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Councilwoman Helen Z. Willis Sponsors Human Trafficking Awareness Training

(CITY OF SOUTH FULTON, GA – January 24, 2020) – We all share responsibility in combating human trafficking, that’s the message the City of South Fulton is sending through public forums during Human Trafficking Awareness Month.

On Thursday, January 16, District 3 Councilwoman Helen Z. Willis partnered with youthSpark, a non-profit organization that advocates for youth in need of legal and adult protection, and Siloam Church International to educate citizens on the signs of youth exploitation and sex trafficking.

According to a study titled *Hidden in Plain View: The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Girls in Atlanta*, Atlanta is a top sex tourism destination.

“Atlanta is a major transportation hub for trafficking in part due to our airports and interstates,” said Willis. “It’s our responsibility as members of the community to identify human trafficking and start the conversation. If you see something, say something.”

youthSpark will hold a Human Trafficking Forum Thursday, January 30 at Siloam Church International located at 3695 Roosevelt Highway, South Fulton, GA 30349. Speakers on the panel include Councilwoman Helen Z. Willis, Police Chief Keith Meadows and youthSpark Executive Director Jennifer Swain. The event will take place at 6:30 p.m.

To register for the Human Trafficking Forum, visit youth-Spark.org.

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