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BASTA Leadership Hails District Attorney Steve Cooley's Arrest of Rizzo, Current and Former Councilmembers, Calls for Resignation of Arrested Councilmembers, Urges Community to Sign Recall Petition

Today, District Attorney Steve Cooley arrested eight former and current Bell city leaders and administrators. The charges against them listed a number of offenses including misuse of public funds and fraud.

BASTA has long asserted that the abuses in Bell went far beyond excessive salaries and current council members or city administrators. These arrests further validate our aggressive efforts in asking Resign, Recall, Respond, Repay.

The arrested parties were former City Manager Robert Rizzo, former Assistant City Manager Angela Spaccia, Councilmembers Teresa Jacobo, George Mirabal, Luis Artiga, and Oscar Hernandez, and former councilmembers George Cole and Victor Bello. Not included was current councilmember Lorenzo Velez.

The arrests are a step in the right direction and part of the healing process. However, until there are convictions of every councilmember and former city administrator guilty of criminal actions against the citizens of Bell BASTA leadership, members and Bell residents will not feel justice has been met.

BASTA leadership is encouraging Bell resident to continue to seek ethical and just leadership. The first step is to recall city council members that have now been charged with crimes against our community — Jacobo, Hernandez, Mirabal, and Artiga.

Signature drives will be launched at **BASTA's** offices:

4027 Gage Ave

Bell CA 90201

8am-8pm

BASTA meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month at the El Hussein Community Center. Meetings are open to the public.

BASTA is a coalition of Bell residents, the Bell Police Officer's Association and AFSCME Council 39 who are committed to restoring ethical and honest governance to the City of Bell.

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