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**BELL POA GIVES POLICE CHIEF
VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE**

Today the Bell Police Officer’s Association (Bell POA) gave a overwhelming vote of NO CONFIDENCE for the leadership of current Bell Chief of Police Randy Adams.

The vote comes after community protests of Adams’ exorbitant salary of \$457,000, which is twice that of City of Los Angeles Police Department Chief Charlie Beck. “Our police force is shrinking and Bell council members have OK’d this outrageous salary. It makes no sense. We could hire as many as fifteen new police officers with Adams’ salary,” said Bell POA President Gilbert Jara.

Jara cited a laundry list of additional grievances against Adams including:

As Chief of Police of the Glendale Police Department Adam’s had a series of leadership mishaps including several federal discrimination lawsuits by Glendale Police Officers.

Carr has no vision for the department. Rather he is working to disband the department and create a regional police force in which he would be police chief. This move has been orchestrated by Adam’s mentor Bell City Manger Robert Rizzo.

Carr’s policies of denying officers *shift changes* are in violation of the MOU with Bell Police Officers. The MOU guarantees Bell Police Officers *shift changes*. These shift changes are an important part of maintaining police morale as it gives officers the ability to appropriately plan child care and other family responsibilities.

Carr has forced police officers to conduct a so-called *Car Impound Policy*. This policy was implemented by Adams at the direction of City Manager Robert Rizzo as a means to raise revenues.

This policy has three fundamental flaws:

“A policy of randomly stopping cars and guessing if the person has a driver’s license or not can possibly lead to racial profiling. The Bell POA categorically rejects any policing policies in which racial profiling are or could be elements.

A policy of randomly stopping cars is a time consuming process. It often takes an officer as much as half to one third of their shift to process impounds. That is time that can be better spent fighting real crime like drugs and gangs.

A policy of randomly stopping cars forces Bell Police Officers into potentially and unnecessarily dangerous situations on a daily basis.”

The no confidence vote is advisory. The Bell POA is calling for the immediate resignation of Adams or Bell City Council members to take immediate action by relieving Police Chief Randy Carr of his duties.

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