

**SAFE
STREETS
TOGETHER**

**United
against
exploitation**

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Community Town Hall

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WHY ARE WE HERE TONIGHT?

- We are fighting for our quality of life
 - For you
 - For your family
 - For our community
- We hear you
 - Residents
 - Businesses
 - Visitors
 - Social media



WHAT IS PROSTITUTION?

- Prostitution refers to the practice of engaging in sexual activity in exchange for payment, typically money or other forms of compensation.
- It is often considered a form of sex work or commercial sex.
- Individuals who engage in prostitution are commonly referred to as prostitutes or sex workers, while the individuals who pay for sexual services are often called clients or customers.
- In California, prostitution is illegal under state law. Engaging in or soliciting prostitution, as well as pimping and pandering (facilitating or profiting from prostitution), are criminal offenses punishable by law.



WHAT IS HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

- Human trafficking is the illegal trade of humans for forced labor, sexual exploitation, or other exploitation.
 - **Sex Trafficking:** The recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, or obtaining of a person for a commercial sex act, in which the person is forced, coerced, or deceived into engaging in prostitution or other forms of sexual exploitation.
- Victims often endure physical and psychological abuse, exploitation, and deprivation of basic rights. They may be subjected to violence, threats, debt bondage, and manipulation, making it difficult for them to escape or seek help.
- Human trafficking is a highly profitable illicit industry, generating billions of dollars in profits for traffickers each year.



WHAT IS THE INTERSECTION OF PROSTITUTION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING?

- **Exploitation:** Both involve the exploitation of vulnerable individuals for commercial gain. In prostitution, individuals may willingly engage in sex work for financial reasons, while in human trafficking, individuals are coerced, deceived, or forced into sexual exploitation.
- **Control and Coercion:** In both, individuals may experience control, coercion, or manipulation by traffickers, pimps, or other third parties through physical violence, threats, debt, and psychological manipulation.
- **Victimization:** Individuals may experience victimization and harm, including physical and sexual violence, emotional abuse, and health risks. They may also suffer from trauma, stigma, and social marginalization.
- **Demand and Profit Motives:** The demand for commercial sex drives both prostitution and human trafficking. Traffickers and pimps exploit this demand to profit from the sale of sexual services.

WHERE CAN WE MAKE AN IMPACT?

- Legislation and Policy
- Collaboration and Partnerships
- Public Awareness and Education
- Victim Support Services
- Demand Reduction
- Community Policing and Outreach



LEGISLATION

- Senate Bill 357 – Safer Streets for All (Jan 2023)
 - Repealed provisions of California law criminalizing “loitering for the intent to engage in prostitution.”
 - SB 357 does not decriminalize soliciting or engaging in sex work.
- Stanton Public Nudity Ordinance (MC 9.20.050)
- Additional proposed legislation
 - Assembly Bill 2034 (Rodriguez)
 - Assembly Bill 2382 (Rubio)
 - Assembly Bill 2646 (Ta)
 - Senate Bill 1219 (Seyarto)
 - Senate Bill 1414 (Grove)



COLLABORATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Orange County Sheriff's Department
- Orange County District Attorney
- Orange County Human Trafficking Task Force
- Orange County Transportation Agency
- City of Santa Ana



PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EDUCATION

- **Physical Signs**

- Physical abuse, such as bruises, scars, or other injuries.
- Poor physical health, including malnutrition or untreated medical conditions.

- **Behavioral Signs**

- Avoidance of eye contact or interaction with others, especially authority figures.
- Signs of psychological distress; confusion about time, location, or personal circumstances.

- **Control and Manipulation**

- A dominating individual who follows the person and controls their movements or interactions.
- Signs of coercion, such as threats of violence, intimidation, or psychological manipulation.

- **Exploitative Situations**

- Involvement in commercial sex activities.
- Multiple individuals living in crowded conditions.

- **Age and Vulnerability**

- Involvement of minors in commercial sex activities.
- Individuals who are homeless due to poverty, substance abuse, or lack of social support.

VICTIM SUPPORT SERVICES

**NATIONAL
HUMAN
TRAFFICKING
HOTLINE**

GET HELP • REPORT TRAFFICKING

CALL

1.888.373.7888

TEXT

BeFree (233733)

LIVE CHAT

humantraffickinghotline.org

24/7 | Toll Free | Confidential | 200+ Languages

DEMAND REDUCTION

- Hot Spots
 - Pacific St.
 - Main St.
 - 1st St.
 - 2nd St.
 - Starr St.



DEMAND REDUCTION (cont.)

- Physical Environment
 - Landscaping
 - Lighting
 - No stopping signs
 - No turns out of side streets onto Beach Blvd.

**NO
STOPPING
ANY
TIME**



DEMAND REDUCTION (cont.)

- Social Environment
 - Community engagement – residents and businesses
 - Focused, enhanced enforcement
 - Citations in areas known for prostitution and human trafficking



DEMAND REDUCTION (cont.)

- Financial Impact
 - Citations
 - Prosecution
 - Jail time



COMMUNITY POLICING AND OUTREACH

- Orange County Sheriff's Department Vice/Human Trafficking Team
 - Responsible for the investigation and suppression of human trafficking related crimes
 - Works with other stakeholders and non-profit organizations to provide services to victims
 - Educates the public and businesses on the detection and prevention of human trafficking
- Department of Public Safety
 - Code Enforcement
 - Homeless Outreach Coordinators



NEXT STEPS

- Campaign launch July 2024
 - Press releases
 - Lawn signs
 - Business signs
- Follow our progress at www.StantonCA.gov and on social media
 - City sources of information
- Community check in meetings



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