



# **Nevada Policy Council on Human Trafficking**

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The Nevada Policy Council on Human Trafficking is made up of a diverse cross-section of community leaders coming together to pursue collaborative, long-term, systemic strategies to decrease sex trafficking in our state.

**Mission:**

*To advocate for just and equitable policy solutions through education, collaboration, and coalition building that improve the state and federal anti-trafficking systems; better support victims, survivors, and providers, decrease demand, and ultimately contribute to the elimination of human trafficking in Nevada.*



## Key Goals of the Policy Council:

- Strengthening the statewide counter-trafficking system by connecting all stakeholders working in the space;
- Encouraging networks and collaboration on projects between counter-trafficking sectors
- Tackle critical issues in the community regarding victim services, demand reduction, education & awareness, and service provider capacity building;
- Leveraging resources and gain audience of local policy makers, and;
- Improving the quality of life for survivors and at risk victims of sex trafficking.



## **POLICY AGENDA: 3 PRONGS**

\*Still being finalized by the NPCHT but building off last session and systems analyses

### **Affect Demand (Buyer Conduct & Penalties)**

- Strengthen NRS 201.354 to increase the severity of the offense of engaging in prostitution, allow for law enforcement to arrest buyers (not just issue citations) for misdemeanor offenders, and significantly increase criminal and civil penalty fines for prosecution and to support funding of demand reduction activities in the state.

### **Victim/Survivor Support**

- Increase, or completely eliminate the Statute of Limitations, to be more in line with the severity of the crime.
- Create a legal mechanism for safely sheltering victims and supporting them in getting, and staying, away from their trafficker. Fund this shelter and all necessary wrap-around services.

### **Strengthening the System**

- Data capture, accessibility, and transparency. Establish evidenced-based models for evaluating victim/survivor outcomes, identifying the most effective/successful solutions and scale them with funding.



# THANK YOU!

We look forward to continuing to support the Judiciary Committee and Nevada's law makers in strengthening the state's human trafficking policy leadership.

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