

February 8, 2011



Dear Councilmember Jan Perry,

I am the owner of Charlie's Pride Meats located in Vernon, California. Our company is strongly opposed to assembly bill 46 (Legislation to Disincorporate Vernon).

1. An annexation or a disincorporation has an equal, devastating impact to the Vernon business community
2. An annexation or a disincorporation will effect 100,000 jobs and 1,400 business that contribute to the Southern California economy
3. The City of Vernon's municipal model is unique and its tax structure and department services are designed to cater to business unlike any other city.
4. An annexation of Vernon into the City of L.A. will increase the costs to do business and will result in – loss of employees, loss of ability to provide benefits, closure of the company, moving the company out of state or out of country

Sincerely,

Jim Dickman  
Owner & C.E.O. of Charlie's Pride Meats