

**SUPPORT LETTER AB 2986 (W. Carrillo) – East Los Angeles Task Force**

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Date:

Assemblymember Juan Carrillo  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Local Government  
1020 N Street, Room 157  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair Juan Carrillo,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am writing in **SUPPORT of Assembly Bill 2986 (W. Carrillo)**. AB 2986 establishes a dedicated task force under the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (LALAFCO) to explore the implications and feasibility of incorporating East Los Angeles as a city or establishing a special district.

East L.A., as an unincorporated community, has limited influence over planning and economic development, public services, and public dollars. Incorporation can provide community control over these and other vital issues facing East L.A., including enhancing the ability to attract and retain local businesses and strengthen East L.A.'s voice in County decision-making.

There have been several unsuccessful attempts to incorporate East L.A. During this time, several of East L.A.'s surrounding communities were incorporated. Several of East L.A.'s intuitions were severed from the community by the incorporation of neighboring cities, including Commerce Center on Whittier Boulevard and East Los Angeles Community College. Moreover, East L.A.'s most recent attempt at incorporation was negatively affected by SB 89 (2011), which took away about \$200 million in funds previously allocated to cities through the state's Vehicle Licensing Fees (VLF). While California provided other communities that had recently incorporated the needed revenue to avoid a shortfall, California needs to reconcile how the VLF cut hampered the incorporation of East L.A., which was in the middle of its incorporation effort.

It is for these reasons that I am pleased to SUPPORT AB 2986.

Sincerely,