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BASTA Welcomes Resignations, Reject Pension Packages and Applauds Attorney General Criminal Investigation!

BASTA (The Bell Association to Stop the Abuse) welcomes the resignations of City Manager Robert Rizzo, Assistant City Manager Angela Spazzio, and Police Chief Randy Adams as an important first step to bring good government reforms to the City of Bell.

However, per our demands we still seek the immediate resignation of Mayor Oscar Hernandez, Vice Mayor Teresa Jacobo, Councilman George Mirabal, and Councilman Luis Artiga.

The only condition in which we will cease to demand their resignation is if each of the above-mentioned council members agrees to adjust their salaries to be on par with the salary of Council member Lorenzo Velez.

Additionally, we demand the immediate freezing of any pension packages for Rizzo, Spazzio or Adams until an independent audit and criminal investigation of all city and police department expenditures can be conducted.

We also demand that City Council cease to take any action concerning the restructuring of the Bell Police Department until governance reforms have been fulfilled.

Finally, we are pleased that the Office of Attorney General Jerry Brown has agreed to launch a full investigation into any possible malfeasance and or misuse of public by any and all elected, appointed and selected Bell city officials.

BASTA is a coalition of Bell residents and the Bell Police Officers Association seeking to end the abuse of public funds by Bell city officials.

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