



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
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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.

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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Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
<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.

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.



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 _____ day of July, 2011.

Mayor Jim Dear

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Helen S. Kawagoe, MMC

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

