

Date of Hearing: June 7, 2023

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT
Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair
SJR 3 (Roth) – As Introduced February 28, 2023

SENATE VOTE: 36-0

SUBJECT: The City of Eastvale: ZIP Code.

SUMMARY: Urges the United States Congress to work with President Joseph R. Biden to authorize assigning the City of Eastvale (Eastvale) an independent Zone Improvement Plan (ZIP) Code. Specifically, **this resolution:**

- 1) States that Eastvale was incorporated on October 1, 2010. Located in the County of Riverside, before incorporation Eastvale was predominately dairy farms and agricultural land.
- 2) States that the United States Postal Service (USPS) uses ZIP Codes to route mail and deliver packages. ZIP Codes assist the USPS's obligation to provide quality mail delivery to the American public at reasonable prices.
- 3) States that 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 Eastvale and the City of Jurupa Valley. Additionally, Eastvale also shares the ZIP Code 92880 with the City of Corona.
- 4) States that Eastvale has grown exponentially in the last two decades and currently has a population of over 71,000 according to 2021 census information.
- 5) States that since its incorporation, Eastvale has experienced various challenges because it shares ZIP Codes with neighboring jurisdictions.
- 6) States that it is difficult for certain businesses to expand in Eastvale because commercial developers and businesses evaluate expansion decisions based on trade areas that are analyzed by ZIP Codes.
- 7) States that because 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.
- 8) States that Eastvale residents and visitors experience navigational and mail delivery challenges because many addresses in Eastvale are incorrectly identified as being located in Corona, Jurupa Valley, or Mira Loma.
- 9) States that having an address improperly associated with another city has led to increased insurance rates for Eastvale residents due to being grouped with other jurisdictions.
- 10) States that a 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 Eastvale. Thus, the continuity of property values is disrupted.

- 11) States that Eastvale is also concerned about possible delays in response efforts in the event of a large-scale emergency such as a wildfire, which has become fairly common.
- 12) States that Eastvale residents' eligibility for sport league participation is impacted because many associations and sport entities set team limits and restrictions based on ZIP Codes.
- 13) States that 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.
- 14) States that United States Representatives Ken Calvert and Norma Torres have introduced federal legislation granting the City of Eastvale a new and independent ZIP Code.
- 15) States that granting 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.
- 16) Resolves by the Senate and the Assembly of the State of California, jointly, that the Legislature urges Congress of the United State to work with President Joseph R. Biden to authorize assigning Eastvale an independent ZIP Code.
- 17) Resolves 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.

FISCAL EFFECT: None.

COMMENTS:

- 1) **Bill Summary and Author's Statement.** This resolution urges Congress to work with President Joseph R. Biden to authorize assigning Eastvale an independent ZIP Code. This measure is sponsored by Eastvale.

According to the author, "The lack of an independent ZIP Code has burdened Eastvale's residents with mail delivery disruptions, miscalculated insurance rates, business recruitment challenges, and potential emergency service delays. Understanding these impacts, I join the City of Eastvale, local Chambers of Commerce, county supervisors, and congressional members in calling upon the federal government to work with the United States Postal Service to grant the City of Eastvale a new and independent ZIP code."

- 2) **Arguments in Support.** According to Eastvale, “Eastvale currently has two ZIP Codes, 91752 and 92880, that are shared with the neighboring cities of Chino, Corona, and Jurupa Valley. ZIP Code 91752 is currently coded as Mira Loma; however, territories in the former unincorporated community of Mira Loma have now been fully annexed by the Cities of Eastvale and Jurupa Valley. Eastvale also shares ZIP Code 92880 with Chino and Corona. The lack of an independent ZIP Code has caused major challenges for local residents, businesses, city staff, and other community stakeholders...

“...While the City of Eastvale acknowledges that the United States Postal Service (USPS) is responsible for changing or adjusting ZIP Code boundaries, the City has experienced multiple denials from the USPS when requesting ZIP Code boundary reviews. At the congressional level, H.R. 696 and H.R. 860 were recently introduced to direct the USPS to grant Eastvale a new and independent ZIP Code...

“...We believe that granting Eastvale a new and independent ZIP Code would not only be beneficial for Eastvale's community identity, but addresses Eastvale's emergency management, public safety, business attraction and retention, and insurance coverage challenges that are outside of the City's control. Each of these issues severely impact a resident's physical, mental, and financial wellbeing. Eastvale's endeavor to advocate for an independent ZIP Code has been widely supported by a number of legislators and community organizations. As of March 1, 2023, a total of 1,041 residents submitted letters of support urging that a new and independent ZIP Code be granted to Eastvale.”

- 3) **Arguments in Opposition.** None on file.

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

City of Eastvale [SPONSOR]
City of Corona

Opposition

None on file

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