

Los Angeles County Deputy Probation Officers' Union
AFSCME LOCAL 685



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The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo
Chair, Senate Local Government Committee
State Capitol, Room 407
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill (AB) 2986 (W. Carrillo) Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles: East Los Angeles Task Force – Oppose

Dear Senator Durazo, Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Deputy Probation Officers Union, AFSCME Local 685, we are opposed to Assembly Bill 2986 (Carrillo). With much regret, at this time we believe that AB 2986 is unworkable, and our members believe that AB 2986 may cause irreparable harm to working families in East Los Angeles. Further, we believe that incorporating East Los Angeles or establishing special districts within the area would have devastating impacts on our Union Sisters and Brothers, costing essential jobs and services. That is why we stand united in opposition to AB 2986.

Our Union's opposition is based on the reality that incorporation or a special district could mean residents and businesses in the area would either need to pay more in taxes or reduce service levels. These are essential services provided by our Union Sisters and Brothers. We also know that when cities face deficits – especially one as large as what has been projected for East Los Angeles – they outsource services at a lower cost, slashing Union jobs in the process.

We join our Sisters and Brothers at SEIU Locals 721 and 2015; the co-chairs of the Coalition of County Unions, the Association of Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) and the LA County Firefighters Local 1014; California Association of Professional Employees (CAPE); the Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA); IBEW Local 11; LIUNA Local 300; and UNITE HERE Local 11 – all of whom are concerned about AB 2986’s impact to their memberships. At a time when residents are feeling the burden of increased cost of living and State budget cuts, it is critical that the Legislature oppose any measures that could cost Union jobs.

For these reasons, we ask that members of the Senate Local Government Committee **VOTE NO** on AB 2986.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stacy Ford', written in a cursive style.

Stacy Ford, President

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