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To the Hearings Board of the Southern California AQMD

Re: Order of Abatement Lineage fire

The East LA Community Corporation ("ELACC") is a non-profit owner of apartment buildings near the Lineage fire. We own approximately 1000 units of affordable housing with about 300 units near the Lineage fire and directly affected by the smoke and noxious odors for the last seven weeks, since the June 17, 2026 fire.

Lineage did not provide assistance to us, as neighbors to help abate the disgusting air quality. ELACC had to purchase air purifiers on our own to distribute to our tenants and other Lineage neighbors.

ELACC is a financial counseling agency. We are receiving reports from neighbors who are struggling to pay for the electric bill which is now increased to do having to run filters, fans and AC units constantly in an effort to find decent air to breathe. It is our estimate that approximately 20,000-30,000 people were directly affected by the air quality in both the City of LA and the County of LA.

ELACC is in support of the abatement order, but its terms are temporary. AQMD needs to do more.

This is the 2nd time the Lineage warehouse business has had a fire incident. After a 60-day fire burned in Washinton state, Lineage made money on the crisis via its insurance claim. A fire at a cold warehouse is a *known risk* to them.

The EPA has investigated Lineage locations across the county and there was a worker death due to the ammonia released from one of its facilities. During the first weeks of the fire, when the air smelled like ammonia, we were told it was safe to breathe.

It is apparent that this type of business is not suitable for a location near residences. We are in support of an abatement order that blocks rebuilding or re-use of this land for future cold warehouse use. We ask AQMD to issue an order that no business is to reopen at this location which has the potential to substantially impact the air quality for 20,000+ neighbors in the event of a fire, earthquake or other natural disaster.

Please consider the seriousness of this incident and its future risk. The Lineage fire is not a temporary risk – it is an ongoing business seeking to re-open, to bring risk back to a low-income community that is already dealing with poor air quality.

Sincerely,
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