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7.		Favor	Paloma Bustos	
		Item Total	1	
8.	7	Favor	Elianne A Rodriguez	Thank you, Supervisor Solis, for putting forth this motion and for elevating the Office of Labor Equity's human trafficking prevention campaign. This motion is important because trafficking is not always obvious. Many workers do not realize they are being exploited, especially when abuse looks like unpaid wages, threats, or having their documents taken away. Specially in this political climate. As Los Angeles County prepares to host major international events like the World Cup and the Olympics, the demand for temporary and low-wage labor will grow, and so will the risk of exploitation. Proactive education and awareness will be essential. This campaign helps workers, and the public recognize the signs of labor trafficking and understand where to go for help. It also reflects the County's commitment to prevention, worker dignity, and survivor-centered solutions. I strongly support this motion and respectfully urge the Board to vote yes on this motion. Thank you.



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8.	7	Favor	M Lucero Ortiz	Good morning, my name is M. Lucero Ortiz, Esq, and I am the Clinical Supervising Attorney at Loyola Law School's Immigrant Justice Clinic (LIJC), where we provide high-quality immigration legal representation to Los Angeles County residents. I'm here to speak in support of Item #08. We applaud Supervisor Solis' commitment and leadership on this motion to elevate the Office of Labor Equity's human trafficking prevention campaign in collaboration with the District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles Worker Center Network, and Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative at Loyola Law School. LIJC represents individuals who are survivors of human trafficking. This motion is important because raising awareness and educating the general public about the signs and indicators of human trafficking, including control and coercion, is key. Immigrant workers, primarily undocumented workers, are particularly vulnerable and may not realize they are being exploited, especially when abuse involves unpaid wages, threats of ICE detention or deportation, or having their identity documents held hostage. One important area of concern is human trafficking of children for sexual and labor exploitation. Traffickers often target children using psychological coercion, such as false promises of love, employment, or economic stability, rather than kidnappings by strangers. In addition, exploitation often happens within a survivor's own community and by people they know and trust, including family members. ? As Los Angeles County prepares to host the 2026 World Cup and the 2028 Olympics, the risk of exploitation will grow for low-wage and temporary workers. For that reason, these proactive education and awareness campaigns as well as agency coordination are essential to help workers and the general public recognize the signs of labor trafficking and understand where to go for help. This motion also reflects the County's commitment to worker dignity and survivor-centered solutions. LIJC strongly supports this motion and respectfully urges the Board to vote yes on the motion proclaiming January 2026 as Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Thank you for your time and serious consideration.
			Paloma Bustos	
			vanessa melendrez	Wage theft and human trafficking is a major issue in Los Angeles, with Los Angeles being the wage theft capital of America. PWC supports Supervisor Solis's motion to enhance worker protections.
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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple St, Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Reference: Agenda Items 7 & 8 – Human Trafficking Prevention Month

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors,

I write in support of **Agenda Items 7 and 8**, proclaiming January 2026 as *Human Trafficking Prevention Month* and reaffirming Los Angeles County's commitment to a public health approach to addressing human trafficking.

Human trafficking is not just a crime - it is a complex public health issue that affects people who are already facing housing instability, poverty, immigration barriers, and the impacts of disasters. Reaffirming the County's public health approach, as proposed by Supervisors Hahn and Horvath, is important because it recognizes that prevention and survivor support must be part of the solution, not just enforcement.

The motion by Supervisor Solis is also critical because it focuses on action. Encouraging County departments to promote the Office of Labor Equity's human trafficking campaign and available survivor services helps ensure that people know where to get help and that County resources are visible and accessible. Awareness and outreach save lives.

To make these efforts meaningful and effective, the County must also fund the programs that make safety and stability possible, including housing, legal services, mental health care, and economic support.

Addressing human trafficking depends on confronting the root causes that make people vulnerable in the first place, including homelessness, labor exploitation, and disaster displacement. I urge the Board to pair these proclamations with dedicated funding and concrete actions that support survivors and prevent exploitation before it occurs. We stand ready to support this work in partnership with the County.

Thank you.

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