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

**REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING**

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

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

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

**ELECTRONICALLY AT ZOOM MEETING ID: 647 662 0089, PASSWORD: 12345**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026**

**11:00 A.M.**

**A G E N D A**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

## 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

***Public participation is now open. The members of the audience now have the right to speak on agenda items and any item under the jurisdiction of the Authority. This period will be limited to thirty minutes, with no more than three minutes for each speaker. Anyone desiring to speak during the public comment period must submit an email request juan@sixheron.com, or to the Authority Secretary via Zoom prior to the close of public participation. Due to policy and Brown Act requirements, action will not be taken on any issues not on the Agenda.***

*Please state your name and address clearly.*

## 4. NEW BUSINESS - CLOSED SESSION

**4-1.** None.

## 5. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

**5-1.** None.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

**6-1**. Consideration and Possible Action to approve the Minutes of the October 14, 2026 Special Meeting of the Board.

**6-2.** Consideration and Possible Action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated November 12, 2026.

**6-3.** Status Update & Report from California Advocacy, LLC with respect to legislative matters.

**6-4.** Consideration and Possible Action on legislative & regulatory matters.

## 7. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

**7-1.** 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).

**7-2.** Executive Director's Report

## 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

## 9. CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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

Treasurer Sharif (Compton)

Secretary De Leon Sanchez (Bell Gardens)

Vice Chair Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Argumedo (Commerce)

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the California Cities for Self-Reliance Joint Powers Authority will be held Wednesday, December 9, 2026.

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

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

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

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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2026**

**11:07 AM**

**M I N U T E S**

## 1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

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

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

## 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There were no changes made to the agenda's contents nor order.

Vice Chair Farfan moved and Secretary De Leon Sanchez seconded to approve the agenda, as published.

The motion was approved by the following vote:

| | |
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| Bell Gardens | Yes |

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

## 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

Mr. Townsend presented comments to the Board regarding the next Governor of the State of California.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS – CLOSED SESSION

**4-1.** None.

## 5. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

**5-1.** None.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS – OPEN SESSION

**6-1.** Consideration and possible action to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Board.

Vice Chair Farfan moved and Secretary De Leon Sanchez seconded to approve the Minutes, as presented.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**6-2.** Consideration and possible action to receive and file Financial Summary and Warrant Register dated September 9, 2026.

Executive Director Garza provided an update on the financial summary and warrant register.

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

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote

**6-3.** Status update & report from California Advocacy, LLC with respect to legislative matters.

Mr. Pineda provided and end-of-session legislative summary, including tribal bills widely supported by the legislature that were surprisingly vetoed by Governor Newsom.

On the November election races, Mr. Pineda provided insight on key candidates worthy of observation and of interest to the JPA and its cardrooms.

Mr. Pineda also reported on potential prediction markets legislation for the next legislative session, prompted by recent 9th Circuit Court of Appeals rulings that placed regulatory oversight with the states rather than the federal government. The matter remains unresolved, and further judicial review — potentially up to the U.S. Supreme Court — is widely expected.

Finally, Mr. Pineda reminded the Board of next February's Sacramento Lobby Day.

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

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote

**6-4.** Consideration and possible action on legislative & regulatory matters.

None.

**6-5.** Consideration and possible selection of Representatives to the Ad Hoc Committee of the Board on Matters Related to the Next Governor of the State of California.

Mr. Pineda summarized his prior recommendation for the formation of an Ad Hoc Committee of the Board to develop plans for post-election engagement with the office of the incoming Governor. The committee would work to better position the JPA and its interests with that future office, and to provide insight on issues vital to the JPA, its member cities, and its cardroom partners.

Secretary De Leon Sanchez moved and Vice Chair Farfan seconded to approve the selection of Chair Argumedo and Vice Chair Farfan to serve as members of the Ad Hoc Committee of the Board.

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote

## 7. OTHER MATTERS AND REPORTS

### 7-1. Report of General Counsel

None.

### 7-2. Executive Director Report/Summary

Executive Director Garza reported on:

1) 2026 Gaming Efforts
    i. Judicial – June 30 Court Decision-AG Bonta Regulations / SB 549 Appeal: Next Year?
    ii. Legislative – Next session legislator engagement / Prediction Markets
    iii. Regulatory – Gambling Control Commission monitoring
    iv. Public Initiative – Ongoing Monitoring
    v. Media Engagement – Ongoing Monitoring
2) Audit Status
3) Financial Agency Change

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

Motion passed unanimously by voice vote

## 8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

## 9. CHAIRMAN AND BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

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

Secretary De Leon Sanchez (Bell Gardens)

Vice Chair Farfan (Hawaiian Gardens)

Chair Argumedo (Commerce)

**10. ADJOURNMENT (11:49 AM)**

At 11:49 am, Chair Argumedo 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 Thursday, November 12, 2026, in the City of Commerce.

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Hugo Argumedo, Chair

ATTEST:

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Dr. Francis De Leon Sanchez, Secretary

# CALIFORNIA CITIES FOR SELF-RELIANCE JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY

# WARRANT REPORT AND FINANCIAL SUMMARY – OCTOBER 2026

# THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE | | | |
| Assets | | | |
| | 1000.0000 | CASH | 199,610.55 |
| | | Total Assets | 199,610.55 |
| Liabilities | | | |
| | 2100.0000 | ACCOUNTS PAYABLE | 17,680.80 |
| | | Total Liabilities | 17,680.80 |
| Reserves/Balances | | | |
| | 2900.0000 | FUND BALANCE-UNASSIGNED | 106,252.95 |
| | 2920.0000 | CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE | 75,676.80 |
| | | Total Reserves/Balances | 181,929.75 |
| | | Total Liabilities & Balances | 199,610.55 |

# Edit List of Invoices - Summary

11/12/2026 JPA MEETING

Date: 11/10/2026
Time: 3:19 pm
Page: 1

City of Hawaiian Gardens

| Ref. No. | Vendor Name | Invoice No. | Posting Date | PONumber | Invoice Date | Invoice Description | Invoice Amount |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 191649 | ALOIS LLC | 261012333 | 10/31/2026 | | 11/04/2026 | OCT 2026 SVCS - WEBSITE | 1,000.00 |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | 1,000.00 |
| 191650 | HUGO ARGUMEDO | 2026-10-14 | 10/14/2026 | | 10/14/2026 | 10.14.26 MTG STIPEND | 250.00 |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | 250.00 |
| 191651 | BANC OF CALIFORNIA | 26-10-15 | 10/15/2026 | | 10/15/2026 | BUS ONLINE SERVICE FEE 26101 | 80.00 |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | 80.00 |
| 191652 | MARCO BARCENA | 2026-10-14 | 10/14/2026 | | 10/14/2026 | 10.14.26 MTG STIPEND | 250.00 |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | 250.00 |
| 191653 | VICTOR FARFAN | 2026-10-14 | 10/14/2026 | | 10/14/2026 | 10.14.26 MTG STIPEND | 250.00 |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | 250.00 |
| 191654 | JUAN GARZA | 2026-10-31 | 10/31/2026 | | 10/31/2026 | OCT 2026 SALARY | 8,044.00 |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | 8,044.00 |
| 191655 | OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW | 32532 | 10/31/2026 | | 10/31/2026 | OCT 2026 SVCS - GENERAL | 818.40 |
| 191656 | OLIVAREZ MADRUGA LAW | 32533 | 10/31/2026 | | 10/31/2026 | OCT 2026 SVCS - BOARD MEETIN | 322.40 |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | 1,140.80 |
| 191657 | EVELYN PINEDA | 2026-10-21 | 10/21/2026 | | 10/21/2026 | OCT 2026 SVCS | 6,666.00 |
| | | | | | | Vendor Total: | 6,666.00 |

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|---|---|
| Grand Total: | 17,680.80 |
| Less Credit Memos: | 0.00 |
| Net Total: | 17,680.80 |
| Less Hand Check Total: | 0.00 |
| Outstanding Invoice Total: | 17,680.80 |

Total Invoices: 9

| For the Period: 7/1/2026 to 10/31/2026 | Original Bud. | Amended Bud. | YTD Actual | CURR MTH | Encumb. YTD | UnencBal | % Bud |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Fund Type: SR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | | | | | | | |
| **Fund: 50 - CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE** | | | | | | | |
| Revenues | | | | | | | |
| Function: | | | | | | | |
| Dept: 0000 ASSETS | | | | | | | |
| Acct Class: REV REVENUE | | | | | | | |
| 3742.0050 JPA MEMBERSHIP FUNDING | 170,000.00 | 185,603.00 | 139,202.25 | 46,400.75 | 0.00 | 46,400.75 | 75.0 |
| 3742.0052 CASINO DONATIONS | 76,500.00 | 76,500.00 | 21,500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 55,000.00 | 28.1 |
| REVENUE | 246,500.00 | 262,103.00 | 160,702.25 | 46,400.75 | 0.00 | 101,400.75 | 61.3 |
| ASSETS | 246,500.00 | 262,103.00 | 160,702.25 | 46,400.75 | 0.00 | 101,400.75 | 61.3 |
| Function: | 246,500.00 | 262,103.00 | 160,702.25 | 46,400.75 | 0.00 | 101,400.75 | 61.3 |
| Revenues | 246,500.00 | 262,103.00 | 160,702.25 | 46,400.75 | 0.00 | 101,400.75 | 61.3 |
| Expenditures | | | | | | | |
| Function: | | | | | | | |
| Dept: 4908 JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY | | | | | | | |
| Acct Class: OPER OPERATING COSTS | | | | | | | |
| 4200.0050 CONTRACT SVC-EX DIR JPA | 80,925.00 | 96,528.00 | 32,176.00 | 8,044.00 | 0.00 | 64,352.00 | 33.3 |
| 4200.0052 COMMUNICATIONS | 12,000.00 | 12,000.00 | 4,000.00 | 1,000.00 | 0.00 | 8,000.00 | 33.3 |
| 4202.0000 AUDIT SERVICES | 7,500.00 | 7,500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 7,500.00 | 0.0 |
| 4211.0000 MEETING STIPENDS | 14,000.00 | 14,000.00 | 3,250.00 | 750.00 | 0.00 | 10,750.00 | 23.2 |
| 4213.0000 OTHER OPERATING COSTS | 10,075.00 | 10,075.00 | 160.00 | 80.00 | 0.00 | 9,915.00 | 1.6 |
| 4250.0001 LEGISLATIVE ADVOCATE/JPA | 80,000.00 | 80,000.00 | 26,664.00 | 6,666.00 | 0.00 | 53,336.00 | 33.3 |
| 4252.0000 SPECIAL COUNSEL - CONTRACT | 42,000.00 | 42,000.00 | 18,775.45 | 1,140.80 | 0.00 | 23,224.55 | 44.7 |
| OPERATING COSTS | 246,500.00 | 262,103.00 | 85,025.45 | 17,680.80 | 0.00 | 177,077.55 | 32.4 |
| JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY | 246,500.00 | 262,103.00 | 85,025.45 | 17,680.80 | 0.00 | 177,077.55 | 32.4 |
| Function: | 246,500.00 | 262,103.00 | 85,025.45 | 17,680.80 | 0.00 | 177,077.55 | 32.4 |
| Expenditures | 246,500.00 | 262,103.00 | 85,025.45 | 17,680.80 | 0.00 | 177,077.55 | 32.4 |
| Net Effect for CA CITIES FOR SELF RELIANCE | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75,676.80 | 28,719.95 | 0.00 | -75,676.80 | 0.0 |
| Change in Fund Balance: | | | 75,676.80 | | | | |
| Net Effect for SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75,676.80 | 28,719.95 | 0.00 | -75,676.80 | |
| Grand Total Net Effect: | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75,676.80 | 28,719.95 | 0.00 | -75,676.80 | |

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**November 12, 02026**

**California Update: Agenda**

1. November 2026 Election
2. California Cardroom Alliance Monday December 7
3. Prediction Market Legal Challenges
4. Lobby Day for 2027

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

**FROM:** Juan Garza, Executive Director

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

**DATE:** November 12, 2026

1) 2026 Gaming Efforts:
    a. Judicial – Appeal of 06/30/26 Court Decision-AG Bonta Regs / SB 549 Appeal: Next Year?
    b. Legislative – Next session legislator engagement / Prediction Markets
    c. Regulatory – Gambling Control Commission monitoring
    d. Public Initiative – Ongoing
    e. Media Engagement – Ongoing
2) Financial Agency Change
3) Website Security and Modernization
4) Annual Holiday Party

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# Attorney General Bonta Defends State Gambling Laws Against Kalshi

*Joins bipartisan coalition for the ninth time*

**OAKLAND** — California Attorney General Rob Bonta today joined a bipartisan coalition of 37 attorneys general in filing an amicus brief supporting Utah's right to enforce its state sports gaming and gambling laws against prediction market operator Kalshi. The amicus brief supports Utah gaming authorities in *KalshiEX LLC v. Cox,* which is pending in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. The attorneys general primarily argue that federal preemption of state gambling laws as applied to prediction market providers is improper and detrimental to the traditional role of the state to regulate gambling and protect vulnerable citizens. This filing marks the ninth time California has joined nationwide multistate amicus efforts targeting Kalshi and similar prediction market companies.

"This filing is representative of our bipartisan commitment to protecting state regulatory authority over illegal, unregulated gambling operations," **said Attorney General Bonta**. "Prediction markets cannot use federal loopholes to bypass state consumer protection, sports gaming, and gambling laws. By joining this brief, we are standing firmly with Utah and our state partners to ensure that federal commodities laws are not weaponized to evade state laws, fuel gambling addiction, and undermine state regulation of legal gaming."

Kalshi's appeal requests the Tenth Circuit find that the federal Commodities Exchange Act preempts Utah's state constitutional prohibition on sports wagering as applied to the sports event contracts traded on prediction market providers like Kalshi. In the brief, the attorneys general primarily argue that federal preemption of state gambling laws as applied to prediction market providers is improper and detrimental to the traditional role of the states in regulating gambling and protecting vulnerable citizens. The brief is comparable to others filed in similar cases nationwide, including in the Third, Fourth, Sixth, and Ninth Circuits, and in support of New Jersey's Petition for Writ Certiorari to the United States Supreme Court.

Attorney General Bonta joins the attorneys general of Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawai'i, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming in filing the breif.
Here is a copy of the brief.

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You may view the full account of this posting, including possible attachments, in the News & Alerts section of our website at: https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bonta-defends-state-gambling-laws-against-kalshi

# Website Modernization Options

Two approaches to address the latest PHP security vulnerabilities and build a secure, future-ready website.

Option 1

## Modernize Existing Infrastructure

Upgrade the current server, PHP, WordPress and dependencies.



### Pros

- Retains the existing website, design and content structure.
- Familiar WordPress environment for content management.
- Lower disruption to current setup.
- Leverages existing integrations and customizations.

### Cons

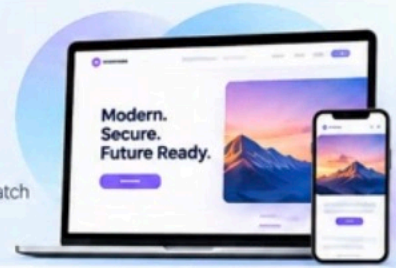
- Dependent on current hosting provider's configurations and limitations.
- Upgrades may cause compatibility issues with existing themes, plugins or custom code.
- Risk of functionality issues or downtime during the upgrade.
- Even after the investment, the website may remain constrained by its existing legacy architecture.
- May eventually require a complete redesign if the current setup does not support future needs.

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Option 2

## Rebuild Using CurateOne

Redesign and rebuild the website from scratch using a modern technology stack.




### Pros

- Clean, modern and secure implementation using a modern technology stack.
- Reduced dependency on legacy WordPress components.
- Better performance, scalability and maintainability.
- Opportunity to improve UI/UX, accessibility and SEO.
- Cleaner foundation for future enhancements and integrations.

### Cons

- Requires migration of existing content, SEO configurations and any required integrations.
- Rebuild involves a fresh implementation, which may require stakeholder review and approval.
- Some custom functionalities may need to be re-implemented in the new setup.