



## CALIFORNIA (un)INCORPORATED

*A coalition of unincorporated communities in California whose residents and businesses are effectively denied a municipal level of government.*

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Honorable Wendy Carrillo, Assemblymember, District 52  
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Dear Assemblymember Carrillo:

California (un)Incorporated is a statewide coalition of unincorporated communities giving voice to the needs of urbanized, unincorporated communities that seek better governance by becoming cities. We believe the state's procedures for forming new municipalities need reform to recognize the current situations facing unincorporated communities, to remove regulatory barriers and to substantially lower the costs that impede attainment of local control.

We are writing in SUPPORT of Assembly Bill 2986 (W. Carrillo), which establishes a feasibility study that would create a community-led task force under the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles to explore the possibility of East Los Angeles acquiring some form of self-determination. Self-determination is the key to improving the circumstances of people in unincorporated areas.

In our view, the citizens of East Los Angeles - just like their counterparts among the 5 million Californians who live in urbanized, unincorporated communities within the state - deserve transparency and accountability as to how their municipal service tax dollars are spent and how local people can be more involved and engaged in the improvement of municipal services and infrastructure.

Our coalition wants residents of unincorporated communities to enjoy the same rights and privileges held by people who live in the state's 482 cities. They should be represented by Mayors, City Councils and other local elected officials who can focus on local priorities, improve municipal services, and maintain and upgrade local infrastructure. As explained in our website ([www.caunincorporated.com](http://www.caunincorporated.com)), the state does not seem to recognize the need for better municipal governance outside of cities. Reform is needed for the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. We believe AB2986 is a step in the right direction, as it will allow East Los Angeles residents to have a say in a fact-finding study of the delivery of their municipal services.

We appreciate your bill's understanding of the significance of local control. It is always a pleasure to work with Legislators who understand how important individual representation is to the citizens of California.

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Cc: Honorable Robert Rivas, Speaker of the Assembly  
Honorable Mike McGuire, Senate Pro Tempore  
Honorable Gavin Newsom, Governor of California

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