



April 18, 2024

Assembly Local Government Committee
1020 N Street, Room 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Opposition to AB 2986 from the members of the California Associations of Professional Employees.

Hello,

My name is Carlos Clayton P.E., President of the California Association of Professional Employees (CAPE), AFL-CIO, a public sector union that represents more than 2,500 professional-level County of Los Angeles employees, of which many of our employees and members live and work in East L.A.

East L.A. residents do not want to break away from the County and become an incorporated city. Each year, costs increase for Sheriff Deputy patrol, Fire, and repairs to our roads, street lighting, graffiti removal, and garbage collection. As a city, East L.A. would be responsible for paying for those increases.

Right now, if the taxes collected in East L.A. are not enough, the County tries to make up the difference to keep the same level of service. Many of us are still recovering financially from COVID and the cost of food, gas, and rent are too high. Becoming a city could mean we would need to pay more in property tax which affects renters too.

We need the additional support of the County. We ask you to oppose AB 2986.

Respectfully,

Carlos Clayton

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