

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT relative to assisting the victims of human trafficking and reducing the occurrence of human trafficking.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Rodriguez – Park):

1. INSTRUCT the Chief, Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD); and, REQUEST the Board of Police Commissioners (Board), with assistance of the Community Investment For Families Department and the City Administrative Officer (CAO), to report on existing resources, and ways to augment resources, to help individuals that have been victims of Human Trafficking.
2. INSTRUCT the Chief, LAPD; and, REQUEST the Board to 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.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the CAO nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On October 10, 2023, your Committee considered a Motion (Rodriguez – Park) relative to assisting the victims of human trafficking and reducing the occurrence of human trafficking. According to the Motion, 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 US 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 vulnerable residents victims of predators trying to take advantage of those experiencing hard times. Recently, the LAPD has been focusing on areas of the City where Human Trafficking has historically been an issue. In 2023, the LAPD has made over 650 arrests for Human Trafficking and helped rescue nearly 50 victims of human trafficking. After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the Motion. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,
Public Safety Committee

COUNCILMEMBER	VOTE
RODRIGUEZ:	YES
LEE:	YES
McOSKER:	YES
PARK:	YES
SOTO-MARTINEZ:	YES

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