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Due to our proximity to international borders, the size of the immigrant population, and the number of ports and airports, the Southern California region is particularly vulnerable to human trafficking. Research by Polaris, a nonprofit group combatting human trafficking, shows that more than 9,000 illicit massage businesses operate in the United States. According to *Human Trafficking in Illicit Massage Businesses*, a 2018 report by Polaris, Los Angeles is a hub for these illicit massage parlors. These businesses are often part of larger organized crime networks which are used to traffic women across the country.

In an effort to help prevent human trafficking and protect public health, on January 28, 2020, the Board of Supervisors voted to strengthen their Massage Establishment Ordinance and impose new requirements on massage businesses. In addition to a business license, massage businesses will now be required to obtain a public health permit and be subject to public health inspections. These requirements only apply to massage businesses in unincorporated areas of the County. In light of the changes made at the County and the prevalence of human trafficking in the region, the City of Los Angeles needs to assess the City's requirements on massage businesses.

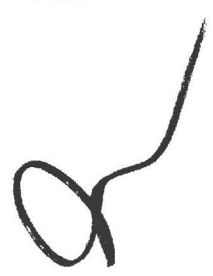
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Chief Legislative Analyst, with assistance from Los Angeles Police Department, to report back on the County's Massage Establishment Ordinance and provide recommendations to strengthen the City's requirements on massage parlors.

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