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BASTA Denounces Abusive Salaries of Additional Bell Administrators and City of Bell's Deceptive Document That Diverts Attention From Council member's, Rizzo, Adams' and Spazzio's Abuses

Bell Interim City Manager Pedro Carrillo and newly appointed City Attorney Jamie Casso held a press conference earlier today announcing the posting of a document itemizing the salaries of Bell city employees as ordered by State Controller John Chiang. They claimed it was a move toward transparency in the City of Bell.

"The document is anything but transparent and seems to be another attempt by Bell administrators to keep facts about abuse of public funds from Bell taxpayers," said BASTA representative Violeta Alvarez.

She continues, "What the document does reveal is that Rizzo's abuses extended to every administrative position in the City of Bell. More than \$45,000 a month in administrative salaries. That is an outrage!"

However, the document found online at <http://www.bellcityclerk.org> fails to disclose any information concerning the compensation of Hernandez, Maribal, Artiga, and Jacobo in relation to the following boards:

- The Public Finance Board
- Community Redevelopment Agency
- The Community Housing Authority
- The Planning Commission
- The Surplus Property Authority
- The Solid Waste and Recycling Authority

Based on the findings from this document BASTA is demanding the immediate resignation of other administrators making disproportional salaries as compared to their contemporaries in other cities including:

Director of Administrative Services	\$422,707.09
Director of General Services	\$421,402.33
Director of Community Services	\$273,542.21
Deputy Engineer	\$247,573.86
Business Development Coordinator	\$195,627.76

Additionally, we are calling for an immediate explanation from city administrators as to the scope of services of each of the administrative positions.

"The remnants of the Rizzo administration that are still running the city must think BASTA's leaders are not paying attention to details. We certainly are! They can't simply release information riddled with half-truths and call it transparency. We will not stop until ethical and honest government is restored to the City of Bell," concludes BASTA spokesperson Cristina Garcia.

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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