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BASTA Denounces Vice Mayor Jacobo's Public Relations Campaign To Justify Her Actions

Bell Vice Mayor Teresa Jacobo has launched a public relations campaign to try to justify her betrayal of Bell voters. Yesterday, she provided NBC Channel 4 with an extended interview. In the interview, a defiant Jacobo rejects calls for her resignation and even goes so far as to say, "If there's a recall, I will seek re-election."

She also makes the claim that the City of Bell is economically solvent saying, "Our numbers are way up high." This statement even though it is now clear that Bell residents pay the second highest property tax rates in Los Angeles County 1.55%. To put those rates in to perspective the working families of Bell pay \$1,800 more for every increment of \$400,000 in property value than residents of Malibu one of the nation's wealthiest communities. This is in addition to the fact that the City of Bell is more than \$150,000,000 in debt for the current fiscal year.

"Either Jacobo is totally misinformed or she is a co-conspirator in Rizzo and Adam's march of folly trying to cover her tracks. Either way she has betrayed Bell residents and should resign immediately or be recalled," said BASTA representative Dale Walker.

Jacobó goes on in the interview to try to justify the salary of former Bell City Manager Robert Rizzo claiming that he has done an "excellent job". The NBC Channel 4 segment ends with the most baffling statement of all asking, "I don't know what you feel I've done wrong?"

BASTA would like to clarify for Vice Mayor Jacobo exactly how she has betrayed Bell residents. Under her tenure on City Council:

She accepted a \$100,000 a year salary for part time work.

She voted for the outrageous yearly salaries of City Manager Robert Rizzo (\$787,637), Assistant City Manager Angela Spazzio (\$376,000), and Police Chief Randy Adams (\$457,000) even though these salaries far exceed equivalent salaries in other similar jurisdictions.

She supported a modified City Charter in a 2005 Special Election that handed near tyrannical powers to City Manager Robert Rizzo.

She has supported Rizzo and Adam's abusive policy of Vehicle Impounds even after protest by local residents and the Bell Police Officers Association.

Has resisted efforts by fellow Council member Lorenzo Velez to immediately turn over official Bell city records.

Rather than trying to justify her actions BASTA calls on Jacobo to resign immediately along with fellow council members Hernandez, Artiga and Maribal or face a recall by Bell residents.

The Bell Association to Stop The Abuse or BASTA is a coalition of concerned Bell residents and the Bell Police Officers Association that is dedicated to restoring clean and ethical governance for the residents of the City of Bell.

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