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Subject: Order for Abatement against Lineage Logistics, PFS

Esteemed SCAQMD Hearing Board:

On behalf of the residents in Boyle Heights and the greater City of Los Angeles, I am writing to express my support for an Order of Abatement against Lineage Logistics, LLC for public nuisance related to odors.

When fire engulfed Lineage's cold-storage facility in Boyle Heights on June 17, the impact extended far beyond the loss of a warehouse. For days, firefighters worked to battle the blaze. To this day, the putrid, offensive odor coming from the tens of millions of pounds of rotting food in the warehouse is unbearable for families. And now, flies and other pests have infested the community. Schools are preparing to reopen amid unresolved concerns about air quality. Small businesses have lost customers. Families have experienced nausea, migraines, and other illnesses.

I urge the Hearing Board to leverage the full extent of its oversight and enforcement authority to issue the maximum penalties for the ongoing air quality violations, including maximum financial fines. To ensure meaningful relief and accountability, I also respectfully request that the Order of Abatement include the following additional actions:

Modify Proposed Conditions 66-67 to include Bilingual Community Communications:

- Respondent shall provide all public signage, website postings, community notifications, public meeting materials, and other communications required under this Order in English and Spanish, at a minimum. Respondent shall also establish a bilingual hotline and

claims center to provide residents with ongoing assistance. Other languages shall be provided where required by applicable law or as directed by South Coast AQMD.

Proposed Condition 89. Community Meetings

- Respondent shall conduct weekly public community meetings, with Spanish interpretation available, to provide updates regarding cleanup progress, anticipated activities, monitoring results, and opportunities for community questions.

Proposed Condition 90. Sensitive Receptors

- Respondent shall provide direct notification of significant cleanup activities with the potential to increase odors to nearby schools, childcare facilities, senior care facilities, healthcare facilities, and other sensitive receptors identified by South Coast AQMD.

Proposed Condition 91. Noise Mitigation

- Respondent shall implement reasonable operational practices to minimize unnecessary noise impacts from cleanup activities during nighttime and early morning hours, consistent with applicable laws.

Proposed Condition 92. Ambient / Fenceline Odor Monitoring.

- In addition to and without limiting the nuisance standard set forth in District Rule 402 and California Health and Safety Code section 41700, and to provide an objective, quantifiable metric to supplement complaint-based enforcement under Rule 402, Respondent shall, within five (5) calendar days of this Hearing, implement ambient odor monitoring at no fewer than three (3) fenceline locations, including at a minimum one location on Los Palos Street and one location on Indiana Street nearest the residential neighborhood, in consultation with and subject to approval by South Coast AQMD.

Proposed Condition 93. Creation of Special Fund.

- Respondent shall create a special fund to support affected community residents and small businesses with essential products and services, including but not limited to air purifiers, masks, smoke, toxin and odor cleaning services, and housing relocation, financial resources, and other essential assistance.

I look forward to continuing to work with regulatory agencies to ensure Lineage is held accountable for a complete and thorough clean up. The residents of Boyle Heights deserve to breathe clean air in their homes, schools, workplaces, and neighborhood and we will continue to mobilize until our community is made whole again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Bass". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Karen" and the last name "Bass" clearly distinguishable.

Karen Bass
Mayor of Los Angeles