

RESOLUTION No. 36824

Dedicate \$285,000 to create a shelter for juvenile human trafficking victims in Portland and to fund two additional sexual abuse victim advocate positions. (Resolution)

WHEREAS, a recent Justice Department study placed Portland as one of twelve “hubs” for human trafficking in the country;

WHEREAS, this fact has gained notoriety in the national media due to the thriving commercial sexual exploitation of juveniles;

WHEREAS, juvenile human trafficking victims are exploited, coerced, physically and sexually assaulted by their pimps to perform numerous sexual acts;

WHEREAS, national statistics indicate one of three missing teens who ends up on the streets will be lured or forced into prostitution within 48 hours;

WHEREAS, the Portland Police Bureau (PPB) has identified juvenile human trafficking victims are forced into prostitution as young as age 12;

WHEREAS, PPB reports an average of five cases of human trafficking each week and at least 2 of these victims are juveniles;

WHEREAS, PPB estimates a pimp will earn \$800-\$1,000 per day from each juvenile victim;

WHEREAS, within the past two months, PPB has doubled the size of the human trafficking detail due to the significant number of human trafficking cases that must be investigated;

WHEREAS, several non-profit advocacy groups, such as Oregonians Against Human Trafficking, have made tremendous strides to educate the general public about human trafficking and have provided training opportunities to various community partners;

WHEREAS, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden has introduced legislation in Congress that would provide additional assistance in the fight against human trafficking, however the problem persists until this legislation is enacted into law;

WHEREAS, through a \$500,000 federal grant, Multnomah County has established a multi-agency task force, the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children Steering Committee (CSEC), so community partners can collaborate and create a coordinated community response to the juvenile human trafficking and create an action plan;

WHEREAS, there are currently no dedicated shelter beds available for juvenile human trafficking victims in the Portland metro area;

WHEREAS, the Sexual Abuse Resource Center (SARC) provides extensive support to juvenile human trafficking victims through a 24-hour crisis line, hospital visits, case management,

prevention education and outreach, offering support groups, and providing free mental health services;

WHEREAS, there are currently only two SARC advocates, who work tirelessly around the clock to meet the needs of juvenile human trafficking victims within the City of Portland;

WHEREAS, through a collaboration between the City of Portland, Multnomah County and the faith community, this year's Advent Conspiracy campaign will raise funds to establish a continuum of care for juvenile human trafficking victims;

WHEREAS, the City of Portland and Multnomah County have joined together to fund shelter beds and treatment for juvenile human trafficking victims at a Janus Youth Services facility in the City of Portland;

WHEREAS, in order to provide a safe place for juvenile human trafficking victims, provide essential treatment services and fund additional SARC victim advocates, an additional \$285,000 in funding is necessary;

WHEREAS, it is imperative to act now between budget cycles because the juvenile human trafficking problem requires immediate action;

WHEREAS, it is necessary to provide these funds on an emergency basis from the contingency fund;

WHEREAS, these funds will provide one step in the continuum of care to address the long-term treatment needs of juvenile human trafficking victims;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED The Council shall allocate \$285,000 from the City's contingency fund to provide financial assistance to Janus Youth Programs and the Sexual Assault Resource Center to fund shelter beds and treatment for juvenile human trafficking victims and two additional victim advocate positions for a one year period.

Adopted by the Council: NOV 10 2010

Mayor Sam Adams

Prepared by: Inna Levin

Date Prepared: November 4, 2010

LaVonne Griffin-Valade
Auditor of the City of Portland
By


Deputy


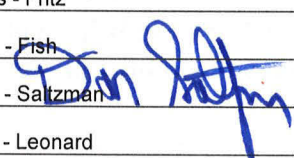
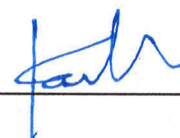
1467

✓140

Agenda No.
RESOLUTION NO.
 Title

36824

Dedicate \$285,000 to create a shelter for juvenile human trafficking victims in Portland and to fund two additional sexual abuse victim advocate positions. (Resolution)

<p>INTRODUCED BY Commissioner/Auditor: Mayor Sam Adams and Commissioner Dan Saltzman</p> <p>COMMISSIONER APPROVAL</p> <p>Mayor—Finance and Administration - Adams </p> <p>Position 1/Utilities - Fritz</p> <p>Position 2/Works - Fish </p> <p>Position 3/Affairs - Saltzman</p> <p>Position 4/Safety - Leonard</p> <p>BUREAU APPROVAL</p> <p>Bureau: Bureau Head:</p> <p>Prepared by: Inna Levin Date Prepared: 11/04/10</p> <p>Financial Impact Statement</p> <p>Completed <input type="checkbox"/> Amends Budget <input type="checkbox"/> Not Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Portland Policy Document If "Yes" requires City Policy paragraph stated in document. Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Council Meeting Date NOVEMBER 10, 2010</p> <p>City Attorney Approval</p>	<p>CLERK USE: DATE FILED <u>NOV 05 2010</u></p> <p style="text-align: right;">LaVonne Griffin-Valade Auditor of the City of Portland</p> <p>By:  Deputy</p> <p>ACTION TAKEN:</p>
--	---

AGENDA
<p>TIME CERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Start time: _____</p> <p>Total amount of time needed: _____ (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>
<p>CONSENT <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>REGULAR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Total amount of time needed: 15 (for presentation, testimony and discussion)</p>

FOUR-FIFTHS AGENDA	COMMISSIONERS VOTED AS FOLLOWS:		
		YEAS	NAYS
1. Fritz	1. Fritz	✓	
2. Fish	2. Fish	✓	
3. Saltzman	3. Saltzman	✓	
4. Leonard	4. Leonard	✓	
Adams	Adams	✓	