

REVISED

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND
KNABE

MARCH 10, 2015

Recovery Solutions for Sexually Exploited Children

On March 3, 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved a motion from Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Knabe to implement procedures to prevent child sex trafficking at motels accepting County vouchers. The Director of Public Social Services Sheryl Spiller, District Attorney Jackie Lacey, the Mayor of Compton Aja Brown, and Sheriff Jim McDonnell all provided statements about the growing problem of child sex trafficking and the need to use all available means to end this abuse, and the Board acted decisively.

But ~~our~~ the County's work ~~doesn't~~ does not end there. The next step is to provide for the recovery of the youth rescued from these abhorrent conditions. Sexually exploited children experience extreme physical, medical, psychological, emotional and social difficulties as they attempt to escape their exploitation. Helping these victims will require ~~safe~~ supportive housing, a range of services across a number of agencies, and a continuum of care to fully address their unique needs. Therefore, it is necessary to provide a multi-agency response for these victims, to allow them an opportunity to ~~get on the road to~~ begin the process of recovery and to lead full productive lives.

MOTION

SOLIS _____

RIDLEY-THOMAS _____

KUEHL _____

KNABE _____

ANTONOVICH _____

The County must use all available resources and explore all options to assist these youth, including services from multiple County departments, ~~and the~~ utilization of available properties, and serious consideration of best practices employed across the country.

WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board direct the ~~d~~Directors of the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), ~~the Probation Department,~~ the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Department of Health Services (DHS), the Chief Probation Officer, the Public Defender, the Alternate Public Defender, in consultation with County Counsel, the District Attorney, the Sheriff's Department, the Dependency Court and the Juvenile Court to report back in 90 days on the feasibility of developing a ~~secure~~ facility that would specifically serve Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) who are under the jurisdiction of the Probation Department and DCFS, to provide these young sex trafficking victims with a safe place to stay, that has appropriate security features to ~~discourage runaways and~~ prevent access by exploiters. Such a placement would provide specialized ~~interventions~~ care to address the trauma ~~and behavioral issues that make it difficult for these victims to function in traditional settings~~ of these victims.

WE FURTHER MOVE that our ~~Sacramento~~ advocates in Sacramento and Washington D.C. be instructed to pursue legislation that would enhance the County's ability to safely house and protect Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC).

#

HLS:JAB
DK:NI