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July 13, 2020

Anida Margolis, Foreperson  
2019-2020 Ventura County Grand Jury  
County of Ventura  
800 South Victoria Avenue  
Ventura, CA 93009

**Re: Human Trafficking in Ventura County**

Dear Foreperson Margolis:

Attached you will find the Camarillo City Council's written response signed by Mayor Tony Trembley, as requested by the Grand Jury, to the Conclusions and Recommendations in the subject report.

If additional information is needed, please feel free to contact me at (805) 388-5307.

Sincerely,

Greg Ramirez  
City Manager

cc: City Clerk  
Interim Finance Director

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## Response to Grand Jury Report Form

**Report Title:** Human Trafficking in Ventura County

**Report Date:** April 8, 2020

**Response By:** City Council of the City of Camarillo

Pursuant to California Penal Code Sections 933.05 (c) and (d), the City Council of the City of Camarillo provided a response to the "Human Trafficking in Ventura County" Grand Jury Report.

### BACKGROUND

On May 26, 2020, the Ventura County Grand Jury provided the City Council and City Manager with a report of its investigation entitled, "Human Trafficking in Ventura County".

### FORMAT OF RESPONSE

The City's detailed response to the Grand Jury Report is set forth in the following pages. The response is ordered in the same manner as the report itself – Facts, Conclusions, and Recommendations.

### RESPONSE TO FINDINGS

There were no Findings in the final report.

### RESPONSE TO CONCLUSIONS

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

**City Response:** We partially disagree with conclusion C-03. Legal consequences are currently in place for illicit massage parlors through existing city and county ordinances and state law. Eliminating the differences in city and county ordinances for massage parlors could allow for more uniform and simplified standards for enforcement between law enforcement jurisdictions.

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

**City Response:** We agree with conclusion C-04.

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

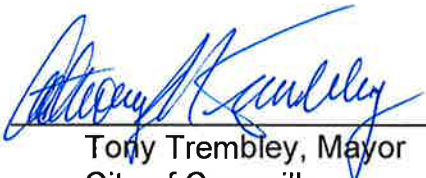
**City Response:** The Ventura County Human Trafficking Task Force will take a leadership role in the formation of a working group to evaluate, modify, and recommend changes to pre-existing massage parlor ordinances in the cities of Ventura County and the unincorporated areas. The working group will consist of representatives from each city government, City Attorneys, City Code Compliance, Ventura County Resource Management Agency, the District Attorney's Office, stakeholders in the massage industry and community representatives. Detectives from the Human Trafficking Task Force have already evaluated each cities' ordinance and drafted proposed guidelines and changes.

The goal of the working group will be to create common minimum standards and requirements for each city or county ordinance while recognizing that each city or area has different needs and community concerns.

### SUMMARY

The City of Camarillo and the Camarillo Police Department wishes to thank the Grand Jury for its time.

Date: 7/13/2020

Signed:   
Tony Trembley, Mayor  
City of Camarillo

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