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Hello,

Please see below and attached for communication from Huckleberry Youth Programs regarding File No. 260032, which is Item No. 31 on today's Board of Supervisors meeting agenda.

File No. 260032: Resolution recognizing the month of January 2026 as "National Human Trafficking Prevention Month" in the City and County of San Francisco.

Sincerely,

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Good afternoon,

I hope this message finds you well. On behalf of the Huckleberry Advocacy and Response Team (HART), I am writing to submit the attached letter of support for the proposal to

recognize January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

As outlined in the attached letter, HART works closely with youth who have experienced, are experiencing, or are at risk of commercial sexual exploitation. Thank you for the opportunity to share our support. I have included our flyers for our monthly educational youth group for your reference as well. Please feel free to reach out if we can be a resource or provide any additional information.

In Community,

Yaneli Gonzalez

HART Senior Program Manager

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HART: Huckleberry Advocacy & Response Team

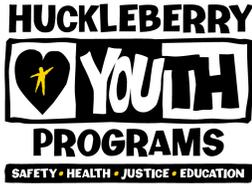
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January 9, 2026

Dear Members of the Youth Commission,

I am writing to express strong support for the proposal to recognize January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month in San Francisco. Thank you for your leadership in elevating an issue that has a profound and often hidden impact on young people in our community.

Huckleberry Youth Programs has a long-standing role in San Francisco's response to the commercial sexual exploitation of children and youth. Our involvement in the development of the County's CSEC protocol led to a 2014 contract with the San Francisco Department of Children, Youth and Their Families to provide case management and crisis services to exploited youth. In 2016, with additional support from the San Francisco Human Services Agency, this work expanded into an independent program: the Huckleberry Advocacy and Response Team (HART).

HART serves youth and young adults ages 11–24 who have experienced commercial sexual exploitation, are at risk of exploitation, or have engaged in survival sex. While the majority of youth served are from San Francisco, we also support youth from surrounding counties. Our work centers youth voice, dignity, and safety, recognizing that exploitation often occurs in the context of historical inequities which can include: housing instability, economic insecurity, and limited access to supportive systems. We provide case management services, pro-social activities, therapy, educational workshops regarding human trafficking, training, case consultations, and operate the county's 24/7 rapid response line in collaboration with the San Francisco County Child Welfare Hotline. Over the past fiscal year 24-25, HART supported 87 youth, and in the first quarter of this fiscal year, we have already served 26 youth.

In recent months, HART has seen an increase in youth disclosing experiences of commercial sexual exploitation given the increase of referrals and case consultations. This underscores the urgency of community awareness, early identification, and coordinated response. As our community prepares to host large-scale international events such as the Super Bowl and the World Cup, it is especially important to ensure that young people, service providers, and the broader public are educated about the realities of trafficking, how to recognize potential indicators, and how to respond in ways that prioritize youth safety and dignity.

Recognizing January as Human Trafficking Awareness Month is a critical step toward increasing public understanding, reducing stigma, and strengthening prevention and early intervention efforts. This designation affirms a community-wide commitment to

protecting young people and responding to exploitation with compassion and youth-centered solutions.

We strongly support this proposal and commend the Youth Commission for its leadership and commitment to the safety and well-being of young people. Huckleberry's HART is available as a resource for continued education and collaboration.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

In Community,

Yaneli Gonzalez

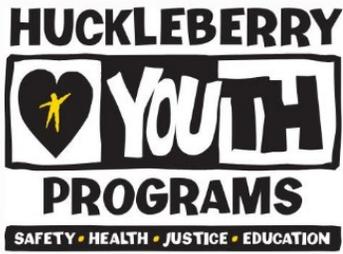
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HUCKLEBERRY ADVOCACY & RESPONSE TEAM

ABOUT HART

Using a harm reduction, client-centered, trauma-informed, empowerment and relationship-driven approach, HART provides case management, crisis response, and psychoeducation to young people (ages 11-24). Services are designed to support youth in leading the lives they desire and healing in ways they define for themselves.

HART SERVICES

-  24/7 RESPONSE LINE
-  CASE MANAGEMENT
-  ADVOCACY
-  PREVENTION EDUCATION
-  COUNSELING
-  GROUPS
-  PROVIDER EDUCATION & CONSULTATION

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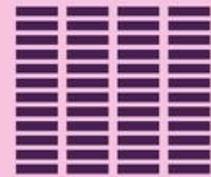


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CON EL EQUIPO DE HART

CONOCE AL EQUIPO, MIRA SERIE DE VIDEOS
Y APRENDE SOBRE:

- BANDERAS ROJAS DE EXPLOTACION
- SEGURIDAD
- RECURSOS DE LA COMUNIDAD



¡ESCANEA PARA REGISTRARTE!



¡REGISTRACION
CIERRA A LAS 12
DE LA TARDE
EN EL DÍA DEL
GRUPO!

¿CUANDO?

TERCER MIÉRCOLES DE
CADA MES
3:30PM-5:30PM

¿DÓNDE?

CALLE GOUGH
44. SUITE #304

¿QUIÉN?

JÓVENES DE
11 - 24 AÑOS

FOOD PROVIDED &
EARN A \$50 GIFT CARD
FOR PARTICIPATION

The Cool Aunt

FACILITATED BY HART

MEET THE TEAM, WATCH VIDEO SERIES &
LEARN ABOUT:

- RED FLAGS OF EXPLOITATION
- SAFETY
- COMMUNITY RESOURCES

SCAN TO SIGN UP!



REGISTRATION
CLOSES AT
12PM
ON DAY OF
THE GROUP!

WHEN?

EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
3:30PM-5:30PM

WHERE?

44 GOUGH ST.
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WHO?

YOUTH AGES 11-24