CALL TO ORDER

COUNCIL INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS

This item is scheduled to give City Council members an opportunity to publicly request information or follow up on issues of interest to the community. If the information is available, staff will immediately provide it to the City Council member. No decisions will be made or action taken.

CONSENT ACTION

This item is scheduled to allow the City Council to act on the Mayor's recommendations on the Consent Agenda. There is no Consent Agenda for this meeting.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A vote may be held to call an Executive Session.

REPORTS AND BUDGET UPDATES BY THE CITY MANAGER

This item is scheduled to allow the City Manager to provide brief informational reports on topics of interest to the City Council. The City Council may discuss these reports but no action will be taken.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION (ITEM 1)

1. Five-Year Update of the Human Trafficking Task Force

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ADJOURN

For further information or for reasonable accommodations, please call the Management Intern, City Manager's Office, at 602-262-4449 or Relay 7-1-1 as early as possible to coordinate needed arrangements.

Si necesita traducción en español, por favor llame a la oficina del gerente de la Ciudad de Phoenix, 602-262-4449 tres días antes de la fecha de la junta.
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Summary
On Dec. 6, 2013, Mayor Greg Stanton established the City of Phoenix Human Trafficking Task Force, which was charged with creating a "game plan" for a safe Super Bowl XLIX. Vice Mayor Jim Waring and Sarah Suggs, CEO of O'Connor House, co-chaired the Task Force, which included 17 community leaders appointed by the Mayor and City Council.

On June 10, 2014, the City Council approved the City of Phoenix Human Trafficking Task Force COMPASS Plan, which outlined a sustainable plan to establish Phoenix as a national leader in addressing and combating human trafficking. The implemented strategies prescribed in the COMPASS Plan are highlighted in this report.

Building on successful systems already in place and best practices from around the country, the COMPASS Plan was a two-tiered approach consisting of: (1) a community campaign demonstrating the City’s leadership in ending human trafficking that reached out to the private sector and the community at large to join this effort, and (2) a series of short, medium and long-term actions outlined in a Strategic Work Plan in the following areas:

1. **Community Awareness and Outreach** - Establish a standard where everyone in the community knows human trafficking will not be tolerated.
2. **Training** - Assure training practices and materials that represent national models are used consistently by coordinating and tracking local organizations conducting the training.
3. **Law Enforcement** - The Phoenix Police Department will collaborate with metropolitan, regional and national law enforcement, prosecutors and community partners to strengthen law enforcement services through training, enhanced technology and enhanced operational enforcement activities.
4. **Victim Services** - Improve the coordination of existing services, combine duplicative processes, streamline access to services and educate the public on where to go for help and information.

Area Highlights
Below are highlights from the previous five years in each area:

**Community Awareness and Outreach**
- On July 24, 2014, a press conference was held with chiefs of police from area jurisdictions highlighting a new law enabling prosecutors to charge human traffickers with appropriate offenses and sentences and providing victims an affirmative defense to prostitution charges.
- In 2015, Mayor Greg Stanton, Vice Mayor Waring and Cindy McCain created a public service announcement on Stopping Human Trafficking. In addition, the Phoenix Police Department (PD) and Vice Mayor Waring created a 30-minute video on indicators of human trafficking found in the community and in one's home.
- The City of Phoenix implemented Administrative Regulation 2.35 Sexual Exploitation and Sexual Abuse to include examples of prohibited conduct regarding buying sex during work hours or while representing the City of Phoenix at conferences.
- The Task Force developed a communications plan, including a website and printed materials, which were placed in transportation hubs, City facilities and partner locations. As part of this plan, Task Force members recruited celebrities including Kurt and Brenda Warner to create public service announcements about human trafficking for broadcast under the auspices of the "Arizona's Not Buying It" campaign.
- The City of Phoenix was one of 11 cities selected to be part of the Cities Empowered Against Sexual Exploitation (C.E.A.S.E.) Network committed to reducing sex-buying in communities by 20 percent in two years. The City of Phoenix coordinated a public awareness campaign, “Not Worth It”, in an effort to educate potential buyers and the public about the harms of prostitution and consequences of getting caught. Posters have been distributed to community members, placed at bus stops and on billboards in English and Spanish.

**Training**
- Task Force members facilitated Operation Blue Wave training for law enforcement personnel throughout the Valley. The program offers strategies to disrupt the sex trafficking trade.
- The Task Force and its partners implemented Safeguarding Adolescents From Exploitation (S.A.F.E.) training for hospitality industry workers in Phoenix, Scottsdale and Glendale.
• Task Force members developed and distributed an assessment tool to determine the training needs of community organizations, compiled information on available training resources and established a centralized committee to vet third parties providing training on human trafficking.

• The Project Starfish Education curriculum, created by Arizona State University (ASU), was presented to the Phoenix PD School Resource Officers (SROs) in 2018. SROs use this curriculum for classroom presentations on human trafficking awareness.

• In partnership with the McCain Institute, ASU and Training and Resources United to Stop Trafficking, the City of Phoenix has coordinated and hosted numerous community workshops and symposiums.

Law Enforcement

• The Phoenix PD Human Exploitation and Trafficking (H.E.A.T.) Unit, Phoenix PD Missing Persons Unit, Arizona Department of Public Safety and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) collaborated through information sharing and use of databases to identify recidivist runaways and to direct potential victims of human trafficking to the appropriate services.

• Phoenix PD, the Arizona Department of Child Safety and the Regional Behavioral Health Authority worked together to reform the response to child sex trafficking victims. Confirmed children who have been trafficked are now immediately provided specialized services upon being recovered by law enforcement. The new protocol is widely considered to be the first of its kind in the country and is extremely successful.

• On Jan. 21, 2015, Phoenix City Code (P.C.C.) Sec. 23-52(C) was amended to include an educational component to the mandatory sentence for violations of P.C.C. Sec. 23-52(A)(2). In addition, P.C.C. Sec. 23-55 now states the defendant's vehicle is subject to impound by Phoenix PD when the vehicle is used to transport a person for the purpose of soliciting or engaging in an act of prostitution.

• Phoenix PD has participated in many specialized operations focused on targeting buyers of commercial sex and on offering services to victims. These operations include the annual nationwide FBI “Operation Cross Country” as well as local efforts such as "Jamming Johns" in conjunction with various service providers.

• In December 2017, the Phoenix PD H.E.A.T. Unit conducted a 10-day operation where female detectives posed as massage parlor employees. Eighty-six men were arrested for attempting to purchase commercial sex.

• On June 6, 2018, amendments to P.C.C. Sec. 23-52 and P.C.C. Sec. 2-101 (Ordinance G-6473) were passed. The amendments imposed a sanction on sex buyers for second, third, and fourth convictions and established the City of Phoenix Anti-Human Trafficking fund to benefit Starfish Place.
In May 2019, a PBS Frontline documentary called “Sex Trafficking in America” was released, which highlighted Phoenix PD's H.E.A.T. Unit. This documentary shares the unimaginable stories of young women coerced into prostitution and follows the H.E.A.T. Unit, which is committed to rooting out sexual exploitation.

Numerous grants have been approved for Police PD to enhance investigative technology and related services to support human trafficking investigations conducted by the Department's H.E.A.T. Unit.

**Victim Services**

- A task force workgroup coordinated efforts to provide an extra 100 beds for victims during Super Bowl XLIX. There were 343 volunteers who contacted 2,610 women over eight days. Of these, 97 women were linked up with housing including the allocated beds, 22 went to an emergency shelter and 16 minors were taken into police custody.

- In February 2017, the City of Phoenix applied for and received funding for a U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) grant. The grant was designed to enhance services for adult and minor sex trafficking victims and provided a caseworker position housed in the City of Phoenix Human Services Department. Services from this grant support the Phoenix Starfish Place initiative, in addition to the City of Phoenix’s existing efforts related to human trafficking.

- Established in 2017, the City of Phoenix Starfish Place, the first of its kind in the country, is a 15-unit permanent supportive housing community dedicated to the healing and empowerment of survivors of human trafficking. The Housing and Human Services departments partnered with ASU to design and implement social service programming to promote healing in a trauma-informed environment. Fifteen families currently reside at Phoenix Starfish Place.

- The Phoenix 1st Step Drop in Resource Center, which provides services to persons currently or historically involved in sex trafficking, was convened 10 times within the last five years. Since its inception, over 1,148 volunteers from 30 agencies have provided services to adults and minors.

The City of Phoenix Human Trafficking campaign will continue to reach out to the private sector and the community in order to: (1) demonstrate its commitment to this issue, (2) garner media attention, (3) form collaborations to streamline and improve services to victims, and (4) enlist the community in changing attitudes toward human trafficking. It is this strategic combination of reforms and community action that will continue to make Phoenix a national leader in combating human trafficking.

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