

ENSURING PROPER OVERSIGHT TO SAFEGUARD PERSONAL INFORMATION

On August 24, 2022, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health acknowledged that it inadvertently posted personal information of approximately 806 Mobile Food Facility Persons and Permittees publicly online. Los Angeles County and the Department of Public Health are responsible for ensuring data privacy of our residents and take this responsibility very seriously. This significant data breach calls into question the credibility and trustworthiness of Los Angeles County and our work as public officials and stewards. Immediate steps were taken in this situation to rectify this data breach, ensure proper training and oversight of staff, and put additional measures in place to prevent any future breach of data and to notify affected individuals.

As a County, we must do more to correct and address any potential deficiencies within our own processes to prevent any such similar situations from occurring again. It is imperative that all those within the County’s workforce who are charged with gathering and protecting sensitive information continue to be appropriately trained to ensure the safety and security of personal information on behalf of the individuals, businesses, and organizations that we serve. In addition, all employees, contractors, and vendors who have access to sensitive information should have necessary supervision and oversight to safeguard against the release of such protected data.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Officer, in collaboration with the Department of Public Health, to report back to the Board in writing within 30 days on what resources the County can make available to the Mobile Food Facility Persons and Permittees who were negatively impacted by the erroneous posting of this information, and other future individuals whose information is inappropriately made public.

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