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**IMPLEMENTING SENATE BILL 1193 (STEINBERG)**

Human trafficking is a despicable crime that devalues and dehumanizes its victims. This form of modern day slavery is a growing enterprise that is estimated to be a \$32 billion international crime industry, ranking as the second or a close third in organized crime activity behind illegal drugs and arms trafficking.

Paralleled to the increasing human trafficking activity is the demand in the commercial sex industry. This trend is growing and the age of children involved is decreasing. Most recently, a child as young as 10 years of age was identified as a trafficked youth. Many of these children are prostituted on the streets where they are victimized, susceptible to venereal diseases, and are at a greater risk for being violently raped, beaten, and murdered.

Senate Bill 1193 (Steinberg), which requires specific businesses and other establishments to post a notice that contains information related to human trafficking

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was signed into law by Governor Jerry Brown in 2012. The businesses and establishments identified under the bill include emergency rooms, urgent care facilities, airports, bus and train stations. The County of Los Angeles operates many of the establishments identified under SB 1193, such as hospitals and emergency rooms. Public information regarding warning signs of sex trafficking are important at facilities like these, because trafficked youths are brutally victimized by their pimps and traffickers, and often times end up hospitalized. The Board of Supervisors needs to do everything in its power to get the message out to the public so the children can be protected and the mantra “No more. Not in our streets. Not to our children!” will be echoed throughout Los Angeles County.

**WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) in coordination with all appropriate departments to report back in writing in 30 days on the feasibility of implementing the mandates required under Senate Bill 1193 (Steinberg) to post basic information about human trafficking, as well as information related to specified nonprofit organizations that provide services to victims and to those working in support of the elimination of slavery and human trafficking;
2. Direct the CEO to verify and include in his report back on whether the County of Los Angeles has taken any previous action to comply with the mandates of Senate Bill 1193; and

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3. Request the District Attorney work collaboratively with the CEO to implement and enforce Senate Bill 1193.

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