



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
January 12, 2016**

CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item # 4

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2016-01, expressing support for combatting human trafficking

BACKGROUND

The State of California and the Bay Area have been identified by the Federal Bureau of Investigation as hot spots for human trafficking and in particular as one of the top 13 sites for child sex trafficking in the country. In anticipation of Super Bowl 50 and other events which bring in thousands of visitors, several Bay Area communities, including Cupertino, Palo Alto, San Francisco, San Jose and Sunnyvale have adopted Resolutions in support of combatting human trafficking.

EXISTING POLICY

None

PREVIOUS COUNCIL CONSIDERATION

None

DISCUSSION

On December 8, 2015, four Los Altos residents, representing No Traffick Ahead, requested the Council consider a resolution against human trafficking.

Human trafficking is the act of illegally moving people, typically for the purposes of forced labor or commercial sexual exploitation. The Federal Bureau of Investigation has identified the Bay Area as one of the top areas in the country for human trafficking.

The upcoming Super Bowl in Santa Clara provides an opportunity for agencies in the Bay Area to increase awareness of the destructive power of human trafficking and to unite the community against human trafficking.

Resolution No. 2016-01 (Attachment 1) expresses the City's commitment to combatting human trafficking through training of staff and participation with other local agencies in identifying populations that are vulnerable to human trafficking.

The Police Department has planned for Department-wide training related to human trafficking to occur in January 2016. As well, the Santa Clara County Police Chiefs Association, of which Los Altos participates, has drafted a County-wide Human Trafficking Protocol for Law Enforcement.

PUBLIC CONTACT

Posting of the meeting agenda serves as notice to the general public.

FISCAL/RESOURCE IMPACT

Training for Police Department staff has been planned for January 2016; additional training opportunities for non-Public Safety staff may be identified as opportunities become available.

Should additional opportunities for collaboration with other local agencies and organizations arise, those opportunities will be assessed in relation to other projects and initiatives. Any expenditure of funds beyond the approved Operating Budget will be referred to Council for consideration.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2016-01, expressing support for combatting human trafficking

ALTERNATIVES

1. Do not adopt Resolution No. 2016-01

Prepared by: Jon Maginot, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager

Reviewed by: Tuck Younis, Chief of Police

Approved by: Marcia Somers, City Manager

ATTACHMENT:

1. Resolution No. 2016-01

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-01

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR COMBATTING HUMAN TRAFFICKING**

WHEREAS, the crime of human trafficking is present in every country and state; and

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

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has identified the San Francisco Bay Area as one of the top 13 sites for child sex trafficking in the country and the National Human Trafficking Hotline receives more calls from California than from any other state; and

WHEREAS, Super Bowl 50 provides an opportunity for cities and counties in the Bay Area to increase their efforts to respond to human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Altos desires to do its part to combat human trafficking in the local community and throughout California and the nation.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby determines that:

1. The City will participate in available training of staff in identifying and combatting human trafficking; and
2. The City will assist local agencies in identifying populations that are vulnerable to the crime of human trafficking.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the ___day of___, 2016 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jeannie Bruins, MAYOR

Attest:

Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK