



## **BASTA welcomes dialogue with newly appointed Bell CAO Pedro Carrillo, calls for transparency**

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

BASTA welcomes newly appointed CAO Pedro Carrillo and ask that he make his sole mission that of bringing transparency and encouraging civic participation within the City of Bell. In addition BASTA demands that his only guiding principle is to rebuild the public's trust in their government. In the spirit of transparent and civically minded governance we are demanding the following from him:

- That he make public effective immediately all the terms of his contract.
- Suspended the salaries of Council members Hernandez, Jacobo, Maribal, and Artiga and bring them in line with that of council member Velez.
- That he cease to take any action concerning the restructuring of the Bell Police Department until governance reforms have been fulfilled. We want to make sure that the Bell Police officers continue to do their job and secure public safety. Any other action would be detrimental to public safety.
- That he provides documentation that in fact proves that there are no severance packages for Rizzo, Spaccia, or Adams.
- That he begin and continue a dialogue with the leadership of BASTA over the process to clean up government.

BASTA looks forward to working with CAO Pedro Carrillo in bringing good governance to the City of Bell and restoring the communities trust.

Finally, we await the results of the investigation by the Office of Attorney General Jerry Brown into any possible malfeasance and or misuse of public funds by any and all elected, appointed and selected Bell city officials. His thorough investigation is critical for rebuilding the public's trust in their government.

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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