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Grand Jury
Foreperson, Grand Juror
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

Re: Human Trafficking – Fillmore Final Report

We were unable to send this information by email. Therefore, I am sending the attached Final Report: Human Trafficking in Ventura County, approved by the Fillmore City Council in July 2020.

Best Regards,


Julie Latshaw
Administrative Assistant

Final Report: Human Trafficking in Ventura County

Report Date: June 18, 2020

Response By: City Council of Fillmore

The Grand Jury requires a response to conclusions C-03, C-04, and recommendation R-01.

CONCLUSIONS

C-03 – The Grand Jury concluded that differences in County and city massage parlors ordinances allow illicit businesses to avoid legal consequences.

Response to C-03: DISAGREE - Legal consequences are currently in place for illicit massage parlors currently through existing city and county ordinances and state law. Eliminating differences in city and county ordinances for massage parlors could allow for more local 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 the cities within the County will improve the effectiveness of enforcement operations.

Response to C-04: AGREE

RECOMMENDATIONS

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.

Response to R-01: AGREE. The City will work with the Ventura County Human Trafficking Task Force 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 city's 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