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SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

AGENDA ITEM

DATE: October 21, 2014

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TO: Board of Supervisors

SUBJECT: Combating Human Trafficking in San Diego County (DISTRICTS: ALL)

Overview

In 2011 the Board of Supervisors supported an action I brought forward with the District Attorney, and the Sheriff to form the San Diego Human Trafficking (HT) and Child Sexual Exploitation Advisory Council (CSEC). The formation of the HT and CSEC Advisory Council was in response to the growing trend of human trafficking and gang pimping in San Diego. Unfortunately, this heinous crime has only increased over the past several years.

The purpose of the HT and CSEC Advisory council is to bring a specialized focus to addressing human trafficking at a countywide, interdisciplinary level. The advisory council is made up of multiple subcommittees who report to an executive committee with recommendations to enhance our ability to fight human trafficking and to ensure the safety and well-being of trafficking victims.

In January, 2014, the HT and CSEC Advisory Council coordinated “Combating Human Trafficking in San Diego County – Best Practices for Today and Tomorrow,” a summit that brought together key stakeholders to identify gaps and discuss best practices in victim services, education, training, and law enforcement. Since the summit, the HT and CSEC Advisory Council have been working to process all of the recommendations.

Today’s action will provide a report to the Board from the HT and CSEC Advisory Council executive committee on the state of human trafficking in our region and the top recommendations of the Summit participants and the HT and CSEC Advisory Council.

Recommendation(s)

CHAIRWOMAN DIANNE JACOB

Receive a report from the San Diego Human Trafficking and Child Sexual Exploitation Advisory Council executive committee on the current state of human trafficking in the San Diego region and the top recommendations of the Summit participants and the San Diego Human Trafficking and Child Sexual Exploitation Advisory Council.

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Fiscal Impact

N/A

Business Impact Statement

N/A

Advisory Board Statement

N/A

Background

In 2011 the Board of Supervisors supported an action I brought forward with the District Attorney, and the Sheriff to form the San Diego Human Trafficking (HT) and Child Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Advisory Council. The formation of the HT and CSEC Advisory Council was in response to the growing trend of human trafficking and gang pimping in San Diego. The HT and CSEC advisory council represents a united San Diego region working collaboratively to create long-term, systemic change effectively addressing human trafficking and the commercial sexual exploitation of children.

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The strategy of the HT and CSEC advisory council consists of integrating the Four Ps Model of the U.S. Department of Justice: Prevention, Protection, Prosecution and Partnership. Utilizing this model, the HT and CSEC advisory council explores best practices in addressing the root causes of trafficking, advancing public policy, standardizing training and protocols and enhancing victim services by creating an optimized, seamless service delivery system.

Pimping, pandering, and human trafficking is increasing at an alarming rate across the country as well as right here in the San Diego region. Criminal street gangs have embraced pimping as “the new crack”, rivaling narcotic sales as a major source of funding for many gangs. Current trends in sex trafficking in San Diego county include: gang-related trafficking, internet-facilitation of trafficking, and commercial sexual transactions within hotels.

However, we are rising to the challenge and fighting human trafficking here in San Diego County. In January, 2014, the HT and CSEC Advisory Council coordinated “Combating Human Trafficking in San Diego County – Best Practices for Today and Tomorrow,” a summit that brought together key stakeholders to identify gaps and discuss best practices in victim services, education, training, and law enforcement. Since the summit, the HT and CSEC Advisory Council has been working to process all of the recommendations.

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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 the efforts of the San Diego Human Trafficking and Child Sexual Exploitation Advisory Council.

Respectfully submitted,

DIANNE JACOB
Supervisor, Second District

ATTACHMENT(S)

San Diego County Regional Human Trafficking & Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Advisory Council Report

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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:

June 14, 2011, District 2 – Establishment of the San Diego Human Trafficking and CSEC Advisory Council

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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