

Stop The Raids Committee

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Sex Workers Call Foul on Harmful, Dangerous ‘Human Trafficking Awareness’ Campaigns

Las Vegas-Sex workers across Nevada are coming together to call foul on the superbowl myth saying that law enforcement agencies routinely use so-called ‘anti-trafficking’ campaigns as an excuse to round-up sex workers, primarily people of color, immigrants and the unhoused during large sporting events.

“Law enforcement, in concert with faith-based rescue groups and anti-trafficking non-profits, are using human trafficking campaigns as an excuse to arrest sex workers trying to make a living”, said Victoria Parra, a Las Vegas-based writer and organizer. “These are not rescue missions, but morality-fueled vice campaigns that devastate the lives of sex workers. This January 11, sex workers are refusing to be exploited by law enforcement and government agencies in order to secure greater publicity and funding for their departments.”

“The media must not be complicit in this campaign of erasure and eradication. Year after year, we see the media report these campaigns based solely on the false information provided by government agencies, law enforcement, anti-trafficking non-profits and faith-based rescue groups, dedicated to eradicating sex work entirely”, said Maxine Doogan of the Erotic Service Providers Legal, Education and Research Project.

Every year, the Super Bowl is used as an excuse to violently arrest sex workers under the guise of anti-trafficking raids. This year, Las Vegas will host Super Bowl LVIII. The Stop the Raids committee, and our allies will fight back with education rally for the public and the media to disrupt the lies at Allegiant Stadium Monday, Feb. 5th, 2024 4pm

Sex workers demand decriminalization!”

More info on our messaging can be found at
<https://stoptheraids.org>

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