COUNCIL AGENDA: 10/16/18 ITEM: 8.1



## Memorandum

TO:

HONORABLE MAYOR AND

CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

Vice Mayor Magdalena

Carrasco

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas

SUBJECT:

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PERSONAL CARE BUSINESS COMPLIANCE INITIATIVE

## **RECOMMENDATION**

1) Accept staff report.

- 2) Request the Police Department to continue and expand collaboration with non-profit providers, Santa Clara County Human Trafficking Coalition, and other leaders in the field to increase their participation in providing services to victims during vice operations on massage parlors; and
- 3) Report back to PSFSS on progress of enacted massage parlor best practice interventions for human trafficking survivors.

## **BACKGROUND**

We want to thank the San José Police Department, Code Enforcement, and the Planning Department staff for all their hard work in addressing this widespread issue. We have made significant progress in weeding out illegal massage parlors and addressing illicit activities that are harmful to our community and harbor human trafficking victims. These crimes are not faceless, they impact men and women who are extorted and abused.

We hope that as we continue to close these establishments, we collaborate with our community partners and the County of Santa Clara to find resources for the victims and develop a successful path forward.