

# **The Bell Police Officers Association**

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### **Bell POA welcomes District Attorney’s investigation into alleged fraud, denounces possible rogue officers, officials**

The Bell Police Officers Association welcomes District Attorney Steve Cooley’s investigation into alleged voter fraud. This is further proof that law enforcement entities are responding correctly to the governance crisis in the City of Bell. It is important to note that it was a Bell police officer that brought these allegations forward.

If in fact these allegations are true, we denounce these rogue police officers and/or managers that took part in voter fraud activities. If there were rogue members of this police department partaking in such activities they were doing so at the direction of the administrators in the City of Bell. The police officer who brought this forward should be honored for his or her courage for standing up for justice and honesty in the City of Bell.

The police officers of Bell will continue to put their lives on the line for the residents. We know the citizens support our efforts to clean up the City and move forward in an honest and transparent manner. This is why the exposed former City administrators are pushing the City Council to disband the Police Department and have a third party take over. They have been exposed by the truth and their only response is to somehow punish the police officers and residents by eliminating the Police Department. We are hopeful the Council will not participate in this clearly retaliatory action.

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