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**Subject:** UPDATED "latest information from Bell Canyon CSD"  
**Attachments:** letter 3-26-23.docx

Dear Mr. Luoma, LAFCO Commissioners, Grand Jury Officials, DA Nasarenko, and **Special District Commissioners;**

Since sending out the earlier version of the attached letter I received additional information.

Please, if possible, read the attached UPDATED letter into the minutes of your next LAFCO meeting (and every meeting of any related agency). The previous version can be deleted.

Sincerely,

Dr. Olga Damascus

# **Dr. Olga Nikolic Damascus**

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24 March 2023

**UPDATED 26 March 2023**

Dear Ventura County Leaders and Legal Authorities;

Please witness the lies in the eblast pasted at the end of this letter. This eblast was sent on 24 March 2023 to the Bell Canyon community by Bell Canyon Community Service District (BCCSD) "leadership" (better known as Eric Wolf, Richard Levy, and those who support them to gain favors) regarding the improprieties and illegalities LAFCO uncovered during its 2022 MSR of BCCSD.

Notice first and foremost that this BCCSD eblast was sent from the Bell Canyon Association (HOA). This is the black and white: BCCSD is NOT separate from the HOA regardless of what BCCSD "leadership" or BCCSD attorney Pamela Lee tout, or tales told to LAFCO by BCCSD "leadership".

Acting as if BCCSD "leadership" word is God and law entwined, and without regard for truth, they again absolve themselves of issues revealed in the MSR.

BCCSD "leadership" also disregarded BCCSD Director Judy Lantz's repeated REFUSAL to sign the letter. Mrs. Lantz did not give permission for her name to be used so as to indicate her support of the letter. Truth is irrelevant to them.

Instead of taking the MSR as an aid to help be a better and stronger CSD, BCCSD "leadership" insists LAFCO and the MSR are categorically wrong.

## **Highlights from LAFCo**

- **No changes to services** – LAFCo decided that the CSD can continue providing all its existing services and keep the revenue it receives.
- **No missing money** – LAFCo concluded that no CSD funds are missing and all funds were spent for the benefit of the community.
- **No Conflict of Interest** – LAFCo determined that there is no conflict of interest on the CSD Board.

Why do they lie? To be able to convince Bell Canyon voters to keep them in office so they maintain control of BCCSD and thereby, in all likelihood, continue the very acts uncovered in the MSR: misappropriation of public taxpayer money, not accounting for money, misrepresenting BCCSD authority and so furthering the misappropriation of public taxpayer money, et al.

Shakespearian drama is put to shame with what Eric Wolf, Richard Levy, and cohorts perpetrate in this multimillion-dollar property, top-tier upper socioeconomic, gated, private, secluded, less than 2000-person community.

A community that regardless of numerous PRA requests, STILL has been unable to inspect BCCSD financial books, check registers, get bank and credit card statements (what we received is piecemeal and incomplete), get an accurate report of all bank account and credit card account numbers and who has access to each and what are the parameters for spending by each.

Yet since August 2021 this relatively tiny CSD has paid OVER, and still counting, \$120,000 in legal fees to Pamela Lee, partner at Aleshire & Wynder. Yet we are supposed to believe there is no cover-up or wrongdoing in BCCSD.

When the MSR came out BCCSD resignations flowed:

- GM Dennis Zine (non-Bell Canyon resident brought in by then BCCSD Director and friend of Eric Wolf, Bill Speer) resigned.
- President Dennis Roy (appointed by Eric Wolf and then elected) resigned.
- Auditors Lichter & Yu (friends of Richard Levy AND HOA auditors) resigned.
- Attorneys Musick, Peeler & Garrett resigned (Eric Wolf then hired Pamela Lee).

In addition, Eric Wolf and Richard Levy "stepped down" as BCCSD officers but remain directors. They have a misconstrued idea that "stepping down" absolved them of being in charge during perpetration of issues uncovered by the MSR.

Yet regardless of "stepping down", Eric Wolf controls BCCSD via his appointee then elected cohort, current President Michael Robkin. Accordingly, Richard Levy continues to control/"review" BCCSD financials, and most months still ignores the legal requirement to present a financial review to the Board and community. He also refuses to relinquish his BCCSD credit card.

Not to overlook the story Richard Levy told the Bell Canyon community as to why auditors Lichter & Yu (friends of Richard Levy and HOA auditors) resigned, per 23 January 2023 minutes Item 4, Business Items, Item "h":

**Hiring CPA firm to prepare 2022 certified audit**

- R. Levy informed the Board that the former auditor was no longer certified to audit government agencies and could not conduct the District's 2022 audit.

Yes, Richard Levy has been a CPA since 1976, specializing in taxation and IRS audit appeals. Yes, with a straight face he stated the above at the BCCSD meeting on 23 January 2023. Yes, we are aware there is NO special certification to audit government agencies. Yes, there is a true reason Lichter and Yu quit the easy money of doing their buddy Richard Levy a favor and "certifying" BCCSD yearly audits COINCIDENTALLY right after the MSR.

Such details though are unrecorded as no minutes exist from 25 July to 9 January 2022. Eric Wolf stated he would "make up" the missing minutes.

Eric Wolf consistently is promising to come up with documentation. There still is not a SINGLE invoice, receipt, or proof on what was spent this elusive \$50,000 mentioned as spent "in good faith" in the eblast. There is no proof into what, if any, HOA account it was deposited. Seven years later and we are still waiting for documentation that Eric Wolf keeps stating on the record he "will bring". Granted, legally if documentation was not provided prior to request for Board approval, the money was not legally spent. This goes for all unaccounted money found in the MSR that BCCSD "leadership" clearly ignores below.

This basic principle of accounting Richard Levy, a CPA since 1976 specializing in taxation and IRS audit appeals, does know but chooses to ignore with Bell Canyon finances, given he controls ALL of them. Something an unemployed certified financial planner such as Eric Wolf also knows but coincidentally "forgets" when it comes to Bell Canyon-related money.

The semantical gaslighting by BCCSD "leadership" is unrelenting.

Money was not stated as "missing" but MISAPPROPRIATED and UNACCOUNTED. Which just the \$50,000 proves is the ABSOLUTE IRREFUTABLE TRUTH. Under Eric Wolf and Richard Levy hundreds of thousands of public taxpayer dollars have been misappropriated and unaccounted per the MSR.

The statement "No changes to services" is entirely false as trash collection is the ONLY service that remains postMSR as it was preMSR.

"No Conflict of Interest" outright contradicts conclusions in the MSR.

Please, remember these games played by BCCSD with LAFCO and the Bell Canyon community, and in 2 years' time absolutely perform a MSR that dives even deeper than this one into BCCSD, particularly the finances.

In the interim, I ask that you, Mr. Luoma, LAFCO legal counsel, and anyone else who would like and is able to join, please come to the next BCCSD meeting. Please come and state the truth uncovered by LAFCO. Please answer questions. The community is, as you know, unable to get the truth from BCCSD "leadership".

If this is possible, please let me know and I will arrange.

Thank you,

Dr Olga Damascus

**From:** Bell Canyon HOA

**Sent:** Friday, March 24, 2023 3:21 PM

**Subject:** From the CSD: LAFCo Review & Findings

**Bell Canyon Community Services District  
30 Hackamore Lane  
Bell Canyon, California 91307**

Dear Members of the Bell Canyon Community

The Bell Canyon Community Services District (CSD) is your local municipal government that receives about \$700,000 per year of property tax revenue to provide trash collection, recreational community events, and other services.

Every five years the Ventura County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is required to review the performance of the Bell Canyon CSD through a formal process called a Municipal Services Review (MSR). LAFCo reports the findings of the MSR and determines whether to change our Sphere Of Influence (SOI). Our SOI was finalized on March 15, 2023, and we are very pleased to report the following:

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**Additional Improvements**

There were a few areas of disagreement going into the MSR, all of which have now been amicably resolved.

**Security Equipment.** In 2018 the CSD provided **\$50,000** for security equipment on the Bell Canyon front gate. As a government, the CSD can only purchase security equipment for facilities owned or operated by the CSD. Since that past payment was made in good faith and properly accounted for, no refunds are needed. Any future security equipment purchases will be for equipment owned or operated by the CSD.

**Traffic enforcement.** Contracts for emergency services and traffic patrol will be made only through State agencies. We are negotiating with the CHP to provide traffic enforcement for Bell Canyon.

**Bell Canyon Park.** If the community desires the CSD to pay for improvements to the Bell Canyon Park (as opposed to the HOA), the CSD would first need to apply to LAFCo for an additional latent power to own and maintain a park.

**Recreational Activities.** CSD's own employees and contractors will support the community volunteers who put on our great events. The CSD has a new job opening for a part-time recreational coordinator. Interested persons are encouraged to apply. See website for more information: <https://bellcanyoncsd.specialdistrict.org/search-for-recreation-events-coordinator>



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