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SJR-3 The City of Eastvale: ZIP Code. (2023-2024)

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Senate Joint Resolution No. 3

CHAPTER 105

Relative to the City of Eastvale.

[Filed with Secretary of State June 20, 2023.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SJR 3, Roth. The City of Eastvale: ZIP Code.

This measure would urge the Congress of the United States to work with President Joseph R. Biden to authorize assigning the City of Eastvale an independent ZIP Code.

Fiscal Committee: no

WHEREAS, The City of Eastvale was incorporated on October 1, 2010. Located in the County of Riverside, before incorporation Eastvale was predominantly dairy farms and agricultural land; and

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service uses Zone Improvement Plan, commonly known as ZIP Codes, to route mail and deliver packages. ZIP Codes assist the United States Postal Service's obligation to provide quality mail delivery to the American public at reasonable prices; and

WHEREAS, The City of Eastvale shares the ZIP Code 91752 with the City of Jurupa Valley. The ZIP Code is coded as the former Mira Loma community, which was annexed by the Cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley. Additionally, the City of Eastvale also shares the ZIP Code 92880 with the City of Corona; and

WHEREAS, The City of Eastvale has grown exponentially in the last two decades and currently has a population of over 71,000 according to 2021 census information; and

WHEREAS, Since its incorporation, the City of Eastvale has experienced various challenges because it shares ZIP Codes with neighboring jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, It is difficult for certain businesses to expand in the City of Eastvale because commercial developers and businesses evaluate expansion decisions based on trade areas that are analyzed by ZIP Codes; and

WHEREAS, Because the City of Eastvale does not have its own ZIP Code, its population demographics and economic data are inaccurately represented in various Geographic Information System (GIS) platforms that entities utilize to inform commercial attractiveness, insurance payment rates, and sales tax distribution decisions; and

WHEREAS, Eastvale residents and visitors experience navigational and mail delivery challenges because many addresses in the City of Eastvale are incorrectly identified as being located in Corona, Jurupa Valley, or Mira Loma; and

WHEREAS, Having an address improperly associated with another city has led to increased insurance rates for Eastvale residents due to being grouped with other jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, Lack of a definitive ZIP Code causes confusion with voter registration, misdirected property, possible decreased sales tax revenue, and decreased property values because comparable sales are mixed with adjacent communities and are not exclusive to the City of Eastvale. Thus, the continuity of property values is disrupted; and

WHEREAS, The City of Eastvale is also concerned about possible delays in response efforts in the event of a large-scale emergency such as wildfire, which has become fairly common; and

WHEREAS, Eastvale residents' eligibility for sport league participation is impacted because many associations and sport entities set team limits and restrictions based on ZIP Codes; and

WHEREAS, The City of Eastvale's independent ZIP Code advocacy efforts have been widely supported by federal, state, county, and local community members, including United States Senator Alex Padilla, United States Senator Dianne Feinstein, United States Representative Ken Calvert, United States Representative Norma Torres, Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel, the City of Chino, the City of Corona, the City of Norco, and the City of Ontario, the Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce, the Eastvale Chamber of Commerce, the Eastvale Chinese American Association, the Eastvale Kiwanis Club, Norco College, and the Riverside County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, United States Representatives Ken Calvert and Norma Torres have introduced federal legislation granting the City of Eastvale a new and independent ZIP Code; and

WHEREAS, Granting the City of Eastvale a new and independent ZIP Code would address its emergency management, public safety, business attraction and retention, and insurance coverage challenges caused by factors that are outside of its control; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature urges the Congress of the United States to work with President Joseph R. Biden to authorize assigning the City of Eastvale an independent ZIP Code; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of this resolution to the President and the Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the author for appropriate distribution.