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Lyon County Citizens Will Decide the Fate of Exploitation and Prostitution this November

By [NO LITTLE GIRL](#)

CARSON CITY, Nevada—June 7, 2018 – Today Lyon County Commissioners voted unanimously to place an advisory question on November’s general election ballot, which will allow Lyon County voters to decide for the first time ever, if they wish to allow the continued exploitation and abuse of women in their county, under the guise of “legal prostitution.”

Citizens of Lyon County, Nevada filed a referendum in April to get the issue on the ballot, with the help of [No Little Girl](#), a campaign funded and administered by [End Trafficking and Prostitution Political Action Committee](#) (ETAP, PAC), a registered 501(c)4 committed to supporting efforts to end sex trafficking and prostitution in Nevada through awareness, advocacy, policy, and legislation.

Rebekah Charleston, a survivor of more than ten years in the sex trade, including Nevada legal brothels stated “I am so glad to see Lyon County taking a stand against the status quo of legal prostitution. Prostitution is not a victimless crime, nor is it a safe desirable profession for those who truly have options.”

“We are thrilled that the Commissioners of Lyon County recognize the importance of this issue and the timeliness of this vote. With the #MeToo movement, it is important to also listen to the voices of survivors within the sex industry who have been hurt by the promises of safety and security of legal prostitution, only to be physically and mentally broken by a system advertised to protect them.” said Kimberly Mull, a survivor of sex trafficking and No Little Girl Co-Founder.

Legalized prostitution in Nevada has done nothing to stem victimization within the illicit sex trade. Legal prostitution only fuels the illegal sex trade. Sex trafficking is most prevalent where prostitution is legalized. A new [report](#) from Creighton University’s Human Trafficking Initiative shows Nevada’s illegal sex market is by far the largest of any other state in the nation, 63 percent larger than the next largest state, New York and more than twice as large as California.

No Little Girl volunteers have been working to collect thousands of signatures needed to get the issue on the ballot, however, seeing the desire of the county residents and recognizing the need of many of the women being victimized within the legal brothel system, County Commissioners chose to act on their own and unanimously voted to place the advisory question on the ballot with a promise to fulfill the will of the people.

The advisory question on the ballot will read ‘Shall the Lyon County Board of Commissioners rescind Title 3, Chapter 5, the Lyon County Brothel Ordinance, in order to end brothels and legalized prostitution in Lyon County, Nevada?’

Rebekah encourages Lyon County citizens to, “Please stand up to end legal prostitution!”

Rebekah Charleston is a survivor of human trafficking. Trafficked on the streets of Dallas at age 17 and eventually through a brothel in Nevada, she knows all of the ins and outs of the criminal enterprises that prey off vulnerable youth. Now a leader in the anti-trafficking movement, Rebekah trains all over the U.S. and has partnered with multiple state and federal agencies, earning numerous awards.

[Kimberly Mull](#) is a survivor of child sex trafficking turned policy expert, co-founder of No Little Girl, and the founder of Kimberly Mull Advocacy and Consulting (KMAC). KMAC is a strategic lobbying and consulting firm with an innovative approach to improving the response to and support of victims' rights across the sexual violence spectrum.

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