



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 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, FEBRUARY 12, 2025

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 January 8, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board.

4-2. Consideration and Possible Action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated February 12, 2025.

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

4-4. Consideration and Possible Action on legislative & regulatory matters.

4-5. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolution of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Authorizing the Execution of Minutes for All Meetings Held by the Authority From January 15, 2020 Through December 16, 2020.

4-6. Consideration and Possible Adoption of a Resolution of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Ratifying the Adoption of the Fifth Restated and Amended California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Agreement at the Special Meeting of the Authority on January 22, 2020.

4-7. Discussion and Possible Action regarding Adjustments to JPA Board Member & Alternate Member Meeting Stipends.

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

6-2. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1)

- Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Executive Director)

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6(a)

- Conference with Labor Negotiators
 - Agency's Designated Representatives: Stephanie Arechiga, General Counsel
 - Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director

7. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

9. 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)

Treasurer Fuentes (Cudahy)

Secretary Argumedo (Commerce)

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez (Bell Gardens)

Chair Sharif (Compton)

10. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held March 12, 2025 in the City of Commerce.



CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING

**CITY OF HAWAIIAN GARDENS
ADMINISTRATION 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, JANUARY 8, 2025

11:07 AM

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Sharif called the meeting to order at 11:07 am and performed a roll call. Quorum was established under the following participation:

- Emma Sharif, *Chair – Compton* (**AB 2449 – JUST CAUSE**)
- Francis De Leon Sanches, *Vice Chair – Bell Gardens*
- Hugo Argumedo, *Secretary – Commerce*
- Martin Fuentes, *Treasurer – Cudahy*
- Victor Farfan, *Member – Hawaiian Gardens* (**ABSENT**)

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

General Counsel Arechiga requested continuance of Item 4-6 and Item 6-1 & 6-2 to the next regular meeting of the Board.

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez moved and Treasurer Fuentes seconded to approve the agenda as requested and amended.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The following individuals were present during the meeting: Stephanie Arechiga, Gisselle Delgado and Juan Garza participated in person. Gary Townsend and Marvin Pineda participated via Zoom.

No comments were provided by members of the public.

4. NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

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

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez moved and Treasurer Fuentes seconded to approve the Minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4-2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated January 8, 2025.

Executive Director Garza provided an overview of the JPA's balance sheet, list of invoices, and revenue/expenditure report.

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez moved and Secretary Argumedo seconded to receive and file the Financial Summary and Warrant Register, as presented.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Secretary Argumedo moved and Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4-4. Discussion and Possible Direction regarding Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians et al. v Parkwest Bicycle Casino et al. Case No. 25CV000001.

Executive Director Garza reported on the tribal nations' lawsuit filed in Sacramento County on January 2, 2025 against every cardroom in the State of California, as authorized under SB 549's (Newman) passage and execution in September 2024.

A briefing was provided to the Board on its contents, potential city engagement and participation, upcoming next steps, including the potential of the need for special meetings of the board and closed session discussions for the foreseeable future.

Secretary Argumedo moved and Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

None.

4-6. Consideration and Possible Adoption of a Resolution of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Ratifying the Adoption of the Fifth Restated and Amended California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Agreement at the Special Meeting of the Authority on January 22, 2020.

Continued to the next regular meeting of the Board per vote under Agenda Item #2.

5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

5-1. Report of General Counsel

None.

5-2. Executive Director Report/Summary

Secretary Argumedo moved and Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

6. NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION

6-1. Continued to the next regular meeting of the Board per vote under Agenda Item #2.

6-2. Continued to the next regular meeting of the Board per vote under Agenda Item #2.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Member Fuentes requested a member stipend consideration agenda item be added to the agenda for the next regular meeting of the board.

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.

Secretary Argumedo (Commerce)

Treasurer Fuentes (Cudahy)

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez (Bell Gardens)

Chair Sharif (Compton)

9. ADJOURNMENT (11:52 AM)

At 11:52 am, 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 on February 12, 2025 in the City of Bell Gardens.

Emma Sharif, Chair

ATTEST:

Hugo Argumedo, Secretary



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

**WARRANT REPORT AND FINANCIAL
SUMMARY – JANUARY 2025**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025.

BALANCE SHEET

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2/7/2025

2:32 pm

City of Hawaiian Gardens

As of: 1/31/2025

Balances

Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE

Assets

1000.0000 CASH

216,952.34

Total Assets

216,952.34

Liabilities

2100.0000 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

18,067.00

Total Liabilities

18,067.00

Reserves/Balances

2900.0000 FUND BALANCE-UNASSIGNED

117,659.69

2920.0000 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

81,225.65

Total Reserves/Balances

198,885.34

Total Liabilities & Balances

216,952.34

Edit List of Invoices - Summary

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Date: 02/07/2025

Time: 12:32 pm

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City of Hawaiian Gardens

Ref. No.	Vendor Name	Invoice No.	Posting Date	PONumber	Invoice Date	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount
181256	HUGO ARGUMEDO	2025-01-08	01/08/2025		01/08/2025	01.08.25 MTG STIPEND	250.00
						Vendor Total:	250.00
181257	MARTIN U FUENTES	2025-01-08	01/08/2025		01/08/2025	01.08.25 MTG STIPEND	125.00
						Vendor Total:	125.00
181258	JUAN GARZA	2025-01-31	01/31/2025		01/31/2025	JAN 2025 SALARY	6,744.00
						Vendor Total:	6,744.00
181259	GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL SVC	2025-01	01/31/2025		01/31/2025	JAN 2025 FY23/24 SCO FIN TRAN:	700.00
						Vendor Total:	700.00
181260	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	26938	01/31/2025		01/31/2025	JAN 2025 SVCS - GENERAL	2,502.00
181261	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	26939	01/31/2025		01/31/2025	JAN 2025 SVCS - BOARD MEETIN	580.00
						Vendor Total:	3,082.00
181262	EVELYN PINEDA	2025-01-22	01/22/2025		01/22/2025	JAN 2025 SVCS	6,666.00
						Vendor Total:	6,666.00
181263	FRANCIS DE LEON SANCHEZ	2025-01-08	01/08/2025		01/08/2025	01.08.25 MTG STIPEND	250.00
						Vendor Total:	250.00
181264	EMMA SHARIF	2025-01-08	01/08/2025		01/08/2025	01.08.25 MTG STIPEND	250.00
						Vendor Total:	250.00
Grand Total:							18,067.00
Less Credit Memos:							0.00
Net Total:							18,067.00
Less Hand Check Total:							0.00
Outstanding Invoice Total:							18,067.00
Total Invoices: 9							

REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT
02/12/2025 JPA MEETING

City of Hawaiian Gardens

For the Period: 7/1/2024 to 1/31/2025 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	45,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	64.3

REVENUE		227,500.00	227,500.00	202,500.00	10,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	89.0
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ASSETS		227,500.00	227,500.00	202,500.00	10,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	89.0
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Function:		227,500.00	227,500.00	202,500.00	10,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	89.0
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Revenues		227,500.00	227,500.00	202,500.00	10,000.00	0.00	25,000.00	89.0
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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	47,208.00	6,744.00	0.00	33,717.00	58.3
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	700.00	700.00	0.00	5,800.00	10.8
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	8,125.00	875.00	0.00	9,125.00	47.1
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	46,662.00	6,666.00	0.00	33,338.00	58.3
4252.0000	SPECIAL COUNSEL - CONTRACT	19,425.00	19,425.00	17,461.87	3,082.00	0.00	1,963.13	89.9

OPERATING COSTS		227,500.00	227,500.00	121,274.35	18,067.00	0.00	106,225.65	53.3
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JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY		227,500.00	227,500.00	121,274.35	18,067.00	0.00	106,225.65	53.3
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Function:		227,500.00	227,500.00	121,274.35	18,067.00	0.00	106,225.65	53.3
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Expenditures		227,500.00	227,500.00	121,274.35	18,067.00	0.00	106,225.65	53.3
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Net Effect for CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE		0.00	0.00	81,225.65	-8,067.00	0.00	-81,225.65	0.0
Change in Fund Balance:				81,225.65				

Net Effect for SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		0.00	0.00	81,225.65	-8,067.00	0.00	-81,225.65	
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Grand Total Net Effect:		0.00	0.00	81,225.65	-8,067.00	0.00	-81,225.65	
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February 12, 02025

California Update: Agenda

1. California Attorney General – Cardroom Regulations
2. Trial Ballot Initiative 2026



TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Governing Board
FROM: Stephanie A. Arechiga, General Counsel
SUBJECT: **Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Ratifying the Approval and Authorizing the Execution of Authority Meeting Minutes for all Meetings Held by the Authority from January 15, 2020 through December 16, 2020**
DATE: February 12, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

The Members of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority (“Authority”) are recommended to discuss and adopt the attached Resolution, ratifying the approval and authorizing the execution of the Authority meeting minutes for all meetings held by the Authority from January 15, 2020, through December 16, 2020.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On January 15, 2020, the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority (the “Authority”) held a Regular Meeting (“January 2020 Regular Meeting”). On January 22, 2020, the Authority held a Special Meeting (“January 2020 Special Meeting”). On February 26, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“February 2020 Regular Meeting”). On March 26, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“March 2020 Regular Meeting”). On April 15, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“April 2020 Regular Meeting”). At the April 2020 Regular Meeting, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Authority, with one motion for New Business Agenda Items 1-4, approved the minutes for the January 2020 Regular Meeting, January 2020 Special Meeting, February 2020 Regular Meeting, and March 2020 Regular Meeting.

On May 20, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“May 2020 Regular Meeting”), at the

May 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the April 2020 Regular Meeting.

On June 17, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“June 2020 Regular Meeting”), at the June 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the May 2020 Regular Meeting.

On July 15, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“July 2020 Regular Meeting”), at the July 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the June 2020 Regular Meeting.

On August 19, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“August 2020 Regular Meeting”), at the August 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the July 2020 Regular Meeting.

On September 16, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“September 2020 Regular Meeting”), at the September 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the August 2020 Regular Meeting.

On October 21, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“October 2020 Regular Meeting”), at the October 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the September 2020 Regular Meeting.

On November 18, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“November 2020 Regular Meeting”), at the November 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the October 2020 Regular Meeting.

On December 16, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“December 2020 Regular Meeting”), at the December 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the November 2020 Regular Meeting.

On January 21, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“January 2021 Regular Meeting”), at the January 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the December 2020 Regular Meeting.

The Authority hereby ratifies and confirms the approval of the minutes for the January 2020 Regular Meeting, January 2020 Special Meeting, February 2020 Regular Meeting, March 2020 Regular Meeting, April 2020 Regular Meeting, May 2020 Regular Meeting, June 2020 Regular Meeting, July 2020 Regular Meeting, August 2020 Regular Meeting, September 2020 Regular Meeting, October 2020 Regular Meeting, November 2020 Regular Meeting, and December 2020 Regular Meeting, and directs the current board to execute the minutes for inclusion in the Authority’s official records.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is currently no fiscal impact on the Authority's budget.

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution Number 25-01

RESOLUTION NO. 25-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR
SELF-RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
RATIFYING THE APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF AUTHORITY MEETING
MINUTES FOR ALL MEETINGS HELD BY THE
AUTHORITY FROM JANUARY 15, 2020, THROUGH
DECEMBER 16, 2020**

WHEREAS, on January 15, 2020, the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority (the “Authority”) held a Regular Meeting (“January 2020 Regular Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2020, the Authority held a Special Meeting (“January 2020 Special Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, on February 26, 2020, the Authority held a Special Meeting (“February 2020 Special Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, on March 26, 2020, the Authority held a Special Meeting (“March 2020 Special Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, on April 15, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“April 2020 Regular Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, at the April 2020 Regular Meeting, the Board of Directors (“Board”) of the Authority, with one motion for New Business Agenda Items 1-4, approved the minutes for the January 2020 Regular Meeting, January 2020 Special Meeting, February 2020 Special Meeting, and March 2020 Special Meeting; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“May 2020 Regular Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, at the May 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the April 2020 Regular Meeting; and

WHEREAS, on May 29, 2020, the Authority held a Special Meeting (“May 2020 Special Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, on June 17, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“June 2020 Regular Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, at the June 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Agenda Items 1-2, the Board approved the minutes for the May 2020 Regular Meeting and May 2020 Special Meeting; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“July 2020 Regular Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, at the July 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the June 2020 Regular Meeting; and

WHEREAS, on August 19, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“August 2020 Regular Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, at the August 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the July 2020 Regular Meeting; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“September 2020 Regular Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, at the September 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the August 2020 Regular Meeting; and

WHEREAS, on October 21, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“October 2020 Regular Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, at the October 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the September 2020 Regular Meeting; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“November 2020 Regular Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, at the November 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the October 2020 Regular Meeting; and

WHEREAS, on December 16, 2020, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“December 2020 Regular Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, at the December 2020 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the November 2020 Regular Meeting; and

WHEREAS, on January 21, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“January 2021 Regular Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, at the January 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the December 2020 Regular Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the January 2020 Regular Meeting, January 2020 Special Meeting, February 2020 Special Meeting, March 2020 Special Meeting, April 2020 Regular Meeting, May 2020 Regular Meeting, May 2020 Special Meeting, June 2020 Regular Meeting, July 2020 Regular Meeting, August 2020 Regular Meeting, September 2020 Regular Meeting, October 2020 Regular Meeting, November 2020 Regular Meeting, and December 2020 Regular Meeting minutes, all attached and incorporated hereto as Exhibit “A”, were approved, however there was no executed version of said minutes; and

WHEREAS, the Authority retains the power to ratify prior votes to ensure the continuity and validity of its decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Authority hereby ratifies and confirms the approval of the minutes for the January 2020 Regular Meeting, January 2020 Special Meeting, February 2020 Special Meeting, March 2020 Special Meeting, April 2020 Regular Meeting, May 2020 Regular Meeting, May 2020 Special Meeting, June 2020 Regular Meeting, July 2020 Regular Meeting, August 2020 Regular Meeting, September 2020 Regular Meeting, October 2020 Regular Meeting, November 2020 Regular Meeting, and December 2020 Regular Meeting, and directs the current board to execute the minutes for inclusion in the Authority's official records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority as follows:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The Joint Powers Authority hereby ratifies and confirms approval of the minutes for the January 2020 Regular Meeting, January 2020 Special Meeting, February 2020 Special Meeting, March 2020 Special Meeting, April 2020 Regular Meeting, May 2020 Regular Meeting, May 2020 Special Meeting, June 2020 Regular Meeting, July 2020 Regular Meeting, August 2020 Regular Meeting, September 2020 Regular Meeting, October 2020 Regular Meeting, November 2020 Regular Meeting, and December 2020 Regular Meeting and directs the current board to execute a copy of each of the minutes for inclusion in the Authority's official records.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the Joint Powers Authority adopts a Resolution rescinding this decision.

SECTION 4. All portions of this Resolution are severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. That the Chair shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and that the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12th day of February 2025.

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

Emma Sharif, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephanie A. Arechiga, General Counsel

EXHIBIT "A"

**January 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes;
January 2020 Special Meeting Minutes;
February 2020 Special Meeting Minutes;
March 2020 Special Meeting Minutes;
April 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes;
May 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes;
May 2020 Special Meeting Minutes;
June 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes;
July 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes;
August 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes;
September 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes;
October 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes;
November 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes;
December 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes**



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

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS, PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER,
7100 GARFIELD AVE,
BELL GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, 90201**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2020

10:06 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Member – Bell Gardens
John Soria, Secretary - *Commerce*
Aja Brown, Member - *Compton*
Chris Garcia, Chair – *Cudahy*
Jesse Alvarado, Treasurer – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

NEW BUSINESS

1. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957 – Public Employee Appointment

- Interim Executive Director

2. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6 – Conference with Labor Negotiations

- Agency Designated Representative:
- Unrepresented Employee: Interim Executive Director

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The JPA Board reconvened to open session.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Garcia reported on closed session item:

Item #1- Instruction to legal counsel.

Item #2- No final action taken.

3. Discussion and direction regarding revisions to JPA By-laws.

Counsel informed board of some necessary actions that need to be taken. Board agreed to put on the next agenda an amendment to the JPA agreement and bylaws.

Direction given to counsel is to draft a resolution waiving distribution of remaining member cities. Counsel will also work with ad-hoc.

Legal counsel recommended having a special meeting to adopt amended by-laws before February 19. The JPA Board agreed to have a special meeting on January 22, 2020 at 12:00 p.m.

4. Discussion and direction regarding JPA outreach, rebranding and online presence.

Richard Corral from Corral Consulting gave a presentation to the JPA Board.

The Board agreed to have an create an Ad Hoc with Mayor Soria and Mayor Brown to meet with Mr. Corral and come up with a strategy for the JPA.

Chairperson Garcia moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to approve a \$5,000 month to month retainer with Corrol Consultants. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

5. Discussion and direction regarding JPA financial statements and accounting services.

This item was tabled.

6. Discussion and direction regarding legislative advocacy services.

Marvin Pineda with California Advocacy LLC (Conference Call) gave a presentation/proposal for Legislative Advocacy services.

Chairperson Soria moved and Member Cortez seconded to approve a \$5,000 month to month retainer with California Advocacy LLC. The motion was approved with a 4-0 vote. (*Note: Mayor Brown left meeting at 11:33 a.m.)

7. Discussion and direction regarding Public Relations services.

The Board discussed the importance of have Public Relations representation. Mayor Brown will reach out to Elevate to give a presentation/proposal at the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Member Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Garcia (Cudahy)

Secretary Soria (Commerce)

Member Brown (Compton)

ADJOURN

To a Special meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 12:00 pm, on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, in the City of Bell Gardens, 7100 Garfield Ave, Bell Gardens, CA 90201.

Chris Garcia, Chair

ATTEST:

John Soria, Secretary



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

**CITY OF BELL GARDENS, PUBLIC SAFETY CENTER,
7100 GARFIELD AVE,
BELL GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, 90201**

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2020

12:07 PM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Member – Bell Gardens
John Soria, Secretary - *Commerce (arrived at 12:12 p.m.)*
Aja Brown, Member - *Compton*
Chris Garcia, Chair – *Cudahy*
Jesse Alvarado, Treasurer – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Victor Farfan, Edgar Cisneros, Michael O'Kelly, Liz Garcia, Marco Barcena,
Michael Campion.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and approval of revisions to JPA incorporating documents.

Counsel reported on this item: Counsel recommended amendments to the JPA agreement with the following new language to the agreement:

Section 7: Term Withdraw, Termination and Distribution of Assets.

Subsection 1: The authority shall have an initial term from July 11, 2001 the effective date of the original agreement that created this authority to July 10, 2017; thereafter the initial term shall be extended for successive terms of two years each.

Subsection 2: Any member who desires to leave the organization shall give each member written notification of its intention to disassociate from the authority. Notice of disassociation may be made in one of two manners:

- (a) A member may withdraw by providing 30 days written notice of their intent to withdraw formally defined as withdraw. Such withdraw should become effective on the 30th day following the date the notice was sent, a withdrawing member shall cease to be a member of the authority on the date their withdraw is effective.
- (b) A member may withdraw by providing a written notice of non-renewal to each of the other members 6 months prior to the expiration of any extended term. A member who elects to disassociate from the authority through non-renewal shall cease to be a member of the authority at the end of the extended term that their notice falls in.

Subsection 3: The founding members may elect to terminate the existence of the authority by: (1) written notice provided to each member that a majority of the founding members intend to terminate the agreement or otherwise dissolve the authority; (2) the withdraw or non-renewal of founding members resulting in the authority having one or fewer founding members define as termination. Written notice of an event waiting to terminate must be made within 60 days of proposed event and the resulting termination will be effective on the 60th day following the date notice was sent subject to the provisions of 7.6

Subsection 4: A member who disassociates from the authority is entitled to either: (1) a prorated reimbursement of their most recent annual contribution representing the period of time between the effective date of

the withdraw and the end of the relevant fiscal year or (2) a distribution of the total assets of the authority in proportion to their respective contributions. The total assets of the authority for purposes of this distribution will be calculated as of the effective date of the withdraw. The authority in its sole discretion shall elect whether to reimburse or redistribute to withdrawing members. Payment shall be made due on September 30 of the fiscal year commencing after the one in which the withdraw became effective.

Subsection 5: Upon termination all assets of the authority shall be distributed to the respective grantors or assigners in proportion to their respective contributions.

Subsection 6: Upon termination this agreement and the authority shall continue to exist for the limited purpose of distributing the assets of the authority and all other functions necessary to close out the affairs of the authority.

Chairperson Garcia moved and Member Cortez seconded to approve the amendments to the agreement as were read to the board, the motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

Member Cortez recommended to place the item regarding a proposed resolution (waiver of obligation) at the next JPA meeting.

2. Discussion and direction regarding JPA Executive Director Position.

Board agreed to accept proposals from interested parties.

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Member Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Garcia (Cudahy)

Secretary Soria (Commerce)

Member Brown (Compton)

ADJOURN

To the regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 12:00 pm, on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, in the City of Commerce, 2535 Commerce Way, Commerce, CA 90040.

Chris Garcia, Chair

ATTEST:

John Soria, Secretary



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

**CITY OF COMMERCE, CITY HALL,
2535 COMMERCE WAY
COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA, 90040**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2020

10:40 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Marco Becerna, Member – Bell Gardens
John Soria, Secretary - *Commerce*
Emma Sharif, Member - *Compton*
Chris Garcia, Chairperson – *Cudahy*
Jesse Alvarado, Treasurer – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Haig Papaian and Leo Chu from the Commerce Casino and Bicycle Casino respectively spoke about the importance of the JPA helping create a united front from the cardclubs in the member cities. They expressed the importance of having a united plan and their interest in creating a legal defense funds with the other cardclubs.

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Vilko Domic, Michael Campion, Liz Garcia, Ernie Hernandez, John Griffo, Haig Papaian, Leo Chu.

NEW BUSINESS- CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 (a) and (d)(2), (3)

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to §54956.9 (d)(2) and (3)

One (1) Case

2. Pursuant to Government Code §54957(b)(1)

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENT

Interim Executive Director

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The JPA Board reconvened to open session.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

Counsel reported on closed session item:

Item #1- Instruction given to legal counsel.

Item #2- Board voted to make an offer for the Executive Director position.

NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

1. Discussion and direction regarding retention of Public Relations Services

The Board received a proposal from Elizabeth Hansell of Elevate Public Affairs for public relations services.

After receiving the proposal, discussion followed. The board decided to table the item until the new Executive Director is on board.

2. Status update from Corral Consultant with respect to branding and communications efforts

Richard Corral of Corral Consulting gave an update on the JPAs branding, communications, social media and website.

After receiving the update, discussion followed. The Board and Corral Consultants agreed on a March 6, 2020 deadline to finalize: Vision, Mission, Tagline, and Values. There was also discussion regarding funds/payment options

for targeted ads on social media. Treasurer Alvarado will look into getting a credit card for the JPA.

3. Status update from California Advocacy, LLC with respect to legislative matters and information concerning relevant legislative initiatives

Marvin Pineda from California Advocacy, LLC gave an update on legislative matters. Some recommendations from Mr. Pineda are to get support from local law enforcement since revenue from the card clubs go toward law enforcement. Also, Mr. Pineda suggested reaching out to community groups for example Contract Cities and other local governments that will be impacted by reduction in revenue of the card clubs.

4. Authorization of Board to request constituent agencies waive section 7.2

Consideration of a resolution authorizing Authority requests to the active constituent agencies for a waiver of any disbursement and distribution obligations arguably arising from § 7.2 of the previous version of the Joint Powers Authority Agreement.

Recommendation: General Counsel recommends adoption of this resolution

After receiving a report from General Counsel, discussion followed. Secretary Soria moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to move forward with Counsel's recommendation of adopting a resolution to waive any disbursement and distribution obligations arguably arising from § 7.2 of the previous version of the Joint Powers Authority Agreement. The motion was approved with a 5-0 vote.

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).

Mr. Campion reported on the following:

- Received a notice from the Department of the Interior
- Counsel is filling updated forms with the Secretary of State this week, updating membership of the JPA and amended agreement.

6. Executive Director Report/Summary

Nothing to report

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Vice-Chair Rodriguez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Garcia (Cudahy)

Secretary Soria (Commerce)

Member Brown (Compton)

ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, in the City of Compton, City Hall, 205 S. Willowbrook Ave., Compton, CA 90220.

Chris Garcia, Chair

ATTEST:

John Soria, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 17, 2020.**

THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2020.

10:07 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Member – Bell Gardens
John Soria, Secretary - *Commerce*
Emma Sharif, Member - *Compton*
Chris Garcia, Chairperson – *Cudahy*
Jesse Alvarado, Treasurer – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Michael Champion, Liz Garcia, Ernie Hernandez, Marvin Pineda, Candace Leos, Linda Hollinsworth, Roger Martinez, Jay Toledo

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Secretary Sonia moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Board. The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Abstain
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Abstain
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated March 26, 2020.

Linda Hollinsworth from Hawaiian Gardens reported on the warrant register dated March 26, 2020. All members have paid their membership dues and Ms. Hollinsworth asked those who have not submitted W9 forms to submit them at their earliest convenience.

Treasurer Alvarado moved and Chair Garcia seconded to receive/ file and approve the Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated March 26, 2020. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Audited Financial Statements (As of and for the Years Ended June 30, 2019 and 2018) Report.

Roger Martinez and Jay Toledo from Vasquez & Company LLP reported on the JPAs audited financial statements. The Board received a detailed power point presentation on the auditor's findings. Mr. Martinez recommended the JPA consider adopting a formal general ledger for accounting (ex. Quickbooks). The Board gave instruction to move to purchase a financial program.

The Board received and filed the report.

4. Status update & report from California, LLC with respect to legislative matters and information concerning relevant legislative initiatives.

Marvin Pineda from California Advocacy, LLC gave an update on legislative matters. The state legislative shut down on March 16, 2020, they are due back on April 13th but per the Governor's projection it will be shut down for 8-12 weeks.

Mr. Pineda emphasized the need for law enforcement and union support for the cardrooms. Discussion followed, and Mr. Marvin agreed to send Executive

Director Garza a draft letter to send to the Sheriff, also a draft letter to send to Attorney General Becerra.

5. Status update & report from Corral Consultant with respect to branding and communications efforts.

Richard Corral reported on the JPAs branding and communication efforts. Mr. Corral asked for clarification with regards to the JPAs full name, specifically using California vs Los Angeles, since all its members are from Los Angeles County. The Board was also presented with available handles for Instagram accounts and available URL for a website. After further discussion the Board instructed Mr. Corral to work with Executive Director Garza on the JPAs branding.

The Board also agreed on the following URL: CASelfReliance.com. and the social media handles will be @CASelfReliance.

6. 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).

Mr. Campion reported on the following:

- Execution of Executive Director Contract – Welcome Juan Garza
- City of Inglewood Claim – Can move forward now that an audit of the JPA is complete.
- Waiver of 7.2 – Counsel asked for direction from the Board. The Board asked Counsel to move forward in drafting a Resolution for the Board members to take back to their Council for approval.

7. Interim Executive Director Report/Summary

Thanked the Board for this opportunity and patience. Mr. Garza reminded the Board to submit a W9 to Linda Hollinsworth, also submit form 700 for the JPA.

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Vice-Chair Rodriguez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Garcia (Cudahy)

Secretary Soria (Commerce)

Member Brown (Compton)

ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, April 15, 2020, in the City of Compton, City Hall, 205 S. Willowbrook Ave., Compton, CA 90220.

Chris Garcia, Chair

ATTEST:

John Soria, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 17, 2020.**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2020

10:05 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Marco Barcena, Alternate Member – Bell Gardens
John Soria, Secretary - *Commerce*
Aja Brown, Member – *Compton (10:25 a.m)*
Chris Garcia, Chairperson – *Cudahy*
Jesse Alvarado, Treasurer – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Victor Farfan, Emma Sharif, Juan Garza, Michael Campion, Liz Garcia, Ernie Hernandez, Marvin Pineda, Linda Hollinsworth, Edgar Cisneros, Richard Corral, Michael O’Kelly, Hailes Soto, Keith Sharp, Leo Chu, Joy Harn.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.
2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board.
3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the February 26, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board.
4. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the March 26, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board.

The Board reviewed and proceeded to take action on items 1-4

Chair Garcia moved and Secretary Soria seconded to approve the minutes of the:

- January 15, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board
- January 22, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board
- February 26, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board
- March 26, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Abstain
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

5. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated April 15, 2020.

Linda Hollinsworth from Hawaiian Gardens reported on the warrant register dated April 15, 2020. Included in the warrant register are April contract expenses.

Secretary Soria moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to receive/file and approve the Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated April 15, 2020. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

6. Consideration and possible action regarding FY 2019-2020 Annual Budget.

Executive Director Garza reported on this item. Mr. Garza gave an overview on the FY 2019-2020 annual budget. Revenue for the JPA in the current FY is \$150,000. The estimated obligations for the JPA are \$158,456.15. The JPA is looking at an estimated deficit of \$8,500. However the JPA does have a surplus from last FY of \$70,811 that can be used to cover this year's projected deficit.

7. Discussion and possible action regarding FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget.

Executive Director Garza reported on this item. Mr. Garza recommended that the JPA modify their FY 2020-2021 budget to reflect actual operational costs. He proposed presenting the Board a budget more reflective of the JPA's operational structure.

Discussion followed and Chair Garcia moved and Secretary Soria seconded to receive/file and have Mr. Garza present the Board with an updated operational Budget at the May 20, 2020 JPA meeting. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

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

Marvin Pineda with California Advocacy LLC gave an update on legislative matters. He reported on a letter sent to Attorney General Becerra regarding rotation of player-dealer positions and a letter to Governor Newsom requesting for financial support for cardrooms; and on letters he is working on to Assembly and Senate Budget Committees requesting that funding for the Attorney General to enforce against player rotation is not approved.

Discussion followed and the Board gave California Advocacy, LLC and the Executive Director (ED) direction to:

- Letters that have been drafted - ED will review and finalize the letters
- Future letters to State Assembly, Senate Budget Committee, Governor, and Speaker Rendon.
- ED will reach out to Speaker Rendon and set up a call/Zoom meeting with the Speaker in the next 2 weeks.
- Member Cities will provide a report on the loss projections, programs effected, employees/jobs effected by loss of Cardroom revenues.
- Engage in media and other stakeholders
- Explore JPA growth with other statewide cardroom cities/communities

9. Status update & report from Corral Consultant with respect to branding and communications efforts.

Richard Corral reported on the JPAs branding and communication efforts. Mr. Corral reported that Social Media accounts are active on Twitter and Instagram with the handle @CASelfReliance. Executive Director Garza has all handles and passwords with the exception of Facebook, further steps need to be taken with Facebook before

the account is complete. The URL CASelfReliance.org has been registered and the web architecture is ready for the JPA content. Mr. Corral also informed the Board that there is an active email for the JPA: info@CASelfReliance.org and an email for the Executive Director can be created.

Mr. Corral presented the Board with options for the JPA logo upgrade, discussion followed and Board gave the following direction to Corral Consultants:

- Create a form for Board members to complete to add their Bios on the JPAs website.
- Finalize the logo with the California watermark and book instead of a building to represent schools/education.

10. 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).

Mr. Campion reported on the following:

- Conflict of Interest Code - Needs to be prepared and asked the Board to agendaize this item for their May 20, 2020 meeting.

Chair Garcia moved and Member Brown seconded to have General Counsel prepare the Conflict of Interest Code and have the item at the JPA May 20, 2020 meeting for approval. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

- Contracts - A question came up regarding signatures during this time of social distancing. A scanned copy or picture of physically signed documents is acceptable.
- Form 700 deadline has been extended to June 1, 2020.
- Approval of 6th Amendment to the JPA Agreement is needed before General Counsel can file Statement of Facts to the State Secretary.

Secretary Soria moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to have General Counsel present the 6th Amendment and have the item at the JPA May 20, 2020 meeting for approval. The motion was approved with a vote of 5-0.

11. Interim Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on the following items:

- Form 700
- Conflict of Interest Code
- Financial Picture / Budget Forecast
- Meetings with Member Cities City Managers
- Agreements with Corral Consultants and California Advocacy, LLC.

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Vice-Chair Rodriguez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Garcia (Cudahy)

Secretary Soria (Commerce)

Member Brown (Compton)

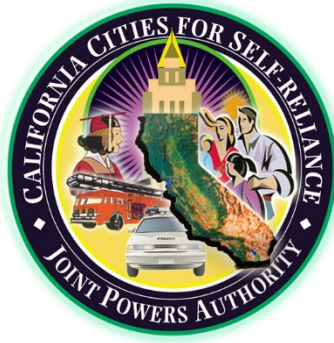
ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, in the City of Compton, City Hall, 205 S. Willowbrook Ave., Compton, CA 90220.

Chris Garcia, Chair

ATTEST:

John Soria, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 17, 2020.**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2020.

10:04 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Member – Bell Gardens
John Soria, Secretary - *Commerce (10:09 a.m.)*
Aja Brown, Member – *Compton*
Chris Garcia, Chairperson – *Cudahy*
Jesse Alvarado, Treasurer – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Keith Sharp (Hawaiian Gardens Casino) – Gave an overview of the Card Room's Health and Sanitation re-opening plan. The Card Rooms are doing everything in their hands to re-open as soon as possible and is asking the JPA to help press the Governor and local officials to allow the Card Room casinos to open. All Los Angeles County Card Rooms have reviewed the and are in support of the Health and Sanitation re-opening plan.

Joy Harn (Bicycle Club Casino) – Supports the comments made by Mr. Sharp are reiterated the importance of getting the JPA's support.

Haig Papaian (Commerce Casino) – Also expressed support to Mr. Sharp's comments. He expressed the importance of pressuring the Governor to re-open the Card Room Casinos. The Card Room's continue to work with the Health department and comply with their guidelines, but feel that they keep changing guidelines/rules.

Leo Chu (Bicycle Club Casino) – Is also in agreement with the Card Room representatives that commented before him. He urged the JPA to push in Sacramento and support the Card Room’s re-opening plan.

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Michael Campion, Liz Garcia, Ernie Hernandez, Marvin Pineda, Linda Hollinsworth, Edgar Cisneros, Richard Corral, Michael O’Kelly, Keith Sharp, Leo Chu, Joy Harn, Mike Saffell, Haig Papaian, Nedy Warren, Marco Barcena, John Griffo, Victor Farfan.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the April 15, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Secretary Soria moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Abstain
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

2. Status update & report from Corral Consultant with respect to branding and communications efforts.

Richard Corral reported on the JPAs branding and communication efforts. Mr. Corral reported and asked for feedback on the following items:

- Logo – 3 variations of the logo was presented to the Board. Discussion followed and the Board make the following recommendations: make the yellow darker, more of a gold color and add blue to the logo.
- Social Media – JPA social media is live. Facebook will be live on Thursday and Executive Director Garza will have administrative rights to the page.
- Website – is registered and online. www.caselfreliance.org
- Branding – discussion regarding only including card room or also include gaming. After discussion the board and with input from the Casinos it was agreed to remove gaming.

Mr. Corral recommended starting to develop content information, he will contact the Casino's and get information on how they have responded to the COVID-19 crisis, re-opening guidelines, and human interest stories.

Treasurer Alvarado and member Brown seconded to move forward with all recommendations given.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Marvin Pineda with California Advocacy LLC gave an update on the following legislative matters.

- Letter- to Governor Newsom requesting financial support for Cardrooms; and regarding the California budget deficit.
- Conference call with Speaker Rendon
- Legislature- ACA 16 (Gray) and SCA 6 (Dodd) regarding Sports Wagering

Discussion followed and Mr. Pineda recommended the JPA take action in permitting California Advocacy and the Executive Director to engage the Governor's office and Legislators as necessary with regards to the JPA's interests.

Member Brown moved and Secretary Soria seconded to approve Mr. Pineda's recommendation.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Discussion and possible action regarding FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget.

Executive Director Garza reported on this item. He presented the Board a budget more reflective of the JPA's operational structure.

Currently:

- Revenue \$150,000 (Dues \$30,000 per member)
- Expenses \$250,000

Proposed:

• JPA Meetings (15)	\$18,750
• Executive Director	\$60,000
• Operational Expenses	\$3,250
• Legal Services	\$0
• Financial Services	\$8,000
• Legislative Lobbying	\$60,000
• Guest Speaker Fees	\$0
• <u>Contingency</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total:	\$150,000

Discussion followed and the following recommendations were made:

- Add revenue line items to include additional members and associate members (once general counsel concludes his research on their participation)
- Add expense item for Communication and leave at zero.

Member Brown moved and Secretary Sonia seconded to approve the 2020/2021 JPA operating budget with the recommendations given:

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

5. Consideration and possible adoption of proposed resolution restating and amending Joint Powers Authority Agreement to add Conflict of Interest Code.

Mr. Champion reported on this item- he presented a resolution that amends the fundamental legal document that authorizes, obligates and constrains the JPA. Per Mr. Champion's letter to the JPA Board, the proposed resolution would render the proposed Sixth Restated and Amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement the current operating agreement of the Authority. The Amended Agreement adds certain conflict of interest provisions required by the Political Reform Act. Specifically, the resolution would add Section 10.5 to the Agreement, which adopts a Conflict of Interest Code as mandated by Government Code § 87300, *et seq.*

Discussion followed, and Mr. Soria pointed out that the City of Cudahy was not included in the resolution.

Secretary Soria moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to approve the proposed resolution with the inclusion of the City of Cudahy.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

6. Report of General Counsel

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Mr. Campion reported on the following:

- Exploring additional membership
- Outstanding debt owed to Inglewood – offer letter sent to them.

JPA Board – Receive and File

7. Interim Executive Director Report/Summary

The following items on the Executive Director’s report were discussed:

- California Resilience Roadmap – Stage 3
- Joint Cardroom Health & Sanitation Program
- COVID-19 Meeting with Speaker Anthony Rendon
- COVID-19 Meeting with LA County Department of Public Health
- Upcoming COVID-19 Meetings

Discussion followed and members of the cardrooms presented the casino’s health guidelines for re-opening the Cardrooms. Mr. Garza reported on the meeting held with Speaker Rendon and with the LA County Department of Health.

A recommendation was made to create an AD HOC to review the Cardroom’s Health & Sanitation plan and endorse the plan on behalf of the JPA.

Member Brown moved and Secretary Soria seconded to approve the recommendation of creating an AD HOC (Member Brown and Soria will be in the AD HOC).

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Vice-Chair Rodriguez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Garcia (Cudahy)

Secretary Soria (Commerce)

Member Brown (Compton)

ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, in the City of Compton, City Hall, 205 S. Willowbrook Ave., Compton, CA 90220.

Chris Garcia, Chair

ATTEST:

John Soria, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 17, 2020**

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2020

3:03 PM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Member – Bell Gardens
John Soria, Secretary - *Commerce*
Aja Brown, Member - *Compton*
Chris Garcia, Chairperson – *Cudahy*
Jesse Alvarado, Treasurer – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Joy Harn of the Bicycle Casino expressed the importance of the immediate support from the JPA. Keith Sharp of the Hawaiian Garden Casino and Gary Townsend agreed with Ms. Harn and added that the JPA's support was a good first step.

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Juan Garza, Mike Champion, Michael O'Kelly, Edgar Cisneros, Marvin Pineda, Richard Corral, Victor Farfan, Joy Harn, Ernie Hernandez, Candice Leos, Keith Sharp, Gary Townsend

NEW BUSINESS- CLOSED SESSION

None

NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

1. Consideration and possible action on SCA 6 (Dodd) – California Sports Wagering and Consumer Protection Act

Mr. Pineda of California Advocacy, LLC presented the item to the board. The board reviewed the letter prepared for support of SCA 6 (Dodd) – California Sports Wagering and Consumer Protection Act. Discussion followed and with input from the representatives of the Bicycle Casino, Hawaiian Gardens Casino, and the Commerce Casino the board took the following action:

Treasurer Alvarado moved and member Cortez seconded to approve the support letter of SCA 6 (Dodd) – California Sports Wagering and Consumer Protection Act and give Executive Director Garza authorization to take action regarding this matter that protects the interests of the JPA.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Vice-Chair Rodriguez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Garcia (Cudahy)

Secretary Soria (Commerce)

Member Brown (Compton)

ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, June 17, 2020, in the City of Compton, City Hall, 205 S. Willowbrook Ave., Compton, CA 90220.

Chris Garcia, Chair

ATTEST:

John Soria, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 17, 2020.**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2020.

10:03 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Member – Bell Gardens
Ivan Altamirano, Secretary - *Commerce (10:13 a.m.)*
Aja Brown, Member – *Compton (10:20 a.m.)*
Chris Garcia, Chairperson – *Cudahy*
Jesse Alvarado, Treasurer – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Michael Champion, Linda Hollinsworth, Marvin Pineda, Jhonny Pineda, Edgar Cisneros, Richard Corral, Michael O’Kelly, Keith Sharp, Joy Harn, Gary Townsend.

NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION

1. Pursuant to Government Code § 54957(b)(1)

- PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Interim Executive Director

Item continued to next Regular Meeting of the Board at the direction of Chair Garcia.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the May 20, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Chair Garcia moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

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 approve the Minutes of the May 29, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board.

Chair Garcia moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to approve the minutes of the May 29, 2020 Special Meeting of the Board.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated May 20, 2020.

Linda Hollinsworth from Hawaiian Gardens reported on the warrant register dated May 20, 2020. Included in the warrant register are May contract expenses.

Chair Garcia moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to receive/file and approve the Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated May 20 2020.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated June 17, 2020.

Linda Hollinsworth from Hawaiian Gardens reported on the warrant register dated June 17, 2020. Included in the warrant register are June contract expenses.

Chair Garcia moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to receive/file and approve the Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated June 17, 2020.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

5. Consideration and possible action regarding the reintroduction of live JPA Board Member meetings.

Interim Executive Director Garza reported the increased prevalence of public bodies returning to conducting public meetings in person or in hybrid fashion during COVID-19 while under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20. A request was made by Mr. Garza seeking Board guidance on conducting future Board meetings whether in person, hybrid, or via continued Zoom format.

After discussion, Chair Garcia moved and Member Brown seconded to receive/file and continue conducting Board meetings via Zoom until (1) the State of California rescinds Executive Order N-29-20, or (2) until the Regular Meeting of the Board in January 2021 then reconsider, whichever comes first.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes

Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

Marvin Pineda with California Advocacy LLC gave an update on the following legislative matters.

- Negotiations taking place at the state level with regard to SCA 6 (Dodd) regarding Sports Wagering.
- Support for SCA 6 (Dodd) from various tribes and outside sports industries.
- Upcoming legislative consideration timeframe, increased challenge for passage in the legislature and subsequent inclusion of SCA 6 (Dodd) in the November 2020 statewide ballot.

Discussion followed, and Mr. Pineda and the Executive Director will continue to take action and engage the Governor's office and Legislators as necessary with regards to the JPA's interests on SCA 6 (Dodd).

JPA Board – Receive and File

7. Status update & report from Corral Consultant with respect to branding and communications efforts.

Richard Corral reported on the JPAs branding and communication efforts. Mr. Corral reported and asked for feedback on the following items:

- Logo – Is the term 'JPA' needed in the final logo? Discussion followed and the Board made the following recommendations: yes. Mr. Corral will be submitting high resolution images reflecting this action.
- Social Media – JPA social media/Facebook is now final and live, and Executive Director Garza has administrative rights to the page.
- Website – work continues on www.caselfreliance.org, including site visits to cardrooms and human interest interviews for content information to include in the website.

JPA Board – Receive and File

8. 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).

Mr. Campion reported on the following:

- Exploring additional membership
- Outstanding debt owed to Inglewood – will send offer letter to them.

JPA Board – Receive and File

9. Interim Executive Director Report/Summary

The following items on the Executive Director's report were discussed:

- SCA 6 (Summary – Recent Action and Next Steps)
- Cardrooms Health & Sanitation Program Update, including actions of the Board's Ad Hoc
- Governing Re-Opening Efforts/Guidelines - California Resilience Roadmap (Stage 3)
- LA County Re-Opening Efforts/Guidelines - LA County Roadmap to Recovery (Stage 3)
- Tribal & Las Vegas Casinos Re-Openings
- CA Gambling Control Commission and CA Bureau of Gambling Control/AG Becerra
- JPA Communications – Upcoming Increased Focus

JPA Board – Receive and File

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Vice-Chair Rodriguez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Garcia (Cudahy)

Secretary Soria (Commerce)

Member Brown (Compton)

ADJOURN (10:57 a.m.)

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, July 15, 2020, via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

Chris Garcia, Chair

ATTEST:

John Soria, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 17, 2020.**

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 2020.

10:02 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Member – Bell Gardens
Ivan Altamirano, Secretary - Commerce
Aja Brown, Member – Compton
Chris Garcia, Chairperson – Cudahy
(@10:12 a.m. Jose Gonzalez, Alternate for Cudahy)
Jesse Alvarado, Treasurer – Hawaiian Gardens

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Keith Sharp (Hawaiian Gardens Casino) – Thanked the JPA for their continued support and leadership. The card rooms have asked the Governor's office to look at them as a standalone institution when considering closures. In the 12 days the card rooms were open, all measures were taken to ensure the health and safety of employees and guests.

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Michael Campion, Liz Garcia, Marvin Pineda, Linda Hollinsworth, Edgar Cisneros, Richard Corral, Keith Sharp, Gary Townsend

NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957 (b)(1)

- Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Interim Executive Director)

2. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6(a)

- Conference with Labor Negotiators
 - Agency designated representatives: Board Members
 - Unrepresented Employee: Juan Garza, Interim Executive Director

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The JPA Board reconvened to open session.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Legal Counsel reported on closed session item:

Item #1- Instruction to legal counsel. Item to be included in next JPA meeting agenda.

Item #2- No final action taken. Item to be included in next JPA meeting agenda.

NEW BUSINESS – OPNE SESSION

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the June 17, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Treasurer Alvarado moved and Member Cortez seconded to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Abstain
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated July 15, 2020.

Mr. Garza submitted for approval the Warrant Register dated July 15, 2020 and gave the Board a report on the Financial Summary of the JPA.

Treasurer Alvarado moved and Member Brown seconded to approve the Warrant Register dated July 15, 2020 and to receive and file the Financial Report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action regarding continued retention and compensation of incumbent Interim Executive Director.

This item was tabled until the August 19, 2020 JPA Meeting.

4. Consideration and possible action regarding Notice of Withdrawal from Authority from the City of Cudahy dated July 8, 2020.

The member Cities received a letter from the City of Cudahy's Interim City Manager regarding their Notice of Withdraw from the Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority. Chair Garcia gave a brief report on the City of Cudahy's current financial situation that led to this decision; he also expressed the City's commitment to explore options to continue their participation in the JPA.

Discussion followed, and City of Compton and City of Hawaiian Gardens members expressed their gratitude to Mr. Garcia for his leadership and commitment to the JPA.

10:12 a.m. – At this time Chair Garcia asked Ms. Brown to Chair the meeting and informed the Board that Mr. Jose Gonzalez will be the City of Cudahy's representative for the remainder of the meeting.

JPA Board – Receive and File

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

Marvin Pineda with California Advocacy LLC gave an update on the following legislative matters.

- Cardrooms COVID-19 Closures: July 1, 2020 Governor Newsom directed several California Counties, including Los Angeles to close cardrooms.
- Tribes Initiative – Court Case

Mr. Pineda reported that he will continue to monitor the situation, and advocate for the cardrooms emphasizing all the measures the cardrooms took before re-opening. In the time the cardrooms were allowed to be open no positive COVID-19 cases were reported.

State Assembly is in recess until July 27, 2020.

JPA Board – Receive and File

6. Status update & report from Corral Consultant with respect to branding and communications efforts.

Richard Corral reported on the JPAs branding and communication efforts. Mr. Corral reported and asked for feedback on the following items:

- Logo – An updated Logo was presented to the Board. Mr. Corral asked the Board to allow him to come back with an updated Logo that shows stylistic variance that he believes will be a better option for the Board.
- Social Media –Facebook is live, the Interim Executive Director Garza needs to go through a few more steps due to Facebook’s verification process.
- Website – Mock up pages were presented to the Board, Mr. Corral asked for the Board’s input by Friday, July 17, 2020. Mr. Garza will send the link to the Board. Also, Mr. Corral asked for guidance on focus of JPA website, with Board direction that focus of website be on cities, not cardrooms.
- Branding – Mr. Corral is working on a Branding Guide for the JPA that will be useful for new members and stakeholders.

JPA Board – Receive and File

7. 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).

Mr. Campion reported on the following:

- Exploring additional JPA membership options
- Outstanding debt owed to Inglewood – draft offer letter sent to Chair Garcia, Mr. Campion will send the draft letter to Interim Executive Director Garza.
- On City of Cudahy future alternative membership, there would be no need for updating of JPA, but potentially a need for a separate MOU between the City and JPA, depending on City of Cudahy’s updated offer letter.

JPA Board – Receive and File

8. Interim Executive Director Report/Summary

The following items on the Executive Director's report were discussed:

- SCA 6 (Summary – Recent Actions & New Steps)
- COVID-19 Health Order Modification Efforts, and Subsequent Closures
- Cardrooms Re-Opening Campaign (Messaging, Outreach – Media, Governor Newsom, CA Legislature, LA County)
- JPA Membership Expansion
- JPA Communications Contract – Upcoming Abeyance
- Upcoming Introductory Meetings – Crystal Casino & The Bicycle Club Casino

Discussion followed and Mr. Garza was given direction to draft a support letter from the JPA for the cardrooms re-opening campaign; Mr. Garza will send the draft letter to the Ad Hoc (Mr. Soria and Ms. Brown) for review and input.

Mr. Garza informed the Board that he will be sending Corral Consultants a letter giving them Notice of Termination due to JPA's current fiscal constraints.

JPA Board – Receive and File

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Vice-Chair Rodriguez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Garcia (Cudahy)

Secretary Soria (Commerce)

Member Brown (Compton)

ADJOURN (11:38 AM)

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, August 19, 2020, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

Chris Garcia, Chair

ATTEST:

John Soria, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 17, 2020.**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020.

10:05 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Member – Bell Gardens
John Soria, Secretary - *Commerce*
Aja Brown, Member – *Absent*
Chris Garcia, Chairperson – *Absent*
Jesse Alvarado, Treasurer – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Keith Sharp- The card rooms looking to re-open, they are working with the State and Health Department. Outdoor gaming guidelines already exist and they are reviewing them. This doesn't change the card room's interest and efforts of opening indoors.

Juan Garza- Introduced the JPA's new Counsel Mr. Victor Ponto.

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Juan Garza, Liz Garcia, Victor Farfan, Victor Ponto, Linda Hollinsworth, Joy Harn, John Griffo, Ernie Hernandez, Leo Chu, Gary Townson, Keith Sharp, Richard Corral, Michael O'Kelley, Edgar Cisneros, Marvin Pineda.

NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957 (b)(1)

- Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Interim Executive Director)

2. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6 (a)(1)

- Conference with Labor Negotiators: Agency designated representatives, Board Members; Unrepresented employee, Juan Garza- Interim Executive Director.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The JPA Board reconvened to open session.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Legal Counsel reported on closed session item:

Item #1 – No further reportable action

Item #2 – No further reportable action

NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

1. Board Reorganization – Election of Officers to the offices of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

It was moved by Member Cortez, and seconded by Treasurer Alvarado to continue this item to the next meeting.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

2. Consideration and possible action regarding continued retention and compensation of incumbent Interim Executive Director.

Secretary Soria moved, and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to continue this item to the September meeting.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the July 15, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Member Cortez moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated August 19, 2020.

Member Cortez moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to receive/file the Financial Summary and approve the Warrant Register dated August 19, 2020

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

5. Consideration and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 20-1 – A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute checks on behalf of the JPA, and the Board Treasurer to countersign executed checks.

Executive Director Garza reported on this item. Mr. Garza explained that due to the COVID-19 pandemic it has been challenging to get signatures to on executed checks. This resolution will allow the Executive Director to execute and sign checks but will not take away any of the authority that the Board has. If the board takes action to approve, the full language of the resolution will be presented at the next meeting.

Member Cortes moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to approve Resolution No. 20-1.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

6. Consideration and possible action regarding amendment to FY 2020-2021 Annual Budget.

Member Cortez moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to continue this item to the September meeting.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

7. Consideration and possible action regarding Notice of Withdrawal from Authority from the City of Cudahy dated July 8, 2020.

General counsel Victor Ponto excused himself from this item because of potential conflict of interest as the City of Cudahy's City Attorney.

Secretary Soria moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to proceed with the withdrawal from the Authority from the City of Cudahy (withdrawal letter dated July 8, 2020).

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Marvin Pineda with California Advocacy LLC gave an update on legislative matters.

- August 3, 2020- California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Power Authority sent Governor Newsom's office a letter asking to allow cardrooms to be able to open as soon as possible, either indoor or outdoor. The letter was also shared with Speaker Rendon and other state elected officials.
- California Gambling Commission- The California Gambling Commission moved forward with the Emergency Sanitation Plans for Gambling Establishments, which are relations that cardrooms must follow to operate during COVID-19.

9. Status update & report from Corral Consultant with respect to branding and communications efforts.

Secretary Soria moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to continue this item to the September meeting.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

10. 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).

No report

11. Interim Executive Director Report/Summary

No report

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Vice-Chair Rodriguez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Garcia (Cudahy)

Secretary Soria (Commerce)

Member Brown (Compton)

ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

Chris Garcia, Chair

ATTEST:

John Soria, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 17, 2020.**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020.

10:03 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Member – Bell Gardens
John Soria, Member - *Commerce*
Aja Brown, Member – *Absent, arrived at 10:07 a.m.*
Jesse Alvarado, Member – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Juan Garza, Liz Garcia, Victor Farfan, Victor Ponto, Linda Hollinsworth, Joy Harn, Ernie Hernandez, Leo Chu, Keith Sharp, Michael O'Kelley, Edgar Cisneros, Marvin Pineda, Jose Gonzalez, Lynda Johnson, Johnny Pineda.

NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957 (b)(1)

- Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Interim Executive Director)

2. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6 (a)(1)

- Conference with Labor Negotiators:
 - Agency designated representatives, Board Members
 - Unrepresented employee, Juan Garza- Interim Executive Director.

Counsel recommended the closed session items be continued to the October JPA Board meeting.

It was moved by Member Cortez, and seconded by Treasurer Alvarado to continue this item to the next meeting.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

1. Board Reorganization – Election of Officers to the offices of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer.

Interim Executive Director opened the nomination for Chair:

Member Soria nominated Member Cortez, and Member Brown seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

Interim Executive Director opened the nomination for Vice-Chair:

Member Brown nominated Member Soria, and Member Alvarado seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

Interim Executive Director opened the nomination for Secretary:

Member Brown nominated Member Alvarado, and Member Cortez seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

Interim Executive Director opened the nomination for Treasurer:

Member Cortez nominated Member Brown, and Member Soria seconded the nomination. The nomination was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

2. Consideration and possible action regarding continued retention and compensation of incumbent Interim Executive Director.

Counsel recommended the board approve a contract extension with the interim Executive Director to the end of November, 2020.

Member Soria moved, and Member Alvarado seconded to continue this item to the October meeting.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the August 19, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Member Cortez moved and Member Alvarado seconded to approve the minutes of the August 19, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Abstain
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

4. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated September 16, 2020.

Member Alvarado moved and Member Cortez seconded to receive/file the Financial Summary and approve the Warrant Register dated September 16, 2020

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

5. Consideration and possible action to adopt Resolution No. 20-1 – A resolution authorizing the Executive Director to execute checks on behalf of the JPA, and the Board Treasurer to countersign executed checks.

Executive Director Garza and General Counsel Ponto reported on this item. They reported that due to the COVID-19 pandemic it has been challenging to get signatures on executed checks. This resolution will allow the Executive Director to execute and sign checks but will not remove any of the check signing authority that the Board has.

Member Cortez moved and Member Brown seconded to approve Resolution No. 20-1.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes

Hawaiian Gardens Yes

6. Consideration regarding City of Cudahy's status as a member of the Authority.

Member Soria moved, and Member Alvarado seconded to continue this item to the October meeting.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

Marvin Pineda with California Advocacy LLC gave an update on legislative matters.

8. Status update & report from Corral Consultant with respect to branding and communications efforts.

Member Soria moved and Member Alvarado seconded to continue this item to the October meeting.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

9. 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).

Counsel reported that at the October meeting the board will receive three or four options to raise funds as a non-profit for the JPA.

10. Interim Executive Director Report/Summary

Interim Executive Director reported on the following:

- Cardroom Re-Opening Campaign – Messaging, outreach, LA County
- JPA Membership Expansion Update
- JPA Communications Contract – Upcoming abeyance

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.

Chair Rodriguez (Bell Gardens)

Secretary Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Vice-Chair Soria (Commerce)

Treasurer Brown (Compton)

ADJOURN

At 11:06 am to the next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, October 21, 2020, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

Alejandra Cortez, Chair

ATTEST:

Jesse Alvarado, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 17, 2020.**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2020.

10:05 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Chair– Bell Gardens
John Soria, Vice-Chair - *Commerce (10:08 a.m.)*
Aja Brown, Treasurer – *Compton*
Jesse Alvarado, Secretary – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Victor Ponto, Liz Garcia, Ernie Hernandez, Marvin Pineda, Linda Hollinsworth, Edgar Cisneros, Richard Corral, Michael O'Kelley, Keith Sharp, Leo Chu, Joy Harn, Garry Townson, Johnny Pineda, Scott Nave

NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION

1. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957 (b)(1)

- Public Employee Performance/Evaluation (Interim Executive Director)

2. Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code § 54957.6 (a)(1)

- Conference with Labor Negotiators: Agency designated representatives, Board Members; Unrepresented employee, Juan Garza- Interim Executive Director.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The JPA Board reconvened to open session.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Legal Counsel reported on closed session item:

No reportable action

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and possible action regarding continued retention and compensation of incumbent Interim Executive Director.

Chari Cortez moved and Treasurer Brown seconded to approve the amended contract for Interim Executive Director.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the September 16, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Chair Cortez moved and Vice-Chair Soria seconded to approve the minutes

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes

Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated October 21, 2020.

Chair Cortez moved and Vice-Chair Soria seconded to approve

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

4. Consideration regarding City of Cudahy's status as a member of the Authority.

Executive Director Garza reported on this item and provided background. Mr. Jose Gonzalez reported on behalf of the City of Cudahy and explained that Council is working with the City Manager to look at their options.

Chair Cortez moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to continue the item to the next meeting with a presentation from the City of Cudahy.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Absent
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

Mr. Pineda reported that the state legislative is on break. The newly elected officials will take office on the first week of December. With regards to the cardrooms, everyone needs to be prepared to operate outdoors for a while.

It was suggested that the board have an ad-hoc and at this point because there are only four members in the board, it will just be one person to work with the Executive Director and Mr. Pineda on developing a plan moving forward.

Chari Cortez moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to have Ms. Cortez be the representative from the board to work with the Executive Director and Mr. Pineda.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Absent
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

*Vice-Chair Soria left the meeting at 10:57 a.m.

6. Status update & report from Corral Consultant with respect to branding and communication efforts.

The following items were discussed:

- Finalize Branding: tagline
- Logos/Seal: gold, green #5
- Letter marks
- Website: temporary template, will be updated with newly selected logo

The Board asked for a timeline on when to expect updates to be made, Mr. Corral said would take about a week for the updates.

7. 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).

Mr. Ponto introduced Scott Nave to report on options for the JPA to collect revenue.

Options for JPA revenue:

- JPA become a public entity – cardrooms can make donations
- JPA- levy a fee from cardrooms
- Cardrooms from a non-profit organization, JPA can have a seat on the board.

- Economic Development Corporation

The Board gave Counsel directive to report on option one and two at the next meeting.

Chair Cortez moved and Secretary Brown seconded to receive a report on options one and two at the next meeting:

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

8. Interim Executive Director Report/Summary

The following items were discussed:

- Cardrooms Re-Opening Campaign (Messaging, Outreach - Media, CA Legislature, LA County)
- LA County Dept of Public Health (HOO's, Guidelines, Ongoing Challenges & Adaptation)
- JPA Membership Expansion Update

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 Rodriguez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Garcia (Cudahy)

Secretary Soria (Commerce)

Member Brown (Compton)

ADJOURN

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, November 18, 2020, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

Alejandra Cortez, Chair

ATTEST:

Jesse Alvarado, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 17, 2020.**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020.

10:03 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Chair– Bell Gardens
John Soria, Vice-Chair - *Commerce*
Emma Sharif, Alternate – *Compton*
Jesse Alvarado, Secretary – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Victor Ponto, Liz Garcia, Ernie Hernandez, Marvin Pineda,
Linda Hollinsworth, Johnny Pineda, Joy Harn, Leo Chu.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and possible action regarding continued retention and compensation of incumbent Executive Director.

Mr. Ponto gave a brief update on the term of agreement for the Executive Director. If approved, Mr. Garza will be the Executive Director and no longer Interim for the 2-year term, with the option of two, one-year extensions. For now, his compensation will remain the same due to the Authority's present financial state but can be amended in the future.

Chair Cortez moved and Vice-Chair Soria seconded to approve the agreement.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the October 21, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Chair Cortez moved and Vice-Chair Soria seconded to approve the minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Abstain
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated November 18, 2020.

Vice-Chair Soria moved and Chair Cortez seconded to approve.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

Mr. Pineda reported the following:

- Election Summary: no changes in the state assembly; in the state senate the democrats picked up two seats and now have a super majority.

- COVID-19: Governor Newsom has rolled back some counties to more restrictive tier.
- Indian Casino Tribes have until the end of the month to submit signatures to qualify their Sports wager initiative to be included on the ballot in 2022.
- December 7, 2020 is the swear in ceremony.

Chair Cortez moved and Vice-Chair Soria seconded to receive and file the report

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

5. Status update & report from Corral Consultant with respect to branding and communication efforts.

The following items were discussed:

- Final logo
- Tour live JPA Website
- Final branding guide

Mr. Corral informed the Board that he created a Google Drive where the Executive Director and Board can go to and have access to logos and a branding guide on how to best utilize the logos.

The Board was asked to look at the News and Impact pages of the website and consider sending context for those pages.

Chair Cortez moved and Vice-Chair Soria seconded to receive and file the report

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

6. 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).

Mr. Ponto reported that at the December 16, 2020 meeting he will have a staff report and present concrete options to the Board for revenue increase.

Chair Cortez moved and Treasurer Alvarado seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

7. Interim Executive Director Report/Summary

Mr. Garza reported on the following:

- Cardrooms re-opening status report
- LA County Department of Public Health (latest COVID-19 curfew HOO's & Guidelines)
- 2022 Statewide Tribal Ballot Measure

The Board thanked Mr. Garza for continuing to keep them updated as issues related to cardrooms arise.

Chair Cortez moved and Member Sharif seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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Chair Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Secretary Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Vice-Chair Soria (Commerce)

Alternate Sharif (Compton)

ADJOURN (10:35 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 16, 2020, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

Alejandra Cortez, Chair

ATTEST:

Jesse Alvarado, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO STATE OF CALIFORNIA
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. N-29-20 ISSUED ON MARCH 17, 2020.**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2020.

10:03 AM

MINUTES

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Marco Barcena, Alternate – Bell Gardens
John Soria, Vice-Chair - *Commerce*
Aja Brown, Treasurer – *Compton*
Jesse Alvarado, Secretary – *Hawaiian Gardens*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING

Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Victor Ponto, Liz Garcia, Ernie Hernandez, Marvin Pineda, Linda Hollinsworth, Johnny Pineda, Leo Chu, Edgar Cisneros, Michael O’Kelly, Keith Sharp, Joy Harn, Gary Townsend

NEW BUSINESS

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Secretary Alvarado moved and Treasurer Brown seconded to approve the minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated December 16, 2020.

Secretary Alvarado moved and Vice-Chair Soria seconded to approve.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

Mr. Pineda reported the following:

- Regional Stay at Home Order
- Vaccines During Phase 1A: Recommendations
- Legislation Introduced as of December 15
- Gambling Initiative
- As of December 7, 2020- 206 bills have been introduced
- Attorney General Becerra has been nominated by President Elect Biden as his pick for Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Discussion followed and Mr. Sharp expressed the importance of the new AG to be someone who is cardroom friendly.

Vice-Chair Soria moved and Alternate Member Barcena seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes

Hawaiian Gardens Yes

4. 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).

Mr. Ponto reported that the City of Cudahy reorganized after their election results were in. Mr. Ponto will have an update next meeting regarding options to the Board for revenue increase.

Vice-Chair Soria moved and Alternate Member Barcena seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

5. Executive Director Report/Summary

Mr. Garza reported on the following:

- LA County DPH Cardroom Closures – November 30 to December 21
- CA/Governor Newsom Stay at Home Order - Started December 3
- California Restaurant Association Outdoor Dining Ban Lawsuit against LA County – Filed November 24, on December 8th LA County Superior Judge Chalfant ruled LA County acted “arbitrarily” without “rational” justification.

Vice-Chair Soria moved and Secretary seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 10:41 A.M.

1. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2) –
Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter Involving Potential Litigation – Two
Matters.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 11:04 A.M.

The JPA Board reconvened to open session.

ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Legal Counsel reported on closed session items:

For each of the items Council was given and direction received - no further reportable
action was given.

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 Rodriguez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Garcia (Cudahy)

Secretary Soria (Commerce)

Member Brown (Compton)

ADJOURN – 11:09 A.M.

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority
will be held at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, telephonically and via Zoom
under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

Alejandra Cortez, Chair

ATTEST:

Jesse Alvarado, Secretary



TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Governing Board
FROM: Stephanie A. Arechiga, General Counsel
SUBJECT: **Consideration and Adoption of a Resolution of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Ratifying the Adoption of the Fifth Restated and Amended California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Agreement at the Special Meeting of the Authority on January 22, 2020**
DATE: February 12, 2025

RECOMMENDATION

The Members of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority (“Authority”) are recommended to discuss and adopt the attached Resolution, ratifying the adoption of the Fifth Restated and Amended California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Agreement at the Special Meeting of the Authority on January 22, 2020.

BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On January 22, 2020, the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority (the “Authority”) held a Special Meeting (“Special Meeting”). Agenda Item 1 under New Business on the Special Meeting agenda was a “Discussion and Approval of Revisions to JPA Incorporating Documents”.

At the Special Meeting, the Authority approved the proposed amendments creating the Fifth Restated and Amended California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Agreement (“Fifth Restated and Amended Agreement”), attached and incorporated to Resolution No. 25-01 as Exhibit “A”. At the Special meeting, direction was given by the Authority to bring back a resolution (waiver of obligation) at the next scheduled meeting. Approval of the Fifth Restated and Amended Agreement at the Special Meeting and the follow up direction by the Authority is

evidenced in the minutes of the meeting, attached and incorporated to Resolution No. 25-01 as Exhibit “B”. The February 26, 2020, Special Meeting held by the Authority did not include the resolution as requested by the Authority. The Authority retains the power to ratify prior votes to ensure the continuity and validity of its decisions.

The Authority hereby ratifies and confirms the vote held at the January 2020 Special Meeting approving the Fifth Restated and Amended Agreement and directs the current board to execute said Agreement for inclusion in the Authority’s official records.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is currently no fiscal impact on the Authority’s budget.

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution Number 25-02

RESOLUTION NO. 25-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR
SELF-RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY
RATIFYING THE ADOPTION OF THE FIFTH
RESTATED AND AMENDED CALIFORNIA CITIES
FOR SELF-RELIANCE JOINT POWERS
AUTHORITY AGREEMENT AT THE SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE AUTHORITY ON JANUARY 22,
2020**

WHEREAS, on January 22, 2020, the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority (the “Authority”) held a Special Meeting (“January 2020 Special Meeting”); and

WHEREAS, Agenda Item 1 under New Business on the January 2020 Special Meeting agenda was a “Discussion and Approval of Revisions to JPA Incorporating Documents”; and

WHEREAS, at the January 2020 Special Meeting, the Authority approved amendments creating the Fifth Restated and Amended California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Agreement (“Fifth Restated and Amended Agreement”), attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth Restated and Amended Agreement was not executed at the January 2020 Special Meeting, the direction given by the Authority was to bring back a resolution (waiver of obligation) at the next scheduled meeting; and

WHEREAS, approval of the Fifth Restated and Amended Agreement at the January 2020 Special Meeting and the follow up direction by the Authority is evidenced in the minutes of the meeting, attached and incorporated herein as Exhibit “B”; and

WHEREAS, the February 26, 2020, Special Meeting held by the Authority did not include the resolution as requested by the Authority on the January 2020 Special Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Authority retains the power to ratify prior votes to ensure the continuity and validity of its decisions; and

WHEREAS, the Authority hereby ratifies and confirms the vote held at the January 2020 Special Meeting approving the Fifth Restated and Amended Agreement, and directs the current board to execute said Agreement for inclusion in the Authority’s official records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority as follows:

SECTION 1. The above recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 2. The Joint Powers Authority hereby ratifies and confirms the vote held at the January 22, 2020, Special Meeting approving the Fifth Restated and Amended California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Agreement and directs the current board to execute said Agreement for inclusion in the Authority's official records.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption and shall be effective until the Joint Powers Authority adopts another Agreement.

SECTION 4. All portions of this Resolution are severable. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Resolution is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. That the Chair shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and that the same shall be in full force and effect.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 12th day of February 2025.

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

Emma Sharif, Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Stephanie A. Arechiga, General Counsel

EXHIBIT "A"
FIFTH RESTATED AND AMENDED AGREEMENT

CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE

JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

AGREEMENT

(Fifth Restated and Amended)

THIS JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT ("Agreement") is made and entered into by and among the City of Bell Gardens ("Bell Gardens"), the City of Commerce ("Commerce"), the City of Compton ("Compton") and the City of Hawaiian Gardens ("Hawaiian Gardens") each of which is a municipal corporation (hereafter called "Member" or "Members").

RECITALS

A. The Founding Members to this Agreement are each authorized and empowered under California law and local ordinances to license the operation and ownership of card clubs (hereafter called "gaming establishments"), license employees to work in gaming establishments, and otherwise regulate the operation of the gaming establishments.

B. The Members to this Agreement have inherent power to act for the benefit of the health and general welfare of their residents.

C. California Government Code § 6500 *et seq.* provides that two or more public agencies may by agreement jointly exercise any powers common to them and may by that agreement create an entity, which is separate from the public agencies to the agreement.

D. The Members to this Agreement have determined, separately and jointly, that the public health and general welfare of each of the Members will be enhanced by perceiving and seeking out greater opportunities for revenues from the California gaming economy and that they each will be served by a joint exercise of their common powers as set forth herein by the formation of a separate entity, which shall be known as the California Cities For Self Reliance Joint Powers Authority ("Authority").

NOW, THEREFORE, the Members hereto, for and in consideration of the mutual promises and agreements hereinafter stated and the performance thereof, and for other valuable and adequate consideration, do hereby promise and agree as follows:

SECTION 1
DEFINITIONS

Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms defined in this Section shall have the meanings herein specified for all purposes of this Agreement.

AGREEMENT

The term *Agreement* shall mean this Agreement as it now exists or as it may from time to time be amended by the addition of signatory Members or by any supplemental agreement entered into pursuant to the provisions hereof.

AUTHORITY

The term *Authority* shall mean the California Cities for Self Reliance Joint Powers Authority created by this Agreement.

BOARD

The term *Board* shall mean the governing board of directors of the Authority as described in Section 8.

BYLAWS

The term *Bylaws* shall mean those Bylaws governing the day-to-day operations of the Authority, which the Board may adopt and amend from time to time.

FOUNDING MEMBERS

The term *Founding Members* shall mean the cities of Bell Gardens, Commerce, Compton and Hawaiian Gardens.

FUNDS

The term *Funds* shall mean all revenues of the Authority to pursue its purposes and to meet its ongoing obligations.

MEMBERS

The term *Member* or *Members* shall mean each public agency jointly exercising power pursuant to, and which is or are signatories to, this Agreement.

SUPPORTING MEMBERS

The term *Supporting Member* shall mean each public agency that supports the purposes of the Authority by becoming a signatory to this Agreement upon admission to the Authority by a majority of the Founding Members. Each Supporting Member's contributions and maximum liability under this Agreement shall be limited to the annual contribution as may be determined by the Board from time to time.

TRADE MEMBERS

The term *Trade Members* shall mean those public agencies that have licensed card clubs under California law and local ordinances, and whose card clubs are in operation, and whose membership as Trade Members have been approved by a majority of the Founding Members.

SECTION 2

PURPOSES

The purposes of the Authority created by this Agreement are as follows:

1. To exercise the powers of each Member of the Authority to assist, permit, promote, protect, regulate or support businesses within the territorial limits of each Member in order to achieve the greatest benefits for their constituents and to protect their constituents from the adverse effects of any such business;
2. To exercise local options of each Member of the Authority pertaining to gaming so as to create, increase, promote or protect communities, jobs, local economies and revenues that are affected by or derived from gaming within the territorial limits of each Member of the Authority;
3. To protect the social fabric and economy of each Member of the Authority and affected Cities from the impacts of tribal gaming and from the investors of tribal casinos who seek the creation of reservations in areas having no historic or established Indian lands;
4. To educate local, state and federal policy makers about the impacts of citing tribal casinos in California and the unfairness of the gaming monopoly granted to tribal governments in California, which has overwhelmed the ability of state and local governments to protect their communities from the impacts of tribal gaming; and
5. To pursue any other objective, program or purpose that may be exercised jointly by the Members of the Authority.

The Authority shall carry out these purposes to assure and enhance the ability of the Members to provide funding for their programs, whether housing, recreational, public safety or otherwise, from revenues generated by gaming establishments so as to promote the health, safety and welfare of the residents of each Member and from all sources to mitigate the impacts of tribal gaming.

SECTION 3

MEMBERS TO THE AGREEMENT

Each Member to this Agreement certifies that it intends to and does contract with all other Members which are signatories to the Agreement and with such other Members as may later be added as signatories to this Agreement. Each Member also agrees that if any Founding Member or Trade Member withdraws from the Authority, except as a joint effort to terminate the Agreement pursuant to Section 7.3, such withdrawal shall affect neither this Agreement nor its intent to contract with the remaining Members to carry out the purpose of this Agreement.

Members to this Agreement shall be of three classes:

- (a) Founding Members;
- (b) Trade Members; and
- (c) Supporting Members.

The Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors selected by the governing bodies of each Founding Member. Trade Members and Supporting Members may be permitted to participate in the governance of the Authority as determined by the Founding Members upon the admission of each Trade Member and Supporting Member.

Trade Members may be admitted as Members of the Authority upon the execution of an Addendum to this Agreement whereby each Trade Member agrees to the terms of this Agreement and whereby each of the Founding Members and each Trade Member agree to such other terms as may be recommended by the Board including the nature of the voting rights, if any, to be conferred upon each Trade Member.

Supporting Members may be admitted as Members of the Authority upon an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board and upon the execution of an Addendum to this Agreement whereby each Supporting Member agrees to the terms of this Agreement. The admission of a Supporting Member shall not require any action of the governing bodies of any of the then Founding Members or Trade Members.

SECTION 4

CREATION OF THE AUTHORITY

This Agreement hereby creates a public entity to be known as the California Cities for Self Reliance Joint Powers Authority pursuant to the provisions of the Joint Exercise of Powers Act. The Authority shall be a public entity separate from the public agencies to this Agreement. The debts, liabilities and obligations of the Authority shall not constitute debts, liabilities, or obligations of any of the public agencies to this Agreement.

SECTION 5

POWER OF THE AUTHORITY; RESTRICTION UPON EXERCISE

1. The Authority shall have the powers common to its Members and is hereby authorized to do all acts necessary to accomplish its purpose, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) To make and enter into contracts;
- (b) To accept the assignment of contracts which relate to the purposes of the Authority and which were entered into by the Founding Members prior to formation of the Authority.
- (c) To incur debts, liabilities or other obligations which are not debts, liabilities or obligations of the Members;
- (d) To employ agents and employees;
- (e) To acquire, construct, manage, maintain and operate any building, works or improvements;
- (f) To acquire, hold, lease (as lessor or lessee) or dispose of property;
- (g) To sue and be sued in its own name; and
- (h) To exercise all powers necessary and proper to carry out the terms and provisions of this Agreement, or otherwise authorized by law.

2. The Authority shall have the power to enter into membership agreements with any public agency upon approval by the Board.

3. Each Member agrees that:

- (a) It intends for the Authority to take such action or actions as may be appropriate in furtherance of its purposes consistent with the Bylaws of the Authority.
- (b) Its grant of power to the Authority is to further the purposes of the Authority and shall not be deemed to limit its power to act independently of the Authority.

4. The powers of the Authority shall be exercised subject only to the restrictions upon the manner of exercising such powers as are imposed upon the public agencies, as provided in California Government Code § 6509.

5. Subject to the applicable provisions of any agreement providing for the investment of monies held thereunder, the Authority shall have the power to invest 'any money in the treasury that is not required for the immediate necessities of the Authority, as the Authority determine is advisable, in the same manner as local agencies pursuant to California Government

SECTION 6
COOPERATION

1. Each Member agrees to undertake such additional proceedings or actions as may be necessary in order to carry out the terms and the intent of this Agreement.
2. Each Member further agrees to refrain from taking any actions that would, to its knowledge, tend to adversely affect the carrying out the Purpose of the Authority.

SECTION 7
TERM; WITHDRAWAL; TERMINATION; DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

1. The Authority shall have an initial term ("Initial Term") from July 11, 2001, the Effective Date of the original Agreement that created this Authority, to July 10, 2017. Thereafter, the Initial Term shall be extended for successive terms of two (2) years each ("Extended Term").

2. Any Member who desires to leave the organization shall give each Member written notice of its intention to disassociate from the Authority. Notice of disassociation may be made in one of two manners:

(a) A Member may withdraw by providing thirty (30) days written notice of their intent to withdraw ("Withdrawal."). Such withdrawal shall become effective on the thirtieth (30) day following the date that the Notice was sent. A withdrawing Member shall cease to be a Member of the Authority on the date their Withdrawal is effective.

(b) A Member may withdraw by providing a written notice of non-renewal to each of the other Members six (6) months prior to the expiration of any Extended Term ("Non-Renewal"). A Member who elects to disassociate from the Authority through non-renewal shall cease to be a Member of the Authority at the end of the Extended Term their notice falls in.

3. The Founding Members may also elect to terminate the existence of the Authority by: (1) written notice provided to each Member that a majority of Founding Members intend to terminate the Agreement or otherwise dissolve the Authority; or (2) the Withdrawal or Non-Renewal of Founding Members resulting in the Authority having one or fewer Founding Members ("Termination"). Written notice of an event leading to Termination must be sixty (60) days of the proposed event and the resulting Termination. Termination will be effective on sixtieth (60) day following the date Notice was sent, subject to the provisions of subsection 7.6

4. A Member who disassociates from the Authority is entitled to receive a distribution from the Authority's assets as follows:

(a) A Member who disassociates through Non-Renewal shall be entitled to receive a distribution of the Authority's assets in proportion to their contributions to the Authority. This distribution shall be due on July 30 of the first year of the Extended Term following their Non-Renewal.

(b) A Member who disassociates through Withdrawal shall be entitled to either: (1) a prorated reimbursement of their most recent annual contribution representing the period of time between the effective date of the Withdrawal and the end of the relevant fiscal year; or (2) a distribution of the total assets of the Authority in proportion to their respective contributions. The total assets of the Authority for purposes of this distribution will be calculated as of the effective date of the Withdrawal. The Authority, in its sole discretion, shall elect whether to reimburse or distribute to Withdrawing Members. Payment shall be due on September 30 of the fiscal year commencing after the one in which the Withdrawal becomes effective.

5. Upon Termination, all assets of the Authority shall be distributed to the respective grantors or assignors in proportion to their respective contributions.

6. Upon Termination, this Agreement and the Authority shall continue to exist for the limited purpose of distributing the assets of the Authority and all other functions necessary to close out the affairs of the Authority.

SECTION 8

GOVERNING BOARD

1. The Authority shall be governed by a Board of Directors comprised of one city council member ("Director") from each Founding Member under that Founding Member's regular method of appointment. Each Director who was selected prior to the Effective Date shall be ratified by each Founding Member within thirty (30) days following execution of this Agreement.

2. Each Founding Member also shall appoint a second city council member ("Alternate Director") from each Founding Member under the Founding Member's regular method of appointment. When the Director is not able to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors or otherwise participate in the affairs of the Board of Directors, the Alternate Director shall serve in the place of the Director with full authority. Each Director and Alternate Director shall serve at the pleasure of his or her Mayor, City Council or other appointing authority.

3. The members of the Board of Directors shall receive such compensation for their services and reimbursement of expenses as may be determined by Ordinance of the Authority from time to time. A Director may elect in writing to decline any such compensation or reimbursement, or portion thereof, for any specified period or periods; and such Director may elect in writing to resume receiving such compensation or reimbursement, or portion thereof, provided that no previously declined or reduced compensation or reimbursement shall be recoverable by the Director or payable by the Authority.

SECTION 9

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD

1. The Board shall hold, at a minimum, quarterly meetings ("Quarterly Meetings") on or about January 30, April 30, July 30, and October 30 each year and, by resolutions, may provide for the holding of regular meetings at more frequent intervals. Location of Quarterly Meetings shall rotate from one Founding Member's City Hall to the others, or at such other place and upon a date and hour as may be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board.

2. Special meetings of the Board may be called in accordance with the provisions of California Government Code § 54950, *et seq.* All meetings of the Board shall be called, noticed, held, and conducted subject to the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act, California Government Code § 54950, *et seq.*

3. The Secretary of the Authority shall be responsible for keeping minutes of all meetings of the Board of Directors, except closed sessions, and shall, as soon as practicable after each meeting, distribute copies of the minutes to each member of the Board and to each Member.

4. The attendance of a majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. A majority vote of the Board shall be necessary to take Board action, except that less than a quorum may adjourn from time to time.

5. Each Founding Member shall have one vote on the Board of Directors. Each Trade Member may have a vote on the Board of Directors provided that such vote is extended to the Trade Member by the Founding Members upon the admission of such Trade Member. A Supporting Member shall not have a vote on the Board of Directors. However, each Trade Member and each Supporting Member shall have the right to send a representative to the meetings of the Board and said representatives shall have the right to participate at said meetings.

SECTION 10

OFFICERS; DUTIES

1. The Board shall elect a Chairperson, a Vice-Chairperson and a Secretary of the Authority from among Directors.

(a) The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings, sign documents as may be necessary for the proper functioning of the Authority, and perform such other duties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors.

(b) The Vice-Chairman shall take the place of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson and perform such other duties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors.

(c) The Secretary shall cause the minutes to be kept of all meetings, except closed sessions, and to be distributed to the Members and each of the members of the Board of Directors and perform such other duties as may be imposed by the Board of Directors.

2. The Treasurer and Auditor or Controller of the Authority shall be the Treasurer and the Auditor or Controller of a Founding Member. The Board reserves the right to appoint a certified public accountant to serve as the Treasurer of the Authority.

3. The Treasurer and the Auditor or Controller shall be responsible for keeping all Funds and providing accurate records of how such Funds are spent, and shall have the powers, duties, and responsibilities specified in California Government Code § 6505.5.

3. The Treasurer and Auditor or Controller of the Authority is designated as the public officers or persons who have charge of, handle, or have access to any property of the Authority, and as such, shall file a fidelity bond with the Secretary of the Authority in an amount to be fixed by the Board. The cost of such bond shall be a proper charge against the Authority. To the extent permitted by an existing fidelity bond, the Treasurer and Auditor or Controller may satisfy this requirement by filing a fidelity bond obtained in connection with another public office, if the amount of that bond equals or exceeds the bond amount established by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 11

FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Authority shall be the period from July 1 of each year through the following June 30, except for the first fiscal year, which shall be the period from the date of this Agreement to June 30, 2001.

SECTION 12

ADMINISTRATION

1. The Office of Executive Director of the Authority is hereby created. The Executive Director shall have the authority and responsibility to perform all executive and administrative functions of the Authority subject to the direction of the Board of Directors. Said functions shall include, without limitation, all day-to-day operations of the Authority to achieve its purposes and the direction and supervision of the employees of the Authority. The Board of Directors retains unto itself all legislative and judicial duties, functions and powers of the Authority not expressly delegated herein including, without limitation, the authority to enter into contracts, and convey and accept real property.

2. The Executive Director shall be appointed for a definite term by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Board shall select the Executive Director on the basis of the abilities and qualifications of the person so appointed with emphasis on actual experience in the purposes for which the Authority was formed. The Executive Director shall receive such compensation and expense allowances as the Board shall determine, and such compensation shall be a proper charge against the funds of the Authority. The Board may enter into an employment agreement with the Executive Director that delineates the terms and conditions of his or her employment provided that said terms and conditions are not contrary to the provisions hereof.

3. The Executive Director shall take direction from the Board of Directors only through and at a duly convened meeting of the Board. For this purpose, the Chairperson or any Director may request any proposed direction to the Executive Director to be placed on the agenda for consideration and action by the Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board may direct the Executive Director on all matters within its jurisdiction. Neither the Chairperson nor any Director shall give any direction to the Executive Director except as provided herein. However, the Chairperson and each Director may inquire of the Executive Director on any matter pertaining to the affairs and operations of the Authority or the performance of the duties of the Executive Director. Also, the Chairperson and Directors may discuss or suggest anything pertaining to the affairs and operation of the Authority with the Executive Director.

4. The Board of Directors may remove the Executive Director at any time upon a majority vote of the Board subject to the payment of any severance provided in the employment agreement with the Executive Director. The Board may remove the Executive Director, in its sole discretion, and its action shall be final and shall not depend upon the existence of good cause or any particular showing.

5. The Executive Director, before entering upon the duties of that office, shall take the oath of office as provided for in the constitution of this state, and shall file the same with the Secretary of the Board.

6. The Executive Director shall be an employee of the Authority for purposes of the Governmental Tort Claims Act who shall retain all immunities and rights thereunder.

SECTION 13

BONDS

The Authority shall not have the power to issue bonds or other forms of indebtedness authorized by law.

SECTION 14

AGREEMENT NOT EXCLUSIVE

1. This Agreement is not the exclusive means that a Member may use to perform its legal responsibilities as they relate to regulating the Card Clubs. Each of the Members reserves the right to carry out other programs, as it may deem appropriate to accomplish the purposes of the Authority.

2. This Agreement does not alter the terms of other agreements, which may exist between any Members hereto except as expressly provided herein.

SECTION 15

CONTRIBUTIONS, ADVANCES, EXPENSES

1. The Authority may receive contributions or advances of funds and of personnel, services, equipment or property to the Authority for any of the purposes of this Agreement. An advance may be made subject to repayment and in such case shall be repaid in the manner agreed upon by the contributor and the Authority at the time of the advance.

2. Commencing with the 2014-2015 fiscal year, each Member agrees that it shall make an annual contribution to the Authority in the sum of **twenty-five thousand (\$ 25,000)**, or such greater sum the Members may agree to contribute to the Authority, until the Agreement is terminated.

3. In the event a Member is unable to make an annual contribution, the Member will be deemed to have withdrawn from the Authority without any liability for the annual contribution to the Authority. Said withdrawal, if any, will occur if a Member does not make the annual contribution by the sixtieth day following the Authority's invoice to the Members. Except for the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the invoices shall be sent to the Members by June 1 for the following fiscal year.

SECTION 16

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

1. The Authority shall establish and maintain such funds and accounts as may be required by generally accepted accounting practice. The books and records of the Authority shall be open to inspection by the Cities upon reasonable notice and during normal business hours.

2. The Authority shall cause an independent audit by a certified public accountant to be made of its books and accounts each year. The minimum requirements of the audit shall be those prescribed by the State Controller for special districts under California Government Code § 26909 or its successor statute and shall conform to generally accepted auditing standards. The audit shall be provided to the Cities within five (5) months after the close of each fiscal year.

3. Any cost of the audit, including contracts with certified public accountants, shall be borne by the Authority and shall be a charge against any unencumbered funds of the Authority available for such purpose. If the Authority does not have adequate funds to pay the cost of the audit, the Founding Members and Trade Members shall pay their prorated shares of the audit expense. A Member's pro rata share shall be one divided by the total number of Founding Members and Trade Members, multiplied by 100 percent.

SECTION 17

BREACH

1. If any Member shall default on any covenant or condition contained in this Agreement or Resolution of the Board of Directors, such default shall not excuse the defaulting Member from fulfilling its obligations under this Agreement or such resolution and all Members shall continue to be responsible for the performance of all conditions and covenants of this Agreement and any such resolution; except that Supporting Members shall not be liable for any costs or expenses other than their annual contribution. If such defaulting City fails to cure, or to commence to cure, such breach within thirty (30) days of receiving notice thereof from the Board, then the Board shall have the option, but not the obligation, to terminate the membership of the Defaulting Member.

2. The Members declare that this Agreement is entered into for the benefit of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority and grant to the Authority the right to enforce, by whatever lawful means the Authority deems appropriate, all of the obligations of each of the Members.

3. Each and all of the remedies given to the Authority by this Agreement or by any law now or hereafter enacted are cumulative, and the exercise of one right or remedy shall not impair the right of the Authority to exercise any or all other remedies.

SECTION 18

LIABILITY, INSURANCE, AND INDEMNIFICATION

1. No Member shall be liable for any indebtedness of the Authority except that which is consented to by the governing body of each Member. All persons dealing with or having a claim against the Authority are hereby notified that no Member to this Agreement is liable for the debts of the Authority.

2. The Board may maintain appropriate insurance to protect the Members from such liabilities and obligations. The cost of such insurance shall be paid on a pro rata basis by the Founding Members and Trade Members. The pro rata share of each Founding Member and Trade Member shall be one divided by the total number of Founding Member and Trade Member, multiplied by 100 percent.

3. Each of the Members shall defend, indemnify and hold each of the other Members and the Authority harmless from, or as a result of, the death of any person, or any accident, injury, loss or damage whatsoever caused to any person or to the property of any person which shall be caused or contributed to by any acts done or any errors or omission of the indemnifying Member or its officers, agents, servants, employees or contractors during the course of carrying out this Agreement.

SECTION 19

SEVERABILITY

If any part, term or provision of the Agreement is determined by a court of law to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of California or otherwise unenforceable, the validity of the remaining parts, terms or provisions shall not be affected.

SECTION 20

SUCCESSORS; ASSIGNMENT

1. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors of the Members.

2. Except to the extent expressly provided in this Agreement, a Member may not assign any right or obligation hereunder without the consent of the Board.

SECTION 21

AMENDMENT

This Agreement may only be amended by a written amendment to this Agreement executed by a majority of the Founding Members and any Trade Member extended that right by the Founding Members upon the admission of the Trade Member.

SECTION 22

FORM OF APPROVALS

1. Whenever an approval is required by this Agreement, unless the context specified otherwise, it shall be given by resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Member whose consent is required.

2. Whenever an approval is required by the Authority, it shall be by resolution duly and regularly adopted by the Board unless the Executive Director can give such approval.

SECTION 23

SECTION TITLES

Section titles in this Agreement are for convenience or reference only and are not intended to define or limit the scope of any provisions of the Agreement.

SIGNATURES

Each Member signs this Agreement by the properly designated Officer of each Member; and when so signed by Each Member, this Agreement shall be the effective on **[DATE, 2020]**. Each Member may sign the signature page of this Agreement separately; and once each Member has signed its respective signature page, this Agreement shall be effective and shall constitute the whole Agreement of the Members.

**CITY of BELL GARDENS
A Municipal Corporation**

By: _____
Alejandra Cortez, Its Mayor

Date: _____

Attest: City Clerk

By: _____
Jane Halstead

Approve: City Attorney

By: _____
Rick. R. Olivarez

**CITY of COMPTON
A Municipal Corporation**

By: _____
Aja Brown, Its Mayor

Date: _____

Attest: City Clerk

By: _____
Alita Godwin

Approve: City Attorney

By: _____
Damon Brown

**CITY of COMMERCE
A Municipal Corporation**

By: _____
John Soria, Its Mayor

Date: _____

Attest: City Clerk

By: _____
Lena Shumway

Approve: City Attorney

By: _____
Noel Tapia

**CITY of CUDAHY
A Municipal Corporation**

By: _____
Elizabeth Alcantar, Its Mayor

Date: _____

Attest: Assistant City Clerk

By: _____
Richard Igelsias

Approve: City Attorney

By: _____
Victor Ponto

CITY of HAWAIIAN GARDENS
A Municipal Corporation

By: _____
Jesse Alvarado, Its Mayor

Date: _____

Attest: City Clerk

By: _____
Lucie Colombo

Approve: City Attorney

By: _____
Megan Garibaldi



TO: Honorable Chair and Members of the Governing Board

FROM: Juan Garza, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Executive Director Report/Summary**

DATE: February 12, 2025

- 1) JPA Membership Expansion Updates
- 2) Upcoming 2025 Gaming Efforts: Judicial, Legislative, Regulatory, Public Initiative
- 3) Contract Cities Engagement
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