



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

700 H STREET, SUITE 2450, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814

PHIL SERNA
SUPERVISOR, FIRST DISTRICT
Telephone (916) 874-5485
FAX (916) 874-7593
E-Mail supervisorserna@saccounty.net

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
December 13, 2017

CONTACT: Lisa Nava, Chief of Staff
Naval@saccounty.net
916.874.5485

Sacramento County to consider measures protecting hotel workers from sexual harassment and assault

Sacramento, CA – In November of 2016, the voters in the City of Seattle approved a local ordinance protecting hotel housekeepers from hotel guests subjecting them to sexual harassment. In October of this year, the City of Chicago adopted a similar ordinance.

Those ordinances require hotels to provide housekeepers with “panic buttons” – electronic devices they carry with them and can use to call hotel security when they are sexually harassed and can prevent sexual assault.

Today, I have asked County staff to draft an ordinance for the hotels in unincorporated Sacramento County modeled after Chicago’s.

One of the best news stories about this issue, “Hispanic hotel workers tell their stories of sexual harassment” aired on *Univision News* on December 3, 2017 and can be found at: <https://www.univision.com/shows/al-punto/hispanas-trabajadoras-de-hotel-cuentan-sus-historias-de-acoso-sexual-video>

###