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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,

On behalf of the Monterey Park City Council, I am writing to express our concerns regarding AB 2986 by Assemblymember Wendy Carrillo. While we understand the intentions behind this bill, we believe it is important to carefully consider the potential implications for neighboring communities, including Monterey Park.

The supporters of AB 2986 have raised issues related to past annexations and the impact on East Los Angeles. However, it is important to note that decisions such as the annexation of East Los Angeles College (ELAC) were made through a democratic process. In 1975, residents in the northeastern part of East LA petitioned to join Monterey Park. This process was conducted in accordance with the procedures established by the State of California through the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (LAFCO) and was approved by voters. To remove ELAC or any of the neighborhoods in the southern part of the City would be in opposition to the will of voters who petitioned to become a part of the City of Monterey Park.

The City of Monterey Park, with over 60,000 residents, has a strong and collaborative relationship with the County of Los Angeles. Together, we work on various projects that benefit both Monterey Park and East LA. For example, the County supports the American Jobs Center of California (AJCC) on ELAC's campus, providing valuable employment and career opportunities to residents of both communities. Additionally, during the tragic mass shooting on January 21, 2023, the County partnered with our City to offer services to affected families and residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. As you consider your position on AB 2986, we respectfully urge you to consider the potential impacts on neighboring cities and the existing cooperative relationships and we kindly request that you oppose any changes to boundaries that would affect Monterey Park.

Sincerely,

Mayor Thomas Wong

CC: Senate President Pro Tempore Mike McGuire
Each Member and Consultant,
Senate Local Government Committee