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Human trafficking remains a significant problem across the State of California, with victims often hidden in plain sight. In an effort to address this problem, California adopted SB 1193 (Stern) in 2012, which added Section 52.6 to the Civil Code to require specified businesses and other establishments including, among others, airports, intercity passenger rail or light rail stations, bus stations, and truck stops, to post a notice that contains information relating to slavery and human trafficking, including information regarding specified nonprofit organizations that a person can call for services or support. These postings also must contain important information for the public on how to report suspected human trafficking.

Recently, the governor signed SB 630 (Stern) into law, specifying that provisions of state law do not prevent a local government from enacting its own ordinance regarding the posting of human trafficking information and providing for various administrative fines, criminal penalties and civil penalties in order to obtain compliance. In order to provide additional tools to law enforcement, the City should adopt an ordinance mirroring the posting requirements outlined in the Civil Code 52.6, as well as civil and criminal penalties for those that violate the ordinance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Attorney be requested to prepare and present an ordinance which would require specified businesses and other establishments to post notices with information related to slavery and human trafficking, as outlined in Section 52.6 of the California Civil Code. The ordinance should allow establishments that are required to post this information a reasonable amount of time, if any, to cure violations and provide for civil and criminal penalties for unaddressed violations.

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