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**BASTA Protests Leading to Reform of Bell Governance.
BASTA Will Continue To Call For Changes Until Honest
and Ethical Government is Restored.**

The Bell Association to Stop The Abuse or BASTA, a coalition of concerned Bell residents and the Bell Police Officers Association, is pleased to report that our movement to end the abuse of Bell taxpayer dollars has seen significant progress, in meeting our goals, over the last two and a half weeks. Among the major victories that have been a direct result of our demands are:

The resignation of City Manager Robert Rizzo, Assistant City Manager Angela Spaccia, and Police Chief Randy Adams.

The launching of a forensic audit and criminal investigation by the offices of State Controller John Chiang and Attorney General Jerry Brown, respectively.

The suspension of pensions for Rizzo, Spaccia and Adams by CalPERS officials until state criminal probes are complete.

The addition to of our coalition of Bell Councilman Lorenzo Velez (the only member of the council NOT receiving an outrageously high salary).

The reduction in salaries of Council members Hernandez, Mirabal, Jacobo, and Artiga to conform to that of Coucil member Lorenzo Velez.

The public statement by Council members Jacobo, Mirabal, and Velez that they vow to leave the Bell police department intact.

The resignation of Spaccia as the Interim City Manager for the City of Maywood.

“These are no doubt major victories. But BASTA will not be satisfied until we are certain that honest and ethical City of Bell elected officials are in place,” said BASTA representative Denise Rodarte. “Therefore we have further demands,” she added.

Among those demands that will be articulated at a rally outside Bell City Hall tonight are:

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The immediate resignation of Council members Hernandez, Mirabal, Jacobo, and Artiga.

The immediate turning over of information on salaries, pensions and city contracts and an inventory of city-owned real estate to Council member Lorenzo Velez.

The suspension of so-called monthly consulting retainers and the suspension of any monies to the Southeast Schools Coalition until thorough state audits and criminal investigations are completed.

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

Tonight's rally will be held in front of Bell City Hall, 6330 Pine Ave. Bell, California 90201 at 6 P.M.

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