



# City of Palo Alto

## COLLEAGUES MEMO

**DATE:** October 5, 2015

**TO:** City Council Members

**FROM:** Council Member Scharff, Council Member Holman, Council Member Kniss, Council Member Berman

**SUBJECT: COLLEAGUES' MEMO RECOMMENDING ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION COMBATING HUMAN TRAFFICKING, INCLUDING STAFF TRAINING, ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY**

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### RECOMMENDATION

Request Colleagues adopt the attached Resolution indicating our support for combatting human trafficking, additional staff training, and identifying vulnerable populations, as well as promoting legislative advocacy.

### BACKGROUND

In anticipation of several events that will attract hundreds of thousands of visitors to the Peninsula, including Super Bowl 50 in particular, we believe that our support of efforts to control human trafficking will add support and visibility to this problem. Human trafficking is often overlooked and is an underlying long-term problem in our suburban communities. Joining in with other local jurisdictions to highlight and combat this problem is critical and especially as the holidays and Super Bowl 50 are approaching.

This Resolution will also inform the public of local governments' intent to address the problem, not only now, but in the future as well.

### RESOURCE IMPACT

Staff anticipates that there may be minor one-time costs associated with staff training and legislative advocacy as directed by the proposed Resolution. Costs to identify vulnerable populations are unknown at this time. These costs could be defrayed by county, state, and/or other grants. Staff will review potential opportunities for such grant funding.

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF PALO ALTO OF LOCAL SUPPORT**

**COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING:  
STAFF TRAINING, ASSISTANCE IN IDENTIFYING  
VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND  
LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY**

*WHEREAS*, the crime of human trafficking destroys lives around the world and is present in every country and every U.S. state; and

*WHEREAS*, the State of California and its constituent communities are considered to be receptor sites for trafficking due to economic conditions and proximity to international borders; and

*WHEREAS*, forced labor, commercial sexual exploitation and involuntary domestic servitude have been found to exist within local communities; and

*WHEREAS*, local communities exercise police power, maintain collaborative relations with other governmental agencies and adopt positions of legislative advocacy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Palo Alto, by adopting this resolution, does hereby state that:

1. The City will participate in available training of staff; and
2. The City will assist local agencies in identifying populations that are vulnerable to the crime of human trafficking; and
3. The City adopts a legislative advocacy position in support of anti-trafficking measures.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution will be transmitted to the appropriate county, state and federal elected representatives.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED:

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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City Attorney

APPROVED:

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Mayor

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City Manager

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