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Re: FCTL Opposes AB 2986

Dear Assembly Committee,

We write to you as the first community land trust in Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles to oppose AB 2936. I am the co-director of community land trust, FCTL. I was raised in East LA and now work in the East LA community. It's not a good idea for East LA to become an incorporated city and breakaway from the County. It's expensive to run a city and every year that passes it gets more expensive. We are just recovering from Covid, and wages have not kept up with inflation. If East LA becomes a city, the community will need to pay for the costs increases of running a city. Right now, if the taxes collected in East LA are not enough, the County makes up the difference to keep the same level of service. Becoming a city could mean we would need to pay more in property tax which affects renters too because it would mean higher rents and our community is already rent burdened.

Sincerely,

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Co-Director