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

Dear Assembly Member Carrillo and Assembly Local Government Committee Members:

On behalf of the over 3400 men and women firefighters and paramedics working in the Los Angeles County Fire Department, including unincorporated East Los Angeles and the surrounding communities, we oppose AB 2986.

Los Angeles County Firefighters and Paramedics serve the area of unincorporated area of East Los Angeles and the surrounding communities, and in alignment with LAFCO opposition, which concludes as it has before no ability to show a viable economic engine for city hood of East Los Angeles. In fact, the shortfalls upwards of $19 million dollars would affect the Fire and Paramedic levels of service not only in East Los Angeles but also the surrounding communities of Commerce. Los Angeles County Fire Fighters and the LA County Fire Department provide these critical lifesaving resources for Fire and EMS response in an integrated regional operational agreement providing the best service and increased levels of service to the communities in such a way that a decrease in cost to the taxpayers of both regions is realized.

We understand the thoughts of some community members on issues facing the region with regard to governance, including those relating to the state Assembly and Senate seats affecting the region and discussion and or alliances much less a task force of concerned committed stakeholders would easily be courted to look at ways to improve and or change perspectives. We welcome any opportunity to help in that regard, but at this time any effort to formally move towards an ill-prepared, un-funded path to remove the area from LA County services including law enforcement, fire and EMS, libraries, parks, housing, and animal control to name a few, would frankly be ill advised and we respectfully oppose AB 2986 and ask you to do so as well.

Respectfully,

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