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Hello, my name is Ana Araujo. I serve as the Executive Director of the East Los Angeles Boys and Girls Club, also known as East LA Rising. I have worked in East Los Angeles for the past 22 years.

East LA 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 LA would be responsible to pay for those increases.

Right now, if the taxes collected in East LA are not enough, the County tries to make up the difference to keep the same level of service.
Many of our residents 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. I see families that never felt the need to ask for food now lining up on Tuesdays and Thursdays for our food giveaways. We also have a decrease in summer camp attendance due to a $20 increase in fees. The residents are strapped. Higher taxes would greatly affect the stress and qualify of life our families already experience.

We need the additional support of the County. East LA College is in Montrey Park as is all the other surrounding business areas bordering East LA that can bring in tax funds. They go to Monterey Park, Commerce, Montebello, etc. All past reports have shown East LA would be in debt within the first year of existence. I also remember a large majority of residents did not trust those wanting to be our first Council. It was at a time that surrounding cities were dealing with corrupt local elected officials.

I have polled our families. We ask you to oppose AB 2986.

Thank you,

Ana Araujo
Executive Director