Human Trafficking Outreach Project

Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery involving the illegal trade of people for exploitation or commercial gain. Every year millions of children, men and women are trafficked for both labor and sexual exploitation in countries around the world, including the United States. It is a $32-billion industry that is second only to drugs in terms of criminal enterprise. According to the FBI, Los Angeles is a top destination.

To help raise awareness about human trafficking, the City of Torrance is helping to implement and enforce California Senate Bill 1193, which mandates that 12 different types of businesses and establishments post notices publicizing human trafficking hotline resources. In 2017, California Senate Bill 225, mandated that the notices now include a text hotline and California Assembly Bill 260, now requires hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast inns to post the notice.

The 13 different types of businesses and establishments that must adhere include:

1) On-sale general public premises licensees under the Alcoholic Beverage Control Act;
2) Adult or sexually oriented businesses;
3) Airports;
4) Intercity passenger rail or light rail stations;
5) Bus stations;
6) Truck stops;
7) Hospital emergency rooms;
8) Urgent care centers;
9) Farm labor contractors;
10) Privately operated job recruitment centers;
11) Roadside rest areas;
12) Businesses or establishments that offer massage or bodywork services for compensation
13) Hotels, motels, and bed and breakfast inns