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Letter to Lineage, Inc.

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Greg Lehmkuhl
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Lineage, Inc.
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RE: Urgent Demand for Immediate Fire Remediation and Abatement of Ongoing Odor Emissions at the Lineage Inc. Facility, 1400 S. Los Palos Street, Los Angeles, CA 90023

Dear Mr. Lehmkuhl:

We are writing on behalf of the City of Monterey Park, representing the residents who are currently suffering from the aftermath of the recent fire at your facility. This letter serves as a formal demand for immediate, aggressive intervention to mitigate the ongoing hazardous smells, toxic odors, and environmental disruptions impacting our community in Monterey Park.

The recent fire at your facility has escalated from a localized emergency into a prolonged regional public health and quality-of-life crisis. The status of your facility not only affects the immediate surrounding neighborhood, but has also reached miles beyond, impacting neighboring cities such as ours. While we appreciate the initial response from emergency service personnel, the current state of the cleanup operations is unacceptable. For weeks, our residents have been subjected to an overwhelming, persistent stench resulting from burnt building materials, compromised structural debris, and rotting perishable goods coming from your facility.

The City of Monterey Park is receiving complaints from concerned residents due to the public health emergency caused by your facility. This ongoing issue is causing severe distress across our community and needs to be addressed and resolved immediately. The current rate of remediation is failing to meet community expectations, and we are reaching out to express wider regional concerns.

Therefore, we are formally demanding that Lineage Inc. immediately take the following actions:

1. Accelerate Waste Removal: Deploy maximum, around-the-clock resources to safely extract, transport, and dispose of the decomposing products and burnt materials causing the odor.

2. Implement Advanced Odor Suppression: Utilize heavy-duty, industrial-grade neutralizing agents, vapor barriers, or temporary containment structures to immediately suppress the escaping smells during cleanup.

3. Provide Continuous Air Quality Monitoring: Fund and deploy independent, third-party air monitoring stations throughout the impacted residential zones, making real-time data transparently available to the public and city officials.

4. Establish a Direct Community Liaison: Appoint a dedicated company representative to provide daily progress updates to the community that can be shared widely and establish a direct hotline for residents to report localized odor spikes.

5. Reimbursement of Costs: Reimburse the City of Monterey Park for all costs and expenditures incurred as a direct result of the public health emergency caused by the conditions originating from your facility. On June 23, 2026, the Monterey Park City Council declared a local emergency in response to the Los Palos Incident. As a direct result of the ongoing air quality concerns, the City implemented numerous emergency response measures to protect public health and safety. These actions included the distribution of N-95 respirator masks; the opening of temporary relief centers for impacted residents; the cancellation of outdoor programs and community events through June 28, including the Farmers' Market, Soccer Watch Party, and Independence Day celebration with fireworks; and the establishment of an Air Purifier Reimbursement Program to assist residents who needed to purchase air purifiers for their homes due to the incident. To date, the City's documented costs associated with these emergency response efforts total approximately $20,000**,** and those costs continue to increase. The City demands full reimbursement for all such expenditures, together with any additional costs incurred as the City continues to respond to the impacts of this incident.

Please be advised that we are actively reviewing all available administrative, regulatory, and legal avenues to resolve this public health emergency. If Lineage Inc. does not immediately demonstrate an aggressive, measurable increase in mitigation efforts, we will not hesitate to work with other city officials and regional representatives to pursue formal citations, fines for public nuisance violations, and legal injunctions to compel compliance.

We expect a written response detailing your expedited remediation timeline and immediate action plan. If you should have any questions or to send your response, please contact us directly at hlo@montereypark.ca.gov and josanchez@montereypark.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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