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BASTA Welcomes Resignation of Maywood City Manager Angela Spaccia, Termination of Edward Lee as Downey's City Attorney

BASTA (Bell Association to Stop the Abuse) welcomes the resignations of Maywood City Manager Angela Spaccia given her connection to crisis in the City of Bell. It continues to show that the community's efforts are working.

We are glad that the City of Downey took heed to the situation and relieved Edward Lee of his duties as city attorney. Lee bears some responsibility in this crisis by approving these contracts.

We also welcome the investigation and freeze of pensions that was called for by the CA pension board and we call for an open process during their investigation.

Again our goals are for full disclosure and rebuilding the public's trust in government. Thus, we are again calling on the city to provide proof that there are no severance packages for Rizzo, Spaccia, and Adams and a full disclosure of terms of their resignation.

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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