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The Honorable Wendy Carrillo  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 5620  
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**Re: AB 2986 (Carrillo, Wendy) – Local Agency Formation Commission  
for the County of Los Angeles: East Los Angeles Task Force  
As amended on April 29, 2024 – NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

Dear Assemblymember Carrillo,

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Professional Peace Officers Association (PPOA), I write to communicate opposition to your AB 2986, which would require the Los Angeles Local Agency Formation Commission (LA LAFCO) to establish the East Los Angeles (East LA) Task Force to identify and evaluate potential impacts of the incorporation of East LA.

LA LAFCO already has the mandate and expertise to conduct studies and evaluations related to the incorporation of new cities. In fact, East Los Angeles first attempted incorporation in 2012. At that time, the Commission rejected the cityhood bid because the proposed city was deemed economically unviable. The fiscal analysis clearly showed that cityhood was impractical, with the proposed city's structural deficit at \$19 million in the first year, increasing significantly in subsequent years. The challenges facing East Los Angeles in becoming a city remain as formidable today as they were a decade ago.

Creating a task force would require additional funding, staffing, and administrative support, which could strain LA LAFCO's budget and divert resources from other important projects and responsibilities. Establishing a task force for East LA would also set a precedent that could lead other communities to demand similar task forces for their own incorporation evaluations. This could overwhelm LA LAFCO and create an unsustainable model for future incorporations.

For these reasons, PPOA must oppose AB 2986.

Sincerely,

Steve Johnson  
President

