



City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

September 4, 2012

NEW BUSINESS CONSENT

**SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 12-086 SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 35
THE CALIFORNIANS AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION ACT**

Submitted by David C. Biggs
City Manager

Approved by David C. Biggs
City Manager

I. SUMMARY

This item is placed on the agenda at the request of Councilmember Santarina.

Slated for the November 2012 Statewide General Election Ballot, Proposition 35, the Californians Against Sexual Exploitation Act (the CASE Act) will strengthen penalties against human trafficking and improve Megan's Law against online predators. As a proposition on the ballot, it will dramatically raise awareness and unite Californians to take action against human trafficking and sexual exploitation. Tonight the City Council is asked to approve Resolution No. 12-086 (Exhibit No. 1).

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 12-086, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 35 ALSO KNOWN AS THE CALIFORNIANS AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION ACT"
2. DIRECT City Manager's staff to transmit an executed copy of the resolution to Congresswomen Richardson and Hahn, Senator Ted Lieu, Assemblymember Furutani, Senator Rod Wright, California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr., Board of Equalization Chairman Jerome Horton, and Captain Rivero of the Carson Sheriff's Station.

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

According to the website www.caseact.org, the average age that a victim is first trafficked for sex in the U.S. is just 12-14 years old. Many victims are runaway girls who have already suffered sexual abuse as children. Traffickers are master manipulators who gain a victim's trust before forcing them into commercial sex acts and keeping them compliant through violence and drugs (Exhibit No. 2).

California harbors three of FBI's 13 highest child sex trafficking areas in the nation: Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Diego. The prevalence and anonymity of the internet has fueled the rapid growth of sex trafficking, making the trade of women and children easier than ever before.

The CASE Act increases prison terms for human traffickers, require convicted sex traffickers to register as sex offenders, require all registered sex offenders to disclose their internet accounts, require criminal fines from convicted human traffickers to pay for services to help victims and mandates law enforcement training on human trafficking.

Moreover, on July 19, 2011, at the request of Councilman Santarina, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 11-094 declaring the City of Carson a "Human Trafficking Free City" (Exhibit No. 3).

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Resolution No. 12-086. (pgs. 3-4)
2. Vote Yes on 35 Fact Sheet. (pg. 5)
3. July 19, 2011, Item 5, Staff Report and Resolution No. 11-094. (pgs. 6-10)

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Prepared by: Lisa Berglund, Principal Administrative Analyst

TO:Rev04-23-12

Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services	Development Services
Economic Development	Public Services

Action taken by City Council

Date_____ Action_____

RESOLUTION NO. 12-086

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CARSON, CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING PROPOSITION 35
ALSO KNOWN AS THE CALIFORNIANS AGAINST SEXUAL
EXPLOITATION ACT

WHEREAS, the problem of “human trafficking” is the illegal trade of human beings for the purposes of slavery, forced labor and/or commercial or sexual exploitation; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 35 is a joint partnership of California Against Slavery and Safer California Foundation, and is slated to be on the November 2012 ballot; and

WHEREAS, many vulnerable women and young girls are held against their will and forced to sell their bodies. The victims are often girls as young as 12 who are sexually exploited for the financial gain of human traffickers. They are afraid for their lives and abused sexually, physically, and mentally; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is said to be one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world – and it is taking place right here in our own backyard. San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego are recognized by the FBI as high intensity child sex trafficking areas; and

WHEREAS, the CASE Act increases prison terms for human traffickers, require convicted sex traffickers to register as sex offenders, require all registered sex offenders to disclose their internet accounts, require criminal fines from convicted human traffickers to pay for services to help victims and mandates law enforcement training on human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 35 has also been endorsed by organizations representing over 90,000 rank and file California Peace Officers, advocates for the protection of children, including Marc Klaas and the KlaasKids Foundation, and victims who survived sexual exploitation when they were children.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Carson, supports Proposition 35 also known as the Californians Against Sexual Exploitation Act.

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Carson commends the efforts of California Against Slavery, Safer California Foundation and thousands of volunteers around the state that raise awareness about the problem of human trafficking; we support Proposition 35.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this ____ day of September, 2012.

EXHIBIT NO. 01

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Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

Donesia L. Gause, CMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

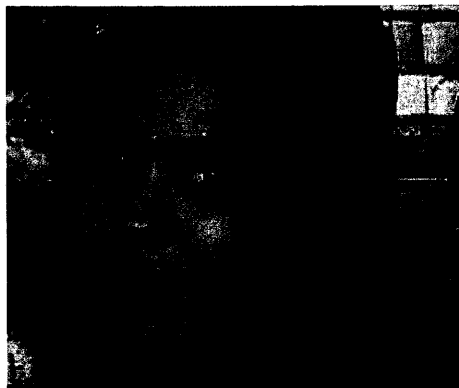


City Attorney



Vote YES on 35

CALIFORNIANS AGAINST SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

www.VoteYesOn35.com

		
Sara Kruzan, Riverside, CA 13-16 years old Serving life sentence for shooting her pimp at 16	Bridget Gray, Sacramento, CA 14-22 years old Strangled to death by a buyer	Carissa Phelps, Fresno, CA 12-14 years old Attorney, author, advocate

THE PROBLEM

In California, many vulnerable women and children are held against their will and forced to sell their bodies. The victims are often girls as young as 12 who are sexually exploited for the financial gain of human traffickers. They are afraid for their lives and abused – sexually, physically, and mentally.

Human trafficking is said to be one of the fastest growing criminal enterprises in the world, and it's happening right here on California's streets and online where young girls are bought and sold.

Three cities in California – San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Diego – are recognized by the FBI as high intensity child sex trafficking areas. A recent national study by a victims' rights group gave California an "F" grade for its weak laws dealing with child sex trafficking.

THE SOLUTION

Slated for the November 2012 ballot, Proposition 35 is an initiative that will fight back against human trafficking and the sexual exploitation of women and children by:

- Increasing prison terms for human traffickers.
- Requiring convicted sex traffickers to register as sex offenders.
- Requiring all registered sex offenders to disclose their internet accounts.
- Requiring criminal fines from convicted human traffickers to pay for victims' services.

By supporting Proposition 35, Californians can take a stand and say that we won't tolerate the sexual exploitation of women and children by human traffickers.

JOIN THE FIGHT

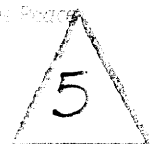
Proposition 35 has also been endorsed by organizations representing over 90,000 rank and file California Peace Officers, advocates for the protection of children, including Marc Klaas and the KlaasKids Foundation, and human trafficking survivors.

Add your voice against human trafficking today by supporting Proposition 35. For more information and to join our efforts, please visit www.VoteYesOn35.com.

Paid for by Vote Yes on 35: Stop Human Trafficking in California, a coalition of survivors, children & human rights advocates, law enforcement & community groups, sponsored by California Against Trafficking and Safe California Foundation. Major funding by Chris Kelly and the Peace Officers Research Association of California.

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EXHIBIT NO. 12






City of Carson Report to Mayor and City Council

July 19, 2011
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 11-094 DECLARING THE CITY OF CARSON A "HUMAN TRAFFICKING FREE CITY"


Submitted by Clifford W. Graves
Interim City Manager


Approved by Clifford W. Graves
Interim City Manager

I. SUMMARY

On July 5, 2011, the City Council added this matter to the July 19, 2011 City Council agenda to consider this resolution.

Tonight the City Council is asked to consider Resolution No. 11-094 declaring the city of Carson a "Human Trafficking Free City."

II. RECOMMENDATION

TAKE the following actions:

1. WAIVE further reading and ADOPT Resolution No. 11-094, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE CITY OF CARSON A "HUMAN TRAFFICKING FREE CITY."
2. DIRECT staff to transmit an executed copy of the resolution to (1) Director-General Irina Bokova of the United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, (2) Director General Juan Somavia of the International Labor Organization, (3) California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris, (4) U.S. Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr., and (5) Acting Captain Rivero of the Carson Sheriff's Station. *(6) Chairman Jerome Horton B.C.E.*

III. ALTERNATIVES

TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

IV. BACKGROUND

On June 15, 2011, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton released 10th Annual Trafficking in Persons Report. Its findings will raise global awareness and spur countries to take effective actions to counter trafficking persons. The report outlines the continuing challenges across the globe, including in the United States. This human rights abuse is universal, and no one should claim immunity from its reach or from the responsibility to confront it.



Ten years ago, the United Nations negotiated the international standards against trafficking in persons and the United States enacted the Trafficking Victims Protection Act. Since then, the international community has witnessed tangible progress in the effort to end the scourge of trafficking in persons. More victims have been protected, more cases have been successfully prosecuted, and more instances of this human rights abuse have been prevented.

Countries that once denied the existence of human trafficking now work to identify victims and help them overcome the trauma of modern slavery, as well as hold responsible those who enslave others. Although progress has undoubtedly been made against this global phenomenon, there is more work to be done. Passage of Resolution No. 11-094 would create additional awareness in our city about this tragic, ongoing problem.

V. FISCAL IMPACT

None.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Resolution No. 11-094. (pg. 3-4)

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TO:Rev032811

Reviewed by:

City Clerk	<u>City Treasurer</u>
<u>Administrative Services</u>	<u>Development Services</u>
<u>Economic Development Services</u>	<u>Public Services</u>

Action taken by City Council

Date _____ Action _____



RESOLUTION NO. 11-094

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING THE CITY OF
CARSON A "HUMAN TRAFFICKING FREE CITY"

WHEREAS, the problem of "human trafficking" – i.e. the illegal trade of human beings for the purposes of slavery, forced labor and/or commercial or sexual exploitation – has become an issue of increasing concern to government agencies, law enforcement and municipal governments in California, including that of the City of Carson; and

WHEREAS, as evidenced by the following statistics, the issue of "human trafficking" has become a widespread problem of international, national and local concern:

- 27 million people are in modern-day slavery across the world
- 800,000 people are trafficked across international borders
- 1 million children are exploited by the global commercial sex trade every year
- \$32 billion in annual profits are generated by the illegal human trafficking industry
- 17,500 foreign nationals are trafficked into the United States every year
- 244,400 American children and youth are estimated to be at risk of sexual exploitation
- Between 2005 and 2007, 559 trafficking victims were identified in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, by this resolution, the City Council of the City of Carson resolves to do its share to prevent "human trafficking" and increase awareness regarding this issue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF CARSON, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE, and ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Carson shall be declared a "Human Trafficking Free City," and the City of Carson hereby expresses its opposition to any and all forms of human trafficking.

Section 2. The Carson Sheriff's Department is directed to ensure that facts about this crime are made available in a greater manner to all Carson residents by way of the city website, Carson Sheriff Newsletters and/or the Carson Report and Channel 35.

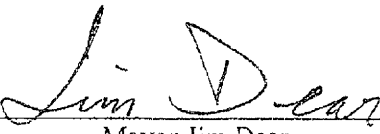
Section 3. The City Council of the City of Carson encourages its member organizations and fellow local elected officials, including the Los Angeles City Council, County and State officials, and the California League of Cities, to sponsor legislative initiatives regarding this issue.

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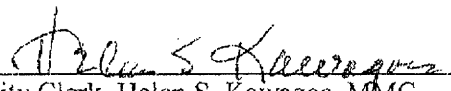
Section 4. The City Manager is directed to provide a copy of this resolution to the United Nations Education, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, the International Labor Organization, and the Department of Justice.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 2nd day of August, 2011.



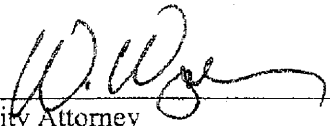
Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:



City Clerk, Helen S. Kawagoe, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

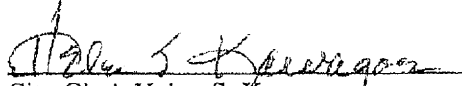
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss.
CITY OF CARSON)

I, Helen S. Kawagoe, City Clerk of the City of Carson, California, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council is five; that the foregoing resolution, being Resolution No. 11-094 was duly and regularly adopted by said Council at a regular meeting duly and regularly held on the 2nd day of August, 2011, and that the same was passed and adopted by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: Mayor Dear, Ruiz-Raber, Santarina, Gipson and Davis-Holmes
NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS: None


City Clerk Helen S. Kawagoe

