

## 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, existing law makes it a crime to solicit or engage in any act of prostitution and makes it a crime to loiter in any public place with an intent to commit prostitution; and

WHEREAS, children may be victims of human trafficking and forced into prostitution and there is often a criminal stigma placed on trafficked children; and

WHEREAS, it is important that State and local government agencies partner with each other to combat human trafficking, especially when it comes to protecting children; and

WHEREAS, currently pending before the State Assembly is AB 1760 (Santiago – Liu) that would grant immunity to all children arrested for, charged with, or suspected of engaging in prostitution and would allow the minor to be adjusted to be a dependent subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and would allow the minor to be taken into temporary custody to protect the minor from his or her human trafficker; and

WHEREAS, this bill also requires the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training to update its training on human trafficking to conform with the changes proposed in this bill; and

WHEREAS, AB 1760 would enact the State Plan to Serve and Protect Child Trafficking Victims (Plan) and require the California Health and Human Services Agency to convene an interagency workgroup to develop the Plan by January 30, 2018 to establish a multiagency-coordinated child trafficking response protocol and guidelines for local implementation; and

WHEREAS, this bill would allow the California Child Welfare Council, which serves as the advisory body responsible for improving the collaboration and processes of multiple agencies and courts that service children, to provide recommendations and updates to the Plan; and

WHEREAS, this bill will also require the State Department of Social Services, with input from county child welfare agencies, probation departments, and other stakeholders, to identify, develop and disseminate screening tools to identify children who are child trafficking victims; and

WHEREAS, this bill also requires each county's board of supervisors to adopt an interagency protocol to be utilized in human trafficking cases involving children;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, 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 1760 (Santiago - Liu) that would grant immunity to all children arrested for, charged with, or suspected of engaging in prostitution and would allow the minor to be adjusted to be a dependent subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and would allow the minor to be taken into temporary custody to protect the minor from his or her human trafficker and requires the development of a coordinated plan to deliver comprehensive care and protect all victims of human trafficking.

PRESENTED BY: 

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SECONDED BY: 

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