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Dear Friends:

My office is distributing posters to hotels and motels throughout Los Angeles County urging victims of human sex and labor trafficking to call a hotline for help.

The posters are part of a statewide victim assistance notification effort that began with businesses and other establishments, such as bars and bus stations, where these crimes often occur.

By calling the hotline, any one of us can activate an array of social services designed to assist victims who are being enslaved by human traffickers.

Deputy district attorneys, investigators and victim services representatives assigned to my Human Sex Trafficking Section work closely with victims to ensure that they get the services they need to rebuild their lives and are not retraumatized by the criminal justice process.

They also are tough on the traffickers who lure innocent children and vulnerable adults and then sell their bodies to strangers on the streets of Los Angeles County.

These cases, however, are difficult to prosecute without the cooperation of victims. They often take time and persistence.

In 2016, for example, my office became aware of two girls identified as victims of sex trafficking during Operation Reclaim and Rebuild. We had to gain their trust, and after some time, the girls testified against the man who sold them for sex. More than a year later, their trafficker, a third-striker, was sentenced to 58 years to life in state prison.

We hope these posters will help us identify more victims of human sex and labor trafficking.

Together, we can save victims and prosecute those who prey upon them.

To access the poster, [click here](#).

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jackie Lacey".

Jackie Lacey
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