

Stop The Raids

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**End The Anti-Trafficking Super Bowl Scam**

*Sex Workers calls out Santa Clara County Supervisors for self-perpetuating anti-trafficking scam*

**Santa Clara** - Here we go again! Every year major sporting events are touted by law enforcement and the media as hotbeds of “sex trafficking”. And now it is happening (yet again) for the 2026 Santa Clara Super Bowl. While the congress votes to overfund Immigration and Customs Enforcement, ICE, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors adds more funding for their Human Trafficking operations for Superbowl LX being held Sunday, February 8th at Levi Stadium and the stakes couldn’t be higher. It is clear from the Santa Clara County Human Trafficking Commission hearing on Dec. 15, 2025 that their game plan will put many members of the general public in harm's way.

Not only do they have plans to spread their copapganda posters throughout the bay area because they perceive an influx of people into the bay area for not only the Superbowl 2026 but the FIFA World Cups and some March Madness Games, but it was clear from report made by Lieutenant Josh Singleton of the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation that this year's efforts will include a ..‘**human trafficking operations center in Sunnyvale**. This center will house a diverse team, including local, state, and federal law enforcement from the FBI, HSI, and the Department of State’...

Lieutenant Josh Singleton of the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office Bureau of Investigation was also requested \$27,456 **in overtime funding** for county law enforcement officers. This funding is based on an average overtime rate of \$156 per hour for six full-time employees and five additional investigators temporarily assigned during the **Super Bowl operational window from January 25th to February 7th.** Following this report, the committee transitioned to an update from Casey Halen, Deputy County Executive, regarding the landscape of **county funding and the impact of state and federal budget cuts** on survivor services.

“What is of most concern to me and should be to the public is Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), which is a directorate of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will be present in these prostitution sting operations. Given the recent violence in Minnesota, we know now that any one of us can be disappeared and/or deported or even killed”, said Maxine Doogan of the Erotic Service Providers Legal, Education and Research Project.

“Year after year, we see the media parrot false, insidious talking points provided by law enforcement and faith-based groups who are only dedicated to arresting sex workers and eradicating the adult industry altogether—specifically targeting immigrants, Black women, trans women and people of color. All sex workers have the right to work safely with dignity, free from police harassment. Stop siding with violent federal agents and Stop the Raids!” said Antonia Crane, sex worker, author and founder of Strippers United and Stripper Worker Center.

While California State law makers [called on congress to block ICE funding](#), they lacked foresight when they passed AB 379 which puts the general public in a dangerous situation. The new ‘loitering with intent to purchase a commercial sex act’ provision is so overboard that many especially non english speakers could be arrested and set on the deportation track. While they point to their passing of SB54, The California Values Act which is supposed to limit local and state law enforcement from assisting with federal immigration efforts, it seems that won’t apply to misdemeanor prostitution offences.

Stop the raids is a coalition calling for the decriminalization of prostitution and will be rallying on Monday, Feb. 2nd 3-5pm at the San Jose Convention Center. ###

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