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Former Porn Actress Speaks Out Against Porn Following Cock Fighting Issue

Former porn actress, Shelley Lubben, spoke out about the illegal and unsafe work conditions in the California porn industry to Los Angeles City Public Safety Committee following the cock fighting issue.

Apparently Shelley went on the right day.

"I am a former porn actress and survivor of the porn industry where I caught Genital Herpes, a non-curable disease, HPV and I developed early cervical cancer and had half of my cervix removed. I am not alone. 70% of sexually transmitted infections occur in females. Women are lured in, coerced and forced to do sex acts they never agreed to. It is illegal for bodily fluids to touch skin and yet it happens every day in the porn industry. Los Angeles Public health and Cal Osha aren't enforcing the laws and are unconcerned with safety and health of adult film industry workers. The porn industry is modern day slavery and California needs to do something about it."

According to figures cited by Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, there were 2,013 documented cases of Chlamydia among porn performers between 2003 and 2007. In the same period, 965 cases of gonorrhea were documented. Many performers suffer multiple infections. In the period April 2004 to March 2008 there have been 2,847 STD infections diagnosed among 1,884 performers in the hardcore industry in LA County. As recent as June, 2009, a porn actress tested positive for HIV. LA Public Health attributes the epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases in the porn industry to a lack of protective equipment for partners, including condoms.

When asked if Shelley wants to ban porn by Councilman Dennis Zine, Shelley replied, "If the illegally operating porn industry can operate legally and follow the same laws as any other business in California then I'll leave them alone. But I know the porn industry can't operate legally. The basis for their business is illegal activities such as prostitution, forcing workers to do hardcore sex acts without following workplace laws and offering drugs and alcohol to help workers get through hardcore scenes. The California porn industry is an illegal and disease infested industry and California needs to do something about it now!"

Shelley requested a special hearing to present evidence of abuse in the porn industry as well as other former porn actresses who want to testify.

During the hearing Shelley was disgusted to listen to the issue of cock fighting because it seemed roosters receive more attention from Los Angeles than adult film workers who risk their lives daily while California makes millions off of them.

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