FW: Oppose Assembly Bill 46

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From: <u>Transpac Foods</u>
To: <u>Michael Espinosa</u>
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Subject: Oppose Assembly Bill 46

Dear Legislative Assistant Michael Espinosa,

I am sending this message to urge you to oppose Assembly Bill 46 and the potential annexation of the City of Vernon by Los Angeles.

Our firm is a Federally Inspected Meat Processor Established in 1951. It is a high volume, low margin business that employees over 250 people. Most of our employees are from various minority groups and reside in the surrounding areas of Huntington Park, Bell, Maywood, East Los Angeles and Los Angeles.

Meat Processing and Cold Storage Companies are large power users and carry expensive inventories. As such, we are dependant on Vernon's reasonable power rates and Class 1 Fire Department.

The potential DWP power costs, lower Fire Department rating coupled with Los Angeles gross receipt taxes are more than enough to eliminate our profitability. Consequently, 250 families would lose their employment.

We respect our employees and hope that you will too.

Again, do not destroy a 60 year old company and countless jobs by attempting to Annex Vernon.

Respectfully submitted, William Hughes, CEO King Meat, Inc.

WH/cm