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Los Angeles City Council
City Hall
200 N. Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Council File No. 21-0911 – Victim Compensation Protocols

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council (ECWA) supports CF 21-0911 that states:

1. The Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), in consultation with City Attorney, report back to the Council on current protocols across city departments to provide compensation to victims of city-caused accidents or disasters, including the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) fireworks detonation and the LASAN Hyperion sewage spill
2. The Office of Racial Equity within the Department of Civil and Human Rights and Equity report back to the City Council with an equity framework that can be used by all departments in providing victim compensation in the event of a city-caused accident or disaster.

The city initiated a controlled detonation of illegal fireworks seized from a home on the 700 block of East 27th Street and caused widespread injuries in the area. Police estimated the weight at 16.5 pounds, but federal investigators later determined that the weight was closer to 42 pounds. The response to the victims was lesser than demonstrated in other areas of the city in other incidents. The inadequacy of the care of victims on 27th Street raised issues of fairness and equity on how victims are treated in all areas of the city. As shown in the 27th Street incident, the same level of assistance and compensation has not been offered by city agencies in circumstances impacting less affluent communities and communities of color. ECWA supports CF 21-0911 as it begins to address this systemic equity matter and adds that funding for compensation should not come from dollars planned for community support services not occasioned by the city-caused accident or disaster.

In Solidarity,

Empowerment Congress West Area Neighborhood Development Council

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