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CHAIRWOMAN
SUPERVISOR, SECOND DISTRICT
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: April 15, 2014

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: Strengthening Penalties for Human Trafficking (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

San Diego County has become a model of collaboration in the fight against sex slavery and human trafficking. This board has taken numerous actions in the recent years supporting our on-going efforts to combat human trafficking and gang pimping.

Current State law allows for the prosecution of an offender to take place in one jurisdiction even though the crimes may have occurred in multiple counties. Senate Bill 939 introduced by Senator Marty Block would add human trafficking, pimping and pandering to this provision. Given the mobility of human trafficking across jurisdictional lines, a consolidated prosecution makes the most sense. Most importantly, this saves victims from having to go to different counties to testify in these multi-jurisdictional cases.

In addition to support for Senate Bill 939, this action will also include in the Board's Legislative Program any legislation that increases penalties or helps in the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking cases. More is being done every day to combat the heinous crime of human trafficking and gang pimping. Providing broad support for legislation associated with combating human trafficking will send a strong message that additional resources and stronger penalties are warranted.

Lastly, we must continue our efforts to educate employees of agencies who come into contact with victims of human trafficking. The Commercial Sexually Exploitation of Children (CSEC) advisory council has taken the lead in providing educational training to different groups in our region who come across this vulnerable population. CSEC trainings have been provided to the County's Probation Department, Child Welfare Services, and our region's educational communities. We have learned over the past years that gangs are utilizing our region's public transportation assets to traffic their victims. Training employees of our region's public transportation agencies will provide the tools needed to identify when this horrible crime is taking place so that immediate action can be taken.

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Therefore, today's action will request a letter be prepared by the Chief Administrative Officer stating San Diego County's support for California State Senate Bill 939, direct the Chief Administrative Officer to include in the Board's Legislative Program any legislation that increases penalties or helps in the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking cases, and direct the Chief Administrative Officer to work with the CSEC Advisory Council to facilitate a CSEC training for our region's public transportation agencies.

Recommendation(s)

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1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to draft a letter expressing this Board of Supervisors' support for State Senate Bill 939 to San Diego County's legislative representatives in Sacramento.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to add to the County's Legislative Program support for any legislation that increases penalties or helps in the investigation and prosecution of Human Trafficking cases.
3. Direct the Chief Administrative to work with the CSEC Advisory Council to facilitate a CSEC training for our region's public transportation agencies.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

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Linkage to the County of San Diego Strategic Plan

Today's proposed action supports the Safe Communities Initiative of the County of San Diego's 2014-2019 Strategic Plan of protecting residents from crime and abuse by supporting any legislation that increases penalties or helps in the investigation and prosecution of human trafficking cases.

Respectfully submitted,

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Supervisor, Second District

ATTACHMENT(S)

N/A

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AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET

REQUIRES FOUR VOTES: Yes No

WRITTEN DISCLOSURE PER COUNTY CHARTER SECTION 1000.1 REQUIRED
 Yes No

PREVIOUS RELEVANT BOARD ACTIONS:
N/A

BOARD POLICIES APPLICABLE:
N/A

BOARD POLICY STATEMENTS:
N/A

MANDATORY COMPLIANCE:
N/A

ORACLE AWARD NUMBER(S) AND CONTRACT AND/OR REQUISITION NUMBER(S):
N/A

ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT: District 2, Board of Supervisors

OTHER CONCURRENCES(S): N/A

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