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Honorable Chair Durazo
Senate Local Government Committee
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Dear Honorable Chair Durazo,

UNITE HERE Local 11 represents 32,000 workers in hotel and food service locations around Southern California, including a substantial membership in East Los Angeles.

We write on behalf of these members in opposition to AB 2986. While our members have substantial interest in addressing issues affecting their communities, and many have reached out to ask for assistance and support, none have raised the issue of cityhood for East Los Angeles.

Indeed, we have fought to address many issues, with great success, in the LA County Board of Supervisors, where our members have supported efforts to raise the living wage, ensure important hospitality industry job protections, address housing affordability, respond to harassment of tenants, ensure public health, limit short term rentals and so much more. These protections for our members who live and work in East Los Angeles are essential, and we do not know at this time what would happen to these protections in the formation of a City of East Los Angeles.

It is for these reasons and many more that we respectfully request your NOE vote on AB 2986 (Carrillo). Should you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact our Legislative Advocate, Amy Hines-Shaikh, at amy@consultwildcat.com.

Sincerely,

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