



# CITY OF COMMERCE

Joe Aguilar  
Mayor

April 24, 2013

Mayor W. Michael McCormick  
And members of the Vernon City Council  
City Of Vernon  
4305 S. Santa Fe Avenue  
Vernon CA 90058

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CITY ADMINISTRATION

RE: EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES – LEAD EMISSIONS

Dear Mayor McCormick:

I am writing on behalf of our City Council and community to urge you and the Vernon City Council to take all available actions within the scope of your authority to ensure that Exide Technologies ceases its battery recycling operation within your City until the company can clearly demonstrate to you and the surrounding southeast communities that it can operate without endangering the health and safety of the people who live and work within the Southeast region.

We know you will rely on the regulatory framework of regional/state agencies to address the airborne emissions and hazardous waste contamination issues. Nonetheless, Commerce is asking that beyond this regional/state regulatory framework, the Vernon City Council do everything it can within its scope of authority as a charter city to eliminate the environmental threat of irresponsible polluters such as Exide. I believe that Commerce and the adjoining communities surrounding Vernon will support you in this effort to stop the degradation of the environment by Exide Technologies.

Respectfully,

Joe Aguilar  
Mayor

Cc: Mayor City of Bell  
Mayor City of Bell Gardens  
Mayor City of Cudahy  
Mayor City of Maywood  
Mayor of Huntington Park