



BELL ASOCIACIÓN PARA FRENAR EL ABUSO

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**BASTA Leadership Announces Rally
To Push For Locally Controlled Monitor,
Call on Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard
To Sponsor Federal Relief Fund For Financially Devastated Bell**

On Monday, **BASTA** members and other concerned Bell residents will gather for a March for Local Control. The Office of Attorney General has been weighing plans for a transitional government in Bell. That transition would govern Bell until a newly elected city council can be installed which most likely will not occur until March 2011.

“We have been discussing the several options the Attorney General has presented. However, we are adamantly opposed to receivership which is an assault on our local control,” said BASTA representative Dale Walker. “We strongly support a court appointed monitor who will work to bring transparency to the Bell residents while respecting local control,” concluded Mr. Walker.

Additionally, **BASTA** leadership is calling on Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard to craft emergency federal legislation to create a Federal Relief Fund for the City of Bell. The Relief Fund will seek to forgive and modify Bell’s current bond obligations and provide a much needed tax relief to property owners. “Bell property owners just received their taxes in the mail and it was so disheartening to see no real change in our taxes. Families are losing their homes because of these fraudulent bonds, we need help,” said BASTA representative Ali Saleh.

The Security and Exchange Commissions is launching a wide-ranging investigation into a \$70 million bond issue. The investigation will look into alleged fraud related to the bond issue. The City of Bell will owe \$31 million on November 1, 2010. “Not only did Robert Rizzo and his goons rip off Bell taxpayers, they strapped us with generations of debt. We’ll never rebuild Bell unless we get some fiscal relief,” said **BASTA** representative Marcos Olivas.

Today’s March for Local Control will be held at:

Bell City Hall
6330 Pine Ave, Bell CA 90201
6:00 PM-7:00 PM

BASTA leadership welcomes our community and others interested in reviewing our demands for transparency to visit our website at 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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