



CITY OF BELL

Bell Interim Chief Administrative Officer Selection

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The City of Bell announces the selection of their new Interim Chief Administrative Officer (ICAO) Mr. Arne Croce of San Mateo. Mr. Croce comes to the city with over 30 years of experience in local government management, including 24 years of combined service as the city manager of San Mateo and Los Altos. Mr. Croce's selection will officially be approved during Bell's next City Council meeting scheduled for August 24, 2011.

Mr. Croce was selected from over 60 applicants desiring to become Bell's next ICAO. Mayor Saleh stated that the council *"was thrilled with the selection because Mr. Croce has one of the best city management reputations in California. We look forward to working with Mr. Croce, who will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the City of Bell."*

Mr. Croce will join the city hall team on August 22, 2011, working pro bono the first week, which will provide the opportunity to work with the current ICAO, Ken Hampian and make for a smoother transition. He is scheduled to earn a weekly salary of \$3,230.00 with no medical or retirement benefits.

Mr. Croce graduated with honors from the University of California, Berkeley with a degree in Political Science and holds a Master of Public Administration from California State University, Sacramento. Mr. Croce said, *"The residents of Bell have made a commitment to restore ethical, professional and effective city government. I look forward to supporting the new city council and city organization as they focus on putting community service first and restoring the public's trust and confidence in their local government. The Bell community has the opportunity for a thriving future. It is gratifying to be a part of building a strong foundation for this future."*

Mr. Croce will serve as the ICAO during the upcoming months, which will allow the city to complete the search for a permanent Chief Administrative Officer.