



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES HELD IN ROOM 381B  
OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

**Tuesday, October 20, 2015**

**9:30 AM**

2. Revised recommendation as submitted by Supervisors Kuehl and Knabe: Implement a Countywide effort to ensure that victims of child sex trafficking and commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) are truly treated as victims; in which this effort should include, at a minimum, encouraging that no victim of child sex trafficking identified by the Sheriff's Department be arrested for prostitution or a related offense or held in any facility that is used for the detention of criminal or juvenile offenders; encouraging all relevant County agencies, including the Sheriff's Department, to implement the Law Enforcement First Responder Protocol; and ensuring the safety of minor victim witnesses in human trafficking prosecutions by the District Attorney's Office is protected by:

Providing the ability for child victims of sex trafficking to testify outside of the presence of the defendant and jury by way of closed-circuit television, as is already permitted for children under the age of 13 under existing California law (Penal Code § 1346-1347.5) for prosecutions in certain crimes where the minor victim witness would experience substantial emotional distress or experience significant safety risks if they testified in open court; and

Ensuring that each minor victim witness in a child trafficking prosecution is connected to a victim advocate who can assist the child in accessing benefits and services available to crime victims and work with the victim advocate, prosecutor and law enforcement to create and ensure a safety plan for the minor victim witness' protection and safety.  
(15-4959)

**Brian Thompson, Eric Preven, Arnold Sachs, Nicole Parson, Terry Sigmund and Phyllis Daugherty addressed the Board.**

**Captain Merrill Ladenheim and Commander Roderick Kusch, Sheriff's Department, responded to questions posed by the Board.**

**After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Kuehl, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, this item was approved.**

**Ayes:** 5 - Supervisor Solis, Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Supervisor Kuehl, Supervisor Knabe and Supervisor Antonovich

**Attachments:** [Revised Motion by Supervisors Kuehl and Knabe](#)  
[Video](#)  
[Audio](#)

The foregoing is a fair statement of the proceedings of the regular meeting held October 20, 2015, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

Patrick Ogawa, Acting Executive Officer  
Executive Officer-Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors

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