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**SB 93 (De León) Budget Appropriation: Lead Contamination Cleanup
in the Communities Surrounding the Exide Technologies Facility**

“What Others Are Saying”

Rev. Msgr. John Moretta, Pastor of Resurrection Church, said: "Hopefully, the cleanup will be as fast and as thorough as humanly possible."

Jane Williams, Executive Director, California Communities Against Toxics, said: "The leadership shown by the authors of this bill is heroic! One of the largest environmental disasters in the state is on its way to being remedied by the bold actions of our state's leadership. We look forward to a future when East LA and southeast communities are lead free and our children are safe again!"

Mark Lopez, Executive Director of East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, said: "Our communities have been struggling to address the Exide issues for a long time, multiple generations for some of us, and SB93 is a significant marker for unity between the legislature and community. We will continue to work together and get the justice we deserve."

Teresa Marquez, President of the Boyle Heights Stakeholder Association and member of the Exide Advisory Council, Resurrection Neighborhood Watch and Mothers of East LA, said: "I never expected \$176 million. It was like winning the lottery for the community. We were thinking those houses are never going to get clean. It wasn't getting done. Now we can move more rapidly and efficiently to save the children."

Gladys Limon, Staff Attorney for Communities for a Better Environment, said: "After years of being subjected to unconscionable health burdens as a result of the DTSC's negligence and failure to enforce the law, residents are finally receiving a measure of justice and the long-awaited promise of an expedited, priority remediation."

Terry Cano, lifetime resident of Boyle heights and member of Exide Advisory Council and Resurrection Neighborhood Watch group, said: "After decades of being forced to live in Exide's contamination and living with DTSC'S failure to keep us safe and act in favor of the residents health and lives, I am hopeful that this is a long awaited and overdue step in the right direction. Although it is too late for my family, friends and neighbors who have died and are suffering due to this catastrophe, I hope this start will help save the lives and suffering of the families living in the affected communities by

making the residences priority one. We will continue this fight until the last house is cleaned and Exide is held responsible so our loved ones did not die in vain and simply because it is the right and humane thing to do.”

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