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**To:** Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.*

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**For:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

**Subject:** Safe Long Beach Retreat and Human Trafficking Meeting

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This memo provides a brief update on the inaugural Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan Retreat, and information about an upcoming inter-jurisdictional meeting on Human Trafficking being coordinated by the City Manager's Office.

#### Safe Long Beach Retreat

In May 2014, the City Council adopted the Safe Long Beach Violence Prevention Plan to address a broad safety agenda aimed at reducing all forms of violence. Safe Long Beach is a cross-sector initiative currently engaging over 80 government and community stakeholders. The initiative includes Safe Families, Safe Schools, Safe Communities, My Sister's Keeper (LBGRIP), My Brother's Keeper, and the Human Relations Commission.

The Safe Long Beach Retreat will take place on Friday, March 18, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Long Beach City College, 4901 E. Carson Street.

#### Participants

This is the inaugural retreat with over 80 partners representing law enforcement, city and county government, educational institutions, community-based organizations, faith leaders, and community leaders that are implementing the plan.

#### Objectives

1. Motivate and inspire the partners to understand they are part of a larger plan to end violence in our City, and to continue the work with passion and vigor.
2. Understand the impact of trauma on the clients, community and constituencies we serve in Long Beach.
3. Develop a data-sharing strategy among partners to capture the successes, and better align programs and resources.

### Human Trafficking Cross Jurisdictional Meeting

In November 2015, the City of Compton hosted a meeting regarding Human Trafficking attended by Teresa Gomez, Human Dignity Coordinator, Sgt. Eric Hooker, Long Beach Police Department, and Councilmember Rex Richardson. They were joined by the staff from the cities of Lynwood and Compton. The goal of the meeting was to discuss the issue of human trafficking on Long Beach Boulevard and, in particular, the cross jurisdictional impacts that such activity has, and potential for cross jurisdictional problem-solving, as the street runs through all three cities.

Councilmember Richardson agreed to ask staff to host a follow-up meeting in early 2016 in Long Beach. Staff will be sending invitations to colleagues in the cities of Lynwood and Compton, inviting them to a meeting on February 9, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., at Long Beach City Hall in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

### Background

The City of Long Beach currently has a grant from the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) focused on human trafficking intervention, prevention, suppression, and court diversion. Safe Long Beach currently funds the City Prosecutor's Office \$50,000 a year to do the court diversion work. Teresa Gomez and Tracy Colunga will be at the meeting to provide a general overview of the \$500,000 BSCC California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Program Grant currently being implemented by Safe Long Beach. The City Prosecutor will provide an overview of the grant implementation as well.

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