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The January 2025 wildfires throughout Los Angeles County have caused an unprecedented amount of damage to life, property, and community. In response, two cleanup phases are currently underway to address the destruction and begin the recovery process for both the Palisades and Eaton fires. In Phase 1 of cleanup, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) will remove hazardous materials like paint, cleaners and solvents, oils, batteries, and pesticides. They will also remove asbestos and inspect pressurized fuel cylinders like propane tanks. Phase 2 involves the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) removing visible fire debris, such as chimneys, hazardous trees, ash and, if specified on the right-of-entry (ROE) form by the owner, foundations. Following this part of Phase 2, up to 6 inches of soil in the ash footprint will be removed if necessary and safe to do so.

One of the most crucial considerations in the aftermath of this large-scale fire is where the Phase 2 soil debris will be disposed of, particularly for residents in Council District 12 who live near the Sunshine Canyon Landfill. The risk of toxic or hazardous materials being deposited in the landfill poses significant health threats to the community. Implementing safe and appropriate disposal methods is imperative to ensure that people are not harmed during the wildfire cleanup process.

If the Sunshine Canyon Landfill receives any Phase 2 fire debris, the City must be able to verify that the debris being placed in the landfill is free of hazardous materials in order to best protect the residents of Council District 12.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct Los Angeles Sanitation & Environment (LASAN) and other City departments, in coordination with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, to issue a detailed report on the steps taken by the USEPA and USACE to ensure environmental protections during the cleanup process. The report should also highlight whether the debris is safe to be disposed of in proximity to residential communities.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council instruct LASAN to report on a comprehensive testing plan for all debris resulting from the 2025 wildfires that could potentially be deposited in the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, if deemed necessary.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Council RESOLVE that \$100,000 in the Sunshine Canyon Community Amenities Trust Fund No. 699-14 be allocated / appropriated for any aspect of executing the testing plan, if deemed necessary.

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