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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Illicit Massage Issue, Last Call Reminder & Agenda
Date: Monday, April 22, 2024 4:29:29 PM
Attachments: [Public Safety 0423.pdf](#)

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Date: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 11:24:42 AM

Kurtis, I believe your comments made a difference this morning. Thank you for reinforcing my own about the City Manager reaching out to Ahmos.

ONWARD!

MWD

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From: Kurtis Bennett <[REDACTED]>
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Great meeting! I was encouraged by the inter , many voices who spoke up and the extensive conversation. Looking forward to the next steps to be taken by the City , code enforcement and , hopefully, partnership with CAMTC!

Janice Blalock
Sonoma County Human Trafficking Task Force
Verity Board Member
Sent from my iPhone

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