

Los Angeles Intergroup of Overeaters Anonymous Board Recommendation — Motion Before the Delegates

August 15, 2026

The Motion

The Los Angeles Intergroup Board, acting on recommendation of the joint merger committee, moves that the Los Angeles Intergroup place a moratorium on pursuing a merger with the San Fernando Valley Intergroup, until such time as a future board wishes to revisit the issue.

Why We Are Bringing This Forward

The joint merger committee — consisting of members from both the Los Angeles Intergroup and the San Fernando Valley Intergroup — collectively reviewed the merger proceedings and reached a unified conclusion that a moratorium is in the best interest of both fellowships. In the spirit of Concept Three, the LA Intergroup Board trusts in the leadership of the merger committee and their recommendation, and respectfully asks that our delegates do the same.

Background

When the original merger vote was taken, the LA Intergroup was navigating a period of uncertainty — limited board participation and organizational instability. That has changed. We now have an active board, a functioning digital infrastructure, and clear momentum. The conditions that made merger seem necessary no longer exist and the process currently outweighs its benefits for both intergroups.

The San Fernando Valley Intergroup is bringing a parallel recommendation to their own delegates. Both fellowships are arriving at this decision together. The SFV Intergroup is equally strong, and we look forward to continuing a collaborative relationship — supporting one another and serving the greater Los Angeles recovery community — while each serving our respective communities.

What This Motion Does and Does Not Do

- Places a moratorium on merger proceedings — both intergroups continue serving their memberships fully
- Leaves the door open — a future board may bring the question back to delegates at any time
- Requires no legal action — both entities remain legally separate and no filings have been made
- Does not affect the service, programming, or operations of either intergroup

Delegates may vote to accept this recommendation at this meeting, or make a motion from the floor to table and schedule a follow-up meeting if they wish to consult their groups first.
