

## EXIDE PLANT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) recently found that the Exide battery recycling plant in Vernon has been releasing emissions with high arsenic levels that significantly increase the cancer risk of those at and around the plant; and

WHEREAS, Exide's own Health Risk Assessment indicated that residents of the City of Los Angeles living in Boyle Heights faced the highest risks of any of the affected residents; and

WHEREAS, these risk levels require Exide to prepare a Risk Reduction Plan, overseen by the SCAQMD; and

WHEREAS, the cancer risk associated with the emissions is affecting as many as 110,000 residences who live in an area that extends from Boyle Heights to Maywood and Huntington Park; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has since shut down operations temporarily at the Exide plant due to unsafe conditions related to deteriorated systems for the handling and disposal of contaminated wastewater; and

WHEREAS, the health risks associated with air and water pollution from Exide's plant are real, severe, and unacceptable to workers and residents, and it is of the highest importance that those risks are eliminated to the fullest extent possible before any operation at the plant resumes; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, demands to the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the State Department of Toxic Substances Control to permanently shut down the Exide plant in Vernon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the BHNC call on LA City Council member Jose Huizar to call for the permanent closure of the Exide plant,

ADOPTED: Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council, August 28, 2013;

Votes: Yes 17 No 0 Abstained 0