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Gender-based violence (GBV) or violence against women and girls (VAWG) is a global epidemic and represents one of the most prevalent human rights violations in the world. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), one in three, or 30%, of women have been subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner or non-partner sexual violence or both. Further, almost one third of women aged 15-49 years who have been in a relationship report that they have been subjected to physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner.

In the City of Los Angeles, a Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department report (CF 22-0102) revealed that Latinas were, undoubtedly, the population most affected by gender-based violence.

In summary, the CHRED report noted the following:

- While only representing 24.2% of the city’s population, Latinas account for approximately 50.5% of female domestic violence victims.
- Between 2011 and 2022, Latinas made up approximately 42.8% of female homicides and 36.7% of missing women.
- Between 2011 and 2022, Latinas accounted for 28,368 cases of aggravated assault among women.
- Between 2011 and 2022, Latinas represented the highest number of rape victims by race.

Violence against women, including individuals that identify as women, is preventable, but putting an end to it must start with prevention tactics. By providing more resources at a younger age, women can learn how to avoid or, if necessary, better handle these dangerous situations.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council request the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP), with the assistance of the Youth Development Department and the Chief Legislative Analyst, report on curriculum-based self defense programming by geographical area that have been or are currently being offered by RAP, and other departments, and possible expansion of the programming for Women of all ages.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council request RAP, with the assistance of the City Administrative Officer, to report on possible curriculum-based self defense programming for Women of all ages if none currently exist. This report should include budget requirements, and be prioritized by geographic locations.

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