RESOLUTION NO. 2017-75

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL APPROVING, AUTHORIZING, AND DIRECTING EXECUTION OF A JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS AGREEMENT RELATING TO THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY; CONSENTING TO THE INCLUSION OF PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY IN THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY OPEN PACE PROGRAMS; AUTHORIZING THE CALIFORNIA MUNICIPAL FINANCE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FROM PROPERTY OWNERS, CONDUCT CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS AND LEVY CONTRACTUAL ASSESSMENTS WITHIN THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY; AND AUTHORIZING RELATED ACTIONS

WHEREAS, the California Municipal Finance Authority (the “Authority”) is a joint exercise of powers authority, the members of which include numerous cities and counties in the State of California (the “Members”), formed pursuant to a Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement Relating to the California Municipal Finance Authority, dated as of January 1, 2004 (the “Agreement”) for the purpose of promoting economic, cultural and community development and in order to exercise any powers common to its Members, including the issuance of bonds, notes or other evidences of indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, City of Bell (the “City”), has determined that it is in the public interest and for the public benefit that the City become a Member of the Authority in order to facilitate the promotion of economic, cultural and community development activities in the City, including the financing of projects therefor by the Authority; and

WHEREAS, there is now before this City Council the form of the Agreement, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, the Agreement has been filed with the City, and the members of the City Council, with the assistance of its staff, have reviewed said document; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is implementing Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs, which it has designated CMFA Open PACE, consisting of CMFA Open PACE programs each administered by a separate program administrator (collectively with any successors, assigns, replacements or additions, the “Programs”), to allow the financing or refinancing of renewable energy, energy efficiency, water efficiency and seismic strengthening improvements, electric vehicle charging infrastructure and such other improvements, infrastructure or other work as may be authorized by law from time to time (collectively, the “Improvements”) through the levy of contractual assessments pursuant to Chapter 29 of Division 7 of the Streets & Highways Code (“Chapter 29”) within counties and cities throughout the State of California that consent to the inclusion of properties within their respective territories in the Programs and the issuance of bonds from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the program administrators currently active in administering Programs are Energy Efficient Equity, Inc.; BlueFlame PACE Services LLC; OnPACE Energy Solutions, LLC; and Structured Finance Associates, LLC; and the Authority will notify the City in advance of any additions or changes; and
WHEREAS, Chapter 29 provides that assessments may be levied under its provisions only with the free and willing consent of the owner or owners of each lot or parcel on which an assessment is levied at the time the assessment is levied; and

WHEREAS, the City desires to allow the owners of property ("Participating Property Owners") within its territory to participate in the Programs and to allow the Authority to conduct assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 within its territory and to issue bonds to finance or refinance Improvements; and

WHEREAS, the territory within which assessments may be levied for the Programs shall include all of the territory within the City’s official boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Authority will conduct all assessment proceedings under Chapter 29 for the Programs and issue any bonds issued in connection with the Programs; and

WHEREAS, the City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings; the levy of assessments; any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in such assessment payments; or the issuance, sale, administration repayment or guarantee of any bonds issued in connection with the Programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This City Council hereby finds and declares that the foregoing recitals are true and correct.

Section 2. The Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit "A" is hereby approved and the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute said document, and the City Clerk or such clerk’s designee is hereby authorized and directed to attest thereto.

Section 3. This City Council hereby finds and declares that properties in the territory of the City will benefit from the availability of the Programs within the territory of the City and, pursuant thereto, the conduct of special assessment proceedings by the Authority pursuant to Chapter 29 and the issuance of bonds to finance or refinance Improvements.

Section 4. In connection with the Programs, the City hereby consents to the conduct of special assessment proceedings by the Authority pursuant to Chapter 29 on any property within the territory of the City and the issuance of bonds to finance or refinance Improvements; provided, that

1) The Participating Property Owners, who shall be the legal owners of such property, execute a contract pursuant to Chapter 29 and comply with other applicable provisions of California law in order to accomplish the valid levy of assessments; and

2) The City will not be responsible for the conduct of any assessment proceedings; the levy of assessments; any required remedial action in the case of delinquencies in such assessment payments; or the issuance, sale, administration, repayment or guarantee of any bonds issued in connection with the Programs.
Section 5. The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized and directed to make applications for the Programs available to all property owners who wish to finance or refinance Improvements; provided, that the Authority shall be responsible for providing such applications and related materials at its own expense. The following staff persons, together with any other staff persons chosen by the Mayor or City Manager of the City from time to time, are hereby designated as the contact persons for the Authority in connection with the Programs: Community Development Director.

Section 6. The appropriate officials and staff of the City are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver such certificates, requisitions, agreements and related documents as are reasonably required by the Authority to implement the Programs.

Section 7. The City Council hereby finds that adoption of this Resolution is not a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act, because the Resolution does not involve any commitment to a specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment, as contemplated by Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Section 15378(b)(4)).

Section 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Financial Advisor of the Authority at: California Municipal Finance Authority, 2111 Palomar Airport Road, Suite 320, Carlsbad, California 92011, Attn: Travis Cooper.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 13th day of December, 2017.

Fidencio J. Gallardo, Mayor

ATTEST
Angela Busamante, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Aleshire, City Attorney
CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Angela Bustamante, City Clerk of the City of Bell, hereby attest to and certify that the foregoing resolution is the original resolution adopted by the Bell City Council at its regular meeting held on the 13th day of December, 2017, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Romero, Saleh, Valencia, Vice-Mayor Quintana and Mayor Gallardo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Angela Bustamante, City Clerk