

**RESOLUTION No. 12-34**

**CITY OF MILLBRAE, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILLBRAE  
to support the passing of the CASE Act Ballot Initiative which would  
strengthen penalties against human traffickers and protect sexually  
exploited children**

**WHEREAS**, the average age of a victim forced into the sex slave trade (human trafficking) is thirteen; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of human trafficking, many who are runaway girls, are vulnerable and easily exploited by their traffickers or pimps for financial gain while also being controlled through sexual, physical, and emotional abuse, and ultimately threats of harm or death to themselves or their family if they resist or try to escape; and

**WHEREAS**, human trafficking, also known as modern day slavery, is one of the fastest growing crimes in the world and California is among the top destination points for trafficked victims because of its proximity to international borders, number of ports and airports, significant immigrant populations, and large economy; and

**WHEREAS**, California Against Slavery and the Safer California Foundation successfully submitted the Californians Against Sexual Exploitation Act (CASE Act) ballot initiative for inclusion on the November 2012 statewide ballot; and

**WHEREAS**, the case CASE Act would increase prison sentences for human traffickers, require sex traffickers to register as sex offenders and to disclose all internet accounts, increase fines to pay for victim services, and mandate law enforcement training on human trafficking; and

**WHEREAS**, victims of human trafficking experience severe abuse and torture that can require a lifetime of medical and counseling services; and

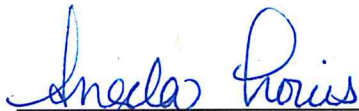
**WHEREAS**, the sponsors of this initiative point out that California was given a grade of a "F" for its weak laws dealing with child sex trafficking by a victims' rights group and the CASE Act would enact the toughest human trafficking laws in the country;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that by the adoption of this resolution, the Millbrae City Council hereby supports the passing of the CASE Act Ballot Initiative which would strengthen penalties against human traffickers and protect sexually exploited children.

**REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

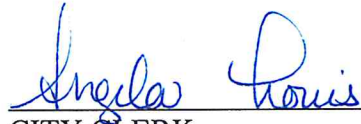
  
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Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk

I do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Millbrae this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	Colapietro, Papan, Holober, Lee, and Gottschalk
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None
EXCUSED:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	None

  
CITY CLERK