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## **BASTA Leadership Makes Plea to County Supervisor Gloria Molina To Intervene With County Assessors' Office to Waive Proposed Fee To Return AB900 Refund to Bell Homeowners**

**BASTA** leadership is making a plea to the Office of County Supervisor Gloria Molina to intervene with the LA County Assessors' Office to waive a fee the County is proposing to charge the City of Bell to process the property tax refund. In auditing Bell's finances under the Robert Rizzo regime State Controller John Chiang concluded that Bell homeowners' were illegally charged \$3 million in property taxes last year. It is our understanding that under regular circumstances the County usually charges cities comparable to Bell \$80,000 - \$100,000 to process refunds.

However with the City of Bell facing a severe financial crisis as a direct result of the corrupt practices of the Robert Rizzo regime. In that context, **BASTA** leadership feels it is reasonable for Bell homeowners to urge Supervisor Molina to come to our aid and get the County to waive these fees. "Robert Rizzo and his minions left our city in a dire fiscal crisis. This money was gathered illegally, we need the County to help the City of Bell and it's residents in these extraordinary times," concluded **BASTA** representative Ali Saleh.

**BASTA** leadership welcomes our community and others interested in reviewing our demands for transparency to visit our website at **[basta4bell.com](http://basta4bell.com)**.

**BASTA** is a coalition of Bell residents, the Bell Police Officer's Association and AFSCME Council 36 who are committed to restoring ethical and honest governance to the City of Bell.

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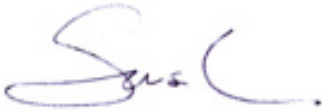


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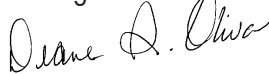
## BASTA LEADERSHIP:



Marcos Oliva,  
20 Years Bell Resident



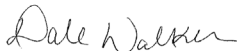
Susana Lopez,  
Lifelong Bell Resident



Diane Oliva,  
20 Years Bell Resident



Ali Saleh,  
Lifelong Resident



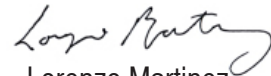
Dale Walker,  
20 Years Bell Resident



Marylou Gonzalez,  
28 Years Bell Resident



Fidencio Gallardo,  
16 Years Bell Resident



Lorenzo Martinez,  
35 Years Bell Resident,



Rodrigo Rodarte,  
31 Years Bell Resident,



Violeta Alvarez,  
31 Years Bell Resident



Alicia Romero,  
20 Years Bell Resident



Denisse Rodarte,  
Lifelong Bell Resident



Mario Estrada,  
5 Years Bell Resident



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