

[Addressing Human Trafficking in San Francisco]

Resolution urging the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor to put more funding into resources combating human trafficking and recognizing the month of January as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month.

WHEREAS, Human trafficking has remained a pressing issue across the world, with 38% of trafficking victims being children since 2022, according to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime released its 2025 global report on trafficking and found 38% of those impacted were trafficked for sexual reasons, with 64% being women and 28% being girls. However, 42% of people impacted were trafficked for labor, which consists of 47% of them being men and 20% being boys.

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

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

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

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

6 WHEREAS, The report also reported that about 88% of all reported cases were
7 people of color. African Americans comprised the largest block of trafficked individuals,
8 making up 57% of all cases. Hispanic/Latinx individuals were 18% of all cases, White
9 individuals were 12% of all cases, and Asian/Pacific Islanders were 8% of all cases; and

10 WHEREAS, Many agencies, such as Black Women's Revolt, Asian Women's
11 Center, San Francisco Collaborative Against Human Trafficking, San Francisco
12 Collaborative Against Human Trafficking Student Alliance, SF Safe House, and
13 Women's Housing Coalition, have emphasized that financial support is a high need to
14 aid services for survivors, including legal support, housing, medical attention, and much
15 more; and

16 WHEREAS, On October 30, 2024, the Budget and Legislative Analyst (BLA) for
17 the Board of Supervisors published a policy analysis report, presenting policy
18 recommendations for anti-human trafficking initiatives in the City and County of San
19 Francisco. The recommendations include the SFPD increasing staff for human
20 trafficking cases, the Office of Labor Standards Enforcement developing labor trafficking
21 protocols, and encouraging the District Attorney's office and SFPD to strengthen their
22 collaboration through task forces, case reviews, and joint training sessions; and

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

5 WHEREAS, The Youth Commission has worked closely with Black Women
6 Revolt and Asian Women's Shelter to put a spotlight on the effects of human trafficking
7 amongst young people in San Francisco; and

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

11 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission recognizes
12 the month of January as Human Trafficking Awareness and Prevention Month; and
13 therefore be it

14 FURTHER RESOLVED, The Youth Commission urges the Mayor and the Board
15 of Supervisors to fund efforts to prevent and combat human trafficking during the
16 SuperBowl and FIFA World Cup in the Bay Area and allocate more funding dedicated to
17 preventing human trafficking and helping trafficking victims; and therefore be it

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the
19 Mayor, Board of Supervisors, and other elected officials representing San Francisco to
20 approve or support BOS FILE NO. 260032, which recognizes the month of January
21 2026 as "National Human Trafficking Prevention Month" to encourage and champion
22 prevention programs for all young people in the City and County of San Francisco who
23 may be at risk of human trafficking; and therefore be it

- 1 FURTHER RESOLVED, That San Francisco Youth Commission staff are
- 2 directed to transmit copies of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor, Board of
- 3 Supervisors, and other elected officials representing San Francisco.