

March 14, 2019

Honorable Chris Cate  
Councilmember, Sixth District  
City of San Diego  
202 C Street, 10A  
San Diego, CA 92101

Dear Councilmember Cate,

We write this letter in support of your proposed changes to the City of San Diego's massage establishment police permit regulations and respectfully request that the City Attorney's office work with the San Diego Police Department to expedite the drafting of ordinance language and legal review.

According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, illicit massage parlors are the top venue for human trafficking in the State of California. The proposed changes to the City of San Diego's massage establishment police permit regulations follow best practices that have been adopted by cities and counties throughout California. The changes will provide greater local oversight for massage establishments and ensure businesses that engage in illegal activity, such as human trafficking, will be regulated and prosecuted through a more streamlined process. We believe that these proposed changes will put the City in a much better position to stop human trafficking occurring in illicit massage establishments.

We respectfully urge the City to work expeditiously to pass and implement these common sense changes to help combat human trafficking in our communities. We look forward to working with your office, City Attorney Mara Elliott, the San Diego Police Department, and Mayor Kevin Faulconer, and offer our support and guidance to make this happen.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, Lynch Foundation for Children

Ebony Jones  
Founder, Living Beyond the Hustle

Jaimee Johnson  
Founder, Sisters of the Streets

Armand King  
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Anti-Trafficking Leader

CC: Honorable Kevin L. Faulconer, Mayor  
Honorable Mara Elliott, City Attorney  
David Nisleit, Chief of Police