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

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

**CITY OF COMPTON  
CITY HALL  
205 SOUTH WILLOWBROOK AVENUE  
COMPTON, CA 90220**

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 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*  
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](mailto:juan@sixheron.com), or to the Authority Secretary via Zoom prior to the close of public participation. Due to policy and Brown Act requirements, action will not be taken on any issues not on the Agenda.***

*Please state your name and address clearly.*

### **4. NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

- 4-1.** Election of Officer to the office of Treasurer of the Board.
- 4-2.** Consideration and Possible Action to approve the Minutes of the March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board.
- 4-3.** Consideration and Possible Action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated April 9, 2025.
- 4-4.** Status Update & Report from California Advocacy, LLC with respect to legislative matters.
- 4-5.** Consideration and Possible Action on legislative & regulatory matters.
- 4-6.** 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 21, 2021 Through December 15, 2021.
- 4-7.** 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 19, 2022 Through June 15, 2022.
- 4-8.** Consideration and possible action to receive and file Updated Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2025.

### **5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**

#### **5-1. General Counsel's Report**

Pursuant to Government Code § 54954.2 (a)(3) – A report to the Board of Directors and the public on General Counsel's activities, including compliance efforts,

approval of contracts as to form, receipt of notices, and requests to place matters on subsequent agendas (excluding any matters qualifying for closed session consideration).

**5-2. Executive Director's Report**

**6. NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION**

**6-1.** None.

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**8. CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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

Member Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Secretary Argumedo (Commerce)

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez (Bell Gardens)

Chair Sharif (Compton)

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held May 14, 2025 in the City of Hawaiian Gardens.



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

**FROM:** Juan Garza, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Election of Officer to the office of Treasurer

**DATE:** April 9, 2025

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Due to the withdrawal from the JPA by former member City of Cudahy, prior JPA Governing Board Treasurer & City of Cudahy delegate Martin Fuentes has vacated the seat of Treasurer. Due to this change a vacancy exists in the office of JPA Board Treasurer, and further a need for the JPA Governing Board to consider electing an officer to serve in that role, in conformance with the JPA's bylaws.

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BOARD**

- 1) Elect Officer to the offices of Treasurer; or
- 2) Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.





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

**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

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

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

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025**

**11:14 AM**

**M I N U T E S**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

Chair Sharif called the meeting to order at 11:14 am and performed a roll call. Quorum was established under the following participation:

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

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Staff requested that Item 4-6 remove reference to 'September 2019', and that Item 4-7 & Item 4-8 be continued to the next regular meeting of the Board.

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez moved and Member Farfan seconded to approve staff's agenda amendment requests.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

### **3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The following individuals were present during the meeting: Stephanie Arechiga, Gisselle Delgado, and Juan Garza participated in person. Marvin Pineda, Gary Townsend and Joy Harn 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 February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Board.**

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

#### **4-2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated March 12, 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 Member Farfan 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	Yes

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

Mr. Pineda and Mr. Garza reported that the Attorney General's proposed new regulations for various games played in our cardrooms have scheduled virtual public hearings on April 2 & April 4. The cardrooms and JPA will be formulating official responses per the Attorney General's related public hearing guidelines. It is anticipated legal challenges opposing the new regulations, as proposed, will be filed.

Finally, no cardroom-related bills were introduced in the legislature prior to the bill introduction deadline. Staff will continue to monitor should any spot bills be amended to focus on any cardroom-related items throughout the legislative session.

Member Farfan 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	Yes

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

None.

**4-5. Consideration and possible action regarding the first amendment of Employment Agreement for Executive Director Services between the Authority and Juan Garza.**

Member Farfan moved and Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez seconded to approve the employment agreement amendment.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes

Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

**4-6. Consideration and Possible Adoption of Resolution of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Authorizing the Execution of Minutes for Meetings Held by the Authority On September 25, 2019 And December 18, 2019.**

Staff reported that while an agenda for the meeting of the board on September 25, 2019 existed, records related to its minutes being considered and approved by the board the following month could not be found. Following staff's report and per its request, the board did not consider nor approve execution of the minutes for the meeting of September 25, 2019.

Member Farfan moved and Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez seconded to authorize execution of minutes for the meeting of December 18, 2019.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

**4-7. 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 21, 2021 Through December 15, 2021.**

Continued to the next regular meeting of the board per consideration and approval under Item 4-2.

**4-8. 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 19, 2022 Through June 15, 2022.**

Continued to the next regular meeting of the board per consideration and approval under Item 4-2.

**4-9. Consideration and Possible Adoption of the Sixth Restated and Amended California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Agreement.**

General Counsel Arechiga provided background that on November 13, 2024 the Authority created an Ad Hoc committee to review the current Authority Agreement and provide feedback as to potential edits which would allow the Authority to extend membership to additional cities throughout the state.

The Ad Hoc completed its work and presented edits to the current agreement to the board for final feedback, comments, review and potential adoption as the Sixth Restated and Amended Agreement.

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez moved and Secretary Argumedo seconded to ratify the recommended changes to the current agreement and adopt the updated agreement as the Sixth Restated and Amended Agreement of the Authority.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

**4-10. Consideration regarding City of Cudahy's status as a member of the Authority.**

Staff and Treasurer Fuentes reported on the City of Cudahy withdrawing as member of the Authority due to ongoing challenges with its cardroom licensee to actualize their previously planned cardroom. Treasurer Fuentes reported that the City hopes to eventually benefit from its cardroom license and would welcome consideration by the Board for the City of Cudahy to re-join the JPA in the future.

As this was a report from staff and Treasurer Fuentes of action previously taken by the City of Cudahy, no action was taken by the Board.

**5. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS**

**5-1. Report of General Counsel**

None.

**5-2. Executive Director Report/Summary**

Executive Director Garza reported on JPA membership expansion updates; upcoming 2025 gaming efforts; multi-engagement efforts with the California Contract Cities Association including the Commerce Casino hosting the Association's monthly meeting on March 19, 2025 as well as potential membership in the Association; and a reminder that Annual Form 700's are due on April 1, 2025.

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez moved and Secretary Argumedo 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	Yes

## **6. NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION**

6-1. None.

## **7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

## **8. CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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

Member Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Secretary Argumedo (Commerce)

Treasurer Fuentes (Cudahy): Thanked the Board and Authority for the support it provided to the City of Cudahy and him. The Board and staff thanked Treasurer Fuentes and the City for their partnership, membership and support.

Vice Chair De Leon Sanchez (Bell Gardens)

Chair Sharif (Compton)

**10. ADJOURNMENT (11:53 AM)**

At 11:53 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 April 9, 2025 in the City of Compton.

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Emma Sharif, Chair

ATTEST:

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Hugo Argumedo, Secretary



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

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 2025.**

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**BALANCE SHEET**

04/09/2025 JPA MEETING

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4/8/2025

10:59 am

City of Hawaiian Gardens

As of: 3/31/2025

Balances

**Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE****Assets**

1000.0000 CASH

181,609.42

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Total Assets

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181,609.42

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**Liabilities**

2100.0000 ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

16,369.07

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Total Liabilities

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16,369.07

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**Reserves/Balances**

2900.0000 FUND BALANCE-UNASSIGNED

117,659.69

2920.0000 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE

47,580.66

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Total Reserves/Balances

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165,240.35

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Total Liabilities & Balances

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181,609.42

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**Edit List of Invoices - Summary**

04/09/2025 JPA MEETING

Date: 04/08/2025

Time: 11:07 am

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City of Hawaiian Gardens

Ref. No.	Vendor Name	Invoice No.	Posting Date	PO Number	Invoice Date	Invoice Description	Invoice Amount
182293	HUGO ARGUMEDO	2025-03-12	03/12/2025		03/12/2025	03.12.25 MTG STIPEND	250.00
						Vendor Total:	250.00
182294	VICTOR FARFAN	2025-03-12	03/12/2025		03/12/2025	03.12.25 MTG STIPEND	250.00
						Vendor Total:	250.00
182295	MARTIN U FUENTES	2025-03-12	03/12/2025		03/12/2025	03.12.25 MTG STIPEND	175.00
182306	MARTIN U FUENTES	2025-02-12A	03/01/2025		02/12/2025	02.12.25 MTG STIPEND BAL DUE	50.00
						Vendor Total:	225.00
182296	JUAN GARZA	2025-03-31	03/31/2025		03/31/2025	MAR 2025 SALARY	6,744.00
						Vendor Total:	6,744.00
182297	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	27429	03/31/2025		03/31/2025	MAR 2025 SVCS - GENERAL	860.00
182298	OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW	27430	03/31/2025		03/31/2025	MAR 2025 SVCS - BOARD MEETIN	874.07
						Vendor Total:	1,734.07
182299	EVELYN PINEDA	2025-03-17	03/17/2025		03/17/2025	MAR 2025 SVCS	6,666.00
						Vendor Total:	6,666.00
182300	FRANCIS DE LEON SANCHEZ	2025-03-12	03/12/2025		03/12/2025	03.12.25 MTG STIPEND	250.00
						Vendor Total:	250.00
182301	EMMA SHARIF	2025-03-12	03/12/2025		03/12/2025	03.12.25 MTG STIPEND	250.00
						Vendor Total:	250.00
Grand Total:							16,369.07
Less Credit Memos:							0.00
Net Total:							16,369.07
Less Hand Check Total:							0.00
Outstanding Invoice Total:							16,369.07
Total Invoices: 10							

**REVENUE/EXPENDITURE REPORT**  
04/09/2025 JPA MEETING

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4/8/2025  
11:01 am

City of Hawaiian Gardens

For the Period: 7/1/2024 to 3/31/2025	Original Bud.	Amended Bud.	YTD Actual	CURR MTH	Encumb. YTD	UnencBal	% Bud
Fund Type: SR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS							
<b>Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE</b>							
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	52,500.00	0.00	0.00	17,500.00	75.0
REVENUE	227,500.00	227,500.00	210,000.00	0.00	0.00	17,500.00	92.3
ASSETS	227,500.00	227,500.00	210,000.00	0.00	0.00	17,500.00	92.3
Function:	227,500.00	227,500.00	210,000.00	0.00	0.00	17,500.00	92.3
Revenues	227,500.00	227,500.00	210,000.00	0.00	0.00	17,500.00	92.3
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	60,696.00	6,744.00	0.00	20,229.00	75.0
4200.0052 COMMUNICATIONS	14,400.00	14,400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,400.00	0.0
4202.0000 AUDIT SERVICES	6,500.00	6,500.00	7,500.00	0.00	0.00	-1,000.00	115.4
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	10,475.00	1,225.00	0.00	6,775.00	60.7
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	59,994.00	6,666.00	0.00	20,006.00	75.0
4252.0000 SPECIAL COUNSEL - CONTRACT	19,425.00	19,425.00	22,636.86	1,734.07	0.00	-3,211.86	116.5
OPERATING COSTS	227,500.00	227,500.00	162,419.34	16,369.07	0.00	65,080.66	71.4
JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY	227,500.00	227,500.00	162,419.34	16,369.07	0.00	65,080.66	71.4
Function:	227,500.00	227,500.00	162,419.34	16,369.07	0.00	65,080.66	71.4
Expenditures	227,500.00	227,500.00	162,419.34	16,369.07	0.00	65,080.66	71.4
Net Effect for CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE	0.00	0.00	47,580.66	-16,369.07	0.00	-47,580.66	0.0
Change in Fund Balance:			47,580.66				
Net Effect for SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	0.00	0.00	47,580.66	-16,369.07	0.00	-47,580.66	
Grand Total Net Effect:	0.00	0.00	47,580.66	-16,369.07	0.00	-47,580.66	



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**April 09, 02025**

**California Update: Agenda**

1. California Attorney General – Cardroom Regulations
2. Tribal Legislation
3. Sports Betting Initiatives



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**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 21, 2021, through December 15, 2021**  
**DATE:** April 09, 2025

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### **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 21, 2021, through December 15, 2021.

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On January 21, 2021, the Authority held a Special Meeting (“January 2021 Special Meeting”). On February 17, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“February 2021 Regular Meeting”). At the February 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board of Directors (“Board”), approved the minutes for the January 2021 Special Meeting.

On March 17, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“March 2021 Regular Meeting”), at the March 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the February 2021 Regular Meeting.

On April 21, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“April 2021 Regular Meeting”), at the April 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for

the March 2021 Regular Meeting.

On May 19, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“May 2021 Regular Meeting”), at the May 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the April 2021 Regular Meeting.

On June 16, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“June 2021 Regular Meeting”). On July 21, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“July 2021 Regular Meeting”), at the July 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the June 2021 Regular Meeting.

On August 18, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“August 2021 Regular Meeting”), at the August 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2 and No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the May 2021 Regular Meeting and July 2021 Regular Meeting.

On September 15, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“September 2021 Regular Meeting”), at the September 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the August 2021 Regular Meeting.

On October 20, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“October 2021 Regular Meeting”), at the October 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the September 2021 Regular Meeting.

On November 17, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“November 2021 Regular Meeting”), at the November 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the October 2021 Regular Meeting.

On December 15, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“December 2021 Regular Meeting”), at the December 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the November 2021 Regular Meeting.

On January 19, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“January 2022 Regular Meeting”), at the January 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the December 2021 Regular Meeting.

The Authority hereby ratifies and confirms the approval of the minutes for the January 2021 Special Meeting, February 2021 Regular Meeting, March 2021 Regular Meeting, April 2021 Regular Meeting, May 2021 Regular Meeting, June 2021 Regular Meeting, July 2021 Regular Meeting, August 2021 Regular Meeting, September 2021 Regular Meeting, October 2021 Regular Meeting, November 2021 Regular Meeting, and December 2021 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 25-05

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-05**

**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 21, 2021, THROUGH  
DECEMBER 15, 2021**

**WHEREAS**, on January 21, 2021, the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority (the “Authority”) held a Special Meeting (“January 2021 Special Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 17, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“February 2021 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the February 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board of Directors (“Board”), approved the minutes for the January 2021 Special Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“March 2021 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the March 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the February 2021 Regular Meeting; and

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

**WHEREAS**, at the April 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the March 2021 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 19, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“May 2021 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the May 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the April 2021 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 16, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“June 2021 Regular Meeting”); and

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

**WHEREAS**, at the July 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the June 2021 Regular Meeting; and



**WHEREAS**, on August 18, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“August 2021 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the August 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2 and No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the May 2021 Regular Meeting and July 2021 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on September 15, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“September 2021 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the September 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 1, the Board approved the minutes for the August 2021 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on October 20, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“October 2021 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the October 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the September 2021 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on November 17, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“November 2021 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the November 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the October 2021 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on December 15, 2021, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“December 2021 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the December 2021 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the November 2021 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 19, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“January 2022 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the January 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the December 2021 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the January 2021 Special Meeting, February 2021 Regular Meeting, March 2021 Regular Meeting, April 2021 Regular Meeting, May 2021 Regular Meeting, June 2021 Regular Meeting, July 2021 Regular Meeting, August 2021 Regular Meeting, September 2021 Regular Meeting, October 2021 Regular Meeting, November 2021 Regular Meeting, and December 2021 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 2021 Special Meeting, February 2021 Regular Meeting, March 2021

Regular Meeting, April 2021 Regular Meeting, May 2021 Regular Meeting, June 2021 Regular Meeting, July 2021 Regular Meeting, August 2021 Regular Meeting, September 2021 Regular Meeting, October 2021 Regular Meeting, November 2021 Regular Meeting, and December 2021 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 2021 Special Meeting, February 2021 Regular Meeting, March 2021 Regular Meeting, April 2021 Regular Meeting, May 2021 Regular Meeting, June 2021 Regular Meeting, July 2021 Regular Meeting, August 2021 Regular Meeting, September 2021 Regular Meeting, October 2021 Regular Meeting, November 2021 Regular Meeting, and December 2021 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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

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Emma Sharif, Chair

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Stephanie A. Arechiga, General Counsel

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**January 2021 Special Meeting Minutes;  
February 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
March 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
April 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
May 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
June 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
July 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
August 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
September 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
October 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
November 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
December 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes**



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**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, JANUARY 21, 2021.**

**10:03 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Chair – 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, Jhonny Pineda, Leo Chu, Edgar Cisneros, Michael Campion, Gary Townsen, Brenda Contreras

**NEW BUSINESS**

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

Treasurer Brown moved and Secretary Alvarado seconded to approve the minutes

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Abstain
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated January 21, 2021.

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

3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2021.

Chair Cortez moved and Treasurer Brown seconded to receive, file and approve the Board Meeting dates for calendar year 2021 as presented

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

4. Consideration and possible action regarding the reintroduction to live JPA Board Member meetings.

Executive Director Garza reported on this item, discussion followed.

Treasurer Brown moved and Chair Cortez seconded to continue having the JPA Board Member meetings via Zoom and reassess in six months or when the State/County's guidelines change and allows for in person meetings.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
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Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

Mr. Pineda reported the following:

- COVID-19 Vaccine at State level
- Actively advocate for Cardrooms to open (outdoor operations)
- Attorney General Update – The list of possible replacements is long, there are a couple of individuals on the list that are friendly to Tribal Casinos.
- Gambling Initiative

Discussion on these items followed.

Chair Cortez moved and Treasurer Brown 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 the City of Cudahy has introduced a MOU regarding the Gaming JPA Board membership, it will be presented at their February 2, 2021 Council Meeting. This item will be on the February 17, 2021 JPA Board Meeting Agenda for consideration.

Chair Cortez moved and Treasurer Brown seconded to receive and file the report

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
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Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

7. Interim Executive Director Report/Summary

Mr. Garza reported on the following:

- COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- Bringing Economy Back
- Cardrooms Status

Discussion followed, Mr. Garza reported that the Commerce Casino has informed the County that they are interested in making the Casino a vaccination site.

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

**RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION – 10:49 A.M.**

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

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION – 11:16 A.M.**

The JPA Board reconvened to open session.

**ORAL CLOSED SESSION ANNOUNCEMENTS**

General Legal Counsel reported on closed session 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.***

Chair Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Secretary Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Vice-Chair Soria (Commerce)

Treasurer Brown (Compton)

**ADJOURN – 11:19 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, February 17, 2021, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

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Alejandra Cortez, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jesse Alvarado, Secretary





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**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, FEBRUARY 17, 2021.**

**10:01 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Chair – Bell Gardens  
Ivan Altamirano, Alternate - *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, Gary Townsend, Joy Harn.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the January 21, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board.

Chair Cortez moved and alternate Altamirano 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 February 17, 2021.

Chair Cortez moved and alternate Altamirano seconded to approve the Financial Summary with corrections.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

3. Consideration and possible action on proposed state legislation related to a current moratorium on cardrooms in the State of California.

Chair Cortez moved and alternate Altamirano seconded to support proposed legislation related to a current moratorium on Cardrooms in the State of California:

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

4. Consideration and possible action regarding City of Cudahy's potential reestablishment as a member of the Authority.

Executive Director Garza and Mr. Ponto reported on this item, discussion followed.

The board gave direction to review the by-laws for other potential members, to reestablish the City of Cudahy as a member of the Authority via an amended proposal from the City of Cudahy, to review this membership relationship with the City in six months, and also to include that the Board representative from City of Cudahy will receive a stipend for meetings in accordance to the City's contribution to the JPA.

Chair Cortez moved and alternate Altamirano seconded to approve City of Cudahy's reestablishment as a member of the Authority with the amendments discussed.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

Mr. Pineda reported the following:

- COVID-19 Vaccine Update
- Cardroom Moratorium Legislation
- Cardroom Fee Waiver Legislation

Discussion on these items followed.

Chair Cortez moved and alternate Altamirano seconded to receive and file the report and support cardroom moratorium legislation and fee waiver legislation:

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 the Board will receive proposal for enhanced revenue options in the next meeting.

Chair Cortez moved and alternate Altamirano 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. Executive Director Report/Summary

Mr. Garza reported on the following:

- COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- Bringing Economy Back
- Cardrooms Status
- CA Attorney General Replacement Search

Discussion followed, Mr. Garza on behalf of the board is seeking clarification on “Capacity” language for cardrooms.

Chair Cortez moved and alternate Altamirano 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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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, March 17, 2021, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

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Alejandra Cortez, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jesse Alvarado, Secretary



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**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, MARCH 17, 2021.**

**10:06 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Chair – Bell Gardens  
Ivan Altamirano, Alternate - Commerce  
Aja Brown, Treasurer – Compton @ 10:14 a.m.  
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, Joy Harn, Michael Soto, Joe Patterson, Jose Gonzalez

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Chair Cortez moved and member Alvarado seconded to approve the minutes

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

(Treasurer Brown joined the meeting at 10:14 a.m.)

2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated March 17, 2021.

Executive Director Garza reviewed the new Financial Summary format with the Board.

Chair Cortez moved and alternate Altamirano seconded to approve the Financial Summary.

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:

- Cardroom Moratorium Legislation
- Cardroom Fee Waiver Legislation
- Cardroom Indoor Operations in the Red Tier
- Governor Newsom Recall Efforts

Discussion on these items followed.

Alternate Altamirano moved and member Brown 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 on the following:

- Update to JPA agreement at next meeting
- Conflict of Interest Policy
- Funding options for JPA
- Templates for JPA agreements for better documentation and record keeping

Chair Cortez moved and alternate Altamirano 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:

- COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- Bringing Economy Back
- Cardrooms Status
- Upcoming JPA Expansion efforts

Discussion followed, members of the Board and Mr. Garza thanked Ernie Hernandez for his service to the JPA and wished him well.

Member Alvarado moved and alternate Altamirano 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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Treasurer Brown (Compton)

Secretary Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Alternate Altamirano (Commerce)

Chair Cortez (Bell Gardens)

### **ADJOURN (10:45 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am, on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

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Alejandra Cortez, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jesse Alvarado, Secretary



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**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 21, 2021.**

**10:06 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Chair – Bell Gardens  
Hugo Argumedo, Member - *Commerce*  
Aja Brown, Treasurer – *Compton @ 10:21 a.m.*  
Jesse Alvarado, Secretary – *Hawaiian Gardens*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Victor Farfan, John Soria, Juan Garza, Victor Ponto, Liz Garcia, Marvin Pineda, Linda Hollinsworth, Jhonny Pineda, Leo Chu, Edgar Cisneros, Joy Harn, Jose Gonzalez, John Griffo, Stephanie Arechiga, Keith Sharp, Craig Cornwell, Gary Townsend, Cynthia Gutierrez

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation to the Honorable John Soria of the City of Commerce for his Service as a Board Member of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Board.

Board members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Soria for his service and dedication to the JPA Board. His ideas and guidance were invaluable.

Mr. Soria thanked the Board and Mr. Garza, he expressed the honor it was to serve on the JPA Board.

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the March 17, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Chair Cortez moved and member Alvarado seconded to approve the minutes

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Abstain
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

(Treasurer Brown joined the meeting at 10:22 a.m.)

3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated April 21, 2021.

Executive Director Garza reviewed the new Financial Summary format with the Board.

Chair Cortez moved and Secretary Alvarado seconded to approve the Financial Summary.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

4. Consideration and possible action to establish and accept an ongoing Cardroom monetary contribution commitment towards the JPA starting with FY2021-2022.

Mr. Garza and Mr. Pronto reported on this item and discussion followed. There is interest from the Cardroom to contribute to the JPA, for now on a voluntary basis. At the May JPA Board meeting, there will be a formal fiscal presentation and final amount of contribution will be discussed.

The consensus of the Board was that the JPA and Cardrooms form a natural partnership, both entities need each other.

Chairperson Cortez moved and Member Argumedo seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

5. Consideration and possible action to adopt a proposed and updated Conflict of Interest Code as mandated by Government Code § 87300.

Mr. Pronto and Ms. Arechiga reported on this item: currently the Conflict of Interest Code was outdated and has been updated. The updated code will help staff with better record keeping.

Secretary Alvarado moved and Member Argumedo seconded to approve the updated Conflict of Interest Code:

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

6. Consideration and possible action to adopt a proposed Sixth Restated and Amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement.

Mr. Pronto and Ms. Arechiga reported on this item: correction, it is the seventh amendment the agreement. Again, all updates will ensure that the JPA Board has accurate information and improves record keeping.

Chairperson Cortez moved and Treasurer Brown seconded to approve the Seventh Restated and Amended Joint Powers Authority Agreement.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes

Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

Mr. Pineda reported the following:

- SB 576: Cardrooms Moratorium Legislation Update
- AB 1321: Gambling Establishments.
- Speaker Meeting Update
- Assembly member Rob Bonta Update
- California Budget – Cardroom License Fee Waivers

Discussion on these items followed.

Chairperson Cortez moved and Member Argumedo seconded to receive and file the report and to approve staff to approach the Governor's office regarding fee waiver.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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. Ponto reported on the following:

- JPA Board Audit
- Contract document
- Conflict of Interest

Member Argumedo moved and Secretary 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

9. Executive Director Report/Summary

Mr. Garza reported on the following:

- COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- Bringing Economy Back
- Cardrooms Status
- Upcoming JPA Expansion efforts

Mr. Garza welcomed Mr. Argumedo to the JPA Board.

Member Argumedo moved and Treasurer Brown 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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Member Argumedo (Commerce)

Secretary Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

Treasurer Brown (Compton)

Chair Cortez (Bell Gardens)

**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 19, 2021, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

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Alejandra Cortez, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jesse Alvarado, Secretary



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**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, MAY 19, 2021**

**10:04 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Chair – *Bell Gardens*  
Hugo Argumedo, Member - *Commerce*  
Aja Brown, Treasurer – *Compton*  
Jesse Alvarado, Secretary – *Hawaiian Gardens*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

CA Attorney General Rob Bonta, Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Victor Ponto, Liz Garcia, Marvin Pineda, Linda Hollinsworth, Jhonny Pineda, Leo Chu, Edgar Cisneros, Joy Harn, John Griffo, Stephanie Arechiga, Keith Sharp, Craig Cornwell, Gary Townsend, Cynthia Gutierrez, Michael O'Kelly

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 2021, 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	No response
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated May 19, 2021.

Executive Director Garza reviewed the new Financial Summary format with the Board.

Chair Cortez moved and Treasurer Brown seconded to approve the Financial Summary.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	No response
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

3. Consideration and possible action regarding FY 2021-2022 Annual Budget.

Mr. Garza presented the FY 2021-2022 proposed budget.

Mr. Garza noted that for Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the JPA budget had originally been structured with City of Cudahy being a full paying member of the JPA. The City of Cudahy decided at the beginning of the fiscal year to temporarily withdraw membership in the JPA due to budget challenges. This action affected the JPA's budget by reducing revenue by \$30,000 to \$120,000 from the originally proposed \$150,000. Budgeted expenditures were maintained as originally proposed at \$150,000. Staff attempted to control costs as reflected in monthly reports with expenses projected to end below FY 2020-2021's originally proposed expense budget, but over current revenue threshold.

In addition, cost over-runs with regards to prior communications efforts affected the current FY by \$7,500. FY 2020-2021 is projected to end with a \$21,607 deficit with total expenditures of \$141,607. Enough funds exist in reserves to cover this deficit.

Proposal for a balanced budget for FY 2021-2022:

- 1) Balanced annual budget at \$235,000.
- 2) No increases in fees for member cities.

- 3) City of Cudahy is scheduled to become a full-fledged member of the JPA at co-host level, \$15,000, per Board approval during the March 2021 meeting.
- 4) Cardroom total annual contributions for a total of \$100,000 starting FY 2021-2022 to enhance JPA viability and resources.

Chairperson Cortez requested amount in reserves. Mr. Garza reported \$62,601.92.

Mr. Garza summarized proposed FY 2021-2022 and detailed staff's assessment and recommendations to invest resources and maximize return for the JPA and its members, with enhancement from the City of Cudahy and Cardrooms revenue stream.

Proposed FY 2021 budget:

- 1) Maintain current stipend level for the Board of Directors.
- 2) Executive Director's salary be increased by \$35,000 to \$95,000. Salary increase reflects market rate for position and responsibility.
- 3) Proposing \$10,000 increase for Operational Expenses due to the economy re-opening and expected increase in activity and travel. Potential expansion of the JPA would necessitate travel to potential member cities to engage on behalf of the JPA.
- 4) OMLO Law has been providing in-kind legal services until now. With the upcoming elections in 2022 we expect their activities will increase exponentially. Recommend compensating OMLO for their services at \$20,000 annually.
- 5) Financial services will remain the same.
- 6) Mr. Garza recommended increasing compensation for the JPA's Legislative Lobbyist, Mr. Marvin Pineda. Proposed Mr. Pineda be compensated at \$80,000 annually.

Mr. Garza interrupted report to shift to Item #4 for introduction of California Attorney General Rob Bonta to the conversation. Mr. Bonta committed to visit the JPA member cities and cardrooms. Mr. Pineda is working to coordinate planned visit. Mr. Garza highlighted the ongoing dialogue between cardrooms and Mr. Bonta and his staff.

Mr. Garza returned to FY 2021-2022 budget item #3.

Chairperson Cortez asked for clarification on the agreement with the City of Cudahy being contingent on the fact that the City does not have a casino at the moment and duration of agreement. Mr. Garza confirmed the item will be brought back for assessment in 6 months, January 2022.

Victor Ponto, General Counsel and City Attorney for the City of Cudahy confirmed the City of Cudahy is in active negotiations to get cardroom in operation and will disclose updates as they become available. Once their cardroom is established the City of Cudahy will become full paying member of the JPA.

Treasurer Brown moved and Member Argumendo seconded to approve FY 2021-2022 Proposed Budget as presented by Executive Director Garza.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

Chairperson Cortez requested a meeting to elaborate on the Special Assessment item in the budget.

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

Mr. Pineda reported the following:

- Presentation by CA Attorney General Rob Bonta
- SB 576: Cardrooms Moratorium Legislation Update
- California Budget Cardroom License Fee Waivers

Discussion on these items followed.

Chairperson Cortez moved and Member Argumendo 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. Report of General Counsel

No legal update from Mr. Ponto.

6. Executive Director Report/Summary

Mr. Garza reported on the following:

- COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- Bringing Economy Back
- Cardrooms Status
- SB 576 (Archuleta) – Assembly Outreach Briefings
- AB 423 (Gipson) – Bill Stall – Mischaracterization of Cardrooms

Discussion on these items followed. Board requested to see letters from Tribes against AB 423 for perspective on narrative.

Chairperson Cortez moved and Member 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

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

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Chair Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Member Argumedo (Commerce)

Treasurer Brown (Compton)

Secretary Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

#### **ADJOURN (10:56 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

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Alejandra Cortez, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jesse Alvarado, Secretary



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**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, JUNE 16, 2021**

**10:15 AM**

**M I N U T E S**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Chair – *Bell Gardens*  
Emma Sharif, Member – *Compton*  
Jesse Alvarado, Secretary – *Hawaiian Gardens*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Victor Ponto, Liz Garcia, Marvin Pineda, Linda Hollinsworth, Jhonny Pineda, Leo Chu, Joy Harn, John Griffo, Stephanie Arechiga, Keith Sharp, Craig Cornwell, Gary Townsend, Cynthia Gutierrez

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the May 19, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board.

Quorum specific to item not established. Item tabled to the next meeting of the Board per action taken under Item #3.

2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated June 16, 2021.

Executive Director Garza reviewed the Financial Summary. Member Sharif inquired about the prior JPA membership exit of the City of Cudahy. Director Garza made clarification.

Mr. Ponto updated that the City of Cudahy approved budget for next fiscal year and approved member dues to the JPA. Mr. Ponto will ensure the JPA receives membership dues in timely fashion. The City of Cudahy will participate starting at next month's JPA Regular Meeting.

Chair Cortez moved and Secretary Alvarado seconded to approve the Financial Summary.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	No response
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

3. Consideration and request for approval of contract between the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority and OMLO for general counsel legal services.

Mr. Garza provided background regarding OMLO's in-kind services provided to date, and proposal to initiate compensation for its services.

Mr. Garza provided summary of approved FY 2021-2022 budget from May 19, 2021 regular board meeting as background for Member Sharif.

Mr. Ponto provided update regarding City of Cudahy's commitment to the JPA.

Member Sharif commented she did not have an opportunity to review contract. Mr. Ponto highlighted terms and conditions in standard contract for OMLO. Mr. Ponto noted the budgeted \$20,000/year and reduced hourly rates for staff at firm.

Mr. Garza recommended Item #3 be tabled to July's monthly meeting to give Member Sharif ample time to review contract.

Chair Cortez moved and Secretary Alvarado seconded to table Item #1, Item #3, and Item #7 to July's regular board meeting.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	No response
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

Mr. Pineda reported the following:

- Governor Newsom Lifted Stay-at-Home Order and Retired County Tier System
  - The Capitol building is open for business.
  - Statewide restrictions ended for the cardroom industry.
  - Cardrooms are still required to follow California Department of Public Health Face coverings and any local guidance in effect.
- California 2021-22 Budget Act
  - On June 14<sup>th</sup>, the California Legislature sent AB 128, the Budget Trailer Bill, to Governor's desk. In the bill, grants are being allocated for small businesses. Legislature did not include license fee waivers for cardrooms. JPA sent letter to Chair Phil Ting and Senator Skinner to advocate for the inclusion of license fee waivers for cardrooms. JPA will continue its advocacy efforts on this front.
- SB 576: Cardrooms Moratorium Legislation Update
  - Highlighted the work of the JPA to advocate for SB 576 to receive a hearing date. Mr. Garza noted the challenges with moving bill forward.

Mr. Pineda noted a meeting scheduled with Attorney General Rob Bonta for Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> in Downtown Los Angeles with a delegation representing the JPA.

Chairperson Cortez moved and Secretary Alvarado seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	No response
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

5. Report of General Counsel

Legal updates were summarized throughout meeting by Mr. Ponto.

Chairperson Cortez moved and Secretary Alvarado seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	No response
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

6. Executive Director Report/Summary

Mr. Garza reported on the following:

- 1) Governor's Official State of Emergency Remains in Place- Most orders/ Color codes rescinded
- 2) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
  - a. 40+ million vaccinations in CA/ 70% of eligible Californians have at least one dose
  - b. June 15<sup>th</sup> Statewide Openings
  - c. If NOT vaccinated, still need to keep masks on in businesses and public settings indoors
    - i. Burden on business to verify vaccination status
  - d. If vaccinated, all restrictions are eliminated EXCEPT:
    - i. Indoors at schools and childcare settings
    - ii. Public transportation
    - iii. Homeless/emergency/cooling shelters
    - iv. Healthcare settings
    - v. Burden on business to verify vaccination status
  - e. Workplace rules under OSHA guidelines, coming out Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Burden on employers to verify vaccination status
- 3) CA Executive Order No. N-29-20 (Online Public Meetings) – Ends September 30<sup>th</sup>
  - i. Board noted preference to maintain virtual meetings.
- 4) Cardroom Status- Restrictions on dealers continue until OSHA updates guidelines
- 5) SB 576 (Archuleta) – Assembly Outreach Briefings
- 6) AB 423 (Gipson) – Bill Stall – Mischaracterization of Cardrooms
- 7) Statewide Sports Gambling Tribal Initiative Qualified- November 2022 Election



Chairperson Cortez moved and Secretary Alvarado seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	No Response
Compton	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

7. Presentation to the Honorable Aja Brown of the City of Compton for her Service as a Member of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Board.

Item tabled to the next meeting of the Board per action taken under Item #3.

#### **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 Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Secretary Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

#### **ADJOURN (11:05 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

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Alejandra Cortez, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jesse Alvarado, Secretary



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**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, JULY 21, 2021**

**10:06 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Chair – *Bell Gardens*  
Ivan Altamirano, Alternate Member – *Commerce (10:13 AM)*  
Emma Sharif, Member – *Compton*  
Jose Gonzalez, Member – *Cudahy*  
Jesse Alvarado, Secretary – *Hawaiian Gardens*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Victor Ponto, Liz Garcia, Linda Hollinsworth, Jhonny Pineda, Leo Chu, Joy Harn, John Griffo, Keith Sharp, Gary Townsend, Cynthia Gutierrez, John Griffo, Edgar Cisneros, Ernesto Marquez, Haig Kelegian

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Presentation to the Honorable Aja Brown of the City of Compton for her Service as a Member of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Board.

Former JPA Board Member Aja Brown to be mailed a Certificate of Recognition for her honorable service to the JPA and all member cities.

Chair Cortez moved and Secretary Alvarado seconded to approve the action of recognition.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	No response
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the May 19, 2021, Regular Meeting of the Board.

Quorum specific to item not established. Item tabled to the next meeting of the Board.

Chair Cortez moved and Secretary Alvarado seconded a motion to continue to the next meeting of the JPA Board.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	No response
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Abstain
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the June 16, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Chair Cortez moved and Secretary Alvarado seconded to approve the minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	No response
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Abstain
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

4. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated July 21, 2021.

Chair Cortez moved and Secretary Alvarado seconded to approve the Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	No response
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

5. Consideration and possible action on determination of the Authority's Special Assessment Fund Balance.

Chair Cortez moved and Alternate Member Altamirano seconded a motion directing staff to continue researching options for the Authority's Special Assessment Fund Balance and return with findings at the next meeting of the JPA Board.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

6. Consideration and request for approval of contract between the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority and OMLO for general counsel legal services.

Chair Cortez moved and Alternate Member Altamirano seconded to approve approval of contract for general counsel legal services.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Chairperson Cortez moved and Secretary Alvarado 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	Yes

8. Report of General Counsel

Legal updates were summarized throughout meeting by Mr. Ponto.

Chairperson Cortez moved and Secretary Alvarado 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	Yes

9. Executive Director Report/Summary

Chairperson Cortez moved and Alternate Altamirano 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	Yes

**CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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Chair Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Alternate Member Altamirano (Commerce)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Member Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Secretary Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

**ADJOURN (11:04 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 18, 2021, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

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Alejandra Cortez, Chair

ATTEST:

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Jesse Alvarado, Secretary



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

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**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021**

**10:06 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Chair – *Bell Gardens*  
Hugo Argumedo, Member- *Commerce*  
Emma Sharif, Member – *Compton*  
Jose Gonzalez, Member - *Cudahy*  
Jesse Alvarado, Secretary – *Hawaiian Gardens*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Victor Farfan, Ivan Altamirano, Juan Garza, Liz Garcia, Linda Hollinsworth, Jhonny Pineda, Leo Chu, Edgar Cisneros, Stephanie Arechiga, Gary Townsend, Ernesto Marquez, Cynthia Gutierrez

**NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

1. Board Reorganization- Election of Officers to the offices of (1) Chair, (2) Vice Chair, (3) Secretary and (4) Treasurer.

Executive Director Garza opened the nomination for Chair:

Chair Cortez nominated Member Alvarado. The nomination was approved by the following vote:

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

Executive Director Garza opened the nomination for Vice-Chair:

Member Alvarado nominated Member Gonzalez. The nomination was approved by the following vote:

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

Executive Director Garza opened the nomination for Secretary:

Member Alvarado nominated Member Sharif, and Member Sharif respectfully declined. Member Alvarado nominated Member Cortez. The nomination was approved by the following vote:

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

Executive Director Garza opened the nomination for Treasurer:

Member Cortez nominated Member Argumedo. The nomination was approved by the following vote:



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

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the May 19, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Chair Alvarado moved and Secretary Cortez seconded to approve the minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the July 21, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Treasurer Gonzalez moved and Secretary Cortez seconded to approve the Minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated August 18, 2021.

Mr. Garza presented Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Member Cortez seconded to receive/file the Financial Summary and approve the Warrant Register dated August 18, 2021.

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 on determination of the Authority's Special Assessment Fund Balance.

Mr. Garza provided background information with regard to the creation of the Authority's Special Assessment Fund in 2019 by the JPA and its members in order to educate and engage on considerations being made by then-Attorney General Becerra to change elements of gaming procedures that would fundamentally and negatively affect the JPA's member cities and their resident cardrooms.

Each of the 7 member cities contributed \$33,000 toward the Special Assessment Fund and related efforts for a total of \$231,000 combined fund balance. Subsequently as part of the efforts, two consultants were hired by the JPA who performed education and engagement services in line with the intent of the fund. All funds gathered for this effort were not expended. Since then, former member City of Inglewood asked for and received reimbursement for their portion of the remaining fund balance in the amount of \$9,105.30. There remains a balance of \$54,631.81.

Per prior Board directive, staff conducted research and found a 2019 city staff report from the city of Hawaiian Gardens that explicitly noted these contributed funds were intended for this purpose exclusively. Considering all related fund balance efforts have been completed and are no longer active, JPA staff recommended each contributing City be reimbursed their portion of the remaining \$54,631.81.

Vice Chair Gonzalez moved and Secretary Cortez seconded to reimburse all contributing cities their portion of the remaining fund balance.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

6. Consideration and request for approval of contract between the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority and OMLO for general counsel legal services.

This prior-approved agreement was returned for reconsideration as one voting member may have had a conflict of interest during the original July 21, 2021 agreement consideration by the Board.

Secretary Cortez moved and Vice-Chair Gonzalez seconded to approve.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Mr. Pineda reported the following:

- State Legislature- Recess & End of Session Update.
- California Sports Wagering and Consumer Protection Act to legalize sports wagering in state (Steps and Deadlines)
- COVID-19 Update

Discussion on these items followed.

Vice Chair Gonzalez moved and Treasurer Argumedo 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	Yes

8. Report of General Counsel

No report.

9. Executive Director Report/Summary

Mr. Garza reported on the following:

- Stabilization in COVID-19 Cases and Hospitalization Counts Related to Delta Variant
- L.A. County Board of Supervisors Consideration- Order Mandating Enforcement of COVID-19 Vaccination Verifications
  - For all individuals no matter vaccination status
  - By all businesses
- L.A. County Board of Supervisors continues on these being short-term, not planning on prior economic and social restrictions at this time.

Vice Chair Gonzalez 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
Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

**CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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Secretary Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Argumedo (Commerce)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Vice-Chair Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Chair Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

**ADJOURN (11:01 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, telephonically and via Zoom under the State of California's Executive Order N-29-20.

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Jesse Alvarado, Chair

ATTEST:

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Alejandra Cortez, Secretary



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**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 15, 2021**

**10:09 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Alejandra Cortez, Secretary – *Bell Gardens*  
Hugo Argumedo, Treasurer - *Commerce (Joined at 10:11 AM)*  
Emma Sharif, Member – *Compton (Joined at 10:28 AM)*  
Jose Gonzalez, Vice-Chair - *Cudahy (Left at 10:45 AM)*  
Jesse Alvarado, Chair – *Hawaiian Gardens*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Liz Garcia, Linda Hollinsworth, Jhonny Pineda, Leo Chu,  
Edgar Cisneros, Gary Townsend, Ernesto Marquez, Cynthia Gutierrez, Joy Harn, Victor  
Ponto

**NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

1. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board

Chair Alvarado moved and Vice-Chair Gonzalez seconded to approve the Minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

2. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated September 15, 2021.

Mr. Garza presented Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

Chair Alvarado moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to receive/file the Financial Summary and approve the Warrant Register dated September 15, 2021.

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 regarding amendments to the employment agreement with the Executive Director and the service agreement with California Advocacy, LLC.

Mr. Ponto requested continuance of this item to gather more related information for the Board's edification.

Chair Alvarado moved and Secretary Cortez seconded to continue this item to the next regular meeting of the Board.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Consideration and possible action regarding location and format of future meetings of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors

Mr. Garza & Mr. Ponto provided (1) background information with regard to remote public meeting allowances under State of California Executive Order No. N-29-20 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, (2) Governor Newsom's current consideration to either extend or deactivate said Executive Order by September 30, 2021, (3) active state legislation intending to extend remote public meetings allowances in the future, (4) a brief history on Board meeting hosting rotations amongst member cities, and (5) options for the Board to consider on future Board meetings with regard to physical, remote and hybrid formats.

The Board asked questions of staff and general counsel, and subsequently discussed various related options.

Vice-Chair Gonzalez moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to (1) continue Board meetings via Zoom as allowed under State of California Executive Order No. N-29-20, (2) enact provisions under AB 361 or any other legislation that allows for remote public meetings (if needed), (3) monitor related proposals and activities in Sacramento, (4) and continue 'Location and Rotation' meeting hosting discussions to the next 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

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

Mr. Pineda reported the following:

- State Legislature- Recess & End of Session Update
- Consideration of inviting members of the Legislature to tour local cardroom facilities



- California Gambling Control Commission, Cardroom Fee Waiver
- California Sports Wagering and Consumer Protection Act
- California Solutions to Homelessness and Mental Health Support Act

Discussion on these items followed.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Secretary Cortez seconded to (1) direct California Advocacy LLC to engage and invite members of the legislature to tour local cardroom facilities and (2) receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

6. Report of General Counsel

Mr. Ponto reported on various items throughout the meeting, and ongoing efforts with regard to administrative efforts and audit efforts/preparation.

Secretary Cortez moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

7. Executive Director Report/Summary

Mr. Garza reported on the following:

- California COVID-19 transmission rates are dropping due to high vaccination rates and indoor masking
- Recent meetings and discussions between LA County Department of Public Health and local cardrooms with regard to vaccination mandates

- Upcoming Full Briefing - November 2022 General Election: Statewide Initiatives of Cardroom Interest
- Legislative Guests at Upcoming Board Meetings
- Website Updates / Social Media Activity
- Future Board Retreat

Treasurer Argumedo 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
Cudahy	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

#### **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 Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Argumedo (Commerce)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Vice-Chair Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Chair Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

**ADJOURN (11:03 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 (the subject meeting shall be conducted via Zoom or in-person based on the latest directive(s)/Executive Order(s) of the California Governor's Office. Notice of the form/location that the subject meeting shall take will be made publicly available no later than 72 hours prior to the date of the meeting).

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Jesse Alvarado, Chair

ATTEST:

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Alejandra Cortez, Secretary



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

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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021**

**10:01 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Jesse Alvarado, *Chair – Hawaiian Gardens*  
Jose Gonzalez, *Vice-Chair – Cudahy (Absent)*  
Alejandra Cortez, *Secretary – Bell Gardens*  
Hugo Argumedo, *Treasurer - Commerce*  
Emma Sharif, *Member – Compton*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Assembly Member Blanca Rubio, Victory Ponto, Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Liz Garcia, Linda Hollinsworth, Jhonny Pineda, Leo Chu, Edgar Cisneros, Stephanie Arechiga, Gary Townsend, Ernesto Marquez, Cynthia Gutierrez, Julissa Zepeda, Joy Harn

**NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

1. Presentation by the Honorable Assembly Member Blanca Rubio on legislative matters of interest to the Joint Powers Authority, its member cities and cardroom industry.

Johnny Pineda introduced Assembly Member Blanca Rubio for a meet and greet. Spoke to issues of interest to the JPA, its member cities, and the cardroom industry.

JPA Board Members and Executive Director Garza thanked Assembly Member Rubio for joining the meeting and advocating for issues of pertinence to the JPA.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Member Sharif seconded to receive and file presentation by Assembly Member Blanca Rubio.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Executive Director Garza addressed a typo misidentifying Secretary Cortez as Chair of the JPA Board. Amendment with correction approved.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Member Sharif seconded to approve the Minutes dated September 15, 2021.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file the Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated October 20, 2021.

Secretary Cortez moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated October 20, 2021.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Consideration and possible action regarding AB 361 and related format of future meetings of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority Board of Directors.

Stephanie Arechiga provided a report and update regarding AB 361 and recommendation on moving forward.

General Counsel recommended adopting Resolution of the JPA ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and authorizing remote teleconference meeting of the Joint Powers Authority for October 20, 2021, pursuant to Brown Act Provisions and AB 361. The Board of the JPA agreed with recommendation and continued meeting via zoom.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Secretary Cortez seconded to adopt resolution.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Mr. Pineda reported on continued efforts to host California State Senators and Assembly Members during monthly meetings to position JPA accordingly in preparation for 2022. State Senator Susan Rubio is confirmed to join the next monthly meeting of the JPA on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

Treasurer Argumedo 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
Cudahy	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

6. Report of General Counsel

No report.

7. Executive Director Report/Summary

Mr. Garza reported on the following:

- 1) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- 2) Legislative Guests at Upcoming Board Meetings
  - a. As Mr. Pineda reported, there will be continued efforts to target specific members of different committees in the state legislature.
  - b. Scheduled meeting later today with Speaker Anthony Rendon, JPA Chair and Vice Chair, and Commerce City Manager Edgar Cisneros.
  - c. Upcoming cardroom tour with Assembly Member Mike Gipson on November 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Senator Susan Rubio will join the JPA monthly meeting on November 17<sup>th</sup>.
- 3) Upcoming full briefing- November 2022 General Election: Statewide Initiatives of Cardroom Interest

Treasurer Argumedo 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
Cudahy	No Vote
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

**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 Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Argumedo (Commerce)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Vice-Chair Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Chair Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

**ADJOURN (10:47 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, November 17, 2021, telephonically and via Zoom pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

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Jesse Alvarado, Chair

ATTEST:

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Alejandra Cortez, Secretary





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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
54953 ALLOWING LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA  
TELECONFERENCING**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

**10:03 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Jesse Alvarado, *Chair – Hawaiian Gardens*  
Jose Gonzalez, *Vice-Chair – Cudahy*  
Alejandra Cortez, *Secretary – Bell Gardens (Left at 11:42 AM)*  
Hugo Argumedo, *Treasurer – Commerce (Joined at 10:06 AM)*  
Emma Sharif, *Member – Compton (Left at 11:43 AM)*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

State Senator Susan Rubio, Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Liz Garcia, Linda Hollinsworth, Jhonny Pineda, Leo Chu, Edgar Cisneros, Stephanie Arechiga, Gary Townsend, Joy Harn, Alex Hirsch, Chris Garcia, Matthew Thompson, Keith Sharp

**NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

1. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the period from November 16, 2021 through December 16, 2021, pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

Deputy General Counsel Stephanie Arechiga provided a report and update regarding AB 361, and recommended adopting a Resolution of the JPA ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and authorizing remote teleconference meeting of the Joint Powers Authority for November 16, 2021 through December 16, 2021, pursuant to Brown Act Provisions and AB 361. The Board of the JPA agreed with recommendation and continued meeting via Zoom.

Secretary Cortez moved and Chair Alvarado seconded to adopt resolution.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

2. Presentation by the Honorable State Senator Susan Rubio on legislative matters of interest to the Joint Powers Authority, its member cities and cardroom industry.

Johnny Pineda introduced Senator Susan Rubio for a meet and greet. Spoke to issues of interest to the JPA, its member cities, and the cardroom industry.

JPA Board Members and Executive Director Garza thanked Senator Rubio for joining the meeting and advocating for issues of pertinence to the JPA.

Secretary Cortez moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to receive and file presentation by State Senator Susan Rubio.

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 to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Member Sharif seconded to approve the Minutes dated October 20, 2021.

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 November 17, 2021.

Chair Alvarado moved and Vice Chair Gonzalez seconded to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated November 17, 2021.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Performed under Agenda Item #2.

6. Presentation on Proposed Statewide Ballot Initiatives related to Sports Wagering and Other Forms of Gaming within the State of California for the November 8, 2022 Election, and their effects to the Joint Powers Authority, its member cities and cardroom industry.

Executive Director Juan Garza, Deputy General Counsel Stephanie Arechiga and Gardens Casino General Counsel Mr. Keith Sharp provided a presentation and answered various questions from the Board regarding the proposed statewide ballot initiatives related to Sports Wagering and Other Forms of Gambling within the State of California, and their effects on JPA member cities and partner cardrooms. The

ballot initiatives are at various stages of the formation process and being considered for the November 8, 2022 statewide election.

Chair Alvarado moved and Member Sharif seconded to receive and file the presentation.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

7. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution to oppose the 'California Legalize Sports Betting on American Indian Lands' statewide ballot initiative scheduled for voter consideration as a combined constitutional amendment and state statute during the November 8, 2022 Election.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Vice Chair Gonzalez seconded to adopt the resolution.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

8. Consideration and request for approval of contract between the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority and CampaignRep for Digital Consultation Services.

Executive Director Juan Garza, CampaignRep Owner Mr. Chris Garcia and CampaignRep Representative Mr. Matthew Thompson provided a presentation and answered various questions from the Board regarding their experience and proposed services to the JPA.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Vice Chair Gonzalez seconded to adopt the resolution.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

9. Consideration and possible action regarding amendment to the FY 2021-2022 Annual Budget.

Executive Director Juan Garza provided a presentation and answered various questions from the Board regarding his recommendation to amend the FY 2021-2022 Annual Budget in order to reflect and fund new services to be provided to the JPA by CampaignRep. The amendments to the budget included a reduction of the Executive Director's budget line item in the amount of \$6,800, and creating a 'Communications' budget line item and adding \$6,800 for its services to benefit from the services of CampaignRep.

Treasurer Argumedo requested that efforts be made to restore the Executive Director's budget line item in the future.

Vice Chair Gonzalez moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to adopt the resolution.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

10. Report of General Counsel

No report.

11. Executive Director Report/Summary

No report.

**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 Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Argumedo (Commerce)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Vice-Chair Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Chair Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

**ADJOURN (12:03 PM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, telephonically and via Zoom pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

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Jesse Alvarado, Chair

ATTEST:

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Alejandra Cortez, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
54953 ALLOWING LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA  
TELECONFERENCING**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2021**

**10:01 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Jesse Alvarado, *Chair – Hawaiian Gardens*  
Jose Gonzalez, *Vice-Chair – Cudahy (Absent)*  
Alejandra Cortez, *Secretary – Bell Gardens*  
Hugo Argumedo, *Treasurer – Commerce (Joined at 10:09 AM)*  
Emma Sharif, *Member – Compton*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Gary Townsend shared concerns with regard to upcoming LA County Department of Public Health Orders affecting cardroom activities related to drinking and eating at gaming tables and other ancillary cardroom operations.

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Chris Garcia, Matthew Thompson, Ernesto Marquez, Edgar Cisneros, Liz Garcia, Jhonny Pineda, Joy Harn, Victor Ponto, Gary Townsend, Keith Sharp, Leo Chu, Stephanie Arechiga

**NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

### **\* Agenda Reorganization \***

General Counsel Victor Ponto, at the request of Executive Director Garza, proposed reorganizing the JPA meeting's agenda in order to provide Mr. Pineda the opportunity to present his monthly report under agenda item #5, to be provided after agenda item #1.

Secretary Cortez moved and Member Sharif seconded to adopt the action.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

1. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and re-authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the period from December 15, 2021 through January 14, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

General Counsel Victor Ponto provided a report and update regarding AB 361 and recommended adopting a Resolution of the JPA ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and authorizing remote teleconference meeting of the Joint Powers Authority for December 15, 2021 through January 14, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act Provisions and AB 361. The Board of the JPA agreed with recommendation and continued meeting via Zoom.

Chair Alvarado moved and Secretary Cortez seconded to adopt resolution.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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



2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Member Sharif moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to approve the Minutes dated November 17, 2021.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated December 15, 2021.

Executive Director Garza reported on revenues for the current FY continuing to be received, on the one-time increased invoicing from OMLO due to their services agreement being approved later in the FY and related retroactive billing, on the amended budget reflecting the new services agreement with CampaignRep, and that reimbursement to member cities of their 'Special Assessment Fund' balances will be occurring in the next month.

Chair Alvarado moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated December 15, 2021.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2022.

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Mr, Jhonny Pineda provided a report on the state's new upcoming health masking mandates related to COVID-19, specifically the growing Omicron variant. He also reported the state released its new budget priorities and reaction from various interests to that ahead of next month's Governor's annual preliminary budget release, and potential opportunities that may exist for cities to benefit from the state's record budget surplus of \$31.2B.

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

6. Report of General Counsel

General Counsel Victor Ponto reported on the expected allowance of remote teleconferencing meetings for the foreseeable future due to the continued and rising rates of infection related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and also the state's new mask mandates.

Chair Alvarado 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
Cudahy	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

7. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County, specifically new statewide masking mandates and new LA County DPH HOO's related to cardroom drinking and food consumption at gaming tables.
- 2) Recent JPA-Cardroom Legislative Meetings:
  - a. Speaker Anthony Rendon
  - b. Assembly Mike Gipson
  - c. New ASM Governmental Organization Committee Chairman Miguel Santiago
- 3) Online Gaming Statewide Initiatives Efforts with:
  - a. Campaigns
  - b. California Contract Cities Association
  - c. League of California Cities
- 4) Upcoming Sacramento Legislative Trip with Partner Cardrooms
- 5) Redistricting results and upcoming meetings and introductions to current and new representatives at the following levels:
  - a. County
  - b. State Assembly
  - c. State Senate
  - d. U.S. Congress
- 6) Recap of last week's JPA/Cardroom Holiday gathering and event visit by ASM Miguel Santiago

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

**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 Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Argumedo (Commerce)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Vice-Chair Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Chair Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

**ADJOURN (10:44 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, telephonically and via Zoom pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

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Jesse Alvarado, Chair

ATTEST:

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Alejandra Cortez, Secretary



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**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 19, 2022, through June 15, 2022**  
**DATE:** April 9, 2025

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### **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 19, 2022, through June 15, 2022.

### **BACKGROUND/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

On January 19, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“January 2022 Regular Meeting”). On February 16, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“February 2022 Regular Meeting”). At the February 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board of Directors (“Board”), approved the minutes for the January 2022 Regular Meeting.

On March 16, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“March 2022 Regular Meeting”), at the March 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the February 2022 Regular Meeting.

On April 20, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“April 2022 Regular Meeting”), at the April 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for

the March 2022 Regular Meeting.

On May 18, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“May 2022 Regular Meeting”), at the May 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the April 2022 Regular Meeting.

On June 15, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“June 2022 Regular Meeting”), at the June 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the May 2022 Regular Meeting.

On July 20, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“July 2022 Regular Meeting”), at the July 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the June 2022 Regular Meeting.

The Authority hereby ratifies and confirms the approval of the minutes for the January 2022 Regular Meeting, February 2022 Regular Meeting, March 2022 Regular Meeting, April 2022 Regular Meeting, May 2022 Regular Meeting, June 2022 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 25-06

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-06**

**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 19, 2022, THROUGH  
JUNE 15, 2022**

**WHEREAS**, on January 19, 2022, the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority (the “Authority”) held a Regular Meeting (“January 2022 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, on February 16, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“February 2022 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the February 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board of Directors (“Board”), approved the minutes for the January 2022 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 16, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“March 2022 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the March 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the February 2022 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 20, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“April 2022 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the April 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the March 2022 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 18, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“May 2022 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the May 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the April 2022 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 15, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“June 2022 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the June 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 3, the Board approved the minutes for the May 2022 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, on July 20, 2022, the Authority held a Regular Meeting (“July 2022 Regular Meeting”); and

**WHEREAS**, at the July 2022 Regular Meeting, under New Business Item No. 2, the Board approved the minutes for the June 2022 Regular Meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the January 2022 Regular Meeting, February 2022 Regular Meeting, March 2022 Regular Meeting, April 2022 Regular Meeting, May 2022 Regular Meeting, June 2022 Regular Meeting, 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 2022 Special Meeting, February 2022 Regular Meeting, March 2022 Regular Meeting, April 2022 Regular Meeting, May 2022 Regular Meeting, June 2022 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 2022 Special Meeting, February 2022 Regular Meeting, March 2022 Regular Meeting, April 2022 Regular Meeting, May 2022 Regular Meeting, June 2022 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of April 2025.

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



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Emma Sharif, Chair

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Stephanie A. Arechiga, General Counsel

**EXHIBIT "A"**

**January 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
February 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
March 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
April 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
May 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
June 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes;  
July 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes;**



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
54953 ALLOWING LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA  
TELECONFERENCING**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022**

**10:03 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Jesse Alvarado, *Chair – Hawaiian Gardens*  
Jose Gonzalez, *Vice-Chair – Cudahy (Joined at 10:30 AM)*  
Alejandra Cortez, *Secretary – Bell Gardens (Left at 10:45 AM)*  
Hugo Argumedo, *Treasurer – Commerce*  
Emma Sharif, *Member – Compton*

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Senator Bill Dodd, Frank Lopez, Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Matthew Thompson, Ernesto Marquez, Edgar Cisneros, Liz Garcia, Jhonny Pineda, Joy Harn, Victor Ponto, Gary Townsend, Keith Sharp, Leo Chu, Kian Kaeni, Linda Hollinsworth, and Raul Riesgo

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mr. Raul Riesgo, representing Taxpayers Against Special Interests, shared concerns with regard to an upcoming November 2022 election initiative on tribal gaming, its detrimental effects to Cities and efforts to grow opposition to the initiative.

**NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

\* Agenda Reorganization \*

Executive Director Garza proposed reorganizing the JPA meeting's agenda in order to provide Mr. Dodd and Mr. Pineda the opportunity to present their respective reports (Agendized as Item #5) at the beginning of the meeting, as well as to move closed session discussion (Agendized as Item #1) to the end of the meeting.

Secretary Cortez moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to adopt the action.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

2. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the period from January 19, 2022 through February 18, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

General Counsel Victor Ponto provided a report and update regarding AB 361 and recommended adopting a Resolution of the JPA ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and authorizing remote teleconference meeting of the Joint Powers Authority for January 19, 2022 through February 18, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act Provisions and AB 361. The Board of the JPA agreed with recommendation and continued meeting via Zoom.

Secretary Cortez moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to adopt resolution.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Johnny Pineda introduced Senator Bill Dodd for a meet and greet. Senator Dodd, Chair of the Senate Governmental Organization Committee, spoke on issues and legislative matters of interest to the JPA, its member cities, and the cardroom industry for this upcoming legislative session, including his positions on SB 576 as well as the qualified tribal initiative.

JPA Board Members and Executive Director Garza thanked Senator Dodd for joining the meeting, sharing his views and advocating for issues of pertinence to the JPA.

Mr, Jhonny Pineda then provided a report on the state's health masking mandates related to COVID-19, the proposed state budget, SB 576, and requested authorization to seek a spot bill on behalf of the JPA.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Chair Alvarado seconded to authorize request for a spot bill, and to receive and file the balance of the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Chair Alvarado moved and Vice Chair Gonzalez seconded to approve the Minutes dated December 15, 2021.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated January 19, 2022.

Member Sharif moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated January 19, 2022.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

#### 6. Report of General Counsel

General Counsel Victor Ponto reported on the expected allowance of remote teleconferencing meetings for the foreseeable future due to the continued rates of infection related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and also the state's new mask mandates.

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

#### 7. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- 2) Recent JPA-Cardroom Legislative Meetings:
  - a. JPA/Cardrooms Tour & Meeting in December with new ASM Governmental Organization Committee Chairman Miguel Santiago at the Gardens Casino
  - b. Upcoming March JPA/Cardroom Sacramento Tour
- 3) Online Gaming Statewide Initiatives Efforts –
  - a. Campaigns
  - b. SEIU
  - c. Gateway Cities COG

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

1. Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) – Conference with Legal Counsel to Discuss Matter Involving Potential Litigation – One Matter

The Board of Directors went into closed session to consider joining the Hollywood Park v. Shirley Weber writ action. The Board voted 4-0 to in favor of joining the litigation.

### **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 Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Argumedo (Commerce)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Vice-Chair Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Chair Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

### **ADJOURN (11:23 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, February 16, 2022, telephonically and via Zoom pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

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Jesse Alvarado, Chair

ATTEST:

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Alejandra Cortez, Secretary





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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
54953 ALLOWING LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA  
TELECONFERENCING**

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

**10:03 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Jesse Alvarado, *Chair – Hawaiian Gardens*  
Jose Gonzalez, *Vice-Chair – Cudahy (Joined at 10:23 AM)*  
Alejandra Cortez, *Secretary – Bell Gardens*  
Hugo Argumedo, *Treasurer – Commerce (Joined at 10:05 AM)*  
Emma Sharif, *Member – Compton*

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Victor Farfan, Lisseth Flores, Juan Garza, Matthew Thompson, Ernesto Marquez, Liz Garcia, Jhonny Pineda, Stephanie Arechiga, Leo Chu, Linda Hollinsworth

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. None.

**NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

2. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and re-authorizing

remote teleconference meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the period from February 16, 2022 through March 18, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

Chair Alvarado moved and Member Sharif seconded to adopt resolution.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the January 19, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Member Sharif moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to approve the Minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated February 16, 2022.

Chair Alvarado moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Mr, Jhonny Pineda then provided a report on the state's health masking mandates related to COVID-19, SB 576, and efforts related to obtaining a spot bill on behalf of the JPA.

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

6. Report of General Counsel

Assistant General Counsel Stephanie Arechiga reported the JPA's previous joinder submittal related to joining the Hollywood Park v. Shirley Weber writ action, was rejected by the CA Supreme Court. A follow up letter will be submitted to the Court.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Chair Alvarado 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	Yes

7. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- 2) Upcoming March JPA/Cardroom Sacramento Tour
- 3) Online Gaming Statewide Initiatives Efforts –
  - a. Campaigns
  - b. SEIU
  - c. AFSCME Talking Points for Upcoming February & March Meetings

- d. Gateway Cities COG – Feb 2
- 4) Gaming News Report – 01/27/2022 & Subsequent Airing
- 5) 1st JPA Newsletter - [CampaignRep Technologies \(c-rep.co\)](http://c-rep.co)
- 6) Annual Form 700 Reporting Reminder & Updates

Secretary Cortez requested deadlines for news article ideas to be submitted to staff. Treasurer Argumedo shared that Mr. John Griffo (Commerce Casino) shares articles of interest as well and requested monitoring of related newsletter analytics for future guidance and efforts.

Chair Alvarado moved and Treasurer Argumedo 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	Yes

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

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Secretary Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Argumedo (Commerce)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Vice-Chair Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Chair Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

### **ADJOURN (10:46 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, March 16, 2022, telephonically and via Zoom pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

Jesse Alvarado, Chair

ATTEST:

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Alejandra Cortez, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
54953 ALLOWING LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA  
TELECONFERENCING**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022**

**10:01 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Jesse Alvarado, *Chair – Hawaiian Gardens*  
Jose Gonzalez, *Vice-Chair – Cudahy (Absent)*  
Alejandra Cortez, *Secretary – Bell Gardens*  
Hugo Argumedo, *Treasurer – Commerce (Joined at 10:12 AM)*  
Emma Sharif, *Member – Compton*

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Victor Farfan, Juan Garza, Matthew Thompson, Ernesto Marquez, Liz Garcia, Jhonny Pineda, John Griffo, Victor Ponto, Kian Kaeni, Edgar Cisneros, Joy Harn

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. None.

**NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

2. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the February 16, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Secretary Cortez moved and Chair Alvarado seconded to approve the Minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated March 16, 2022.

Executive Director Juan Garza reported that incoming revenues continue but cost overruns have been realized with regard to legal services. This is the first year of compensated legal representation and thus, original budgeted amounts were surpassed. The JPA is now forecasting to have year-end cost overruns of \$15,000. JPA staff will work to cover legal cost overruns through current budget reallocations in order to avoid using JPA reserve funds. Related efforts and updates will be provided at the next JPA board meeting. The JPA fiscal status is healthy with no related concerns. All JPA obligations continue and will continue to be met.

Chair Alvarado moved and Secretary Cortez seconded to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Mr, Jhonny Pineda provided a report on upcoming gaming November ballot initiatives (the 'Cardroom & Cities' initiative will most likely not qualify), gambling-related legislation in Sacramento (15 related introduced bills are being tracked) and scheduling efforts related to next month's JPA/Cardrooms Legislature Advocacy tour.

Mr. Jhonny Pineda requested permission to re-send the JPA's position letter on SB 576 to the bill's author as well as to both the Senate and Assembly Governmental Organization Committees.

Secretary Cortez moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to authorize sending the JPA's SB 576 position letter to those identified recipients in the legislature.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

Treasurer Argumedo 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
Cudahy	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

5. Consideration and possible action regarding amendments to the employment agreement with the Executive Director and the service agreement with California Advocacy, LLC.

Executive Director Garza requested continuance of this item to a date uncertain.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Secretary Cortez seconded to continue this item to a date uncertain.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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



6. Report of General Counsel

General Counsel Victor Ponto reported there would be a closed session item at the next meeting to discuss the JPA's recent legal activities with regard to the JPA's previous joinder submittal related to joining the Hollywood Park v. Shirley Weber writ action, and apprised the Board that the Governor is initiating action to rescind many of the emergency orders enacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. While remote meetings are still allowed, it is expected that at some point those will be rescinded as well. More will be reported on that topic at the next meeting of the JPA Board.

Treasurer Argumedo 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
Cudahy	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

7. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- 2) Upcoming April 26-27 JPA/Cardroom Sacramento Tour
- 3) Online Gaming Statewide Initiatives Efforts –
  - a. Campaigns
  - b. SEIU
  - c. AFSCME Talking Points for Upcoming March & April Meetings
  - d. Governing Board of League of CA Cities – April & June Meetings
- 4) Gaming America & Capitol Weekly – March 14 Articles
- 5) JPA Newsletter
- 6) Annual Form 700 Reporting Updates – Due April 1

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes

Cudahy	Absent
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

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Secretary Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Argumedo (Commerce)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Vice-Chair Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Chair Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

### **ADJOURN (10:44 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, telephonically and via Zoom pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

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Jesse Alvarado, Chair

ATTEST:

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Alejandra Cortez, Secretary



## **ITEM 3**

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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
54953 ALLOWING LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA  
TELECONFERENCING**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022**

**10:04 AM**

### **MINUTES**

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#### **ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Jesse Alvarado, *Chair – Hawaiian Gardens*  
Jose Gonzalez, *Vice-Chair – Cudahy (Joined at 10:06 AM)*  
Alejandra Cortez, *Secretary – Bell Gardens*  
Hugo Argumedo, *Treasurer – Commerce (Joined at 10:10 AM)*  
Emma Sharif, *Member – Compton*

#### **PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Juan Garza, Matthew Thompson, Liz Garcia, Jhonny Pineda, Victor Ponto, Kian Kaeni,  
Linda Hollinsworth, Joy Harn, Gary Townsend

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

2. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and authorizing

remote teleconference meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the period from April 20, 2022 through May 20, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

Secretary Cortez moved and Vice-Chair Gonzalez seconded to adopt resolution.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the March 16, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Member Sharif moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to approve the Minutes.

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 April 20, 2022.

Executive Director Juan Garza reported that incoming revenues continue but cost overruns have been realized with regard to legal services. JPA staff will work to cover legal cost overruns through current budget reallocations in order to avoid using JPA reserve funds. The JPA fiscal status is healthy with no related concerns. All JPA obligations continue and will continue to be met.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Vice-Chair Gonzalez seconded to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes

Cudahy	Yes
Hawaiian Gardens	Yes

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

Mr, Jhonny Pineda provided a report on SB 576, related upcoming zoom meetings with members of the Assembly Government Organization Committee, and monitoring of a proposed unbacked trailer bill language that would empower the CA Gambling Control Commission to set fees rather than the current fee-setting process being led by the legislature.

Secretary Cortez moved and Vice-Chair Gonzalez 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	Yes

6. Report of General Counsel

General Counsel Victor Ponto provided a report and update regarding AB 361 remote meetings, and the now-dominant effects of the COVID-19 subvariant BA.2.

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

7. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- 2) Postponement of the JPA/Cardroom Sacramento Tour to mid-June
- 3) Online Gaming Statewide Initiatives Efforts –
  - a. Campaigns
  - b. LAO Education Campaign on Tribal Initiative effects to cities
  - c. AFSCME Engagement for their State Board's April Meeting
  - d. Governing Board of League of CA Cities – April & June Meetings
- 4) JPA Newsletter
- 5) Annual Form 700 Reporting Updates – All submitted on time.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Vice-Chair Gonzalez 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	Yes

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

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Secretary Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Argumedo (Commerce)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Vice-Chair Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Chair Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

### **ADJOURN (10:45 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, May 18, 2022, telephonically and via Zoom pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

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Jesse Alvarado, Chair

ATTEST:

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Alejandra Cortez, Secretary



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

**CONDUCTED TELEPHONICALLY PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION  
54953 ALLOWING LOCAL LEGISLATIVE BODIES HOLD PUBLIC MEETINGS VIA  
TELECONFERENCING**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2022**

**10:02 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Jesse Alvarado, *Chair – Hawaiian Gardens*  
Jose Gonzalez, *Vice-Chair – Cudahy (ABSENT)*  
Alejandra Cortez, *Secretary – Bell Gardens*  
Hugo Argumedo, *Treasurer – Commerce (Joined at 10:08 AM)*  
Emma Sharif, *Member – Compton*

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Juan Garza, Liz Garcia, Matthew Thompson, Stephanie Arechiga, Victor Farfan, Linda Hollinsworth, Kian Kaeni, Marvin Pineda, Ernesto Marquez

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. None.

**NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

2. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and authorizing



remote teleconference meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the period from May 18, 2022 through June 17, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

Secretary Cortez moved and Chair Alvarado seconded to adopt resolution.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Secretary Cortez moved and Member Sharif seconded to approve the Minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated May 18, 2022.

Executive Director Juan Garza reported that incoming revenues continue with one payable left to be completed, by the Bicycle Casino. As previously reported, cost overruns have been realized with regard to legal services but all other expense lines continue to be under budget. The JPA fiscal status is healthy with no related concerns, with an anticipated budget surplus at end of budget cycle on June 30.

Chair Alvarado moved and Secretary Cortez seconded to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

Bell Gardens	Yes
Commerce	Yes
Compton	Yes
Cudahy	Absent

Hawaiian Gardens Yes

5. Consideration and possible action regarding FY 2022-2023 Annual Budget.

Mr. Garza presented the FY 2022-2023 proposed budget.

Mr. Garza noted that for Fiscal Year 2021-2022, the JPA budget was structured with Cardroom fiscal support in the amount of \$100,000. In addition, cost overruns with regards to legal services have affected the current FY, forecasting related overruns in the amount of approximately \$15,000. FY 2021-2022 is projected to end with an overall surplus, with an opportunity to add reserve funds.

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

Proposal for a balanced budget for FY 2022-2023:

- 1) Balanced annual budget at \$235,000.
- 2) No increases in fees for member cities (\$135,000)
- 3) No increases in fees for cardrooms (\$100,000)
- 4) Expenses maintained at current level (\$235,000)
- 5) Board member stipends: Same levels, but overall reduced due to Cudahy's actual stipend
- 6) Executive Director: compensation reduced by \$7,725/yr, (\$14,075/yr overall reduction since last year) to allow for enhanced expenses in other lines
- 7) Operational Expenses: reduced by \$4,250/yr. Increase is for anticipated post-covid 6 total trips (\$6k) to Sacramento for advocacy efforts on behalf of our cardroom partners, elimination of outside city engagement trips while maintaining general office/misc operational expenses (\$3000).
- 8) Legal Services: Increase to \$30k/yr from current \$20k/yr. Reflects the increased legal activity anticipated as we get closer to 2022 elections, and after.
- 9) Financial Services: For auditing purposes, to remain at current levels.
- 10) Legislative Lobbying: To remain at current levels. While still not at market rate being charged by tribal lobbyists.
- 11) Communications: Increase to \$10,200/yr. Reflects whole year services (they were engaged in middle of Q2).
- 12) Contingency: Remain at \$0, to ensure a lean and effective budget.

Secretary Cortez requested that any future amendments to the FY 2022-2023 JPA budget be reported to the Board.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Member Sharif seconded to adopt the FY 2022-2023 proposed budget as presented by Executive Director Garza.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Mr, Marvin Pineda provided a report on SB 576, the upcoming Sacramento legislative advocacy day and November ballot initiatives.

Member Sharif moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

7. Report of General Counsel

No report.

8. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- 2) Upcoming JPA/Cardroom Sacramento Tour June 13-14
- 3) Online Gaming Statewide Initiatives Efforts –
  - a. Campaigns
  - b. Upcoming TASIM on-camera interviews on May 18
  - c. Upcoming JPA/TASIM press conference on May 19
- 4) JPA Newsletter
- 5) Annual Form 700 Reporting Updates
- 6) New Bicycle Casino ownership

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

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

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Secretary Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Argumedo (Commerce)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Vice-Chair Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Chair Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

### **ADJOURN (10:53 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, telephonically and via Zoom pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

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Jesse Alvarado, Chair

ATTEST:

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Alejandra Cortez, Secretary



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

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TELECONFERENCING**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15, 2022**

**10:05 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Jesse Alvarado, *Chair – Hawaiian Gardens*  
Jose Gonzalez, *Vice-Chair – Cudahy (ABSENT)*  
Alejandra Cortez, *Secretary – Bell Gardens (Joined at 10:21 AM)*  
Hugo Argumedo, *Treasurer – Commerce*  
Emma Sharif, *Member – Compton*

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Juan Garza, Liz Garcia, Matthew Thompson, Stephanie Arechiga, Victor Farfan, Kian Kaeni, Marvin Pineda, Michael O’Kelly

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. None.

**NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

2. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and authorizing

remote teleconference meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the period from June 15, 2022 through July 15, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

Chair Alvarado moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to adopt resolution.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the May 18, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Staff identified an error on Page 3 of the minutes (erroneous title of Secretary Cortez) and requested for a correction to be considered by the Board.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Chair Alvarado seconded to approve the Minutes, as corrected.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

4. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated June 15, 2022.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Member Sharif seconded to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

Mr, Marvin Pineda provided a report on legislature's budget & legislative deadlines, SB 576, the JPA's recent Sacramento legislative advocacy day, and November ballot initiatives.

Member Sharif moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

6. Status update & report from CampaignRep with respect to digital & communications outreach efforts.

Mr, Matthew Thompson provided a report on initial impressions & data, what can be done with this information, relevant indicators & additional engagement options. Treasurer Argumedo requested that staff expand the newsletter's distribution, including cardroom contacts.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Secretary Cortez seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

7. Report of General Counsel

No report.

8. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County
- 2) Recent JPA/Cardroom Sacramento Tour during June 13-14
  - a. 13 meetings
  - b. Attendees
  - c. Effects of COVID-19
  - d. Effect to Cities statewide
  - e. SB 576
- 3) Online Gaming Statewide Initiatives Efforts –
  - a. Campaigns
  - b. League of CA Cities
  - c. AFSCME
  - d. CA Democratic Party
  - e. Observations / Polling

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Secretary Cortez seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

**CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

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Secretary Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Argumedo (Commerce)

Member Sharif (Compton)

Vice-Chair Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Chair Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)



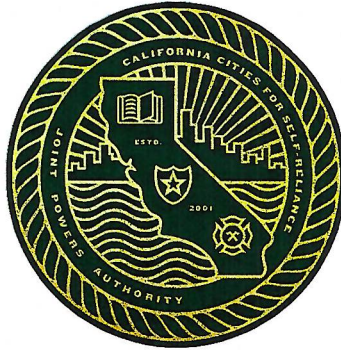
**ADJOURN (11:20 AM)**

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held at 10:00 am on Wednesday, July 20, 2022, telephonically and via Zoom pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

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Jesse Alvarado, Chair

ATTEST:

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Alejandra Cortez, Secretary



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

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TELECONFERENCING**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 20, 2022**

**10:05 AM**

**MINUTES**

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**ROLL CALL**

Board Members Present:

Jesse Alvarado, *Chair – Hawaiian Gardens*  
Jose Gonzalez, *Vice-Chair – Cudahy*  
Alejandra Cortez, *Secretary – Bell Gardens*  
Hugo Argumedo, *Treasurer – Commerce*  
Emma Sharif, *Member – Compton (ABSENT)*

**PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETING**

Juan Garza, Liz Garcia, Matthew Thompson, Stephanie Arechiga, Victor Farfan, Kian Kaeni, Marvin Pineda, Jhonny Pineda, Ernesto Marquez

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION**

1. Consideration and possible adoption of a resolution ratifying the proclamation of a State of Emergency by Governor Newsom on March 4, 2020 and authorizing

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remote teleconference meetings of the Joint Powers Authority for the period from July 20, 2022 through August 19, 2022, pursuant to Brown Act provisions.

Chair Alvarado moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to adopt resolution.

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 June 15, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Vice Chair Gonzalez moved and Chair Alvarado seconded to approve the Minutes.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

3. Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated July 20, 2022.

Vice Chair Gonzalez moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

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

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Mr, Marvin Pineda provided a comprehensive report on cardroom moratorium legislative actions, November election updates and updates related the COVID-19 throughout the state.

Chair Alvarado moved and Vice Chair Gonzalez seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

5. Status update & report from CampaignRep with respect to digital & communications outreach efforts.

Mr, Garza provided background on the recent 8-month contract with CampaignRep, satisfaction with their services, and a recommendation to both approving an updated services agreement with CampaignRep as well as an increase in compensation for services rendered to an annual not to exceed rate of \$14,400.

Vice Chair Gonzalez moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to approve the contract as proposed.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

6. Status Update & Report Regarding FY 2021-2022 Annual Budget

Mr, Garza reported that final EOY budget results will be certified with a final audit. Preliminary results show that revenue will fall short in the amount of \$7,500 due to the new ownership at the Bicycle Casino not wishing to assume a financial contribution commitment during FY 2021-22 made by prior ownership. Expense savings were realized in all lines of business EXCEPT legal services, which encountered a cost overrun of \$8,731.00. Overall, the JPA is preliminarily

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positioned to add \$32,690.33 into the JPA's reserve account based off overall budget cost savings.

Vice Chair Gonzalez moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

7. Consideration & Possible Action Regarding FY 2022-2023 Adopted Annual Budget.

Mr. Garza reported that since the Board's FY 2022-2023 budget approval in May 2022, staff received communication (as presented to the Board) from new ownership at the Bicycle Casino stating they would not be supporting the JPA financially during their organizational 'assessment period'. This action directly impacts the JPA's adopted budget, reducing projected revenues by \$30,000. In addition, with the approval of a new communications services agreement with CampaignRep that results in an overall annual increase of \$4,400 under that line item, staff presented the Board an overall related informational update, an option for future consideration of an alternate amended budget both in the form of increased City dues with an increase of \$5,000 from each member, as well as a reduction to the Executive Director compensation in the amount of \$9,200. No action was requested of the Board by staff at this time. Staff also reported they would be engaging and informing each respective City Manager on the potential future dues increase.

Treasurer Argumedo moved and Chair Alvarado seconded to both receive and file the report, and individually assess viability of respective cities increasing dues to the JPA.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

8. Report of General Counsel



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No report.

9. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

- 1) COVID-19 Status in CA & LA County – DPH Meeting with Cardrooms on 07/20/22 @ 11 am
- 2) SB 576 / Moratorium Legislative Activity
- 3) Online Gaming Statewide Initiatives Efforts –
  - a. Proposition 26 – California Sports Wagering Regulation and Unlawful Gambling Enforcement Act (tribal initiative)
  - b. Proposition 27 – California Solutions to Homelessness and Mental Health Act (Draft Kings Initiative)
  - c. Campaigns
  - d. League of CA Cities
  - e. AFSCME
  - f. CA Democratic Party
  - g. California Labor Federation

Vice Chair Gonzalez moved and Treasurer Argumedo seconded to receive and file the report.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

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

(The Board recessed into Closed Session at 11:00 AM)

**NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION**

10. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) – Public Employee Performance Evaluation-Juan Garza, Executive Director.

Assistant General Counsel Arechiga updated all in attendance that there was no reportable action taken by the Board on closed session items.

(The Board reconvened Into Open Session at 11:18 AM)

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**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 Cortez (Bell Gardens)

Treasurer Argumedo (Commerce)


Member Sharif (Compton)

Vice-Chair Gonzalez (Cudahy)

Chair Alvarado (Hawaiian Gardens)

**ADJOURN (11:19 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 17, 2022, telephonically and via Zoom pursuant to Government Code Section 54953.

  
Jesse Alvarado, Chair

ATTEST:

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Alejandra Cortez, Secretary



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

**FROM:** Juan Garza, Executive Director

**SUBJECT:** Consideration and possible action to Receive and File Updated Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2025.

**DATE:** April 9, 2025

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

On December 11, 2024 the Governing Board reviewed and adopted staff's proposed Calendar Year 2025 meeting dates, to be hosted on a rotational basis each month by each member City.

Due to the recent withdrawal from the JPA by former member City of Cudahy, the Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2025 require updated hosting dates for each member City since the City of Cudahy will no longer host meetings of the monthly JPA Board.

In accordance with the above, the following updated meeting dates are presented to the Board for review, modification and/or approval for calendar year 2025.



**UPDATED PROPOSED BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES – 2025:**

- Wednesday, January 8, 2025 Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Hawaiian Gardens*)
- Wednesday, February 12, 2025 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Bell Gardens*)
- Wednesday, March 12, 2025 Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Commerce*)
- Wednesday, April 9, 2025 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Compton*)
- Wednesday, May 14, 2025 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Hawaiian Gardens*)
- Wednesday, June 11, 2025 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Bell Gardens*)
- Wednesday, July 9, 2025 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Commerce*)
- Wednesday August 13, 2025 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Compton*)
- Wednesday, September 10, 2025 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Hawaiian Gardens*)
- Wednesday, October 8, 2025 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Bell Gardens*)
- Wednesday, November 12, 2025 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Commerce*)
- Wednesday, December 10, 2025 - Regular Meeting (*Hosted by City of Compton*)

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOVERNING BOARD**

- 1) Receive and File Updated Board Meeting Dates for Calendar Year 2025; or
- 2) Alternatively, discuss and take other action related to this item.



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

**FROM:** Juan Garza, Executive Director

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

**DATE:** April 9, 2025

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- 1) JPA Membership Expansion Updates
- 2) Upcoming 2025 Gaming Efforts:
  - a. Judicial (ongoing)
  - b. Legislative (monitoring)
  - c. Regulatory (AG Regs – Re-Released Friday April 11, 2025)
  - d. Public Initiative (ongoing)
- 3) Contract Cities Engagement (Commerce Casino Last Month & Annual Membership)
- 4) League of California Cities Engagement (Future Working Group)
- 5) Annual Form 700 Reporting Updates – LA County – Extended to June 2, 2025



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Is sports betting headed back to the ballot in 2026?

By EMILY SCHULTHEIS and WILL MCCARTHY | 04/07/2025 07:32 PM EDT

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**GAME ON?** — Three years ago, California’s powerful tribes poured more than \$200 million into defeating Prop 27, an initiative from DraftKings and FanDuel that would have legalized online sports betting.

Tempers appear to be cooling from that bitter fight over who gets to determine the future of gaming and betting in California — so much so that the companies and tribes are actively talking about collaborating. But tribal leaders are making it clear that an agreement on a framework for sports betting in California, including a future statewide ballot initiative to establish it, is far from settled.

DraftKings CEO **Jason Robins** and FanDuel President **Christian Genetski** were on hand for a discussion on “The Power of Partnerships” at the annual Indian Gaming Tradeshow and Convention last week. In their on-stage conversation with Indian Gaming Association conference chair **Victor Rocha**, both executives repeatedly acknowledged they accepted what tribal leaders were saying loud and clear in the 2022 ballot fight: That any path forward for online sports betting in California needs to be led by the tribes.

“I’m not going to sit here and say we don’t make mistakes — we’ve made many mistakes,” Robins said. “But I think those who partner with us, and those like you who’ve gotten to know us, understand we really do care and we want to do it the right way ... Having tribal relationships and partnerships is absolutely essential — there’s no other way to do it here.”

The Sports Betting Alliance’s members — including DraftKings and

FanDuel as well as Fanatics and BetMGM — found themselves at odds with the tribes when they qualified Prop 27, to legalize online sports betting, for the 2022 ballot. The tribes pushed their own concurrent measure, Prop 26, which would have legalized in-person sports betting on tribal lands. Both measures failed overwhelmingly, with more than 80 percent of voters rejecting corporate-driven Prop 27.

“It was a well-intentioned but uninformed and misguided attempt,” FanDuel chief Genetski said in a self-flagellating appearance at the Western Indian Gaming Conference last February. “It was definitely a spectacular failure on our part. It wasn’t the right plan or the right time. So we looked in the mirror and said, ‘It was a failure, what will we do?’”

The current reconciliation between the one-time antagonists goes beyond just a well-staged panel discussion at an industry trade show. The Sports Betting Alliance has established a tribal advisory board and had top executives meet with tribal leaders during last week’s conference in San Diego to discuss potential frameworks for collaboration.

Any significant breakthrough would require a return to the ballot. (Prop 1A, passed in 2000, amended the constitution to legalize gambling but only through compacts with Native American tribes.) One possibility now being floated by the sports betting operators: The creation of a single entity containing all 109 recognized tribes, which would then contract with operators to offer online betting platforms. The operators would, in that scenario, foot the bill for a future statewide initiative as early as next year.

But tribal leaders are making it clear they won't rush into anything with their one-time adversaries. The California Nations Indian Gaming Association pushed back on a since-updated media report that an agreement between the two sides had been reached. The meeting was "productive in some ways," the CNIGA statement said, but cautioned that any suggestion of a confirmed agreement is "simply false."

"Further discussions among tribal governments are expected to take place in the coming weeks and months," the statement said. "Let there be no false illusion: establishing an acceptable framework and governance model will take time."

Sports betting expert **John Holden**, a professor at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, told Playbook he estimates an official announcement could be "months, if not years, away" because each of the tribes will have to approve any agreement before it can move forward.

"You're dealing with 109 governments ... and government doesn't move quickly," he said. "There may have been some good things talked about, but getting a consensus on board with a plan is going to take time. It's not, 'Yes, we sat down at the table, and this is all worked out.' It needs approval."

The stakes for both sides couldn't be higher. As DraftKings' Robins put it at the convention in San Diego: "There's no other state out there that has the ability to impact our long-term growth than California."

But it's clear why the companies are eager to leave the impression a

deal has already been reached. “At the end of the day, [the sports betting operators] are not going to have a lot of influence on what happens,” said Holden. “If sports gambling happens, it's going to happen how the tribes want it to happen.”

**NEWS BREAK:** Los Angeles Mayor **Karen Bass** names new deputy mayor for public safety ... California universities scramble after international student visa cancellations ... Oakland interim mayor fires more holdovers from predecessor’s administration.

**TOMORROW:** POLITICO’s new California Tech reporting team is announcing the Top 20 Most Influential Players on Tuesday, April 8. To celebrate, POLITICO is convening the biggest names shaping the state’s approach to tech innovation and regulation for an evening of cocktails and conversation. Keep an eye out for the list in our new “California Decoded” newsletter! Interested in learning more? Reach out to [politicolive@politico.com](mailto:politicolive@politico.com).

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# Breaking: Tribes, Commercial Entities Consider Similar Plan for Legal California Sports Betting

Two years ago, such a conversation would have been unimaginable



By **Jill R. Dorson**

Last updated: April 1, 2025

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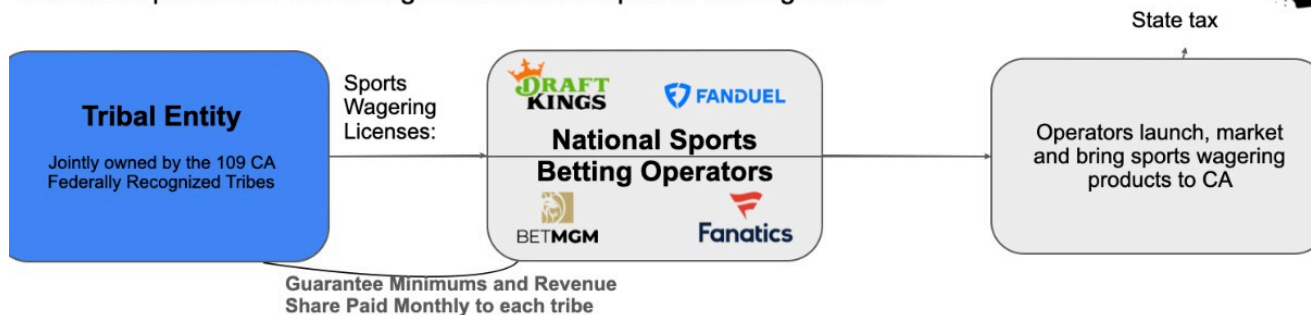
**SAN DIEGO** — The Sports Betting Alliance on Tuesday unveiled a plan to bring legal sports betting to California, promising to pay for an initiative while allowing the state's tribes to run it. Turns out, Indian Country is considering the same plan. There is still much that has to happen before an initiative is sent to California voters, but two years ago, such a conversation would have been unimaginable.

At the Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention in San Diego, representatives from DraftKings and FanDuel shared the idea of creating a single tribal entity in California, which has 109 tribes. That entity would then contract with national operators to offer online sports betting in the most populous state in the U.S.

# Proposed Market Structure



The tribal collective market structure would allow for national operators to enter the California market, compete against each other and maximize revenue to the benefit of each tribe. Below is an example of how something like that could operate at a high level:



- Uniform revenue share across all operators paid to the Tribal entity monthly
- Minimum guarantee per tribe annually with additional upside via revenue share (to be defined)
- Percentage of revenue to CA (to be defined but localized to where bet placement occurs rather than directly to a state fund)

As part of the proposal, the SBA members — and possibly other national operators — would compete against each other, pay a “minimum guarantee per tribe” annually and share revenue with all tribes. The plan would take all of the risk off the tribes while the operators said they would finance an initiative.

The number of operators in California could potentially be limited to four. An SBA representative said that the tribes will ultimately determine which entities and how many are licensed. Should the tribes choose only to work with the SBA, bettors in the state would not gain legal access to platforms such as ESPN Bet, Hard Rock, Prime Sportsbook, and Sporttrade.

*(Editor's note: The SBA told Casino Reports that the “logos on the slide are simply a function of who the SBA represents. The slide was not meant to*

*be an indication of the full market.”)*

Caesars Sportsbook may well choose to stay quiet through this process as it did in 2022. The company already has a long-standing partnership with a tribe through its Harrah’s brand.

And while DraftKings and FanDuel have been wooing Indian Country since a failed ballot initiative in 2022, conference chairman Victor Rocha [one day earlier said](#) that MGM “would not get a pass” in California, after fighting against tribes in other U.S. jurisdictions. BetMGM is a separate entity from MGM, and is jointly owned by Entain and MGM.

## Merits, uses of IGRA debated

California National Indian Gaming Association Chairman James Siva told DraftKings’ Jeremy Elbaum and FanDuel’s Frank Sizemore that “we’ve looked at this [model] ourselves.” He went on to ask Elbaum and Sizemore if their plan would be “inside” or “outside” of the [Indian Gaming Regulatory Act](#) (IGRA), the federal law that governs Indian Gaming.

Elbaum said he wasn’t sure and suggested there are “nuances from IGRA that could break this.” He went on to say that whatever the structure, the SBA’s goals for California sports betting are to include all tribes at no cost to Indian Country and protect tribal sovereignty.

# The SBA Tribal Advisory Board



The Sport Betting Alliance (SBA) Tribal Advisory Board is a group of California tribal leaders that are advising the Sports Betting Alliance on sports betting strategy in California. The Board and SBA meet every two weeks.

## BOARD MEMBERS:



**Daniel Salgado**  
Former Chairman of  
Cahuilla Band

Former Secretary of  
CNIGA (California  
Nations Indian Gaming  
Association)



**Jeff Grube**  
Former Chairman of  
Agua Caliente

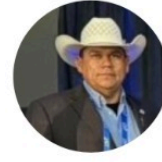


**Jason Ramos**  
Blue Lake Rancheria  
Council Member



**Bennae Calac**  
Pauma Band of  
Luiseño Indians

NAHC Commissioner  
(Native American  
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**Gary Santos**  
Former Tule River  
Councilmember



**Jose Simon**  
Chairman of  
Middletown Rancheria



Daniel Salgado, former Cahuilla Band chairman and CNIGA secretary who is now part of the SBA's tribal advisory board said IGRA "isn't a godsend for everyone" and "there are some parts of it that are not so great for tribes."

In essence, the conversation points to the possibility that the industry and the California tribes could make a commercial agreement for wagering rather than open their compacts to add digital sports betting.

## DraftKings: We won't bring prediction markets

The more than hour-long meeting netted several key promises from SBA members. In recent months, the legal betting industry has been carefully monitoring the [rise of prediction markets](#), which may be a risk to some and an opportunity to others. Companies like Kalshi and Crypto.com,

exchanges regulated by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC), have begun offering “event contracts” on sporting events. The platforms are not regulated by states or required to have the same safeguards as legal wagering operators.

Some operators view the move into sports by these exchanges as an end around to state regulation, licensing, and taxation, and so far three states have issued a cease-and-desist order to Kalshi. In New Jersey and Nevada, Kalshi has filed suit in response, seeking an injunction to allow operations to continue.

Siva is concerned that should a deal between the tribes and the SBA collapse the operators would circumvent the state process and offer betting via prediction markets. Consider the following exchange:

***Siva: “If that rule is proposed is this all for naught and you’ll block California?”***

***Elbaum: “For California, this (sports betting) is the only thing that we are out here to do. We’re either going to make this succeed or not.”***

***Siva: “So if we don’t come to the table or can’t come to an agreement, are you going to bring (prediction markets) into California? I’ve seen DraftKings futures already and I am sure that FanDuel has some coming, too.”***



***Elbaum: “No, that might fit somewhere else, but not here.”***

While DraftKings said it is committed to not bringing prediction markets to California, such a pact would not preclude others from doing so, should the CFTC formally authorize sports-related markets on registered exchanges.

## **Tribes: No online casino yet**

Siva also pushed for Elbaum and Sizemore to promise that there would be no language in an initiative or contract that would eventually allow for online casinos. As the tribes moves closer to considering a partnership with the commercial industry for sports betting, they are wary of making any commitments around online casinos as well.

***Siva: “If this was to go online at what point do you all move on to online casino? Would there be language saying you won’t go into online casinos? If you go to online casinos, you compete with all of us.”***

***Elbaum: “We’re not here for that. We’re open to the language. This is not for online gaming, it’s for online sports betting.”***

Sizemore suggested that such language might not be possible in an initiative, but that Indian Country and the SBA could have a separate agreement around online casinos. Tribes are extremely protective of their

brick-and-mortar casinos, which are key employers on reservations.

Overall, the meeting went far deeper into what could happen in California than [Monday's panel](#) with DraftKings co-founder Jason Robins and FanDuel President Christian Genetski. But it continued the theme of open communication, and of DraftKings and FanDuel's desire to smooth over a difficult period to reach a deal.

Not all tribes attended the meeting. While Siva often speaks for the majority of California's tribes, the most powerful gaming tribes — among them Graton Rancheria, Pechanga, and San Manuel — have much sway.

## All for one and one for all

Toward the end of the meeting, several tribal leaders voiced concerns. Tribal Chairperson and Elder of the Estom Yumeka Maidu Tribe of the Enterprise Rancheria Glenda Nelson said she'd like to see the "percentages" involved in a deal, calling that the "elephant in the room."

"We as tribes really want to make sure that we have the lion's share," she said. "But we don't want to give up 30-40 percent of it, ... We want to make sure that all of the tribes are taken care of, ... I really think it's a top goal of California tribes that we all share equally."

Wilton Rancheria Chairman Jesus Tarango called gaming "a gift. But with that gift came a responsibility to take care of everyone. ... For me, it's about fighting for all of the tribes. In California it's about fighting for all of our tribes. This is our state, it's going to be at our speed. But let's talk about it. Let's get the issues on the table. How is it that we haven't got this done yet?"

California's non-gaming tribes get an annual payment of \$1.2 million per year from a trust gaming tribes pay into. The SBA is projecting that number could jump to between \$5 to \$10 million if this plan is effectuated.

At issue in Indian Country is the huge disparity between wealthy gaming



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access to neither. For those tribes, \$5 to \$10 million annually could be "life changing."

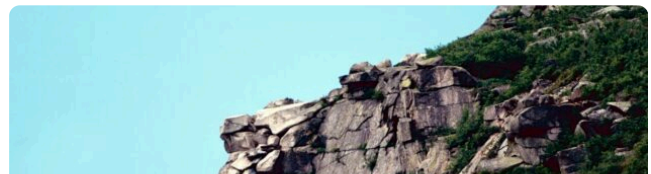
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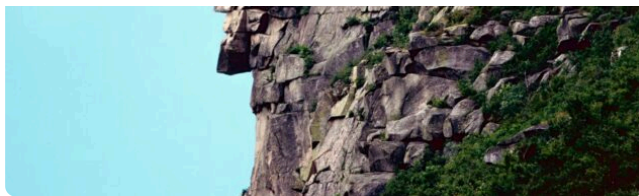
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Best regards,



Jennifer Perez, Vice President



Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

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Company <b>social media</b> recognition. (Facebook/Instagram – times per year)	6	4	2		
<b>Logo displayed</b> in quarterly newsletter.	✓	✓			
<b>Special acknowledgement</b> at educational seminars.	✓	✓			
Opportunity to provide input and <b>participate in educational seminar panel(s)</b> .	✓				
Invitations to <b>Sacramento Legislative Tour Sunday dinner</b> .	2	1			
Invitation to attend one <b>CCCA Executive Board Meeting</b> .	✓				
Opportunity to <b>present at CCCA's January City Managers Meeting</b> .	✓				
<b>Complimentary AMS exhibitor space</b> (1) and two lunch tickets (valued at \$25 each).	✓				

## Associate Member Program (AMP) Benefits

1. **Access to CCCA monthly Board of Directors Meetings.** – Members are invited and encouraged to attend CCCA’s monthly Board of Directors meeting held in various locations throughout L.A. County. As an enhancement to our membership, non-members are not allowed to attend CCCA events.
2. **Company link displayed in Associate Members directory on CCCA website.**  
**Company links.** – Current Associate Members are listed on the CCCA website under the Associate Members section with a link to each organization’s homepage. Associate Members at the Platinum and Gold levels also have their logos displayed on the CCCA website.
3. **Priority Selection for Annual Municipal Seminar booth location (deadlines for each tier will be set).** – Tiered Annual Municipal Seminar vendor booth selection with top priority given to Platinum Associate Members. Tiers will be published approximately 90 days prior to each year’s seminar and will be limited to 32 total booths due to space restrictions.
4. **Sponsor recognition during educational seminars/events.** – Platinum and Gold level Associate Members will have their logos displayed on a rolling slide show during breaks CCCA’s three conferences each year. Associate Members below the gold level will be listed and grouped by membership levels.
5. **Invitation to select CCCA City Managers/Administrators Committee meetings.** – Associate members at the Bronze level and above receive are invited to attend CCCA’s monthly city managers meetings. (10 meetings per year.)
6. **Access to CCCA membership roster.** – Associate Members at the Bronze level and above will receive access to the CCCA membership roster. Roster includes listing of City elected officials, city managers, and key contacts within the CCCA membership.
7. **Access to CCCA conference registration lists.** – Associate Members at the Silver level and above will receive registration lists in advance of each major conference each year upon request.
8. **Complimentary registrations for Annual Municipal Seminar.** – Associate Members at the Platinum, Gold, and Silver levels each receive 4, 2, and 1 complimentary full registrations for CCCA’s Annual Municipal Seminar each year.
9. **Participation in Associate Members Program Steering Committee.** – Associate members at the Silver level and above are invited to participate in monthly teleconferences with CCCA’s executive director and other premium-level associate members to help shape the overall benefits of the Associate Member Program.
10. **Company social media recognition. (Facebook/Instagram – times per year)** – CCCA will publish content, mutually agreed upon by premium-level associate members and CCCA executive director, on CCCA’s social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, etc.) as indicated for each level of sponsorship. Content shall not conflict with CCCA’s core values and mission.

- 11. *Logo displayed in quarterly newsletter.*** – Associate Members at the Platinum and Gold levels will have their logos prominently displayed in each quarterly newsletter that links to their organization's homepage.
- 12. *Special acknowledgement at educational seminars.*** – Recognition of Associate Members contributions to Contract Cities at various educational seminars, including at the Annual Municipal Seminar and Welcome Reception.
- 13. *Opportunity to provide input and participate in educational seminar panel(s).*** – Platinum and Gold level membership gives Associate Members the opportunity to shape various session topics at Contract Cities' educational seminars, including participation on panel discussions as subject matter experts.
- 14. *Invitations to Sacramento Legislative Tour Sunday dinner.*** – Meet members of the CCCA Executive Board and Legislative Committee at our pre-conference dinner to learn about the Association's legislative priorities and help shape the discussion of critical issues impacting the Association.
- 15. *Invitation to attend one CCCA Executive Board Meeting.*** – Associate Members will be able to meet the CCCA Executive Board and share in the discussions impacting cities and how the Association can collaborate with their organization increase the benefit of the membership and the Association.
- 16. *Opportunity to present at CCCA's January City Mangers Meeting.*** – Come meet with an exclusive club of city officials who are leading city governments and them on your organization's work and how a collaborative partnership can lead to innovation in their communities.
- 17. *Complimentary AMS exhibitor space (1) and two lunch tickets (valued at \$25 each).*** – Platinum Level membership offers complimentary exhibitor booth at the Annual Municipal Seminar, along with two lunch tickets for exhibitors.



# CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION



Complete and submit the following information to begin your membership in the Associate Members Program.

1

Organization representative (name & title):

Organization name:

Address:  City:

State:  Zipcode:  Phone:

Email:  Website:

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Associate level:

Platinum	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Copper
<b>\$17,500</b>	<b>\$12,000</b>	<b>\$6,500</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
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Payment method:

Credit card: ☐ Please send an invoice: ☐

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