



## **BILL HORN**

**SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT  
SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **AGENDA ITEM**

**DATE:** October 22, 2002

**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**SUBJECT:** White Ribbon against Pornography (WRAP) 2002 Campaign Resolution

**SUMMARY:**

#### **Overview**

Pornography is the silent destroyer of families. It corrupts the user's relationship with his/her spouse, children, co-workers and the community. It is addictive, progressive and as we have seen in the conviction of David Westerfield, it can lead to the murder of a child.

The White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) 2002 Campaign from October 20 to October 27, 2002, is a reminder for families to take a firm stance in safeguarding their homes against pornography and defending the dignity of each person.

Support of the WRAP 2002 Campaign Resolution will encourage citizens throughout San Diego County to fight pornography all year round.

#### **Recommendation(s)**

##### **SUPERVISOR HORN:**

1. Adopt the Resolution to support the White Ribbon Against Pornography 2002 Campaign.
2. Direct CAO to draft a letter for Chair's signature to be sent with a copy of the Resolution to all San Diego County School Districts, PTAs, Cities, Chambers of Commerce and County libraries.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

None

#### **Background:**

Pornography, while legal in many forms is almost never victimless. Pornography is usually consumed in private and kept secret by the user, but its effects are often public.

The Internet has become the greatest purveyor of pornography. The San Diego County District Attorney's Family Protection Division calls the computer the most dangerous machine in the home.

Public safety experts say pornography is the common denominator in many crimes

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against children and men and women. It may not have caused the crime, but its sinister influence is always present. At the very least, pornography corrupts healthy relationships. At worst, it can lead to destructive and criminal behavior.

A child molester will sexually abuse an average of 360 children in their lifetime. More than 50% of child molesters admitted viewing sexually explicit material before committing their crime.

Support of Citizens for Community Values of San Diego and the White Ribbon Against Pornography 2002 Campaign Resolution reaffirms our pledge to family values. It will remind citizens throughout San Diego County of the need to educate all segments of our population to the evil of pornography.

I encourage all of us to be mindful of this attack on our families and to resist the growing threat pornography poses to the moral foundation of our nation.

Respectfully submitted,

**BILL HORN**  
Supervisor, Fifth District

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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, pornography is the silent destroyer of families; and

**WHEREAS**, pornography presents youth with a false and distorted image of human sexuality, devoid of love, commitment, and responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, pornography is addictive, progressive, and corrupts healthy relationships; and

**WHEREAS**, much pornography features and promotes sexual violence and other irresponsible behavior in an era of increasing sexual violence and an epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the murderer of seven year old Danielle Van Dam of San Diego was also found guilty of possessing child pornography; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 50% of child molesters admitted viewing sexually explicit material before committing their crime; and

**WHEREAS**, there are Federal and State obscenity laws against illegal hardcore pornography to protect public safety, public health, and public morality; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Supreme Court has held that obscenity is not protected speech under the First Amendment, and has said that there is a right of the Nation and the State to “maintain a decent society”; and

**WHEREAS**, Citizens for Community Values, San Diego (CCVSD) promotes the enforcement of laws governing pornography; and

**WHEREAS**, support of CCVSD and the White Ribbon Against Pornography 2002 Campaign Resolution reaffirms our pledge to family values

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the San Diego County Board of Supervisors remind citizens throughout San Diego County of the need to educate all segments of our population to the evil of pornography and support the White Ribbon Against Pornography 2002 Campaign from October 20 to October 27, 2002. It will encourage all of us to be mindful of this attack on our families and to resist the growing threat pornography poses to the moral foundation of our nation.

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**AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION SHEET**

**CONCURRENCE(S)**

<b>COUNTY COUNSEL REVIEW</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	
Written Disclosure per County Charter Section 1000.1 Required	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>GROUP/AGENCY FINANCE DIRECTOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Requires Four Votes	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>GROUP/AGENCY INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIRECTOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>COUNTY TECHNOLOGY OFFICE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A
<b>DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A

**Other Concurrence(s):** [Click here and type, or type N/A if not applicable]

**ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT:** [Click here & type]

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