





# City of Port Hueneme

## Administration

June 15, 2020

Honorable Kent M. Kellegrew, Presiding Judge  
Ventura County Superior Court  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

Anida Margolis, Foreperson  
2019-20 Ventura County Grand Jury  
County of Ventura  
800 S. Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

### Re: 2020 Human Trafficking in Ventura County Report

Dear Presiding Judge Kellegrew and Ms. Margolis:

On May 21, 2020, the Ventura County Grand Jury completed a Report on Human Trafficking in Ventura County. The Grand Jury reviewed a host of documents, conducted interviews, and reviewed several websites relative to this subject matter. *The Grand Jury found that some massage parlors in the County operate as illicit sex businesses. The Grand Jury recommends the County and each of the cities within the County coordinate their respective ordinances regarding massage parlors through the efforts of the Task Force and designate at least one employee, from an appropriate County agency, to coordinate the investigation and enforcement of the ordinances regarding massage parlors.*

The Ventura County Grand Jury noted several areas for improvement and made the following Conclusions and Recommendations:

**C-03:** *The Grand Jury concluded that differences in County and city massage parlor ordinances allow illicit businesses to avoid legal consequence.  
(FA-22, FA-23)*

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**C-04:** *The Grand Jury concluded that coordinating ordinances regarding massage parlors among the County and the cities within the County will improve the effectiveness of enforcement operations. (FA-23, FA-24)*

**R-01:** *The Grand Jury recommends the County and each of the cities within the County coordinate their respective ordinances regarding massage parlors through the efforts of the Task Force. (C-03, C-04)*

**Response C-3, C-04, R-03**

Upon reviewing the Grand Jury Final Report on Human Trafficking in Ventura County, the Port Hueneme Police Department and City of Port Hueneme agree with the findings and conclusions and will be working closely with the County of Ventura Human Trafficking Task Force to coordinate ordinances regarding massage parlors which will inevitably improve the effectiveness of enforcement operations.

This collaborative project with other agencies across Ventura County will not only strengthen our continued resolve to combat human trafficking but will allow us to support each other through investigative strategies and comprehensive service provision for victims of human trafficking. This Task Force will help bring together community, government, law enforcement and non-governmental organizations - for one purpose – to put an end to human trafficking.

**Summary**

The Port Hueneme Police Department and the City of Port Hueneme take the recommendations of the Ventura County Grand Jury very seriously and will continue to remain diligent in providing the citizens of Port Hueneme with exceptional service. We will remain transparent in our daily operations and encourage thoughtful insight from those sharing the same mission.

Sincerely,

  
Laura Hernandez, Mayor