



# AGENDA REPORT

City Council

<b>DATE:</b>	January 28, 2025
<b>TO:</b>	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
<b>FROM:</b>	Council Member Soheila Bana
<b>Subject:</b>	Presentation on Human Trafficking in Richmond and Proclamation
<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	Funds to support the initiative may be requested at a later date.
<b>PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:</b>	Proclamation Recognizing National Human Trafficking Prevention Month - January 18, 2024
<b>STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:</b>	Human trafficking remains a critical issue in Richmond, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations and posing significant public safety concerns. Addressing this issue requires coordinated, community-driven solutions involving law enforcement, service providers, and community organizations.
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION:</b>	RECEIVE a presentation from the Family Justice Center, the Contra Costa County Human Trafficking Task Force Director, and the Richmond Police Department on the current state of and collaborative efforts to combat human trafficking in Richmond and PROCLAMATION declaring January 2025 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month in the City of Richmond - Councilmember Soheila Bana (510-672-3490).

## **DISCUSSION:**

Human trafficking remains a critical issue in Richmond, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations and posing significant public safety concerns. Addressing this issue requires coordinated, community-driven solutions involving law enforcement, service providers, and community organizations.

The Family Justice Center (FJC), in partnership with the Contra Costa County Human Trafficking Task Force and the Richmond Police Department, has been actively working to combat human trafficking through prevention, intervention, and community engagement.

In response to community-identified needs, the FJC has proposed Phase Two of the Community Safety and Cohesion Lighting Project, focusing on installing lighting and necessary infrastructure in areas most impacted by street-level commercial sex work and human trafficking. Additionally, an outreach campaign will be launched to connect victims with resources and raise community awareness.

The presentation will provide an overview of (Attachment 1):

- Current trends and challenges related to human trafficking in Richmond.
- The collaborative efforts of the Family Justice Center, the Contra Costa County Human Trafficking Task Force, and the Richmond Police Department to combat trafficking.
- The proposed Phase Two lighting project and outreach campaign aimed at enhancing community safety and preventing exploitation.

Funding for \$10,000 to support these initiatives, may be requested later. Supporting this initiative will directly contribute to the safety and well-being of Richmond residents by addressing conditions that enable human trafficking.

The proclamation of January 2025 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month will reaffirm the City's commitment to raising awareness and supporting anti-trafficking efforts (Attachment 2).

## **DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:**

Attachment 1 – Presentation

Attachment 2 – Proclamation