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Over the years, experts have learned that incidences of underage prostitution have spiked during large-scale events such as the Super Bowl or the World Cup. Experts have stated that the sheer number of men looking to pay for sex at these events substantially increases demand, and, due to large crowds, pimps and victims essentially go unnoticed.

According to Forbes, 10,000 prostitutes were brought to Miami for the Super Bowl in 2010 and 133 underage arrests for prostitution were made in Dallas during the Super Bowl in 2011. Most recently, authorities rescued 68 victims of human trafficking during the two weeks leading up to the Super Bowl in 2015, and 42 victims of human trafficking during the three weeks leading up to the Super Bowl in 2016.

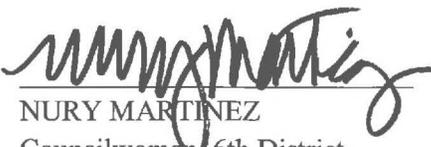
According to testimony from survivors of human trafficking, victims are shuttled around cities to work as prostitutes at large-scale events. Victims are coerced to comply with the demands of their traffickers by threat of force or torture to themselves or other victims.

The president of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, Ernie Allen, states that 100,000 to 300,000 American kids, some as young as 12 years old, are exploited in the sex trade. Furthermore, Allen states that traffickers use large-scale events such as the Super Bowl or World Cup, to ply their trade, as they see these events as an opportunity to do business.

As Los Angeles County begins to attract large-scale sporting events, hotels and motels throughout the City of Los Angeles may attract human trafficking and prostitution. Immediate action is needed to prevent such illegal activities.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** to instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst (CLA), working in consultation with the Commission on the Status of Women, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles World Airports Police Division (LAWA PD), and other impacted stakeholders to provide a report detailing the correlation between large-scale sporting events and a potential increase in human trafficking and prostitution in the communities adjacent to the planned stadium, including recommendations to deter and prevent such illegal activities.

**I FURTHER MOVE** that the abovementioned entities report to the Entertainment and Facilities Committee with an initial action plan for developing and implementing training and educational programs to enable the affected communities to identify victims of human trafficking and prostitution, in advance of the preseason of football in August 2016

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