

1 [Addressing Human Trafficking in San Francisco]

2 **Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to put more funding**
3 **into resources combating human trafficking.**

4 WHEREAS, human trafficking has remained a pressing issue across the world,
5 with 202,478 victims between 2020-2023 trafficked. Of those impacted, 38% were
6 children, with 22% being girls and 16% being boys; and

7 WHEREAS, the United Nations Office of Drug and Crime released their 2024
8 global report on trafficking and found 38% of those impacted were trafficked for sexual
9 reasons, with 64% being women and 28% being girls. However, 42% of people
10 impacted were trafficked for labor, which consists of 47% of them being men and 20%
11 being boys.

12 WHEREAS, there were 165 cases of human trafficking localized in San
13 Francisco in 2021, down from 673 in 2017. Though there is the possibility of an
14 undercounting of human trafficking cases. In 2023, there were 20 San Francisco Police
15 Department (SFPD) incidents reported, though if the number of undercounts were 6%,
16 this could mean a total of 333 cases and with an undercount of 18%, a total of 111
17 cases; and

18 WHEREAS, San Francisco receives \$9 million allocated to support programs for
19 human trafficking survivors, and to emphasize efforts to combat child sex trafficking and
20 deliver comprehensive services; and

21 WHEREAS, The City of San Francisco and Department on the Status of Women
22 released a report on human trafficking data from 2022-2023 in San Francisco on
23 December 31st, 2024, interviewing 18 agencies; and

WHEREAS, the report noted approximately 38% of victims were under the age of 25, with 10% being minors and 28% being Transitional Aged Youth (TAY); and

WHEREAS, from 2022-2023 SFPD has opened 44 investigations into human trafficking which resulted in 4 arrests and one being charged against an alleged trafficker; and

WHEREAS, many agencies, such as SF Safe House and Women's Housing Coalition have emphasized that financial support is a high need to aid services for survivors including legal support, housing, medical attention, and much more; and

WHEREAS, in the entire SFPD, only one officer in their department specializes in human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, on October 30, 2024, the Budget and Legislative Analyst (BLA) for the Board of Supervisors published a policy analysis report, presenting policy recommendations for anti-human trafficking initiatives in the City and County of San Francisco. The recommendations are not limited to but include SFPD increasing staff for human trafficking cases, the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement should develop labor trafficking protocols, and encouraging the District Attorney's office and SFPD to strengthen their collaboration through task forces, case reviews, and joint training sessions; and

WHEREAS, previous District 2 Supervisor and now California Assembly Member Catherine Stefani has introduced AB-381 also known as the "Human Trafficking Procurement Prevention Act," that aims to create clear definitions for human trafficking, provide guidance on prohibited actions for government contractors, mandate

1 certification of compliance for government contracts, and outline steps for companies to
2 take when human trafficking has been identified; and

3 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission has provided support for Freedom
4 Forward's HYPE Center (Helping Young People Elevate) to continue to receive funding
5 to combat human trafficking in MOTION NO. 2324-AL-25 after receiving no funding
6 through the Department of Children, Youth, and Families RFP; and

7 RESOLVED, the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of
8 Supervisors to urge the San Francisco Police Department to train more officers to
9 specialize in human trafficking; and therefore be it

10 RESOLVED, the Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board of
11 Supervisors to allocate more funding dedicated to preventing human trafficking and
12 helping trafficking victims. This can include the further implementation and "uplifting" of
13 the BLA recommendations.