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**CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**  
**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

**THIS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON, TELEPHONICALLY AND ELECTRONICALLY AT THE FOLLOWING:**

**CITY OF COMMERCE  
ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCE ROOM  
2535 COMMERCE WAY  
COMMERCE, CA 90040**

**TELECONFERENCE PHONE NUMBER: (669) 900-6833, 6476620089#**

**ELECTRONICALLY AT ZOOM MEETING ID: 647 662 0089**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023**

**10:00 A.M.**

**A G E N D A**

**CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Board Members:     Alejandra Cortez, Vice Chair - *Bell Gardens*  
                              Hugo Argumedo, Chair – *Commerce*  
                              Emma Sharif, Treasurer – *Compton*  
                              Martin Fuentes, Member – *Cudahy*  
                              Victor Farfan, Secretary – *Hawaiian Gardens*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

***Public participation is now open. The members of the audience now have the right to speak on agenda items and any item under the jurisdiction of the Authority. This***

***period will be limited to thirty minutes, with no more than three minutes for each speaker. Anyone desiring to speak during the public comment period must submit an email request [juan@sixheron.com](mailto:juan@sixheron.com), or to the Authority Secretary via Zoom prior to the close of public participation. Due to policy and Brown Act requirements, action will not be taken on any issues not on the Agenda.***

*Please state your name and address clearly.*

### **NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

1. Welcome – City of Commerce.
2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the May 17, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board.
3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated June 21, 2023.
4. Status update & report from California Advocacy, LLC with respect to legislative matters.
5. Report of General Counsel  
  
Pursuant to Government Code § 54954.2 (a)(3) – A report to the Board of Directors and the public on General Counsel’s activities, including compliance efforts, approval of contracts as to form, receipt of notices, and requests to place matters on subsequent agendas (excluding any matters qualifying for closed session consideration).
6. Executive Director Report/Summary

### **NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION**

7. None

### **CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

***This is the time and place for the Chairman and Board Members to report on any other items of interest. Upon request by an individual Board Member, the Authority may choose to take action on any of the subject matters listed below.***

Vice Chair Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Chair Argumedo (Commerce)

California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority  
Regular Meeting of June 21, 2023

Treasurer Sharif (Compton)

Member Fuentes (Cudahy)

Secretary Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

**ADJOURN**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 19, 2023, in the City of Bell Gardens.



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**CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS  
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
21815 PIONEER BOULEVARD  
HAWAIIAN GARDENS, CA 90716**

**TELECONFERENCE PHONE NUMBER: (669) 900-6833, 6476620089#**

**ELECTRONICALLY AT ZOOM MEETING ID: 647 662 0089**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17, 2023**

**10:16 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Hugo Argumedo, *Chair – Commerce*  
Alejandra Cortez, *Vice Chair – Bell Gardens* (**ABSENT**)  
Victor Farfan, *Secretary – Hawaiian Gardens*  
Emma Sharif, *Treasurer – Compton*  
Martin Fuentes, *Member – Cudahy* (**VIRTUAL PARTICIPATION –  
UNFORESEEN EMERGENCY CIRCUMSTANCES**)

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Linda Hollinsworth, Francois McGinnis, Marvin Pineda, Peter Simeonov, Victor Ponto,  
JC Garza, Juan Garza

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

1. Welcome – City of Hawaiian Gardens.

Secretary Victor Farfan of the City of Hawaiian Gardens welcomed the JPA Board and staff to the City.

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Secretary Farfan moved and Treasurer Sharif seconded to approve the Minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Absent
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated May 17, 2023.

Treasurer Sharif moved and Secretary Farfan seconded to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Absent
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

4. Status update & report from California Advocacy, LLC with respect to legislative matters.

Mr, Marvin Pineda provided a comprehensive report on Moratorium Legislation, potential Bureau of Gambling Control Regulations and Private Right of Action Legislation.

Treasurer Sharif moved and Secretary Farfan seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Absent
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

5. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution acknowledging the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority's past administrative transition in 2019 and 2020.

Executive Director Garza provided a brief summary on the prior JPA administration being relieved of duty in the middle of FY 2019-2020, and upon their departure failing to transfer any and all documents of the JPA despite numerous efforts of current JPA administration & general counsel to take possession of them, including agendas and minutes.

Per Board directive during the April 19 meeting of the Board, Mr. Garza then presented a resolution acknowledging the JPA's past administrative transition and related failure of its past administration to supply the JPA its material effects.

Secretary Farfan moved and Treasurer Sharif seconded to adopt Resolution No. 23-03.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Absent
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

6. Consideration and request for approval of contract between the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority and Gruber & Lopez, Inc for Financial Statements Auditing Services (As of and for the Years Ended June 30, 2021, 2022 and 2023).

Executive Director Garza provided a brief background regarding prior auditing firm experiences for JPA staff, and then presented proposals received from Gruber & Lopez, Inc to perform upcoming JPA financial audits, including their lengthy experience working with municipalities.

Secretary Farfan moved and Treasurer Sharif seconded to approve a contract with Gruber & Lopez, Inc for Financial Statements Auditing Services.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Absent
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

7. Consideration and possible action regarding FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget.

Mr. Garza presented the FY 2023-2024 proposed budget.

Mr. Garza noted that for prior Fiscal Year 2022-2023 budget, the JPA experienced lower actuals in revenues in the amount of \$30,000 due to the unanticipated withdrawal of the Bicycle Casino's support and contribution. Due to this, the proposed FY 2023-2024 JPA budget reflects and overall reduction of \$7,500 in revenues, it anticipates ongoing overall annual cardroom support of \$70,000/yr, and proposes increases in member city dues of \$5,000 each, except for City of Cudahy whose increase would be \$2,500.

Mr. Garza then summarized proposed FY 2022-2023 budget and detailed staff's assessment and recommendations on how to invest resources and maximize return for the JPA, its members and partner cardrooms.

Proposal for a balanced budget for FY 2023-2024:

- 1) Balanced annual budget at \$227,500.
- 2) Increases in fees for member cities (\$157,500).
- 3) No increases in fees for cardrooms (\$70,000).
- 4) Expenses lowered (\$227,500).
- 5) Board member stipends: Increased by \$375 due to anticipated special board meetings that may arise regarding additional cardroom regulations.
- 6) Executive Director: no increase.
- 7) Operational Expenses: no increase.
- 8) Legal Services: Reduced by \$10,525/yr. Reflects actuals from last year as well anticipated legal activities that may arise regarding additional cardroom regulations.
- 9) Financial Services: Reduced by \$1,500/yr reflecting rate from new auditing firm.
- 10) Legislative Lobbying: no increase.
- 11) Communications: Increased by \$4,200 reflecting actuals for services provided.
- 12) Contingency: Remain at \$0, to ensure a lean and effective budget.

Treasurer Sharif moved and Secretary Farfan seconded to approve the FY 2023-2024 Annual Budget, as presented.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Absent
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

8. Report of General Counsel

No report.

9. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- 2) Statewide Cardroom Moratorium AB 341 – Recent Changes / Governor’s anticipated signature
- 3) Player Rotation Preparation
- 4) Potential Private Right of Action Legislation

Treasurer Sharif moved and Secretary Farfan seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Absent
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

**NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION**

10. None

**CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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Member Fuentes (Cudahy)

Secretary Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Treasurer Sharif (Compton)

Vice Chair Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Chair Argumedo (Commerce)

**ADJOURN (11:20 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, in the City of Bell Gardens.

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Hugo Argumedo, Chair

ATTEST:

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Victor Farfan, Secretary



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**CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE  
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY**

**WARRANT REPORT AND FINANCIAL  
SUMMARY – MAY 2023**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2023.**

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**BALANCE SHEET**

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6/15/2023

2:33 pm

City of Hawaiian Gardens

As of: 5/31/2023

Balances

Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE

Assets

1000.0000 CASH

98,965.66

Total Assets

98,965.66

Liabilities

2100.0000 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

13,204.00

2182.0000 UNEARNED REVENUE

0.01

Total Liabilities

13,204.01

Reserves/Balances

2900.0000 FUND BALANCE-UNASSIGNED

73,542.25

2920.0000 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

12,219.40

Total Reserves/Balances

85,761.65

Total Liabilities & Balances

98,965.66

**Edit List of Invoices - Summary**

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Date: 06/15/2023

Time: 2:34 pm

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City of Hawaiian Gardens

Ref. No.	Vendor Name	Invoice No.	Posting Date	PONumber	Invoice Date	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount	
171599	HUGO ARGUMEDO	2023-05-17	05/17/2023		05/17/2023	05.17.23 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>	
171600	VICTOR FARFAN	2023-05-17	05/17/2023		05/17/2023	05.17.23 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>	
171604	JUAN GARZA	2023-05-31	05/31/2023		05/31/2023	MAY 2023 SALARY	5,000.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>5,000.00</u>	
171602	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	22283	05/31/2023		05/31/2023	MAY 2023 SVCS - GENERAL	788.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>788.00</u>	
171603	EVELYN PINEDA	2023-05-31	05/31/2023		05/31/2023	MAY 2023 SVCS	6,666.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>6,666.00</u>	
171601	EMMA SHARIF	2023-05-17	05/17/2023		05/17/2023	05.17.23 MTG STIPEND	250.00	
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>	
							Grand Total:	13,204.00
							Less Credit Memos:	<u>0.00</u>
							Net Total:	13,204.00
							Less Hand Check Total:	<u>0.00</u>
							Outstanding Invoice Total:	13,204.00
Total Invoices: 6								

**REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT**  
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City of Hawaiian Gardens

For the Period: 7/1/2022 to 5/31/2023	Original Bud.	Amended Bud.	YTD Actual	CURR MTH	Encumb. YTD	UnencBal	% Bud
<b>Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE</b>							
<b>Revenues</b>							
Function:							
Dept: 0000 ASSETS							
Acct Class: REV REVENUE							
3742.0050 JPA MEMBERSHIP FUNDING	135,000.00	135,000.00	105,000.00	0.00	0.00	30,000.00	77.8
3742.0052 CASINO DONATIONS	100,000.00	100,000.00	70,000.00	7,500.00	0.00	30,000.00	70.0
REVENUE	235,000.00	235,000.00	175,000.00	7,500.00	0.00	60,000.00	74.5
ASSETS	235,000.00	235,000.00	175,000.00	7,500.00	0.00	60,000.00	74.5
Function:	235,000.00	235,000.00	175,000.00	7,500.00	0.00	60,000.00	74.5
Revenues	235,000.00	235,000.00	175,000.00	7,500.00	0.00	60,000.00	74.5
<b>Expenditures</b>							
Function:							
Dept: 4908 JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY							
Acct Class: OPER OPERATING COSTS							
4200.0050 CONTRACT SVC-EX DIR JPA	80,925.00	80,925.00	55,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	25,925.00	68.0
4200.0052 COMMUNICATIONS	10,200.00	10,200.00	12,000.00	0.00	0.00	-1,800.00	117.6
4202.0000 AUDIT SERVICES	8,000.00	8,000.00	700.00	0.00	0.00	7,300.00	8.8
4211.0000 MEETING STIPENDS	16,875.00	16,875.00	11,500.00	750.00	0.00	5,375.00	68.1
4213.0000 OTHER OPERATING COSTS	9,000.00	9,000.00	54.85	0.00	0.00	8,945.15	0.6
4250.0001 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE/JPA	80,000.00	80,000.00	73,326.00	6,666.00	0.00	6,674.00	91.7
4252.0000 SPECIAL COUNSEL - CONTRACT	30,000.00	30,000.00	10,199.75	788.00	0.00	19,800.25	34.0
OPERATING COSTS	235,000.00	235,000.00	162,780.60	13,204.00	0.00	72,219.40	69.3
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY	235,000.00	235,000.00	162,780.60	13,204.00	0.00	72,219.40	69.3
Function:	235,000.00	235,000.00	162,780.60	13,204.00	0.00	72,219.40	69.3
Expenditures	235,000.00	235,000.00	162,780.60	13,204.00	0.00	72,219.40	69.3
Net Effect for CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE	0.00	0.00	12,219.40	-5,704.00	0.00	-12,219.40	0.0
Change in Fund Balance:			12,219.40				
Net Effect for SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	0.00	0.00	12,219.40	-5,704.00	0.00	-12,219.40	
Grand Total Net Effect:	0.00	0.00	12,219.40	-5,704.00	0.00	-12,219.40	



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**June 21, 2023**

## **California Update: Agenda**

1. SB 549 (Newman) – Gaming: Tribal Declaratory Relief Act of 2023
2. Bureau of Gambling Control Regulations



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**TO:** Honorable Chair and Members of the Governing Board

**FROM:** Juan Garza, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** **Executive Director Report/Summary**

**DATE:** June 21, 2023

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- 1) SB 549 (Newman) – Tribal Rotation Bill
- 2) Attorney General Bonta Discussions
- 3) JPA Website & Newsletter Services – CampaignRep/Next Steps