

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the Department of Homeland Security launched the "Blue Campaign" to combat human trafficking through enhanced public awareness, training, victim assistance, and law enforcement investigations; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the U.S. Department of Transportation and Amtrak provided training and awareness materials on human trafficking to its employees as part of the Blue Campaign; and

WHEREAS, existing law established the California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement in the Department of Industrial Relations for the enforcement of labor laws, and establishes certain obligations on an employer, including requiring an employer to post specified wage and hour information in a location where it can be viewed by employees; and

WHEREAS, under existing law a person who deprives or violates the personal liberty of another with the intent to obtain forced labor or services is guilty of the crime of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Assembly is AB 1595 (Campos) that would amend the California Labor Code to add a provision to require that a private or public employer that provides mass transportation services in the State train its employees who are likely to interact or come into contact with victims of human trafficking to recognize the signs of human trafficking and how to report those signs to the appropriate law enforcement agency; and

WHEREAS, mass transportation services include, but are not limited to, buses, trains, and light rail, but does not include taxi services or travel by air; and

WHEREAS, this bill would also require that the training be incorporated into the initial training process for all new employees and that all existing employees receive the training by January 1, 2018; and

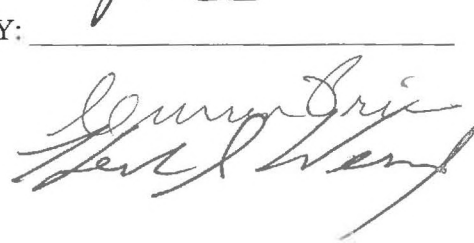
WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles should support AB 1595 to further the efforts to provide training and education on identifying human trafficking and generate public awareness around this issue;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVLED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2015-2016 State Legislative Program support of AB 1595 (Campos) that would amend the California Labor Code to add a provision to require that a private or public employer that provides mass transportation services in the State train its employees who are likely to interact or come into contact with victims of human trafficking to recognize the signs of human trafficking and how to report those signs to the appropriate law enforcement agency by January 1, 2018.


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PRESENTED BY: 
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Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY: 

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