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CATE CALLS FOR BAN OF ADVERTISEMENTS FROM TIJUANA RED LIGHT DISTRICT CLUBS *Councilmember Asks All San Diego Radio Stations to Voluntarily Prohibit Promotion of Industry*

San Diego, CA: San Diego City Councilmember Chris Cate is calling on all local San Diego radio stations to voluntarily halt the promotion or prohibit advertisements of Tijuana Red Light District clubs. Red Light District clubs in the La Cohuila area of Tijuana (where prostitution has been permitted) have been notorious for being involved in forced sex work, deception, and human rights violations.

Constituents in District 6 notified Councilmember Cate that a local radio station in his district is selling advertisements promoting the "Hong Kong Club," a Tijuana Red Light District club in the La Cohuila area.

The topic of Red Light abatement has been heard at the City of San Diego's Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee meeting earlier this year, and a follow-up discussion item is slated to be docketed in the coming months.

"It has come to my attention that at least one radio station in District 6 actively partners, promotes, and advertises with a Tijuana Red Light District club," said Councilmember Chris Cate. "I am calling on all radio stations in San Diego to voluntarily put an end to their promotion of Tijuana Red Light District clubs, and refuse to sell advertisements to any establishment whose business is commercial sex. As Chair of the City's Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee, I condemn these promotional advertisements from the Hong Kong Club, and am highly disappointed to learn that a San Diego radio station endorses Red Light District clubs in Tijuana.

Per a recent report in the San Diego Union Tribune, an ongoing investigation into Tijuana's sex tourism trade of young children by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Violent Crimes Task Force has renewed its efforts to tackle child trafficking in Tijuana. The investigation is said to be in the beginning stages and still assessing all information.

"As a Neighborhood Watch leader here in District 6, I am deeply concerned that there is a radio station that actively promotes this type of industry. I am shocked that a station would be so heavily involved in a partnership with a club like this. This certainly is not family friendly," stated Robyn Badilla, a Kearny Mesa Neighborhood Watch leader.

Councilmember Cate has already reached out to several radio stations, personally asking them to commit to voluntarily ban promoting these Red Light District clubs in Tijuana.

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