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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple St, Room 381B
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Reference: Expanding Opportunities for 2026 World Cup Fan Zones

Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

On behalf of the Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative (SJI), I am writing to highlight the need to integrate anti-trafficking prevention into Fan Zone Planning ahead of the 2026 World Cup.

Expanding Fan Zones across LA County means that we will likely see an influx of large crowds, increased tourism, temporary event infrastructure, increased demand for workers and security, and expanded nightlife and informal economies. These are all conditions that advocates and researchers have identified as increasing risks for both labor exploitation and human trafficking, especially when planning focuses mainly on logistics, entertainment, and enforcement rather than prevention and community protections.

If County resources will be used to expand Fan Zones through partnerships with cities and outside organizations, sponsorship and grant funding, and as a pilot for the 2028 Olympics, the County should include:

- anti-trafficking prevention and public awareness efforts integrated into Fan Zone planning,
- protections for workers and vendors from exploitation,
- outreach and reporting mechanisms,
- inclusion of community-based organizations and survivor leaders, and

To support these efforts, funding should come from FIFA and related sponsorships to ensure prevention efforts are community-based and service-oriented, rather than relying mainly on already under-resourced systems or law enforcement responses.

SJI's report, [*Preventing and Addressing Human Trafficking Related to Major Sporting Events in Los Angeles: Recommendations for the 2026 World Cup and 2028 Olympics*](#), stresses the importance of prevention planning, survivor-informed responses, labor protections, and public





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education efforts ahead of mega-events such as the World Cup and Olympics. We encourage the County to incorporate these considerations into its planning process.

Sincerely,

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