

Date: May 3, 2016

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District *al*
Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez, First District *lg*
Councilmember Dee Andrews, Sixth District *da*

Subject: **Become Co-Sponsor of AB 1771 (O'Donnell) to increase penalties for human trafficking**

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Request that the City of Long Beach become a co-sponsor of Assembly Bill 1771 (O'Donnell) to increase the penalties for human trafficking, and direct the City Manager to work in support of its passage into law.

BACKGROUND:

Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell has authored Assembly Bill 1771, which will help further combat human trafficking operations and help protect the victims of this underground sexual abuse.

Specifically, AB 1771 would increase the maximum penalty for the misdemeanor crime of supervising sex trafficking victims from 6 months to a year.

While human traffickers are subject to felony prosecution, this charge is only applied on relatively few occasions because sex trafficking victims often do not cooperate with law enforcement. This is especially true in cases where the trafficker is an active gang member and the victim fears retaliation from the gang. In cases where victims do not provide statements against the trafficker, only the misdemeanor charge can be filed. AB 1771 would close a loophole that currently allows serious criminals to avoid accountability for their crimes.

AB 1771 is currently co-sponsored by Long Beach City Prosecutor Doug Haubert and the Long Beach Human Trafficking Task Force.

The City of Long Beach is currently on record in support of AB 1771. By becoming a co-sponsor of the bill, the City would be able to more actively work in support of the legislation and help garner the support of other cities in California.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no significant fiscal impact.



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REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: April 29, 2016

To: Maria de la Luz Garcia, City Clerk

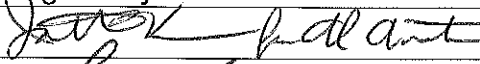
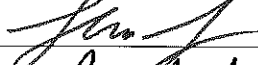

From: Councilmember Al Austin, Eighth District
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Councilmember Dee Andrews, Sixth District

Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of May 3, 2016

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
8	Al Austin	
1	Lena Gonzalez	
6	Dee Andrews	

Attachment: Staff Report dated May 3, 2016