



To: HRRC

Agenda Item #: VII

From: Lisa Schaefer
HRRC Staff Liaison

Date: March 19, 2013

Subject: Correspondence and Petitions

Action
Discussion
Information

Action Requested:
None.

Information / Background:
Human Trafficking and Slavery

Attachment:

Correspondence from C. Woods received on March 10, 2013.

From: [Arnold Bigbee](#)
To: [Ariel Klugman](#)
Cc: [Lisa Schaefer](#)
Subject: Fwd: My Concerns About Slavery
Date: Monday, March 11, 2013 11:52:26 AM

Ariel, lets add this to "citizen comment" section for our agenda.

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From: Lynette Biunno [mailto:lbiunno@EdinaMN.gov]
Sent: Monday, March 11, 2013 9:02 AM
Cc: Susan Howl
Subject: FW: My Concerns About Slavery



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From: Slavery Footprint [mailto:no-reply@slaveryfootprint.org]
Sent: Sunday, March 10, 2013 8:27 PM
To: Edina Mail
Subject: My Concerns About Slavery

Dear James Hovland,

I want to see an end to modern-day slavery, a crime that continues today and is present ever here in our city. I respectfully ask that you help make our city a leader in the fight to end slavery.

The first place to start is to ensure that our law enforcement are trained to identify victims of trafficking. Once victims of trafficking have been identified, we need a system in place that ensures the safety and rehabilitation of victims. Our law enforcement should be equipped to conduct proactive, victim-centered trafficking investigations and be prepared to help with the prosecution of trafficking crimes.

I respectfully ask that you allocate funding in your budget for training of law enforcement. At a minimum, I want our police department to have one officer trained as a point-person for cases of human trafficking and slavery.

Victims of human trafficking face a horrific life in which they are threatened, beaten, raped, starved, locked up, or psychologically manipulated - all for the financial profit of human traffickers.

I urge you to help us in this fight. To notify voters in our area about what your

administration is doing to protect the victims of human trafficking in our city and to prosecute those who perpetrate this crime, please e-mail a copy of an open letter or statement on the issue to: mycity@slaveryfootprint.org.

Sincerely,

Charity Woods

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