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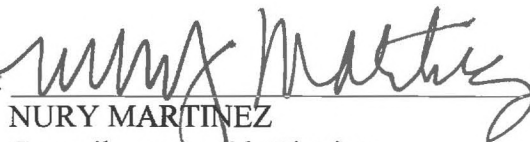
Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which traffickers use force, fraud, or coercion to control victims for the purposes of engaging in commercial sex acts or labor services against his/her will. According to the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), the State of California and the City of Los Angeles are a top destination for human traffickers in the nation and around the world. In 2017, the National Human Trafficking Hotline received 1,305 human trafficking reports. Of those, 89% of the victims were female, 65% were adults and 35% were minors. In 2017, LAPD conducted 189 human trafficking investigations citywide.

The City has sought to address human trafficking through increased funding to emergency and transitional shelters. As part of its consideration of the 2018-19 City Budget, the Council approved a first-time allocation of \$800,000 in General Funds to implement a Human Trafficking Shelter Pilot Program to offer safe, conditional housing through two 24-hour shelters (C.F. 16-0600). On June 22, 2018, the Council approved the selection of contractors to operate these facilities (C.F. 17-1052).

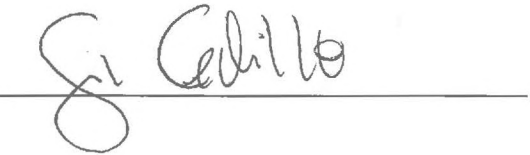
Through the City's annual budget process, the City has provided increased resources to assist victims of human trafficking. It is critical that the Council be provided an update on these efforts.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Housing and Community Investment Department be instructed to report on the status of the Human Trafficking Shelter Pilot Program funded by the General Fund, including but not be limited to, the following: programming, number of clients served, successes, challenges, future funding needs, and other issues as appropriate.

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