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Concerned Bell residents and police officers unite to **STOP the abuse of taxpayers dollars!**

**Bell City Hall
6330 Pine Ave. • Bell, California 90201
Monday, 7:00 p.m.**

The Bell Association to Stop The Abuse or BASTA is a coalition of concerned Bell residents and the Bell Police Officers Association. Our mission is help restore good governance to the City of Bell by ending the abuse of Bell taxpayers' funds by various elected and appointed officials.

Due to the recent revelations in the Los Angeles Times of exorbitant salaries (nearly \$2-million) of Bell city officials we are calling for immediate action to correct these unethical and immoral abuses of taxpayer dollars.

This Monday we will gather at Bell City Hall to articulate our demands before Bell City Council members.

Our demands are as follows:

1. Immediate full disclosure of City of Bell administrative salaries and any retainer or projects contracts provided to outside consultants. This action will be followed by a forensic audit from a neutral 3rd party.
2. The immediate suspension of salaries and committee stipends of:

Bell City Manager Robert Rizzo
Bell Assistant City Manager, Angela Spaccia
Bell Chief of Police, Andy Adams
Bell City Council members: George Maribal, Luis Artiga, Teresa Jacobo,
Oscar Hernandez and Lorenzo Velez
3. The immediate establishment of a residents' committee to review and reestablish salaries at reasonable/market rates.
4. The immediate suspension of any plans to establish a regional police department or contract City of Bell policing responsibilities to any outside entity until reforms are established. This suspension of activities would also apply to any other actions by the Rancho San Antonio Police Authority (also known as the Authority and JPA).
5. An immediate end to the policy of Police Chief Randy Adams of impounding the vehicles of Bell residents. Many Bell officers are uncomfortable with the policy as it can lead to racial profiling. The policy also takes valuable time from officers hence impeding their duty to protect Bell residents from other more serious crimes.

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