



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, OCTOBER 9, 2024

11:00 A.M.

A G E N D A

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. 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.

4. NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

4-1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the September 11, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board.

4-2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the September 18, 2024 Special Meeting of the Board.

4-3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated October 9, 2024.

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

4-5. Consideration and possible action on legislative & regulatory matters.

4-6. Discussion and possible direction regarding addition of member cities and possible amendment of bylaws.

5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

5-1. General Counsel's Report

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).

5-2. Executive Director's Report

6. NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION

6-1. None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

8. 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.

Member Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Secretary Argumedo (Commerce)

Treasurer Fuentes (Cudahy)

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez (Bell Gardens)

Chair Sharif (Compton)

9. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held November 13, 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, SEPTEMBER 11, 2024

11:12 AM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez called the meeting to order at 11:12 am and performed a roll call. Quorum was established under the following participation:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Secretary Argumedo moved and Member Farfan seconded to approve the agenda as posted and presented.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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| Bell Gardens | Yes |
| Commerce | Yes |

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| Compton | Absent |
| Cudahy | Absent |
| Hawaiian Gardens | Yes |

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following individuals were present during the meeting: Stephanie Arechiga, Mike O'Kelly, Gary Townsend, Gisselle Delgado, Ernie Hernandez. Juan Garza (Covid) & Marvin Pineda participated via Zoom.

Ms. Joy Harn provided the following statement electronically, and was read by General Counsel Arechiga on her behalf:

“On July 24, 2024, shortly after the bill was passed out of the Assembly GO committee, Commerce organized and hosted an in-person meeting of industry leaders to work collaboratively on our next steps. Those steps included both a governmental affairs/PR committee and a litigation committee. Those committees have been meeting weekly to advance our efforts. The Government Affairs committee has been working to evaluate all possible paths forward should the bill be signed.

The litigation committee has been working with litigation counsel in an effort to anticipate the various ways in which the Tribal lawsuit might be fashioned and how to defend the case. Without seeing the actual lawsuit, it is difficult to plan a defense, but we are endeavoring to craft arguments and strategies against all possible options of what we believe we will see in the litigation. An integral part of our efforts is developing a framework for the defense that will ensure all named defendants are able to work in a coordinated fashion, so we are not presenting conflicting arguments or taking contradictory positions.

Finally, the Bureau of Gambling Control received the Standardized Regulatory Impact Assessment addressing the economic impact of the draft Player-Dealer Regulations and the draft Blackjack regulations. This was the last item required before the Bureau is able to start the formal rulemaking process on these regulations. It is presently unknown if the AG will move forward with the regulations as drafted, make changes and begin the formal process or wait for the resolution of the SB 549 litigation before taking any further action on the regulations. We will continue to monitor this process as well as the work described above.”

4. NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

4-1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the August 14, 2024 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Member Farfan moved and Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez seconded to approve the Minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4-2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated September 11, 2024.

Member Farfan moved and Secretary Argumedo seconded to receive and file the Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4-3. Status update & report from California Advocacy, LLC with respect to legislative matters.

Mr. Pineda reported on SB 549 (Newman) passage from the Senate and recent engagement of the Governor's office. The bill is expected to be sent to the Governor's office at any moment for final consideration. The Governor has until September 30 to make a determination on SB 549.

Mr. Pineda also reported that Attorney General Bonta released the economic impact report as part of his efforts to consider new regulations for various games played in our cardrooms. Staff will review and report at a later point in time.

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4-4. Consideration and possible action on legislative & regulatory matters.

Considering the advancement of SB 549 (Newman) and the potential of it being signed into law by Governor Newsom, the board discussed various tactics with regards to its impacts and requested for a special meeting of the board to take place on either September 18 or 19 to discuss further in closed session.

5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

5-1. Report of General Counsel

No action.

5-2. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) SB 549 (Newman) – Engagement Efforts (Media and the Governors Office)

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez moved and Member Farfan seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

6. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

6-1. None

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

8. 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.

Member Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Secretary Argumedo (Commerce)

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez (Bell Gardens)

9. ADJOURNMENT (11:57 AM)

At 11:57 am, Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez adjourned the meeting to a special meeting of the board of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority to a date uncertain to be held in September 2024 in the City of Bell Gardens.

Francis De Leon Sanchez, Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Hugo Argumedo, Secretary



**CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
SPECIAL 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, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

11:09 AM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Sharif called the meeting to order at 11:09 am and performed a roll call. Quorum was established under the following participation:

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

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Member Farfan moved and Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez seconded to approve the agenda as posted and presented.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

| | |
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| Bell Gardens | Yes |
| Commerce | Yes |

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| Compton | Yes |
| Cudahy | Absent |
| Hawaiian Gardens | Yes |

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

The following individuals were present during the meeting: Juan Garza, Stephanie Arechiga, and Joy Harn (via Zoom).

4. NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION

4-1. Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation - Significant Exposure to Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 subdivision (d)(4) (One Matter).

The Board consisting of Chair Sharif, Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez, Secretary Argumedo and Member Farfan recessed into Closed Session at 11:20 AM.

5. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

The Board reconvened Into Open Session at 12:19 PM. General Counsel Arechiga updated all in attendance that there was no reportable action taken by the Board in closed session.

6. ADJOURNMENT (12:20 PM)

At 12:20 pm, Chair Sharif adjourned the meeting to the next regular meeting of the board of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority to be held October 9, 2024 in the City of Commerce.

Emma Sharif, Chair

ATTEST:

Hugo Argumedo, Secretary



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

**WARRANT REPORT AND FINANCIAL
SUMMARY – SEPTEMBER 2024**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2024.

BALANCE SHEET

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10/7/2024

12:36 pm

City of Hawaiian Gardens

As of: 9/30/2024

Balances

Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE

Assets

1000.0000 CASH

223,956.78

Total Assets

223,956.78

Liabilities

2100.0000 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

20,948.89

Total Liabilities

20,948.89

Reserves/Balances

2900.0000 FUND BALANCE-UNASSIGNED

117,659.69

2920.0000 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

85,348.20

Total Reserves/Balances

203,007.89

Total Liabilities & Balances

223,956.78

Edit List of Invoices - Summary

10/09/2024 JPA MEETING

Date: 10/07/2024

Time: 11:43 am

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City of Hawaiian Gardens

| Ref. No. | Vendor Name | Invoice No. | Posting Date | PO Number | Invoice Date | Invoice Description | Invoice Amount | |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 179386 | HUGO ARGUMEDO | | 09/11/2024 | | 09/11/2024 | 09.11.24 MTG STIPEND | | |
| | | 2024-09-11 | | | | | 250.00 | |
| 179394 | HUGO ARGUMEDO | | 09/18/2024 | | 09/18/2024 | 09.18.24 SPECIAL MTG STIPEND | | |
| | | 2024-09-18 | | | | | 250.00 | |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | <u>500.00</u> | |
| 179387 | VICTOR FARFAN | | 09/11/2024 | | 09/11/2024 | 09.11.24 MTG STIPEND | | |
| | | 2024-09-11 | | | | | 250.00 | |
| 179395 | VICTOR FARFAN | | 09/18/2024 | | 09/18/2024 | 09.18.24 SPECIAL MTG STIPEND | | |
| | | 2024-09-18 | | | | | 250.00 | |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | <u>500.00</u> | |
| 179389 | JUAN GARZA | | 09/30/2024 | | 09/30/2024 | SEP 2024 SALARY | | |
| | | 2024-09-30 | | | | | 6,744.00 | |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | <u>6,744.00</u> | |
| 179390 | OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW | | 09/30/2024 | | 09/30/2024 | SEP 2024 SVCS - GENERAL | | |
| | | 26037 | | | | | 1,484.00 | |
| 179391 | OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW | | 09/30/2024 | | 09/30/2024 | SEP 2024 SVCS - BOARD MEETIN | | |
| | | 26038 | | | | | 3,584.89 | |
| 179392 | OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW | | 09/30/2024 | | 09/30/2024 | SEP 2024 SVCS - PRA | | |
| | | 26039 | | | | | 720.00 | |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | <u>5,788.89</u> | |
| 179393 | EVELYN PINEDA | | 09/30/2024 | | 10/03/2024 | SEP 2024 SVCS | | |
| | | 2024-10-03 | | | | | 6,666.00 | |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | <u>6,666.00</u> | |
| 179388 | FRANCIS DE LEON SANCHEZ | | 09/11/2024 | | 09/11/2024 | 09.11.24 MTG STIPEND | | |
| | | 2024-09-11 | | | | | 250.00 | |
| 179396 | FRANCIS DE LEON SANCHEZ | | 09/18/2024 | | 09/18/2024 | 09.18.24 SPECIAL MTG STIPEND | | |
| | | 2024-09-18 | | | | | 250.00 | |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | <u>500.00</u> | |
| 179397 | EMMA SHARIF | | 09/18/2024 | | 09/18/2024 | 09.18.24 SPECIAL MTG STIPEND | | |
| | | 2024-09-18 | | | | | 250.00 | |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | <u>250.00</u> | |
| | | | | | | | Grand Total: | 20,948.89 |
| | | | | | | | Less Credit Memos: | <u>0.00</u> |
| | | | | | | | Net Total: | 20,948.89 |
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| | | | | | | | Outstanding Invoice Total: | 20,948.89 |
| Total Invoices: 12 | | | | | | | | |

REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT
10/09/2024 JPA MEETING

City of Hawaiian Gardens

For the Period: 7/1/2024 to 9/30/2024
Fund Type: SR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Original Bud. Amended Bud. YTD Actual CURR MTH Encumb. YTD UnencBal % Bud

Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE

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|-------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------|------|-----------|------|
| Revenues | | | | | | | | |
| Function: | | | | | | | | |
| Dept: 0000 ASSETS | | | | | | | | |
| Acct Class: REV REVENUE | | | | | | | | |
| 3742.0050 | JPA MEMBERSHIP FUNDING | 157,500.00 | 157,500.00 | 122,500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 35,000.00 | 77.8 |
| 3742.0052 | CASINO DONATIONS | 70,000.00 | 70,000.00 | 17,500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 52,500.00 | 25.0 |

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| REVENUE | | 227,500.00 | 227,500.00 | 140,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 87,500.00 | 61.5 |
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| ASSETS | | 227,500.00 | 227,500.00 | 140,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 87,500.00 | 61.5 |
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| Function: | | 227,500.00 | 227,500.00 | 140,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 87,500.00 | 61.5 |
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| Revenues | | 227,500.00 | 227,500.00 | 140,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 87,500.00 | 61.5 |
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Expenditures

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|------|-----------|------|
| Function: | | | | | | | | |
| Dept: 4908 JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY | | | | | | | | |
| Acct Class: OPER OPERATING COSTS | | | | | | | | |
| 4200.0050 | CONTRACT SVC-EX DIR JPA | 80,925.00 | 80,925.00 | 20,232.00 | 6,744.00 | 0.00 | 60,693.00 | 25.0 |
| 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 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,500.00 | 0.0 |
| 4210.0000 | TRAVEL & MEETINGS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,117.48 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -1,117.48 | 0.0 |
| 4211.0000 | MEETING STIPENDS | 17,250.00 | 17,250.00 | 4,000.00 | 1,750.00 | 0.00 | 13,250.00 | 23.2 |
| 4213.0000 | OTHER OPERATING COSTS | 9,000.00 | 9,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9,000.00 | 0.0 |
| 4250.0001 | LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE/JPA | 80,000.00 | 80,000.00 | 19,998.00 | 6,666.00 | 0.00 | 60,002.00 | 25.0 |
| 4252.0000 | SPECIAL COUNSEL - CONTRACT | 19,425.00 | 19,425.00 | 9,304.32 | 5,788.89 | 0.00 | 10,120.68 | 47.9 |

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| OPERATING COSTS | | 227,500.00 | 227,500.00 | 54,651.80 | 20,948.89 | 0.00 | 172,848.20 | 24.0 |
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| JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY | | 227,500.00 | 227,500.00 | 54,651.80 | 20,948.89 | 0.00 | 172,848.20 | 24.0 |
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| Function: | | 227,500.00 | 227,500.00 | 54,651.80 | 20,948.89 | 0.00 | 172,848.20 | 24.0 |
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| Expenditures | | 227,500.00 | 227,500.00 | 54,651.80 | 20,948.89 | 0.00 | 172,848.20 | 24.0 |
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| Net Effect for CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 85,348.20 | -20,948.89 | 0.00 | -85,348.20 | 0.0 |
| Change in Fund Balance: | | | | 85,348.20 | | | | |

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| Net Effect for SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 85,348.20 | -20,948.89 | 0.00 | -85,348.20 | |
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| Grand Total Net Effect: | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 85,348.20 | -20,948.89 | 0.00 | -85,348.20 | |
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October 9, 2024

California Update: Agenda

1. SB 549 (Newman) – Tribal Declaratory Relief Act
2. California Attorney General – Cardroom Regulations
3. Trial Ballot Initiative 2026



TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Governing Board

FROM: Juan Garza, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Executive Director Report/Summary**

DATE: October 9, 2024

- 1) SB 549 (Newman) – Post-Engagement Efforts (New York Times)
- 2) Holiday Party