



July 30, 2010

Steve Cooley, Los Angeles County District Attorney
County of Los Angeles
210 West Temple Street, Suite 18000
Los Angeles, CA 90012-3210

Dear Mr. Cooley:

In response to the unfolding situation at the city of Bell, California's International City/County Management Association (Cal-ICMA) and the League of California Cities appreciate your investigation and would like to extend an offer of assistance to your office. We realize that local government finances and administration can be complex and initially difficult to navigate. Should you have questions at any point during your investigation into the city of Bell's operations, we would be pleased to lend our knowledge. Our contact information is listed on the enclosed page.

The League is an association of California cities and city officials who work together to enhance their knowledge and skills and exchange information to ultimately strengthen local governments throughout the state. The City Managers Department is a working group of City Managers and Assistant City Managers who review important issues and propose ideas for effectively managing those issues. Cal-ICMA is committed to sharing sound management practices with staff in local governments and municipal associations. Our efforts result in an appropriate, sustainable approach that increase the standard of services delivered and enhances citizen participation in local government.

Our members are dedicated public employees who are concerned with the negative impact the recent salary controversy has had on public trust in the role of local government and those who lead it. Again, we are pleased to offer any technical assistance you may need as you proceed with your investigation in Bell.

Sincerely,

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Chris McKenzie
Executive Director, League of California Cities

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David Mora
West Coast Regional Director, ICMA

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Enclosure

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