



# Oversight Board Agenda

Special Meeting

City of Bell

**Monday, September 29, 2014**  
**5:30 P.M.**

Bell City Hall  
Council Chambers  
6330 Pine Avenue

Alicia Romero  
Chair

Nancy Fong  
Vice-Chair

Hector David Giron  
Oversight Board Member

Andrew Sanchez  
Oversight Board Member

Megan Moret  
Oversight Board Member

John Walsh  
Oversight Board Member

Rosie Vasquez  
Oversight Board Member

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**OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE SUCESSOR AGENCY TO THE  
COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF BELL**

**SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2014**

**5:30 P.M.**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Oversight Board to the Successor Agency to the Bell Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Bell will hold a Special Meeting on September 29, 2014 at 5:30 P.M., at Bell City Hall to consider the following:**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call  
Changes to the Agenda

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRESENTATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND PROCLAMATIONS**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

This is the time for the public to address the Oversight Board on issues within the jurisdiction of the Oversight Board that are NOT on this agenda. All comments are to be directed to the Oversight Board and shall not consist of any personal attacks. Members of the public are expected to maintain a professional, courteous decorum during their comments. There is a time limitation of three minutes per person. If you haven't already done so, please fill out name and address slips and give them to the Secretary to the Oversight Board. The Oversight Board is prohibited by State law from taking action or discussing items not included on the printed agenda. Public comments on specific agenda items will be deferred until consideration of the item on the agenda.

**DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS**

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 2014-08 OB approving General Fund "Shortfall Loan" to the Successor Agency Trust Fund in the Amount of \$1,254,680
2. Oversight Board Communications

**ADJOURNMENT**

I, Angela Bustamante, Oversight Board Secretary of the City of Bell, certify that a true and accurate copy of the forgoing agenda was posted on September 26, 2014, at least 24 hours prior to the meeting as required by law.

  
Angela Bustamante  
Oversight Board Secretary

# CITY OF BELL

## Agenda Report

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DATE: 29 September 2014

TO: Honorable Chairperson and Oversight Board

FROM: Josh Betta, Finance Director

APPROVED  
BY:

  
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Doug Willmore, City Manager

SUBJECT: **General Fund "Shortfall Loan" to the Successor Agency Trust Fund in the Amount of \$1,254,680**

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Oversight Board adopt Resolution No. 2014-08 OB approving the loan agreement between the General Fund and the Successor Agency Trust Fund in the amount of \$1,254,680.

### PRIOR ACTION:

The City of Bell Successor Agency approved the attached loan agreement and promissory note at its September 26, 2014 meeting.

### REPORT SUMMARY:

At this writing, the Successor Agency has cash reserves of \$750,000, an amount insufficient to effectuate a \$1,511,914.37 million debt service payment due October 1, 2014. The cash balance is also insufficient to meet the remainder of recognized obligations, totaling \$459,952, and an amount reported as cash on hand on the August 2014, \$44,728, during the period July 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. Accordingly, a General Fund "shortfall loan" to the Successor Agency Trust Fund, and authority to amend the FY 2015 Budget, is recommended.

The Finance Department retained the emergency services of Suzanne Harrell (Harrell & Co Advisors), redevelopment dissolution and financial advisors, and the City's current bond disclosure vendor, to perform a "forensic" cash flow analysis of the Trust Fund.

The Harrell & Co. research allows for the following conclusions:

1. The former Bell Redevelopment Agency was operating in a cash deficit at certain times during the fiscal year for several years prior to redevelopment dissolution. On October 1, 2009, for example, the deficit following payment of debt service was \$609,000.

2. After formation per the requirements of redevelopment dissolution law on February 1, 2012, the new Successor Agency's cash deficit was approximately \$284,000.
3. The deficit position was not obvious because (a) City back audits were completed one year after dissolution, (b) the Successor Agency Due Diligence Reviews (DDR) were completed 26 months after dissolution, and (c) the Successor Agency's cash holdings were combined with the \$2.975 million in Successor Agency Housing Fund cash holdings until June, 2014, the point at which the SA was required to liquidate the Housing Fund and make a \$2.963 million payment to the County. In practical terms, the SA was operating through de facto loans from the Housing Fund after dissolution.
4. Post-audit cash balances of the SA were not accurately migrated to ROPS, in particular those approved after DDR publication in August 2013. In this regard, however, City staff relied on the conclusive (and positive) interpretation of SA cash flow as articulated by the City's former professional audit firm, Macias, Gini & O'Connell (MGO). The opportunity for MGO to alert the City a potential problem in cash flow was missed in August 2013. (See "Auditors Comments" Section below).
5. ROPS 3, that pertinent to the period January to June 2013, was the first ROPS that required, per the direction of the State Department of Finance (DOF), a "true up" reconciliation of amounts expended against the City's General Ledger. At this point, RSG, the City's professional dissolution advisors tasked with ROPS preparations, likely should have determined a cash flow problem. They did not notify the City of any issue in the "true up".
6. Had MGO communicated a problem to the City in SA cash flow upon publication of the DDR in October 2013, or if RSG had in January 2014, the City would have been notified approximately nine months before today's date, beginning with the ROPS created in January 2014. This said, however, the cash flow problem that was inherited by the SA would have been the same. This is a problem born originally from the Robert Rizzo regime, and exacerbated by the dissolution legislation. The reality is that the City has to borrow from the General Fund to cover financial obligations of the RDA because the financial obligations exceeded available funds, and the RDA was being subsidized by the Housing Fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

Redevelopment dissolution in California is a singular event in local governance. The intention was to quickly collapse the multi-billion dollar operations of approximately 425 local redevelopment agencies and force the transfer of their "idle" funds to local counties. The infusion of new money at the County level is designed to benefit other taxing agencies, primarily schools, thus lessening the State of California's obligations to these same agencies.

After the initial phases of dissolution, the process of maintaining funding at the successor agency level has been managed by twice annual payments of the absolute minimum needed for agency operations. Successor agencies develop and submit the "ROPS," the Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule, twice each year for consideration by County and State officials. Negotiations and disputes between the local agencies at the State Department of Finance (DOF) are resolved through "meet and confer" meetings where the DOF has been placed in the role of judge and jury.

This process, designed and implemented via legislative mandate, is awkward. One-size-fits-all legislation governing local activities has been difficult to manage in practice. Considerable problems were created at the very outset, in Fiscal Year 2012, when counties gave only one-half of annual tax increment to redevelopment agencies and required, in many cases, tax increment returned to them that they judged to be excessive.

Shortfalls in funding at the local successor agency level were common at the outset of dissolution, during the first two six-month periods of ROPS funding. Many agencies utilized shortfall loans from their General Fund and secured repayment of the same through the ROPS process.

Because three years of City audits (and the required DDRs) were incomplete during the initial phases of dissolution, the Bell Successor Agency is coming to terms with a cash shortfall problem one - two years after other successor agencies have confronted and resolved the same problem. And, had our former professional audit firm alerted the City to cash flow problems – and not instead conclusively determined “sufficiency” of cash flow and the validity of published ROPS (see below), this issue would have been identified in January 2013. In addition, if during the true-up on ROPS 3, RSG had notified the City of a cash flow issue, this issue would have been identified then.

### **AUDITOR’S COMMENTS – NON-HOUSING DDR PUBLISHED OCTOBER 2013**

Auditor comments within the Non-Housing DDR failed to identify a cash flow problem. Auditor comments, in fact, offered a positive interpretation of the SA’s future ability to pay and the viability of the SA’s ROPS publications that we relied upon.

With regard to procedures testing asset balances needed to satisfy enforceable obligations, our former audit firm, Macias Gini & O’Connell (MGO), concluded:

- *“.....noted that no asset balances need to be retained to satisfy enforceable obligations as of June 30, 2012 that are dedicated to or restricted for the funding of enforceable obligations. In addition, we noted that future revenues together with balances dedicated to or restricted for an enforceable obligation are not insufficient to fund future obligation payments and projected property tax revenues and other general purpose revenues to be received by the Successor Agency are not insufficient to pay bond debt service requirements.”*

With regard to procedures testing designed to determine if cash balances at June 30, 2012 needed to be retained to satisfy obligations on the ROPS’ of July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, MGO reviewed all ROPS published to date and validated the ROPS funding, concluding:

- *“.....noted that cash balances as of June 30, 2012, in the amount of \$1,595,411 need to be retained to satisfy certain obligations for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. On January 23, 2013, the Department of Finance issued a final determination approving a total of up to \$1,720,413 (\$1,595,413 for enforceable obligations and \$125,000 for administrative allowances) for the ROPS 3 Schedule covering the period of July 2012 to December 2012.”*

**OTHER RECOGNIZED OBLIGATIONS -- JULY 1, 2014 TO DECEMBER 31, 2014:**

While the October debt service payment toward Agency tax allocation bonds, totaling \$1.512 million, is the most important obligation of the SA, there remain another \$459,952 in obligations during the current ROPS period that require consideration in the shortfall loan total. Last, the August 2014 ROPS reported cash unexpended from the prior ROPS period of \$44,728, and this must be added to the loan amount.

Total loan amount is thus \$1,254,680.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

General Fund reserves are currently estimated to be \$22.8 million. The total shortfall loan required to manage SA financial activities between now and December 31, 2014, inclusive of bond payment due October 1, 2014, is \$1,254,680. It is therefore respectfully recommended that the Successor Agency Board approve the attached loan agreement developed by the City Attorney's Office.

**LOAN REPAYMENT:**

The attached Loan Agreement and Promissory Note were prepared by June Ailin of Aleshire & Wynder in consultation with Suzanne Harrell of Harrell & Associates. Following approval of the Agreement by the Successor Agency, an urgent Oversight Board meeting will be called for their approval of the Agreement.

Following approval of the loan by the Bell Oversight Board, the loan will require approval by the State Department of Finance. It is likely, given the experience of other Successor Agencies, that the DOF will initially contest the application. The City will then move through the "meet and confer" process to prove the deficit position that continued at inception of dissolution and the necessity for the shortfall loan.

Since the shortfall loan is not a pre-dissolution obligation to the City, it is, rather, a loan for the purpose of paying enforceable obligations, repayment is not limited by the loan repayment formula of Section 34191.4 of the Health and Safety code (that which governs pre-dissolution loans between the former Bell Redevelopment Agency and the City).

The Successor Agency's annual ongoing obligations are approximately \$3.4 million, and the available net tax increment to pay such obligations is approximately \$3.9 million. The \$500,000 annual surplus can be used to repay the loan, once the Oversight Board and the DOF have approved the Successor Agency action to enter into the loan agreement.

Based on available revenues, it is expected that the City would be repaid within 3 years

FY 2015-2016	\$400,000 plus accrued interest
FY 2016-2017	\$500,000 plus accrued interest
FY 2017-2018	Remaining principal balance of the Loan Amount plus accrued interest

**Optional Prepayment of the Loan Amount.** The Successor Agency shall have the right to prepay the unpaid principal and interest of the Loan Amount, or portion thereof, at any time. This will allow a faster repayment if there is sufficient residual or assuming the pension override legislation is not approved.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1: Harrell & Co. Analysis
- Attachment 2: Resolution No. 2014-08 OB
- Attachment 3: Loan Agreement and Promissory Note



HARRELL & COMPANY  
A D V I S O R S , L L C

September 24, 2014

To: Doug Willmore, City Manager

From: Suzanne Harrell

RE: Successor Agency Cashflow Loan

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Many agencies faced significant financial challenges as a result of redevelopment dissolution and the *very* short time with which to comply with the court's ruling in December 29, 2011 and the end date of dissolution date of January 31, 2012.

Compounding the problem was the fact that the Department of Finance interpreted the Dissolution Act to require that any tax increment received in December 2011 and January 2012 as only available to fund post-dissolution enforceable obligations payable from January 1 to June 30, 2012.

This DOF interpretation created a cashflow problem for many redevelopment agencies at dissolution, because there was not sufficient tax increment collected in the Spring of 2011 to cover some large principal payments on tax allocation bonds in the Fall of 2011 before the next tax increment payment was due from the County in December 2011. For the Bell Redevelopment Agency, the October 1, 2011 bond payment was \$1,450,334, and the available funds at that time were approximately \$200,000. The cashflow deficit created when the bonds were paid was intended to be covered only on an interim basis by the funds on deposit in the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund, until the next tax increment receipt. When dissolution occurred, there was no tax increment to apply to this deficit and the Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund had to be "made whole."

Many agencies were aware of this cashflow issue upon dissolution, but a good number were not. It wasn't until agencies starting paying the "July True-Up" payments and Due Diligence Review (DDR) payments that many agencies realized they had carryforward cashflow deficit problems from dissolution that were masked by cash balances in their pooled redevelopment accounts. In the case of Bell, the problem was further exacerbated by the fact that the audited cash balances for June 30, 2012 were not available until much later in July 2013.

The DDR (non-housing) was complete in August 2013 and showed that as of June 30, 2012, the Successor Agency had unencumbered cash of a negative \$1.3 million. But because the audit, the DDR and the ROPS were all being prepared independently of each other, it may have been difficult to see how all these pieces fit together and what it ultimately meant.

Even the Department of Finance didn't ask for cash reconciliations that tied to the Successor Agency's January 1, 2013 general ledger until the September 2013 filing of ROPS 13-14B.

Dissolution was and is a complex process and the forms and reporting continue to change each with each ROPS reporting period. The City of Bell is not the only city that had to unwind its redevelopment agency with a cashflow deficit. Further, due to the delay in the completion of the City's audits, it would have been difficult to get the true sense of the problem unless someone with a lot of experience in dissolution matters was looking over all the different dissolution processes.

We have looked at the documentation available at this time, and have concluded that there is approximately \$500,000 of unencumbered Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund moneys (RPTTF) available after paying existing obligations and the administrative fees to repay the City for advancing the funds to cover the cashflow deficit.

I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08 OB**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OVERSIGHT BOARD TO THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED BELL COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AUTHORIZING THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT (HCS §34173(h)) WITH THE CITY OF BELL**

**WHEREAS**, the Bell Successor Agency ("Successor Agency") is a public body, corporate and politic, organized and existing under the California Community Redevelopment Law (Health & Safety Code §§ 33000 *et seq.*); and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bell is a municipal corporation and a Charter city organized and existing under the Constitution of the State of California ("City"); and

**WHEREAS**, on December 29, 2011, the California Supreme Court issued its opinion in the case *California Redevelopment Association, et al. v. Ana Matosantos, etc., et al.*, Case No. S196861, and upheld the validity of Assembly Bill x1 26 ("ABx1 26") and invalidated Assembly Bill x1 27; and

**WHEREAS**, the Court's decision results in the implementation of ABx1 26 which dissolves all the redevelopment agencies in the State of California as of February 1, 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, the City is, by operation of law, the Successor Agency to the Redevelopment Agency for purposes of winding-down the Redevelopment Agency under ABx1 26 and AB 1484; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 34171(d)(1)(F) defines "enforceable obligation" to include: "Contracts or agreements necessary for the administration or operation of the successor agency, in accordance with this part,..."; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 34173(h) authorizes the City, as sponsoring community, to loan funds to the Successor Agency for administrative costs, enforceable obligations, or project-related expenses at its discretion; and

**WHEREAS**, the Successor Agency has encountered a shortfall in the ROPS 14-15A period of \$1,254,680 and is unable to make a required debt service payment, due on October 1, 2014, on its 2003 Tax Allocation Bonds (item No. 1 on the Successor Agency's Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule ("ROPS") 14-15A), and unable to pay other obligations on that ROPS; and

**WHEREAS**, the shortfall most likely predates dissolution when the Agency was operating with a cash deficit, the existence of which was obscured by various circumstances and exacerbated by the impact of certain aspects of the redevelopment dissolution process itself; and

**WHEREAS**, the Successor Agency inherited this cash deficit of at least \$1,254,680; and

**WHEREAS**, the Successor Agency desires that the Oversight Board authorize it to enter into a Loan Agreement with the City in an amount equal to \$1,254,680 to cover the ROPS 14-15A shortfall and make payments on enforceable obligations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Loan Agreement and Loan described therein, if authorized, by this Oversight Board, will be reflected on the Successor Agency's Recognized Obligation Payment Schedules, starting with ROPS 15-16A and thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oversight Board has reviewed the Loan Agreement and desires to authorize the Successor Agency to enter into such agreement, and to direct transmittal thereof to the County Auditor-Controller and Department of Finance ("DOF"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 34179(h) written notice and information about all actions taken by the Oversight Board shall be provided to the DOF by electronic means and in a manner of DOF's choosing, and an Oversight Board's action shall become effective five (5) business days after notice in the manner specified by the DOF unless the DOF requests a review; and

**WHEREAS**, all other legal prerequisites to the adoption of this Resolution have occurred.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Oversight Board to the Successor Agency to the Dissolved Bell Community Redevelopment Agency, resolves as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The foregoing Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated herein.

**SECTION 2.** Pursuant to the Dissolution Act, the Oversight Board authorizes the Successor Agency to enter into the Loan Agreement (HSC §34173(h)), which is incorporated herein by this reference.

**SECTION 3.** The City Manager/Executive Director or his designee is hereby directed to provide notice of adoption of the Resolution by the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency to the County Auditor-Controller and the State Department of Finance.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED at a meeting of the Bell Oversight Board held on this 29th day of September 2014, by the following vote:

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OVERSIGHT BOARD CHAIR

ATTEST:

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OVERSIGHT BOARD SECRETARY

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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David Aleshire, CITY ATTORNEY

I, Angela Bustamante, Acting City Clerk, by the Bell Oversight Board to the former Bell Community Redevelopment Agency at the Oversight Board meeting held on the 29th day of September, 2014 and passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Oversight Board Secretary

EXHIBIT A

LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF BELL AND  
THE CITY OF BELL, AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT  
AGENCY OF THE CITY OF BELL

[Attached behind this page]

**LOAN AGREEMENT BETWEEN CITY OF BELL, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,  
AND CITY OF BELL, AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF BELL**

THIS LOAN AGREEMENT (“Agreement”) is dated as of this 26th day of September, 2014 by and between the CITY OF BELL, a California municipal corporation (“City”), and the CITY OF BELL, AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE FORMER REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE CITY OF BELL, a public body corporate and politic (“Successor Agency”). Successor Agency and City are sometimes referred to in this Agreement individually as a “Party” and collectively as the “Parties.” This Agreement is entered into with reference to the following recitals of fact (“Recitals”) that Successor Agency and City believe to be true, as of the date each Party executes this Agreement.

**RECITALS**

A. Pursuant to the Community Redevelopment Law (Health and Safety Code section 33000 *et seq.*), the City Council of the City created the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Bell (“Redevelopment Agency”).

B. Pursuant to legislative action of the California Legislature in 2011, which was held constitutional by the Supreme Court of the State of California (*California Redevelopment Association, et al. v. Ana Matosantos, et al.*, Case No. S194861), all redevelopment agencies throughout California were dissolved, effective February 1, 2012.

C. On January 25, 2012, pursuant to Resolution 2012-15 and Health and Safety Code section 34173(d), the City elected to become the successor agency to the dissolved Redevelopment Agency of the City of Bell.

D. On June 27, 2012, Assembly Bill 1484 (“AB 1484”) was signed by the Governor of California which, among other things, allows the City to loan funds to the Successor Agency for administrative costs, enforceable obligations, or project-related expenses at the City’s discretion, pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 34173(h).

E. In the spring of 2011, the Redevelopment Agency received tax increment to pay enforceable obligations, however the balance of the Redevelopment Agency’s unexpended tax increment received as of June 30, 2011 was insufficient to pay enforceable obligations, including a shortfall to pay a portion of its Tax Allocation Refunding Bonds, Issue of 2003 (“2003 Bonds”) debt service payment in the amount of \$1,077,916, that was due prior to the next anticipated receipt of tax increment in December 2011 and had to rely on other City funds to provide interim cashflow to the Redevelopment Agency to meet this enforceable obligation.

F. As a result of AB 1484, the tax increment the Redevelopment Agency received in November 2011, December 2011, and January 2012 was required to be spent on enforceable obligations payable between January 1, 2012 and June 30, 2012, and was not available to repay any interim cashflow deficit.

G. Prior to the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency, the Redevelopment Agency was operating with a cash deficit, the existence of which was obscured by various circumstances predating the dissolution of the Redevelopment Agency and exacerbated by the impact of certain aspects of the redevelopment dissolution process itself. As a result, the Successor Agency inherited a cash deficit of at least \$1,254,680.

H. Due to this ongoing cash deficit remaining from dissolution, the Successor Agency is unable to make a required debt service payment, due on October 1, 2014, on its 2003 Bonds (item No. 1 on the Successor Agency's Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule ("ROPS") 14-15A), and unable to pay other obligations on that ROPS, notwithstanding the receipt of funds from the Los Angeles County Auditor-Controller that appeared to be sufficient to pay all enforceable obligations on ROPS 14-15A.

I. To enable the Successor Agency to meet its fiduciary responsibilities to holders of enforceable obligations and for the Successor Agency to have adequate funds for administration costs and other obligations, the City desires to loan to the Successor Agency an amount not to exceed \$1,254,680 ("Loan Amount").

J. It is in the best interest of both the City and the Successor Agency that the Successor Agency have funds to pay this enforceable obligation as a default by the Successor Agency may affect the creditworthiness of the City and Successor Agency.

K. The City Council has determined pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34173(h), the City will loan to the Successor Agency that amount necessary for the Successor Agency to eliminate its cashflow deficit and meet its enforceable obligations.

L. The Parties now desire to enter into this Agreement to memorialize the terms and conditions of the City loan to the Successor Agency for payment of enforceable obligations..

M. The Successor Agency may enter into this Agreement subject to Oversight Board approval and the authority granted by Health and Safety Code Sections 33220, 34173(h), 34177.3 and 34180(h).

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth in this Agreement and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is acknowledged by the Successor Agency and City, the Parties agree as follows:

**1. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

1.1. **Effective Date of Agreement.** This Agreement is dated this 26th day of September, 2014 for reference purposes only. This Agreement shall not become legally effective or binding until the date on which all of the following are true ("Effective Date"):

1.1.1. This Agreement is approved by the Governing Board of the Successor Agency and the City Council of the City and executed by the authorized representatives of the Successor Agency and City, respectively;

1.1.2. This Agreement is approved by the Oversight Board of the Successor Agency; and

1.1.3. Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 34179(h), written notice and information about the approval of this Agreement by the Oversight Board is provided to the State of California Department of Finance (“DOF”) and DOF either chooses not to review this Agreement or approves this Agreement following review.

## 2. LOAN.

2.1. **Loan Amount.** Upon execution of this Agreement, and subject to approval of the Department of Finance, the City shall loan the Loan Amount to the Successor Agency from the City’s General Fund in immediately available funds.

2.2. **Use Of Loan Amount.** The Loan Amount shall be used by the Successor Agency for the sole purpose of paying amounts advanced for the Successor Agency’s 2003 Bonds October 1, 2011 debt service payment. .

2.3. **Repayment Of Loan Amount; Promissory Note.** The Successor Agency agrees to repay the Loan Amount, with interest accruing at the current Local Agency Investment Fund interest rate in effect on the date this Agreement. Concurrently with execution of this Agreement, the Successor Agency shall execute a promissory note substantially in the form of Exhibit 1 attached hereto.

2.4. **Enforceable Obligation.** Pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 34173(h), the Loan Amount shall be reflected on the Successor Agency’s future ROPS and, upon approval of this Agreement by the Oversight Board, the repayment of the Loan Amount shall be deemed to be an enforceable obligation, payable in accordance with the payment schedule set forth and attached hereto as Exhibit 2 (“Payment Schedule”). The repayment is not subject to the restrictions of Section 34176(e)(6)(B) or 34191.4(b) of the Health and Safety Code and would be paid from first available Redevelopment Property Tax Trust Fund (“RPTTF”) funds not required for other enforceable obligations.

2.4.1. Should the Successor Agency receive insufficient funds from the RPTTF to pay all costs shown on its ROPS including the amount shown on the Payment Schedule, then any unpaid balance of any principal and interest for such ROPS period shall be due and payable in full on the next ROPS.

2.4.2. The procedure described in this section shall continue to be followed for each ROPS until the Loan Amount and interest thereon is paid in full. Any remaining principal and interest due on the Loan Amount as set forth in the Payment Schedule shall continue to be shown as an enforceable obligation on each ROPS until the Successor Agency has received sufficient funds to pay the entire Loan Amount and interest thereon.

2.4.3. The Successor Agency shall have the right to prepay the unpaid principal and interest of the Loan Amount, or portion thereof, at any time.

### 3. GENERAL TERMS.

3.1. **Time Is Of The Essence.** Time is of the essence in the performance of the Parties' obligations under this Agreement.

3.2. **No Third Party Beneficiaries.** This Agreement is expressly declared to be for the sole benefit of the Parties hereto. No other person or entity not a signatory to this Agreement shall have any rights or causes of actions against any Party to this Agreement because of that Party's entry into this Agreement.

3.3. **Assignment.** City may not assign any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior express written consent of the Successor Agency, which may be given or withheld in the Successor Agency's sole and absolute discretion.

3.4. **Failure To Strictly Enforce Not A Waiver.** Failure by any Party to this Agreement to insist upon the strict performance of any provision of this Agreement at any one or more times shall not be deemed to constitute a waiver of that Party's right to insist upon strict performance of that or any other provision of this Agreement on future occasions. No alleged waiver of any right afforded to any Party under this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing.

3.5. **Attorneys' Fees.** In the event that any action or proceeding is commenced by either the Successor Agency or City against the other to interpret or enforce any provision of this Agreement, the prevailing Party in any such action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover from the non-prevailing Party, in addition to all other relief to which the prevailing Party may be entitled, the prevailing Party's reasonable attorneys' fees and litigation costs, including fees for use of in-house legal counsel by a Party, as established by a court of law. Recoverable costs and fees shall include those incurred on appeal and in the enforcement of any judgment.

3.6. **Amendments and Modifications.** This Agreement may be amended only by written agreement of the Parties.

3.7. **Severability.** If any provision of this Agreement or the application of any such provision to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this Agreement that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are severable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SUCCESSOR AGENCY and CITY have executed this Agreement as of the above Execution Date.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alicia Romero, Chairman

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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David J. Aleshire, Successor Agency Counsel

CITY OF BELL,  
a municipal corporation

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nestor E. Valencia, Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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David J. Aleshire, City Attorney

## EXHIBIT 1

### PROMISSORY NOTE

**\$1,254,680**

**September 26, 2014**

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, this Promissory Note is dated as of the \_\_\_ day of September, 2104 (“Promissory Note”) and evidences an indebtedness of the City of Bell, as Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Bell, a public body corporate and politic (“Successor Agency” or “Maker”), to the City of Bell, a California municipal corporation (“City” or “Holder”). For value received, the Maker hereby promises to pay to the order of Holder, at such address as Holder shall designate, the Loan Amount (as defined in the Agreement), with interest, in accordance with the terms of this Promissory Note.

1. **Loan Agreement.** The rights and obligations of Maker and Holder under this Promissory Note are made with respect to that certain agreement entitled “Loan Agreement” dated September \_\_\_, 2014 by and between Maker and Holder (“Agreement”), as approved by Maker and Holder at a public meeting on September \_\_\_, 2014. The terms and provisions of the Agreement are incorporated into this Promissory Note by reference. All capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Promissory Note shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.

2. **Unsecured Obligation.** Maker’s obligations under this Promissory Note are not secured by any instrument encumbering any property or asset of Maker.

3. **Repayment of Promissory Note.** Maker shall pay to the order of Holder the Loan Amount, with interest accruing at the current Local Agency Investment Fund (LAIF) interest rate of \_\_\_\_\_% percent per annum, as follows:

3.1 Maker promises to pay to the order of Holder the Loan Amount, with interest, until repaid. The first installment shall be paid during the period of July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, if sufficient tax allocation is available. Subsequent installments will be paid over multiple ROPS cycles as sufficient funds are available.

3.2 All payments due hereunder are payable in lawful money of the United States in same day funds. The Loan Amount may be prepaid, in whole or in part, at any time and from time to time without penalty or minimum.

3.3 The entire unpaid balance of the Loan Amount shall be due and payable, prior to the Maturity Date upon Maker’s material breach on any of the obligations of this Promissory Note.

3.4 Maker's obligation to pay the unpaid principal balance of the Loan Amount shall be limited to the available funds of Maker which are not otherwise encumbered as of the date of this Promissory Note.

4. **Assignment.** Holder shall have no power to transfer or assign its right to receive any payment under this Promissory Note, unless Maker has first granted written approval to Holder for such a proposed assignment, in the Maker's sole and absolute discretion.

5. **Severability.** The unenforceability or invalidity of any provision or provisions of this Promissory Note as to any persons or circumstances shall not render that provision or those provisions unenforceable or invalid as to any other person or circumstances, and all provisions hereof, in all other respects, shall remain valid and enforceable.

6. **Governing Law.** The validity, interpretation and performance of this Promissory Note shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, without regard to conflicts of laws principles.

7. **Jurisdiction and Venue.** The Holder and the Maker acknowledge and stipulate that the obligation hereunder was entered into in the County of Los Angeles, California. Any legal action or proceeding to interpret, enforce, or which in any way arises out of this Promissory Note shall be instituted and prosecuted in the appropriate court in the County of Los Angeles, California. Holder and Maker expressly waive, to the maximum legal extent, any legal right either Party may have to have such action or proceeding transferred to or prosecuted in any other court or jurisdiction.

8. **Amendments and Modifications.** This Promissory Note may be amended or modified only in writing signed by the Holder and the Maker.

9. **Time of the Essence.** Time is of the essence of this Promissory Note.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, SUCCESSOR AGENCY as Maker, and CITY as Holder, have executed this Promissory Note as of the above Execution Date.

SUCCESSOR AGENCY (MAKER)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Alicia Romero, Chairman

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
David J. Aleshire, Successor Agency Counsel

CITY OF BELL,  
a municipal corporation (HOLDER)

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Nestor E. Valencia, Mayor

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
David J. Aleshire, City Attorney

**EXHIBIT 2**  
**PAYMENT SCHEDULE**

<u>FISCAL YEAR</u>	<u>PAYMENT AMOUNT</u>
FY 2015-2016	\$400,000 plus accrued interest
FY 2016-2017	\$500,000 plus accrued interest
FY 2017-2018	Remaining principal balance of the Loan Amount plus accrued interest