

MOTION

The City of Los Angeles is the epicenter of American Culture. As a true global City, we attract people from all over the United States and from countries all over the world.

Los Angeles has a long history of hosting national and international events; which continues to grow, make investments and draw an even larger number of events. Beginning in 2019, the City and region has hosted the following major events: The Breeder's Cup, NCAA Men's Basketball West Regional, MLB All-Star Game, College Football Playoff, the Super Bowl and the U.S. Open. Additionally, the Los Angeles area attracts large-scale musicians including Harry Styles, Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran, and Bad Bunny. These shows attract people from all the region and beyond. In the coming years, the City will host the 2026 FIFA World Cup and the 2028 Summer Olympic Games.

Human Trafficking is a global issue that is estimated to be a \$150,000,000,000 industry. Moreover, human trafficking activities increase when there are events that bring a global audience together. With Los Angeles being the center of American Culture, these types of events can make our vulnerable residents victims of predators trying to take advantage of those experiencing hard times.

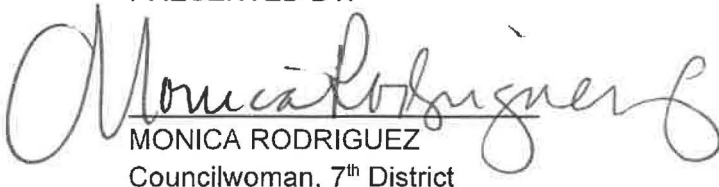
Recently, the Police Department (LAPD) has been focusing on areas of the City where Human Trafficking has historically been an issue. In 2023, the Police Department made over 650 arrests for Human Trafficking and helped rescue nearly 50 victims of human trafficking.

As a City, we must ensure that our most vulnerable residents are safe and can be helped when they have become victims of predators seeking to keep them in a cycle of violence and poverty.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council requests the Chief of Police and the Police Commission, with assistance of the Community Investment For Families Department and the City Administrative Officer, to report on existing resources, and ways to augment resources, to help individuals that have been victims of Human Trafficking.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request the Chief of Police and the Police Commission report on existing resources, and ways to increase resources, to help reduce the occurrence of Human Trafficking throughout the City; and in particular, areas of the City that historically received less resources to combat this issue.

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