

## CONTRA COSTA COUNTY CIVIL GRAND JURY REPORT NO. 1609 "HUMAN TRAFFICKING"

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' RESPONSE

**FINDINGS** – California Penal Code Section 933.5(a) requires a response to the designated findings of the Grand Jury.

11. Public awareness is a critical factor in identifying potential human trafficking activity.

Response: Agree.

12. The County's efforts to build a broad public awareness of human trafficking has primarily been a poster campaign beginning in 2015.

Response: Agree.

13. The Zero Tolerance for Human Trafficking Coalition is developing operating guidelines for case review and coordination to be completed in December 2016.

Response: Agree.

14. A comprehensive approach to dealing with human trafficking includes robust community engagement; training law enforcement in responding to human trafficking incidents; vigorous prosecution of perpetrators; education of an advocacy to policy makers; and wrap-around services for victims/survivors.

Response: Agree.

**RECOMMENDATIONS** - California Penal Code Section 933.05(b) requires a response to the designated recommendations of the Grand Jury.

4. The County Board of Supervisors should consider identifying funds to assign the Zero Tolerance Coalition to take a leadership role in developing report formats, collecting and reporting on comprehensive data about adult and child trafficking in Contra Costa County.

<u>Response</u>: The recommendation has been implemented. The Coalition will continue to improve its efforts in collecting and reporting on comprehensive data by seeking additional funding through grants and other resources as well as identify opportunities to leverage existing approaches among agencies responding to human trafficking.

5. The County Board of Supervisors should consider directing the Zero Tolerance Coalition to develop a multi-disciplinary approach in dealing with human trafficking, after identifying funds to do so.

<u>Response</u>: The recommendation has been implemented. The Zero Tolerance Coalition is implementing a multi-disciplinary approach in dealing with human trafficking and will continue to seek additional funding through grants and other sources to strengthen this existing approach.

6. The County Board of Supervisors should consider directing the Zero Tolerance Coalition to develop and implement a systematic plan for building community awareness of human trafficking, after identifying funds to do so.

<u>Response</u>: The recommendation has been implemented. The Zero Tolerance for Human Trafficking Coalition will continue to implement existing community awareness strategies and seek additional funds including grants to expand these efforts.