

MOTION

Every year millions of people are trafficked into countries around the world, including into the United States. California, Florida and New York are particularly vulnerable to human trafficking because of their proximity to international borders, numerous ports of entry, significant immigrant populations and large economies that include industries that attract forced labor.

According to the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking (CAST), Los Angeles is a top point of entry into this country for victims of slavery and trafficking. The diverse communities in the City make it easier to hide and move victims from place to place, which makes it very difficult for law enforcement to locate potential survivors. People are trafficked for many different forms of exploitation, including forced prostitution.

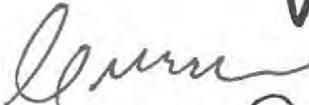
The Police Department's 77th Street and Southeast Areas in Council District 8 have recently reported an increase in prostitution. However, neither Area has surveillance camera systems installed in areas of high prostitution, making it difficult for law enforcement to gather evidence of these illicit activities.

It is estimated that the cost for seven to ten cameras is over \$100,000. The installation of cameras and signage have proven to be successful in other districts, and should be used in these Areas.

I THEREFORE MOVE that \$425,254 in the Forfeited Assets Trust Fund No. 44D-70 be transferred / appropriated to the Police Fund No. 100-70, Account No. 3040 (contractual Services) for the purchase and installation of surveillance camera systems in areas of high prostitution within the Police Department's Southeast Area.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Administrative Officer be authorized to make any corrections, clarifications or revisions to the above fund transfer instructions, including any new instructions, in order to effectuate the intent of this Motion, and including any corrections and changes to fund or account numbers; said corrections / clarifications / changes may be made orally, electronically or by any other means.

PRESENTED BY: 
MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY: 




December 11, 2019

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