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To: Melissa Marsh, City Manager

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Subject: Interlocal Agreement with Oakland County Sheriff's Office to Participate in the
Oakland County Human Trafficking Task Force

With the assistance of the Oakland County Board of Commissioners and the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, the Oakland County Sheriff's Office (OCSO) is in the process of creating a Human Trafficking Task Force. The mission of the Task Force is to apprehend and convict those involved in human trafficking in Oakland County. Because of the success the Madison Heights Special Investigations Unit (SIU) has had with addressing these issues locally and the partnership SIU has created with the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, the OCSO has approached the Madison Heights Police Department looking for assistance in getting the Human Trafficking Task Force off the ground.

During initial meetings with the OCSO, SIU and OCSO have shared data showing this is a countywide problem that many local departments are currently facing. The OCSO created the Interlocal Agreement to partner with the Madison Heights Police Department as a host agency to the Task Force. The OCSO is responsible for mustering personnel to staff the Task Force and will be responsible for the day-to-day operations. The Madison Heights Police Department will be responsible for providing space and limited office equipment to allow the Task Force to operate in our building. There will be a financial obligation of roughly \$5,000 to supply the Task Force with department equipment such as desk phones, a copy/fax machine, office supplies, and fire/carbon monoxide alarms.

At the onset of the implementation of the Task Force, SIU will train the Task Force with the intent that the Task Force will become independently operational. When this happens, the Madison Heights Police Department will strictly be the host agency, with the hopes of providing staffing to the Task Force in the future. Even absent our current ability to provide staffing to the Task Force, more undercover operations in Madison Heights will help address the local human trafficking problem and will be a readily available resource to our community.

Staff and the Assistant City Attorney have reviewed the Interlocal Agreement, therefore we respectfully request that the Mayor and City Council approve the Agreement and authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement on behalf of the City of Madison Heights.