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Public Comment - Public Safety: Group 1

From: Chloe Harber <charber@westmont.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 7:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment: Human Trafficking Task Force Detective Funding



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Hello,

My name is Chloe and I am a first year student at Westmont College in the Montecito area. First off, thank you for all that you do for our county. Your consideration of my comment is appreciated. As a young woman who is part of one of the most vulnerable populations to trafficking, I would like to see our county continuing to fight this injustice proactively. I stand in support of funding the detective position for the Santa Barbara Human Trafficking Task Force because trafficking is a huge problem in this area, and people's lives are being destroyed because of it. We cannot let these victims go unprotected and overlooked.

I urge you, for the sake of all who call Santa Barbara home, to make fighting this injustice a priority by funding the current detective position and possibly even funding an additional detective. Many lives will be saved because of it.

Every citizen of our beautiful county deserves to not be trafficked, and currently that is not the reality. Hopefully through the Task Force Detective, the number of traffickers in our area will drastically decrease and many vulnerable populations (unhoused people, women, runaway children, etc.) will be much safer.

I am grateful for your support of the Task Force for all these years, and through that the protection of myself and many others.

Sincerely,
Chloe Harber

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Nick Butler <nibutler@westmont.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 8:03 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment: Human Trafficking Task Force Support

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Hello, my name is Nick and I am a student at Westmont College in the Montecito area. I am studying business and economics in my fourth year here at Westmont with plans to graduate in May of 2022. I am grateful for the opportunity to address you all, and your consideration of my words is much appreciated. I also want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you do here in my hometown of Santa Barbara.

As a student, the fight against human trafficking is very important to me. In particular, it pains me to know that this is an issue occurring right here in my hometown. As a young man who has grown up in Santa Barbara, I have been fortunate enough to have access to opportunities and resources that have kept me out of the reach of human trafficking. For this reason I stand behind the Santa Barbara Human Trafficking Task Force because they too provide resources and protection for people who may be in danger of being trafficked.

As a lifelong member of the Santa Barbara community, I strongly support the detective position in the Santa Barbara Human Trafficking Task Force and ask for your support as well. I believe that this position is vital for the protection of the young men and women here in our county. Because of this, I implore you to stand with me in financially supporting the detective position of this task force for the sake of all the young men and women that would otherwise be at risk. Along with this, I would ask that you consider even adding another spot for an additional detective to increase the protection and resources that we as a county can offer to potential victims of human trafficking.

Thank you for all that you do in supporting the Task Force and our county as a whole, I hope that you will join me in continuing to protect our community for the years to come.

Sincerely, Nick Butler

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Kacie Kwan <kkwan@westmont.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, April 5, 2022 9:00 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment: Human Trafficking Task Force on Funding

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Hello,

My name is Kacie, and I'm a second-year student at Westmont College in the Montecito area studying Kinesiology. First of all, I would like to thank you for all that you do for our county. You do the best you can to ensure that Santa Barbara is a safe, beautiful place to live in for residents as well as visitors. Your work matters greatly and does not go unappreciated. Secondly, I would like to publicly state my support for the Santa Barbara Human Trafficking Task Force because it works to help victims of trafficking, it promotes the safety of residents and also prevents potential victims from suffering from trafficking. As a young woman and a resident of Santa Barbara, I feel strongly about this issue because human trafficking is a reality that no one should go through but many do, unfortunately. I ask, on behalf of those who call Santa Barbara home, to provide more funding to maintain the current detective position and possibly add a new one. I am grateful to you for supporting the Human Trafficking Task Force all these years and, through that, protecting myself and many others. Thank you for supporting the safety of the residents of Santa Barbara. I appreciate your time and consideration and God bless.

Sincerely,

Kacie Kwan

Ramirez, Angelica

From: Brenna Corcoran <bcorcoran@westmont.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 7, 2022 9:00 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment - HTTF Detective Position Funding

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To the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Brenna Corcoran and I'm a first-year student studying Mathematics at Westmont College. I am sending this email to address the funding of the Santa Barbara Human Trafficking Task Force—thank you for considering my comment, and most of all, thank you for all that you do to protect the safety and wellbeing of Santa Barbara.

As an 18-year old woman, I live my life knowing that I am a part of one of the most vulnerable populations to human trafficking. Although never personally trafficked, I have been unable to entirely avoid the reality of human trafficking. Multiple times in my life, starting at the age of 16 when I took the train to and from school every day, I have been approached by potential traffickers. My safety—and the safety of many other women, men, and children—is the topic at hand.

I ask you, with all the power I have as a resident of Santa Barbara County, to fund the Human Trafficking Task Force so that they can maintain their existing detective position and add another. We have only just started to chip away at the trafficking problem here in Santa Barbara in the years since 2014; there is more work to do, and it cannot be done if we are not actively seeking to defend victims of human trafficking.

Thank you so much for all you do for the safety of Santa Barbara County residents like myself.

Sincerely,
Brenna Corcoran