May 14, 2024

The Honorable Tina McKinnor  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJ:  
AB 2986 (W. Carrillo) - Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles: East Los Angeles Task Force

POSITION:  OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember McKinnor:

The more than 6,000 members of the Union of American Physicians and Dentists (UAPD/AFSCME Local 206) is OPPOSED to AB 2986 by Asm. W. Carrillo.

Upon appropriation from the Legislature, AB 2986 will require the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (LA LAFCO) to create the East Los Angeles Task Force (Task Force), whose primary responsibility is to assess and analyze the potential impacts of incorporating East Los Angeles or establishing special districts within the area. Since its inception, there have been four attempts to incorporate the East LA area. This is the fifth attempt. A similar initiative was pursued in 2012. The economic analysis at the time showed that East Los Angeles did not have the tax revenue to sustain itself as a city as required by State Law. The 2012 Comprehensive Fiscal Review commissioned by LA LAFCO unveiled a projected structural deficit of $19 million in its inaugural year alone.

If AB 2986 is passed into law, the County will incur substantial costs associated with facilitating the study with LA LAFCO and the proposed Task Force. For these reasons, UAPD is OPPOSED to AB 2986.

Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

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