

April 2, 2024

Council Member Mackenzie Kelly, District 6 City Hall 301 W 2nd St. Austin, TX 78701

Dear Council Members,

On behalf of Unbound Now, I am reaching out to extend our deep appreciation for the City of Austin's commitment to combating human trafficking. It is with sincere gratitude and strong alignment with our city's values that we support the efforts proposed by the City Council to enhance the fight against this pervasive issue.

Unbound Now Austin serves at the forefront of this critical battle, providing support and resources to survivors of both sex and labor trafficking. Our work spans across the diverse demographics of Austin, assisting individuals of all ages, genders, and economic backgrounds. This broad scope of service has given us a comprehensive understanding of the complex nature of human trafficking and the multifaceted approach required to effectively combat it.

The proposed resolution before the Council is a monumental step forward. It outlines a strategic framework focusing on prevention, the identification of survivors, and the provision of comprehensive support services. By strengthening our community's capacity to address these needs, we can make significant strides towards creating a safer, more supportive environment for all Austin residents.

The challenge of human trafficking in our city is daunting, yet not insurmountable. With the comprehensive approach outlined in the resolution, combined with the continued dedication of our community and leaders like yourselves, we are confident in our ability to make a profound impact. Unbound Now Austin is committed to this cause and to working alongside the City Council, and other partners, to ensure the success of these initiatives.

We urge the City Council to adopt this resolution, demonstrating Austin's unwavering commitment to protecting and empowering its most vulnerable citizens.

Sincerely.

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