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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 LCLAA LA it my personal belief that this bill will impact our community. That is why I am writing to express my deep concern for AB 2986. AB 2986 is an expensive and fundamentally flawed bill which has the potential to harm East Los Angeles and its residents. That is why over 500 East LA residents and service providers are standing together in opposition to the bill.

If AB 2986 passes, it would require a costly study — nearly $6 million — at a time when the State is facing a historic deficit. Those funds would be better spent by directly investing in programs and services for the East LA community. In addition, past studies have forecasted a multi-million dollar budget deficit if East LA were to become a city. Families and businesses owners would bear the brunt of that deficit either by paying higher taxes, slashing vital community services, or outsourcing services to private, possible non-union, contractors. Many of us are still recovering financially from the COVID-19 pandemic and this bill will add an unnecessary burden to our daily lives.

Less than half of the LA Angeles County State Assembly Delegation voted to support AB2986 because they were concerned about the impacts for East LA residents. I urge you to oppose this bill.

Respectfully,
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