



**DATE** November 7, 2018

**TO** GCTD Board of Directors

**FROM** Vanessa Rauschenberger, Director of Planning and Marketing <sup>v.r</sup>

**SUBJECT** **Recognition of Interface Children and Family Services staff for providing Human Trafficking Awareness Training to Gold Coast Transit District**

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## **SUMMARY**

Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery— a multi-billion-dollar criminal industry that denies freedom to millions of people around the world, including here in Ventura County. Gold Coast Transit District recognizes the critical role that the transportation industry has to play in helping to stop the flow of human trafficking in our community. This past month, staff from Interface Children and Family Services including Program Manager Christan Perez and Project Specialist, Sarah Schouten, as well as staff from Ventura County's sheriff Department led training with all GCTD's employees.

We want to recognize and commend the staff of Interface for helping to prepare our employees to recognize and report suspected instances and raising awareness of the issue here in Ventura County. GCTD is committed to working on incorporating this training into annual safety meetings as well as new hire training, as well and will be sharing this information to the passengers we serve.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

In recognition of the effort on the part of Interface staff in providing GCTD with Human Trafficking Awareness Training we want to commend staff for helping initiate this program here at Gold Coast Transit District.

## **GENERAL MANAGER'S CONCURRENCE**

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Steven P. Brown  
General Manager

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