



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, DECEMBER 20, 2023

10:00 A.M.

A G E N D A

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Board Members: Francis De Leon Sanchez, Treasurer - *Bell Gardens*
Hugo Argumedo, Member – *Commerce*
Emma Sharif, *Vice Chair* – *Compton*
Martin Fuentes, Secretary – *Cudahy*
Victor Farfan, Chair – *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, 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. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board.
2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated December 20, 2023.
3. Status update & report from California Advocacy, LLC with respect to legislative & regulatory matters.
4. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2024.
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. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1)
 - Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Executive Director)
8. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6(a)
 - Conference with Labor Negotiators
 - Agency designated representatives: Board Members
 - Unrepresented employee: Juan Garza, Executive Director

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.

Treasurer De Leon Sanchez (Bell Gardens)

Member Argumedo (Commerce)

Vice Chair Sharif (Compton)

Secretary Fuentes (Cudahy)

Chair 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, January 17, 2024, in the City of Compton.



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

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER – 2nd FLOOR, CITY HALL
7100 GARFIELD AVENUE
BELL GARDENS, CA 90201**

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

ELECTRONICALLY AT ZOOM MEETING ID: 647 662 0089

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023

10:14 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

- Victor Farfan, *Chair – Hawaiian Gardens*
- Emma Sharif, *Vice Chair – Compton* (**ABSENT**)
- Martin Fuentes, *Secretary – Cudahy*
- Francis De Leon Sanchez, *Treasurer – Bell Gardens*
- Hugo Argumedo, *Member – Commerce*

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Brian Bravo, Marvin Pineda, Michael O'Kelly, Stephanie Arechiga, Juan Garza

AGENDA REORGANIZATION

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Brian Bravo, new field representative from the office of U.S. Congressman Robert Garcia's office, introduced himself.

NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Member Argumedo moved and Treasurer De Leon Sanchez seconded to approve the Minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated November 15, 2023.

Executive Director Garza requested the board's consideration of amending the as-presented Financial Summary and Warrant Register, due to an error in the listing of invoices, specifically the inclusion of compensation for Secretary Fuentes for the JPA Board meeting of October 18, 2023. Executive Director Garza requested an amended report that did not include that specific line entry, with the balance of the report to be maintained as presented.

Member Argumedo moved and Treasurer De Leon Sanchez seconded to receive and file an amended Financial Summary and Warrant Register, as requested..

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Mr, Marvin Pineda provided a comprehensive report on the ongoing process of the Bureau of Gambling Control Concept Regulations on Blackjack & Rotation Impacts. Initial comments by all stakeholders, including the JPA, JPA member cities and cardrooms were submitted by Thursday October 26. Its public vetting and review process will take approximately two years starting with a initial draft public scoping review that will include an impact analysis. After comprehensive assessment, JPA and JPA member cities comments to Attorney General Bonta focused on the need for an inclusive process, need for the Bureau to ensure it performs a wide-ranging and comprehensive impact analysis that includes those to cities, communities and residents, and a reminder of the anticipated yet preventable devastation these proposed regulations will have on our JPA member cities and surrounding communities..

He also reported on SB 549 (Newman) and its status as a 2-year bill available to be reconsidered next year. Specifically, there will be an anti-SB 549 Rally Day in Sacramento on January 9. Lastly, he noted that while not yet confirmed, there exists a possibility that a new, SB-549-type bill may be introduced by another member of the legislature.

Lastly on stakeholder engagement, Mr. Pineda requested support on the gathering of letters of engagement from JPA City-based local community groups who benefit from local revenues realized by cardrooms.

Treasurer De Leon Sanchez moved and Member Argumedo seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Discussion and possible action regarding Authority's website.

Executive Director Garza reported on the current state of the JPA's website. Specifically, he reported that (1) ownership of the JPA's website credentials has been acquired by JPA staff from representatives of the now-defunct CampaignRep company who had previously provided website development and operational services. He then (2) requested guidance from the JPA Board on their desired next steps with regard to the JPA website including in-kind website development and management services by a JPA member city, continuing with Mr. Pinda's in-

kind website development and management services, or draft and solicit outside compensated website vendor services via RFP.

Executive Director Garza recommended JPA staff draft an RFP for solicitation of JPA website development & management services, to be brought back in the near future for review, distribution to vendors, promotion, acceptance of proposals, and for vendor consideration and final selection by the JPA Board.

Member Argumedo moved and Secretary Fuentes seconded to accept staff's recommendation.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

5. Report of General Counsel

No report.

6. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) Upcoming Anti-SB 549 (Newman) opposition rally and press conference on Dember 6, 2023 at the district office of Senator Newman in the City of Fullerton.
- 2) Attorney General Bonta Proposed Regulations – Industry Effects, Process & Next Steps
- 3) UPDATE: Fall JPA Conference potential sites being considered for subsequent approval by our cardroom partners to take place October 17 & 18. Next steps to be reported to Board during next month's meeting.

Member Argumedo moved and moved and Secretary Fuentes seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION - (11:34 AM)

7. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1)
 - Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Executive Director)
8. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6(a)
 - Conference with Labor Negotiators
 - Agency designated representatives: Board Members
 - Unrepresented employee: Juan Garza, Executive Director

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - (11:44 AM)

The JPA Board reconvened to open session.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Legal Counsel reported on closed session item:

No reportable action; agenda items #7 and #8 continued to the JPA Board meeting of Wednesday, December 20, 2023.

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Member Argumedo (Commerce)

Treasurer De Leon Sanchez (Bell Gardens)

Secretary Fuentes (Cudahy)

Chair Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

ADJOURN (11:45 AM)

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, in the City of Commerce.

Victor Farfan, Chair

ATTEST:

Martin Fuentes, Secretary



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

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2023.

BALANCE SHEET

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12/19/2023

12:59 pm

City of Hawaiian Gardens

As of: 11/30/2023

Balances

Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE

Assets

1000.0000 CASH

224,056.97

Total Assets

224,056.97

Liabilities

2100.0000 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

14,054.76

Total Liabilities

14,054.76

Reserves/Balances

2900.0000 FUND BALANCE-UNASSIGNED

101,191.32

2920.0000 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

108,810.89

Total Reserves/Balances

210,002.21

Total Liabilities & Balances

224,056.97

Edit List of Invoices - Summary

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Date: 12/18/2023

Time: 5:31 pm

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City of Hawaiian Gardens

Ref. No.	Vendor Name	Invoice No.	Posting Date	PO Number	Invoice Date	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount
174563	HUGO ARGUMEDO	2023-11-15	11/15/2023		11/15/2023	11.15.23 MTG STIPEND	250.00
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>
174564	VICTOR FARFAN	2023-11-15	11/15/2023		11/15/2023	11.15.23 MTG STIPEND	250.00
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>
174565	MARTIN U FUENTES	2023-11-15	11/15/2023		11/15/2023	11.15.23 MTG STIPEND	125.00
						Vendor Total:	<u>125.00</u>
174567	JUAN GARZA	2023-11-30	11/30/2023		11/30/2023	NOV 2023 SALARY	5,000.00
						Vendor Total:	<u>5,000.00</u>
174568	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	23827	11/30/2023		11/30/2023	NOV 2023 SVCS - GENERAL	560.00
174569	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	23828	11/30/2023		11/30/2023	NOV 2023 SVCS - BOARD MEETIN	953.76
						Vendor Total:	<u>1,513.76</u>
174570	EVELYN PINEDA	2023-12-04	11/30/2023		12/04/2023	NOV 2023 SVCS	6,666.00
						Vendor Total:	<u>6,666.00</u>
174566	FRANCIS DE LEON SANCHEZ	2023-11-15	11/15/2023		11/15/2023	11.15.23 MTG STIPEND	250.00
						Vendor Total:	<u>250.00</u>
Grand Total:							14,054.76
Less Credit Memos:							<u>0.00</u>
Net Total:							14,054.76
Less Hand Check Total:							<u>0.00</u>
Outstanding Invoice Total:							14,054.76
Total Invoices: 8							

REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT
12/20/2023 JPA MEETING

City of Hawaiian Gardens

For the Period: 7/1/2023 to 11/30/2023	Original Bud.	Amended Bud.	YTD Actual	CURR MTH	Encumb. YTD	UnencBal	% Bud
Fund Type: SR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS							
Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE							
Revenues							
Function:							
Dept: 0000 ASSETS							
Acct Class: REV REVENUE							
3742.0050 JPA MEMBERSHIP FUNDING	157,500.00	157,500.00	157,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.0
3742.0052 CASINO DONATIONS	70,000.00	70,000.00	35,000.00	17,500.00	0.00	35,000.00	50.0
REVENUE	227,500.00	227,500.00	192,500.00	17,500.00	0.00	35,000.00	84.6
ASSETS	227,500.00	227,500.00	192,500.00	17,500.00	0.00	35,000.00	84.6
Function:	227,500.00	227,500.00	192,500.00	17,500.00	0.00	35,000.00	84.6
Revenues	227,500.00	227,500.00	192,500.00	17,500.00	0.00	35,000.00	84.6
Expenditures							
Function:							
Dept: 4908 JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY							
Acct Class: OPER OPERATING COSTS							
4200.0050 CONTRACT SVC-EX DIR JPA	80,925.00	80,925.00	25,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	55,925.00	30.9
4200.0052 COMMUNICATIONS	14,400.00	14,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,400.00	0.0
4202.0000 AUDIT SERVICES	6,500.00	6,500.00	13,000.00	0.00	0.00	-6,500.00	200.0
4211.0000 MEETING STIPENDS	17,250.00	17,250.00	5,125.00	875.00	0.00	12,125.00	29.7
4213.0000 OTHER OPERATING COSTS	9,000.00	9,000.00	119.40	0.00	0.00	8,880.60	1.3
4250.0001 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE/JPA	80,000.00	80,000.00	33,330.00	6,666.00	0.00	46,670.00	41.7
4252.0000 SPECIAL COUNSEL - CONTRACT	19,425.00	19,425.00	7,114.71	1,513.76	0.00	12,310.29	36.6
OPERATING COSTS	227,500.00	227,500.00	83,689.11	14,054.76	0.00	143,810.89	36.8
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY	227,500.00	227,500.00	83,689.11	14,054.76	0.00	143,810.89	36.8
Function:	227,500.00	227,500.00	83,689.11	14,054.76	0.00	143,810.89	36.8
Expenditures	227,500.00	227,500.00	83,689.11	14,054.76	0.00	143,810.89	36.8
Net Effect for CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE	0.00	0.00	108,810.89	3,445.24	0.00	-108,810.89	0.0
Change in Fund Balance:			108,810.89				
Net Effect for SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	0.00	0.00	108,810.89	3,445.24	0.00	-108,810.89	
Grand Total Net Effect:	0.00	0.00	108,810.89	3,445.24	0.00	-108,810.89	



December 20, 2023

California Update: Agenda

1. Bureau of Gambling Control –Concept Regulations Proposed on September 11, 2023
2. SB 549 (Newman) – Tribal Declaratory Relief Act
3. Stakeholder Outreach



TO: Honorable Chairperson and Members of the Governing Board

FROM: Juan Garza, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Consideration and possible action to Receive and File Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2024.

DATE: December 20, 2023

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Meetings of the Board of Directors of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority (Board) are generally held on the third Wednesday of each month at 10 am, unless special circumstances necessitate a 'Special Meeting' to be called into effect.

In addition, per Board direction during the regular meeting of the Board in January 2023, the JPA will continue the tradition of each member city hosting in-person regular meetings of the Board on a monthly rotating basis in alphabetical order of the names of our member cities during which all member city representatives, stakeholders, and members of the public may attend, observe and participate.

Lastly, in addition to in-person participation of the Board meetings, remote/telephonic will also be offered to the above groups as permitted by law, the Board and technical availability.

In compliance with the above, the following meeting dates are presented to the Board for review, modification and/or approval for calendar year 2024.

PROPOSED BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES – 2024:

- Wednesday, January 17, 2024 Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Compton*)
- Wednesday, February 21, 2024 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Cudahy*)
- Wednesday, March 20, 2024 Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Hawaiian Gardens*)
- Wednesday, April 17, 2024 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Bell Gardens*)
- Wednesday, May 15, 2024 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Commerce*)
- Wednesday, June 19, 2024 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Compton*)
- Wednesday, July 17, 2024 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Cudahy*)
- Wednesday August 21, 2024 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Hawaiian Gardens*)
- Wednesday, September 18, 2024 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Bell Gardens*)
- Wednesday, October 16, 2024 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Commerce*)
- Wednesday, November 20, 2024 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Compton*)
- Wednesday, December 18, 2024 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Cudahy*)

RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BOARD

- 1) Receive and File Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2024; or
- 2) Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.



TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Governing Board

FROM: Juan Garza, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Executive Director Report/Summary**

DATE: December 20, 2023

- 1) Press Conferences (12/06/23 Fullerton & 01/09/24 Sacramento) - SB 549 (Newman) – Tribal Rotation Bill Efforts
- 2) Attorney General Bonta Proposed Regulations – JPA & Cities Response Letters
- 3) Fall 2024 JPA Conference – Updates
- 4) Ad Hoc Committee Concept – External Support from Local Schools, Fire & Law Enforcement