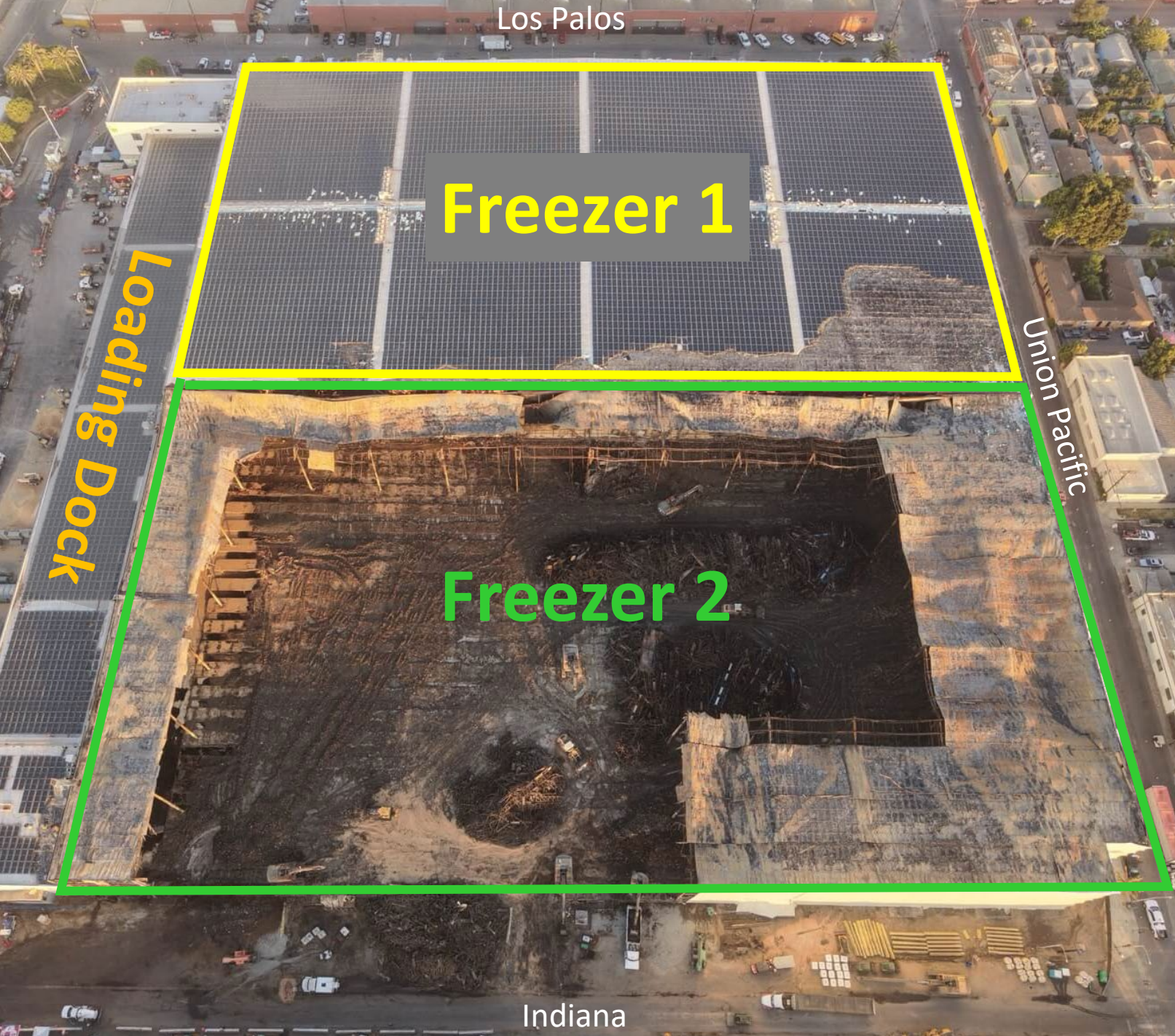
Board Meeting
August 7, 2026



Background

- Lineage warehouse fire began June 17
- Lineage Logistics is a cold storage warehouse
- Located on Los Palos in Boyle Heights
- Two 250,000 square foot freezers
- Contained approximately 88 million pounds of frozen meat and seafood
- Los Angeles Fire Department declared knockdown on June 25





Overview of Fire Damaged Building

- **Freezer 1:** Minimally impacted by the fire
- **Freezer 2:** Significantly impacted by the fire
- No refrigeration since the beginning of the fire

South Coast AQMD's Role in the Incident Command

- On first day of the fire, Incident Command asked South Coast AQMD to conduct monitoring
- South Coast AQMD coordinated and provided air monitoring data to the Incident Command
- South Coast AQMD collaborated with U.S. EPA on air monitoring
- Air quality information related to the fire went through the Incident Commander



Mobile Monitoring Surveys During the Fire

- Mobile monitoring surveys measured for:
 - Particulate Matter (6/17 & 6/18)
 - Air Toxic Metals (6/17 & 6/18) – typical ranges
 - Hydrogen Fluoride (6/18) – no measurable levels
- Measured significantly elevated concentrations of particulate matter (PM2.5)



Stationary Air Monitoring During the Fire

- June 19: Two continuous PM2.5 monitors deployed at:
 - Eastman Avenue Elementary
 - Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School
- Provided better resolution of PM 2.5 levels closer to the fire
- Data contributes to the Air Quality Index map to enhance localized air quality information
- Air monitoring results are on South Coast AQMD website aqmd.gov/palos



Particulate Advisories During the Fire

- Issued seven Particulate Advisories, starting June 17 that included:
 - Warning of smoke impacts throughout the region
 - Current PM 2.5 impacts based on the Air Quality Index (AQI)
 - Forecasted air quality impacts
 - Recommendations if located in impacted area
- Widely distributed
 - Distributed to media outlets, social media and elected officials
 - Links to our Website and Mobile App and to additional information
 - Direct emails to AB 617 communities and South Coast AQMD listserv



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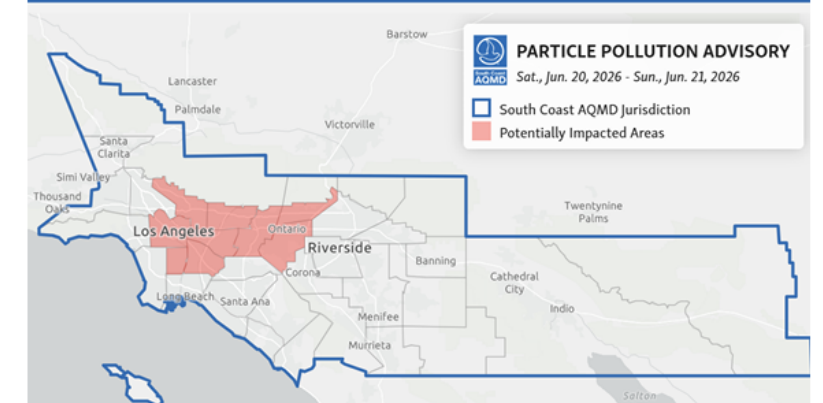
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South Coast AQMD Extends Particle Pollution Advisory Due to Structure Fire in Boyle Heights

Valid until Sunday 12:30 PM

Valid Saturday 1:30 PM until Sunday 12:30 PM



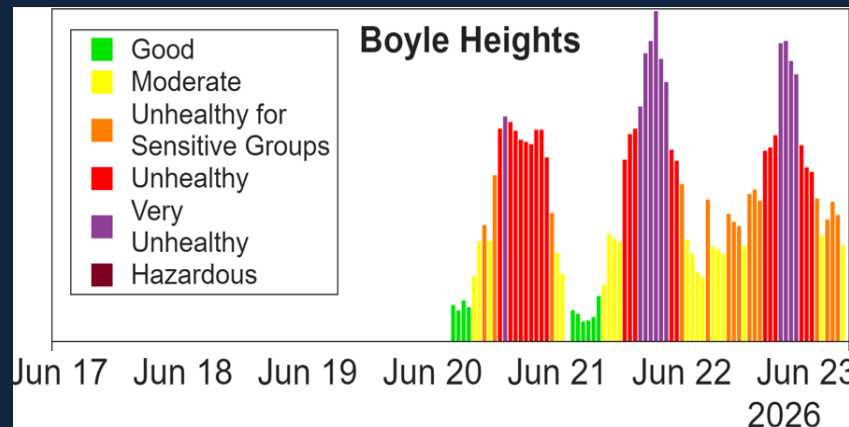
Current Conditions

This is not a shelter-in-place order.

Smoke from a large structure fire in Boyle Heights that started around 2:30 PM on June 17 is impacting air quality east of downtown Los Angeles. As of 12:00 PM on Saturday, the fire is actively producing

Air Quality Index (AQI) For PM2.5 During the Fire

- AQI is a federal index used to communicate air quality to the public
- Provides recommendations based on the AQI
- AQI for PM2.5 during the fire was:
 - **Unhealthy** to **Very Unhealthy** in impacted areas
 - **Hazardous** for two to six hours, three separate days



Good (Green)	AQI 0 to 50
Moderate (Yellow)	AQI 51 to 100
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (Orange)	AQI 101 to 150
Unhealthy (Red)	AQI 151 to 200
Very Unhealthy (Purple)	AQI 201 to 300
Hazardous (Maroon)	AQI 301 or higher

Stationary Air Monitoring During Clean Up Activities

- Continued PM_{2.5} measurements at Eastman Avenue Elementary and Robert Louis Stevenson Middle School
- Added more continuously measured pollutants at Eastman Avenue School
 - Hydrogen sulfide (H₂S)
 - Methane (CH₄)
 - Ammonia (NH₃)
- All data available on South Coast AQMD website



South Coast AQMD Independent Air Quality Assessments

- Active technical oversight of the third-party air monitoring contractor
- Beginning June 29, South Coast AQMD conducted unannounced air quality assessments throughout the community
- Results consistent with third-party air monitoring data and are posted online



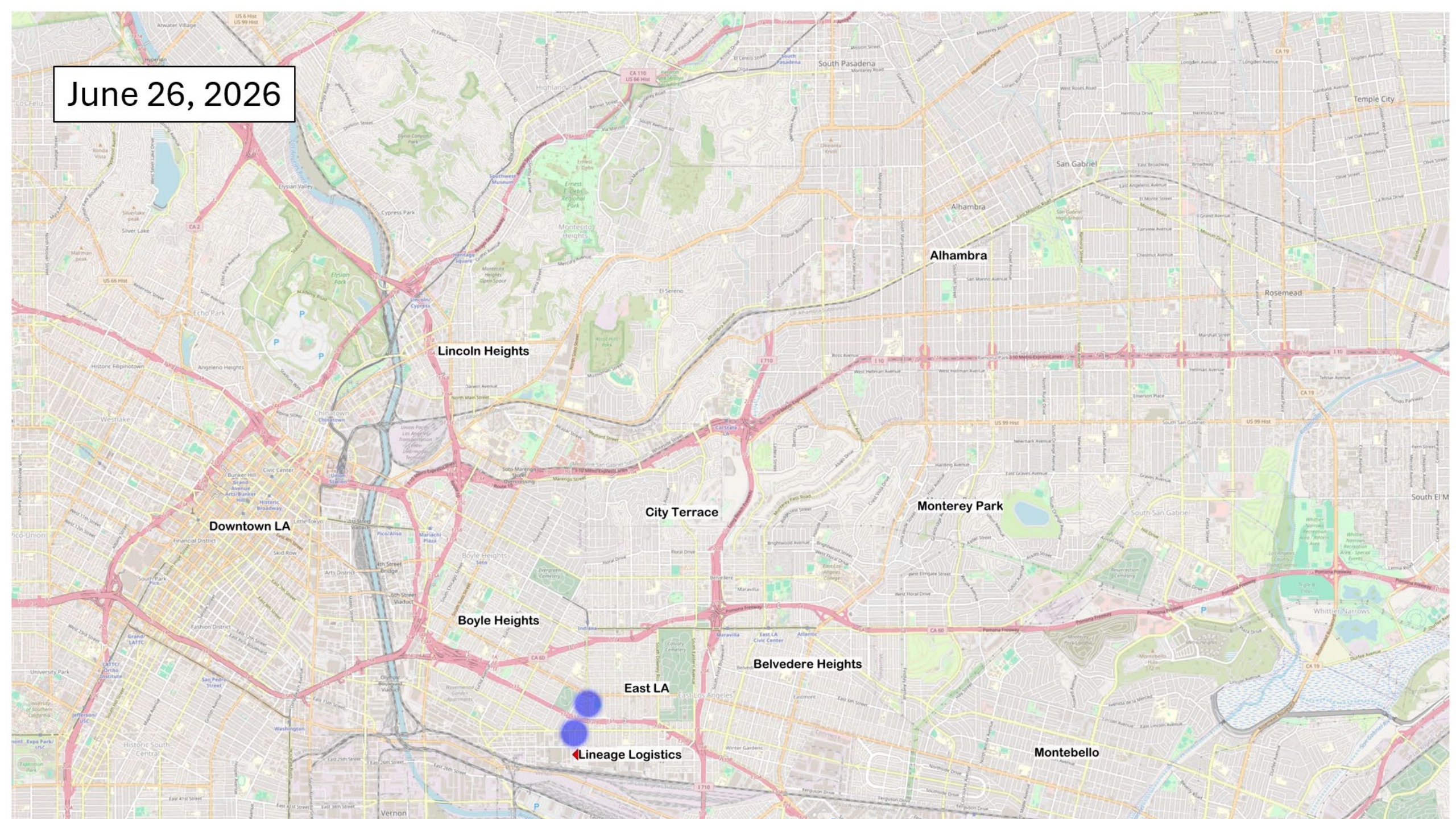
South Coast AQMD Enforcement Action

- South Coast AQMD inspectors deployed in the community since the beginning of the incident
- Odor complaints increased substantially on July 12 - first Notice of Violation (NOV) issued to Lineage for public nuisance*
 - Issued 25 NOVs as of August 5
 - Received over 4,200 odor complaints from nearby community

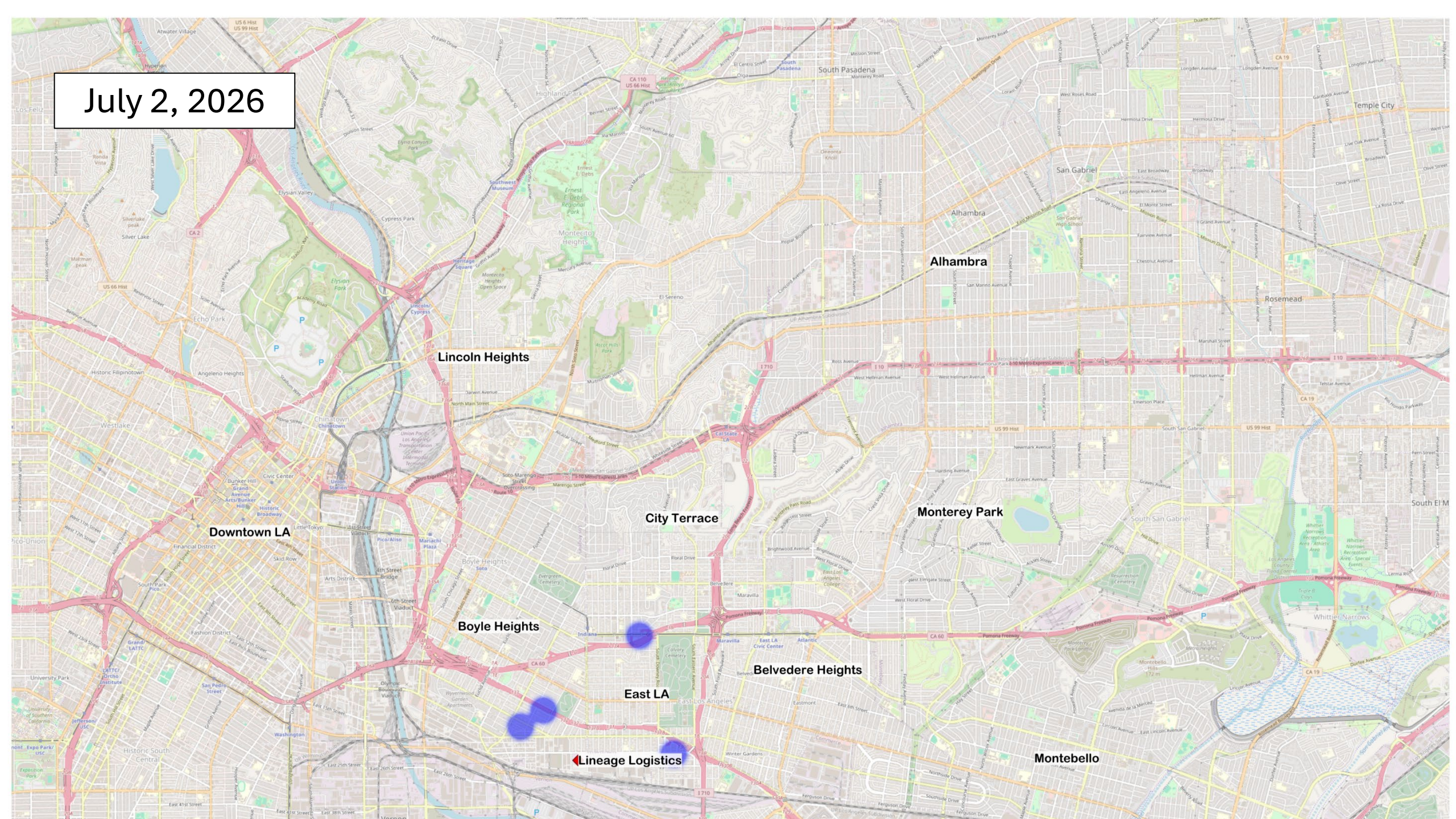
* Violation based on Rule 402 and California Health & Safety Code § 41700 which prohibits air pollution that “cause[s] injury, detriment, nuisance, or annoyance to any considerable number of persons of the public”



June 26, 2026

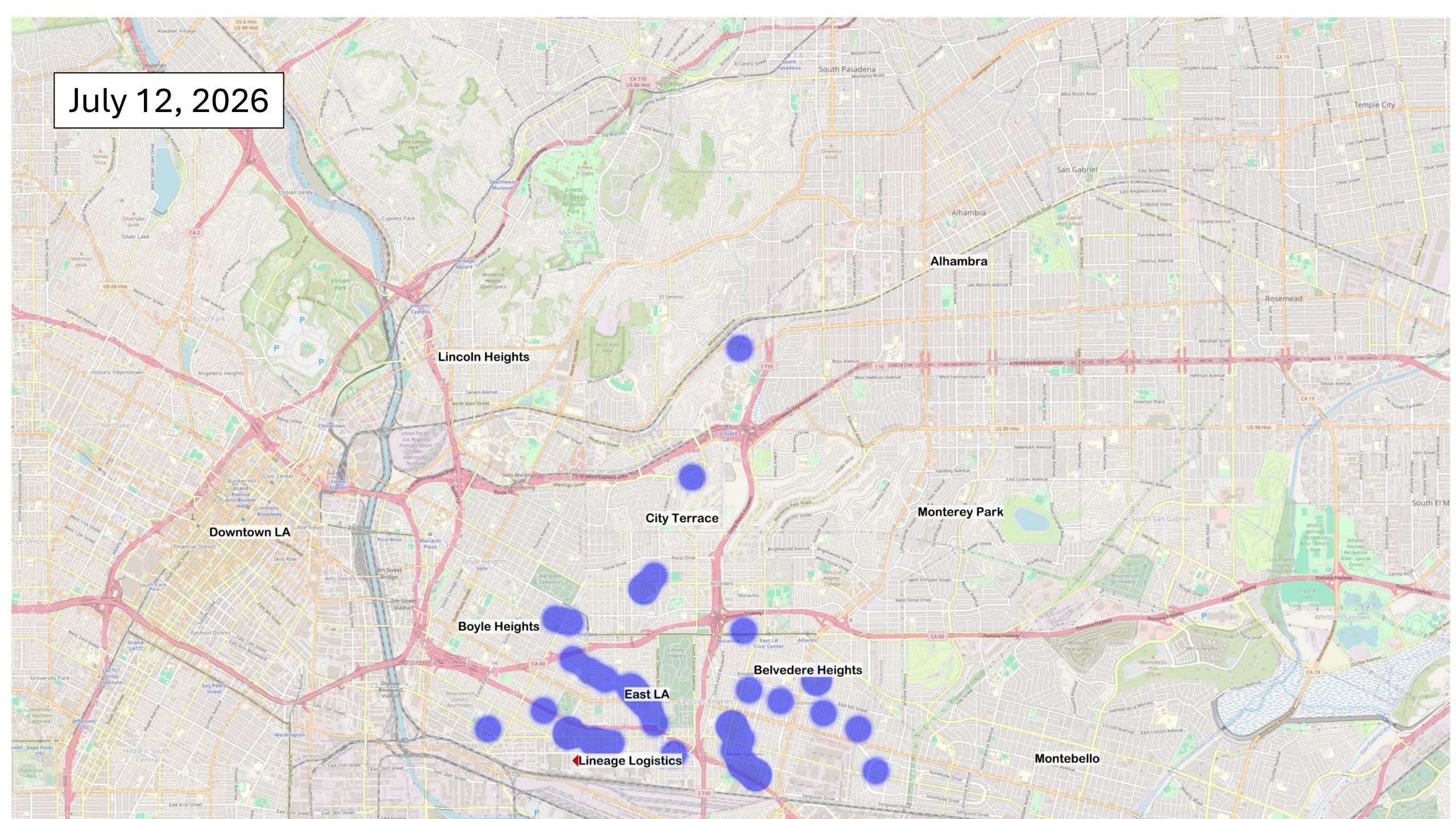


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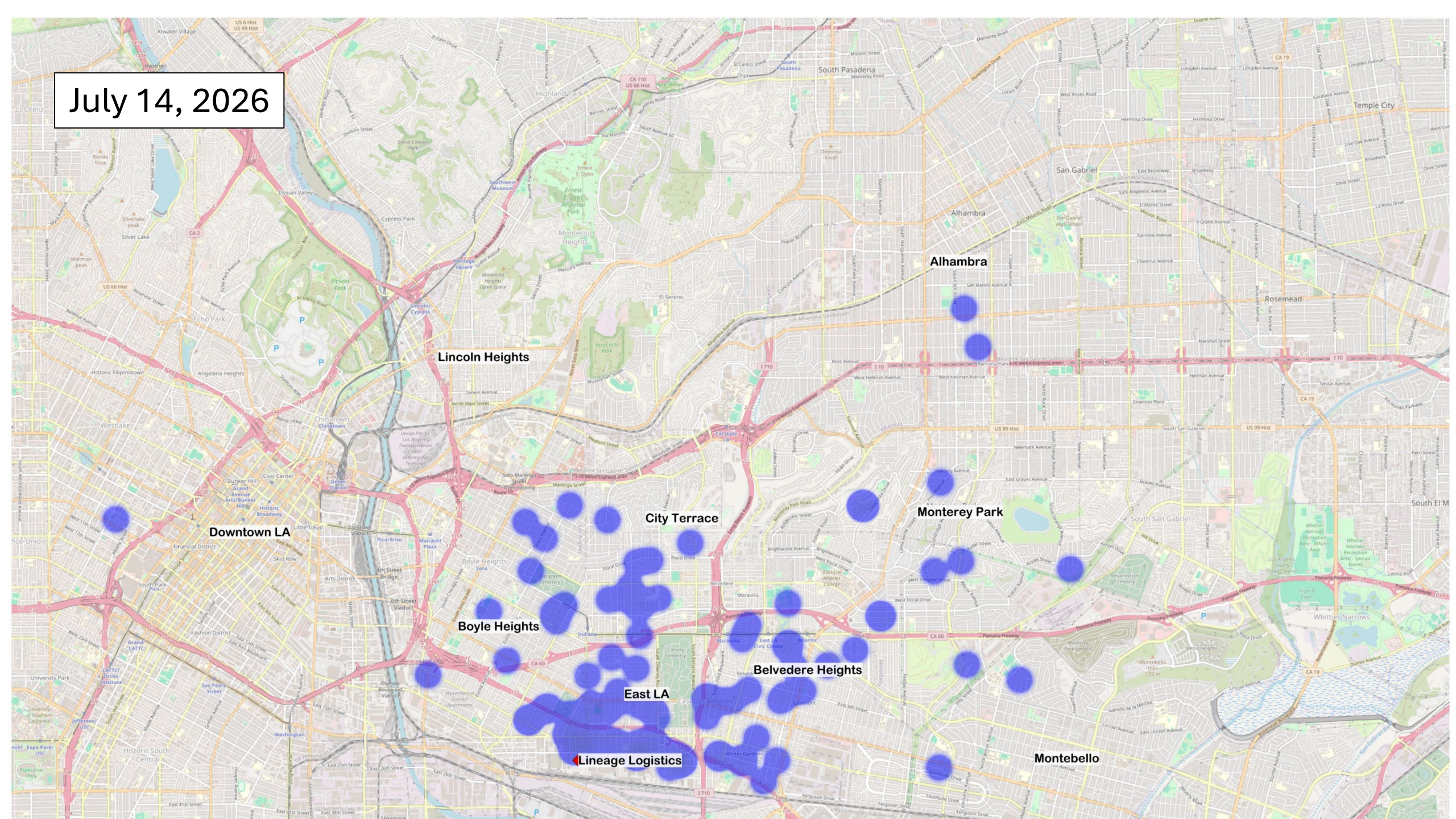


Lineage Logistics

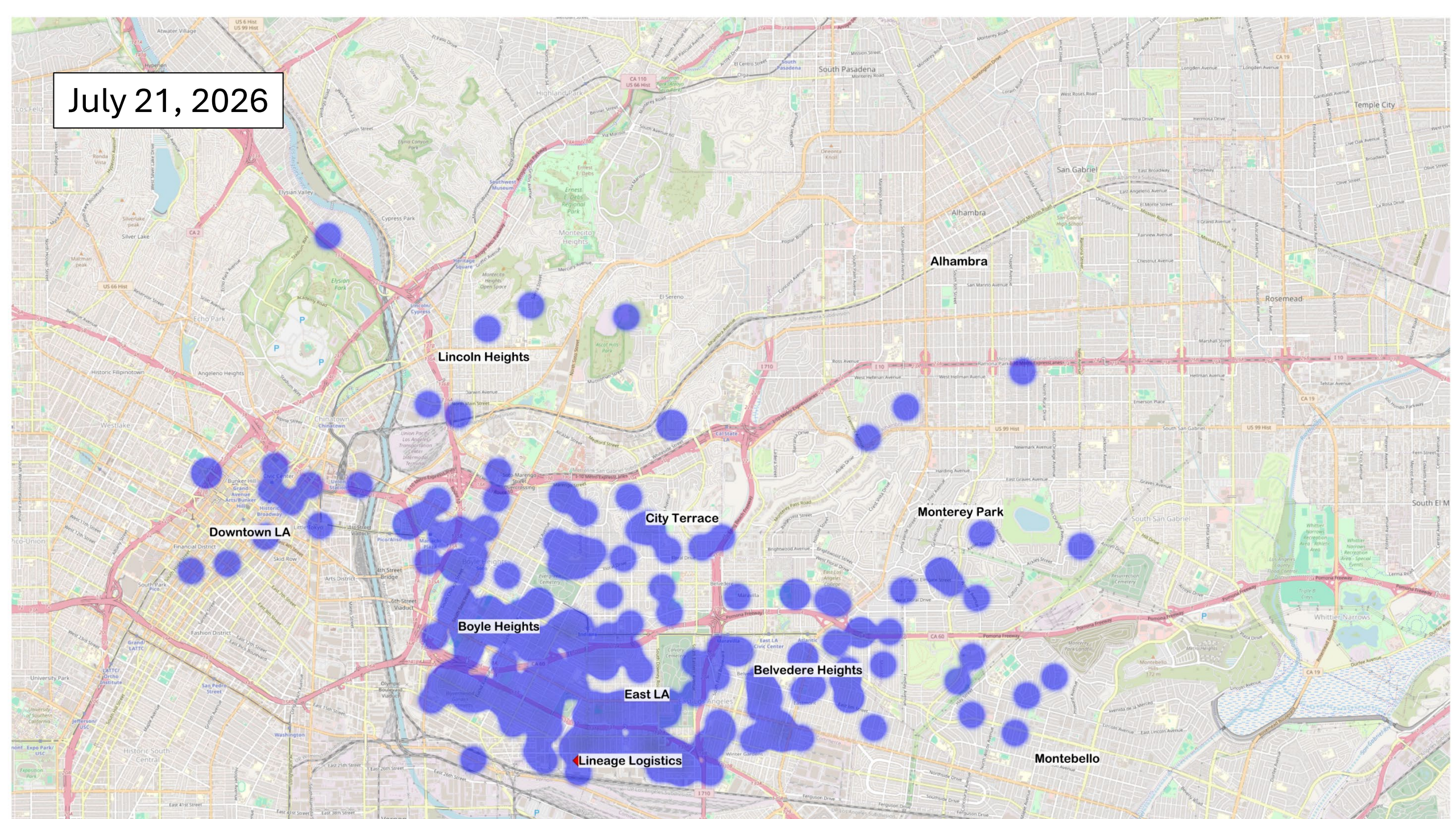
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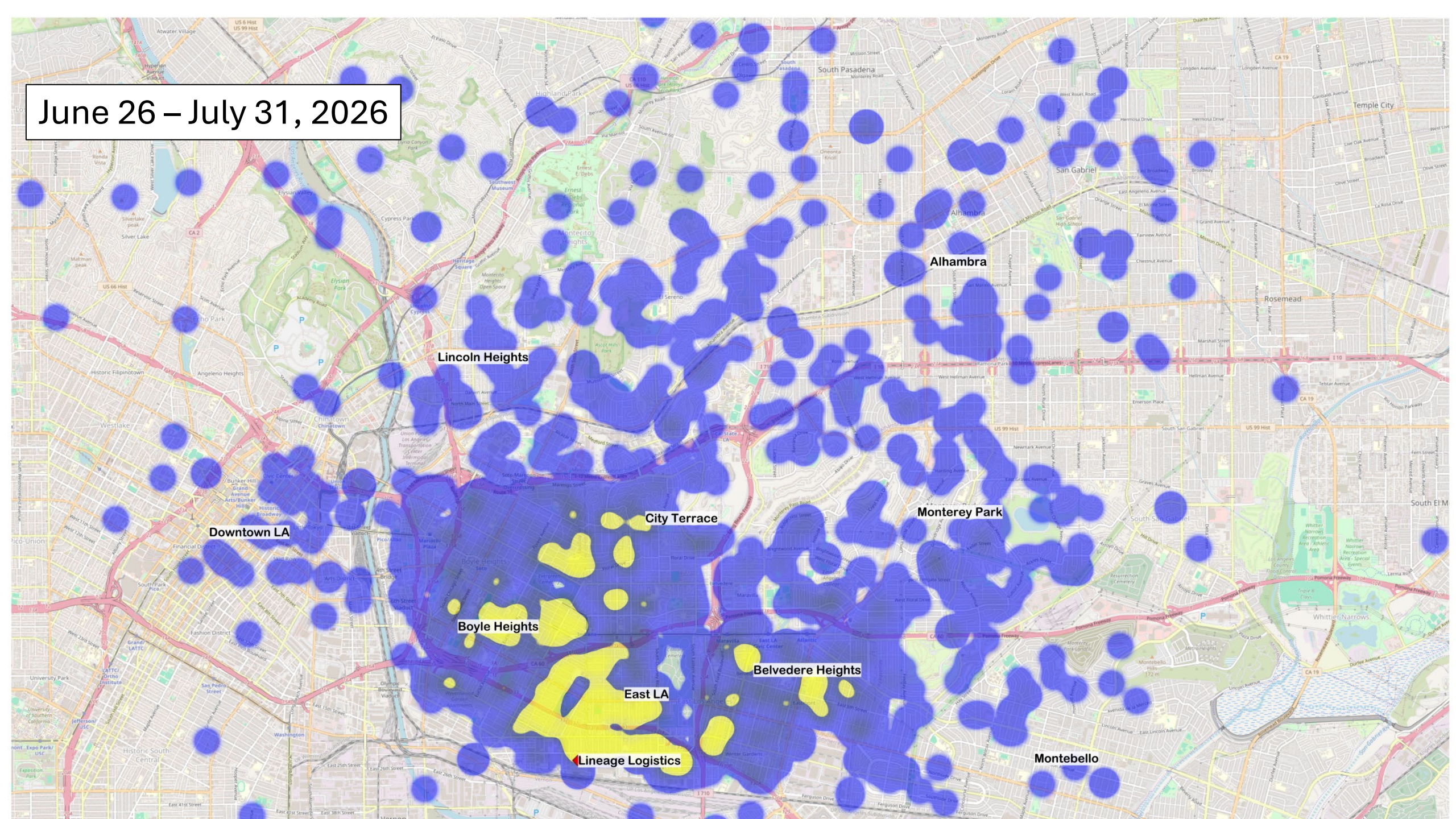
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July 21, 2026



June 26 – July 31, 2026



Demand Letter to Lineage

- July 17: South Coast AQMD issued demand letter directing Lineage to implement additional measures to minimize odors
- July 21: South Coast AQMD filed a petition for an Order for Abatement to mitigate odors during the cleanup



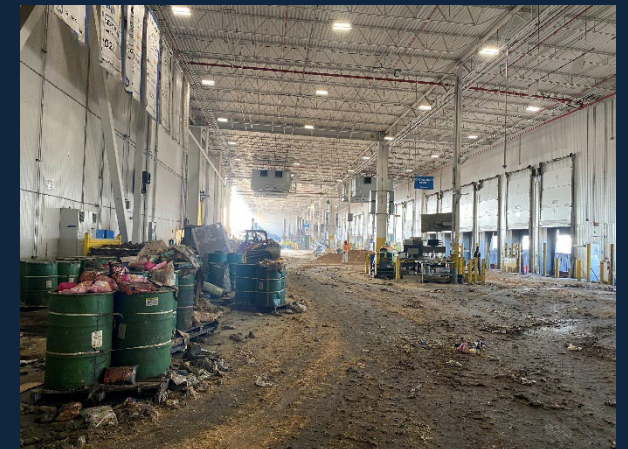
Public Hearing for Lineage Order for Abatement

- Hearing Board proceedings took place on August 5 and 6
- Public comments
 - Local and state elected officials
 - Over 100 community representatives
- Lineage stipulated to the Order for Abatement
- Hearing Board issued Order for Abatement requiring Lineage to strictly adhere to over 90 conditions to contain, reduce, and eliminate odorous emissions

Key Requirements in Order for Abatement

- Remove a minimum of 8.8 million pounds of food waste weekly
- Only remove waste through covered loading dock
- Install and maintain plastic sheeting to create an enclosure to contain odors for Freezer 1
- Install 1-800-CUT-SMOG signage around perimeter of facility
- Operate at least nine Granulated Activated Carbon filters to control odors
- Maintain negative pressure for all openings
- Provide community updates and signage in English and Spanish*
- Additional fenceline monitoring requirements*

* Added to the Order for Abatement based on public comments and recommendations from elected officials



Air Purifiers for Impacted AB 617 Community

- July 2: Board approved additional \$5 Million for air purifiers for AB 617 community of East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights and West Commerce
- 4,540 air purifiers distributed
 - 2,280 distributed in-person at the East Los Angeles Library
 - 2,260 units shipped directly to residents
- Online portal is still open
 - Air purifiers available for residents that live in East Los Angeles, Boyle Heights, and West Commerce



Public Engagement

- Provided resources about South Coast AQMD, how to file a complaint and access to air purifiers at:
 - **Los Angeles County:** East LA Library and Salazar Park
 - **City of Los Angeles:** Lou Costello Recreation Center and Community Pop-Ups
 - **Churches:** Our Lady of Victory and Resurrection
- Town Hall Meeting hosted by the City of Los Angeles
 - Panel of elected officials, Lineage, and local agencies
- Onsite briefing with U.S. Senator Alex Padilla
- Participated in Los Angeles City and Los Angeles County briefings



Next Steps

- All food waste is expected to be removed within the two weeks
- Continue air monitoring efforts
- Continue enforcing South Coast AQMD rules
- South Coast AQMD will enforce Order for Abatement to ensure implementation
- Continue working with community

