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**Support of Governor Newsom's May Revision Budget Proposal for the Cleanup of
Parkways Polluted by Exide**

On May 12, 2023, Governor Gavin Newsom issued his May Revision Budget Proposal for FY 2023-24. The Governor's proposal includes a substantial investment to jumpstart the State's cleanup of the parkways surrounding the properties contaminated by the former Exide battery recycling plant, which operated for almost a century in the City of Vernon. The Governor's FY 23-24 May Revision Budget proposes \$67.3 million from the Lead-Acid Battery Cleanup Fund over two years, including \$40.4 million in 2023-2024 and \$26.9 million in 2024-2025, to clean up approximately 6,425 parkways surrounding the former Exide facility.

Over the last seven years, the County has successfully advocated for the State to allocate funding to clean up the environmental toxins released by the Exide facility into surrounding private properties and public rights-of-way. Most recently, on April 12, 2023, the County welcomed California Secretary for Environmental Protection Yana Garcia and Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) leadership to the First and

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Fourth Districts to tour ongoing residential cleanup sites and meet with community members, workers, and environmental justice advocates gathered to share their concerns and requests for improvements directly with these state officials.

Governor Newsom's budget proposal of \$67.3 million, following his proposal of \$454.4 million in the 2021 May Revision Budget, underscores his continued commitment to the people and land in communities that have been negatively impacted for decades and deserve environmental justice.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office's Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations Branch to send a five-signature letter to Governor Gavin Newsom and to the chairs of the Assembly and Senate Budget Committees in support of the May Revision proposal to provide \$67.3 million over two years to clean up parkways in the communities surrounding the former Exide Technologies Facility, and to send a copy to the Los Angeles County Delegation.

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