June 6, 2024

The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo, Chair
Senate Local Government Committee
State Capitol

Re: Assembly Bill 2986 (Carrillo) Local Agency Formation Commission:
County of Los Angeles: East Los Angeles Task Force
OPPOSE

Dear Senator Durazo:

The Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) opposes Assembly Bill 2986 (Carrillo), which would establish a task force that would hold quarterly community meetings to discuss the impacts of city incorporation for unincorporated East Los Angeles and report back to the Legislature by December 1, 2026.

This proposal is not the first incorporation attempt by the unincorporated area of East Los Angeles. In 2012, the Commission rejected cityhood for East Los Angeles because the proposed city was not economically viable. The fiscal analysis clearly demonstrated that cityhood was not practical as the structural deficit of the proposed city was $19 million (year one) and grew to considerably higher numbers in later years. The obstacles of unincorporated East Los Angeles becoming a city are no less today than they were a decade ago.

As a city, East Los Angeles would be responsible for paying cost increases for law enforcement and sheriff patrols, fire, and repairs to roads, street lighting, graffiti removal, and garbage collection. It is troubling that the resources to fund these critical services due to insufficient public finances would have detrimental impacts on the community and the nearly 119,000 residents who reside there.

ALADS urges a “no” vote on AB 2986.

Sincerely,

Richard Pippin, President