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Senator 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

Dear Senator Durazo,

As President of the Los Angeles County Hispanic Managers Association, I am writing in opposition to AB 2986 by Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo. I am very concerned about this bill's impact on Los Angeles County employees and the foreseeable job losses that could follow East LA incorporation.

As you are aware, there have been four attempts to incorporate the East LA area. Every previous study has shown that incorporation or special district would create an immediate, multi-million-dollar deficit for East Los Angeles which residents and business owners would have to close by either paying higher taxes, slashing vital community programs, or outsourcing services to private, possibly non-union, contractors. This is a threat to County residents who would lose good-paying County jobs. In addition, roughly 27% of ELA residents work in government which means that the very residents this bill attempts to help would be negatively impacted.

Los Angeles County employees provide dedicated services to all unincorporated areas including ELA. This includes service through the Fire and Sheriff's Departments, Parks and Recreation, Libraries, Public Works, Libraries, Health Services, Animal Care and Control, and Public Health. The County upholds the highest standards in service delivery to ensure that County residents have access to critical resources.

Many of our employees are represented by the unions that have voiced their opposition to this bill including SEIU 721; the co-chairs of the County Coalition of Unions – the Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS) and the Los Angeles County Firefighters Local 1014; the Los Angeles County Probation Officers' Union – AFSCME Local 685; California Association of Professional Employees (CAPE); the Union of American Physicians and Dentists (UAPD); the Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA); as well as our union brothers and sisters from SEIU 2015; IBEW Local 11; LiUNA Local 300; and Unite HERE — all of whom are concerned of its impact to our union brothers and sisters.

Please vote "no" on AB 2986.

Sincerely,

Robert Meneses, President
Los Angeles County Hispanic Managers Association

C: Senate Pro Tem
Local Government Committee Members