SAN FRANCISCO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION RELEASES REPORT ON THE IMPACT OF PROPOSITION 35

Report Reflects an Analysis of the CASE Act and its Impact on Affected Communities; Commission Provides Recommendations for Lawmakers and Anti-Trafficking Agencies

(San Francisco, CA) On Thursday, May 28, 2015, the San Francisco Human Rights Commission (HRC) issued the Proposition 35 Report. This report examines the major changes in California human trafficking laws influenced by the Californians Against Sexual Exploitation Act (CASE Act) while focusing on concerns of those opposed to the Act to be considered when enforcing the law.

The report examines specific communities of immigrants, youth, sex workers, and laborers who have been impacted by the CASE Act. In addition, the report looks at how enforcement of the CASE Act may affect people differently based on social classifications such as race, class, gender, age, sexual orientation, and gender identity. In response to the concerns raised by the impacted individuals and communities, the Mayor’s Task Force on Anti-Human Trafficking have sought to address those concerns, including impact of enforcement of anti-trafficking laws on children, monolingual immigrants, and sex workers.

“Trafficking victims are diverse and have a variety of needs. To be effective, the services provided must be constructed in ways which acknowledge these needs and addresses them. The report aims to provide recommendations while considering what we have learned from the victims and others impacted by human trafficking,” stated Commission Chair Susan Belinda Christian.

The Commission is thankful to have collaborated with the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women to produce this report. The Commission is also deeply grateful to the UC Hastings Social-Change Lawyering Clinic, particularly Josh Jacobs, Kendra Amik, and Professor Ascanio Piomelli for their contributions to the report.