RESOLUTION NO. 2014-18

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF LEGISLATION REGARDING THE ALLOCATION OF REVENUES GENERATED FROM VOTER-APPROVED TAXES IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH VOTER INTENT

WHEREAS, in 1944, the voters of the City of Bell authorized the levying and collection of a property-based tax sufficient to raise revenue needed to fund the specific purpose of employee retirement obligations (the “Voter-Approved Taxes”);

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 26 of the 2011-12 First Extraordinary Session of the California Legislature (“ABx1 26”), in conjunction with the decision of the California Supreme Court in Community Redevelopment Association v. Matosantos (2011) 53 Cal.4th 231, dissolved all redevelopment agencies in California as of February 1, 2012;

WHEREAS, ABx1 26 was subsequently amended by Assembly Bill 1484 of the 2011-12 Regular Session of the California Legislature (“AB 1484”) (ABx1 26 and AB 1484 are collectively the “Dissolution Act”);

WHEREAS, the Dissolution Act has, in certain jurisdictions, been implemented such that all or a part of voter-approved taxes, such as the City of Bell pension tax override, are placed into the Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (“RPTTF”) for the corresponding jurisdiction, in this case the Successor Agency to the Bell Redevelopment Agency (“Successor Agency”), and distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Dissolution Act;

WHEREAS, under the Dissolution Act, funds in the RPTTF are distributed to various taxing entities, in addition to the City of Bell, according to a specific order of priority and in certain percentages, such that revenue generated from the Voter-Approved Taxes is being distributed to other taxing entities when those revenues should be distributed to the City of Bell;

WHEREAS, the City of Bell desires to support legislation that provides county auditor-controllers must allocate revenues generated from a local jurisdiction’s voter-
approved taxes, after the subtraction of monies needed to pay for prior obligations for which the voter-approved tax has been pledged, directly to the taxing entity that imposed the voter-approved tax; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bell desires to express its support of legislation that would effectuate the above intent and urges the California Legislature to enact, and the Governor to approve, such legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BELL HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are true and correct and are a substantive part of this Resolution.

SECTION 2. The City of Bell supports and encourages the Legislature to pass legislation that would require revenues generated from a taxing entity’s voter-approved taxes to be collected and allocated, after the subtraction of monies needed to pay for prior obligations for which the voter-approved tax has been pledged, directly to the taxing entity that imposed the voter-approved tax.

SECTION 3. The City of Bell supports and encourages the Governor to sign such legislation into law.

SECTION 4. The City of Bell hereby authorizes the City Manager or his designee to take all actions necessary to carry out the intent of this Resolution. This authorization includes, but is not limited to: (1) sending letters in support of legislation that furthers the above intent to the California Legislature; (2) sending letters in support of legislation that furthers the above intent to the Governor; (3) proposing and drafting amendments to legislation that furthers the above intent; and (4) to contacting and coordinating with other taxing entities that levied taxes similar to the Voter-Approved Taxes to request their support.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED On March 26, 2014.

Violeta Alvarez, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

David Aleshire, City Attorney

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, Janet Martinez, Acting 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 26th day of March, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:  Councilmembers Romero, Saleh, and Valencia

NOES:  None

ABSENT: Mayor Alvarez

ABSTAIN: Mayor Pro Tem Quintana

Janet Martinez, Acting City Clerk