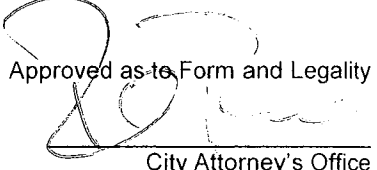


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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY,  
COUNCILMEMBER ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON,  
COUNCILMEMBER ABEL GUILLEN AND MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

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**A RESOLUTION ENDORSING EFFORTS TO COMBAT DEMAND OF THE PURCHASE OF SEX WITH MINORS AS A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF ENDING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN AND TRANSITIONAL AGED YOUTH IN OAKLAND AND BEYOND, INCLUDING THE "CEASE INITIATIVE," A NATIONWIDE CAMPAIGN TO REDUCE THE DEMAND FOR SEX WITH MINORS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MUNICIPALITIES, AND "NO TRAFFICK AHEAD," A REGIONAL EFFORT TO PREVENT AND INTERRUPT SEX TRAFFICKING DURING THE 2016 SUPER BOWL**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland and the Oakland Police Department have been addressing the horrific crime of child sex trafficking since 1999 of which hundreds minors have been rescued and hundreds of adults have been arrested; and

**WHEREAS**, the Federal Bureau of Investigation declared the San Francisco Bay Area as a hub of child sex trafficking; experts estimate that an average of 100 children are exploited each day in Oakland and that 300,000 children are exploited nationwide each year; and

**WHEREAS**, all Oakland Police Department Officers regularly comply with the requirements of Proposition 35, which mandates that officers attend two hours of classroom training each year, and OPD additionally provides thorough training on human trafficking for all new officers during OPD Academy training; and

**WHEREAS**, efforts to reduce the demand for the purchase of sex with children will address sexual exploitation at its source, as demand for this behavior is what sustains the trafficking and rape of Oakland's children; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland formed the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Task Force in 2013 to ensure collaboration of service providers, OPD, the

Alameda County District Attorney's Office, the Oakland Unified School District, and community advocates, and which is inclusive and open for anyone to participate in; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, the City of Oakland combats the demand for sexual exploitation and trafficking through the **VICE Tip Line (510-238-2373)**, in which residents call the Oakland Police Department to report tips of sexual exploitation, and when a license plate number or address is identified by the caller, OPD sends a letter to the owner of that vehicle or property to inform them that suspicion of sex trafficking has been reported in association with their property, which is referred to as the "Dear John Project;" and

**WHEREAS**, the *CEASE (Cities Empowered Against Sexual Exploitation) Initiative* is a collaboration of pioneering cities committed to reducing sex-buying by 20% in two years as an action-oriented coalition dedicated to innovating, testing, and sharing strategies with a proven impact on deterring people from buying sex; and

**WHEREAS**, CEASE Oakland/Alameda County works in partnership with the following CEASE cities: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago (Cook County, IL), Dallas (North Texas), Denver, Houston, Oakland (Alameda County, CA), Phoenix, Portland (Multnomah County, OR), San Diego, and Seattle (King County, WA); and

**WHEREAS**, the shared values of the CEASE network are:

1. The illegal commercial sex industry is inherently harmful.
2. Demand is fueling the problem, and demand reduction is a **fundamental** strategy to combat the harms of prostitution.
3. Holding buyers accountable is essential to change cultural behaviors and norms.
4. Implementation of demand reduction tactics must be informed by survivor leaders to ensure a victim-centric approach; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, the Oakland Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Alameda County Sheriff's Department have joined together to form CEASE Oakland/Alameda County which has undertaken seven tactics to fight the demand for sex trafficking including public service announcements, targeted operations, and court-mandated courses for sex buyers; and

**WHEREAS**, "*No Traffick Ahead*" is a regional effort of Bay Area cities to collaborate in the prevention of sexual exploitation around the 2016 Super Bowl in Santa Clara through coordinated law enforcement efforts and billboard campaigns; and

**WHEREAS**, while no definitive data exists linking the Super Bowl to increased human trafficking in the regions that host the game, the Super Bowl creates an occasion to reach out to industries, stakeholders, and the broader community that can play a role in combatting trafficking 365 days a year; and

**WHEREAS**, by engaging our hotels, restaurants, other businesses and the general public to take a stand against human trafficking, the San Francisco Bay Area can be a model for how we can all work together to tackle human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, Mayor Libby Schaaf and her fellow members of the US Conference of Mayor's approved a similar resolution to promote increased enforcement and prevention around the demand of sexual trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland CSEC Task Force endorses the "*CEASE Initiative*" and "*No Trafficking Ahead*" campaigns because its members believe in a multi-faceted approach to eliminating the sexual exploitation of children, which includes the eradication of the demand; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**: That the Oakland City Council recognizes that purchasing a child for sex is immoral, illegal, and inhumane; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: That the City of Oakland fully endorses the work of the "CEASE Network" and "No Traffick Ahead" to reduce the demand for the purchase of sex and will commit resources to ensure that Oakland protects innocent victims and supports the prosecution of sexual exploiters; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: That the City of Oakland will make its best efforts to host events at hotels that have signed onto the Code of Conduct for the Protection of Minors from Sexual Exploitation in Travel and Tourism ([www.thecode.org](http://www.thecode.org)) or have enacted a similar policy, including training their employees on recognizing signs of human trafficking on their premises, displaying anti-trafficking posters, conducting risk analysis for human trafficking with their supplies and leveraging their purchasing power to protect the freedom of those in their supply chain; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: That the City of Oakland will make its best efforts to host events at restaurants or other venues that have taken a stand against human trafficking by training employees, displaying anti-trafficking posters, and/or conducting risk analysis for human trafficking with their suppliers and leveraging their purchasing power to protect the freedom of those in their supply chain; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: That as previously approved in Resolution 844656, the City Council recommends that "all City of Oakland employees whom have regular interaction with children to participate in CSEC Intervention Training, including members of the Oakland Police Department, Parks and Recreation, Measure Y Outreach Staff"; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: That the City Administrator will insert a handout into the "New Employee Orientation Packet" which provides tips for witnesses or victims of sexual exploitation to appropriately report such activity to law enforcement personnel in order to call upon city employees to support the citywide effort combat trafficking; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland fully supports the continued efforts of the Oakland Unified School District and Oakland schools to provide educational training for students, teachers, and parents about the risk factors, warning signs, preventative measures, intervention strategies, and reporting resources for sexual exploitation; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland will continue to execute sex trafficking intervention strategies that are survivor-informed, victim-centered, restorative, and legally prosecute both sex buyers and exploiters for violating the law and harming their victims.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

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ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California