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Community Impact Statement, adopted unanimously by the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council governing board, 2-7-13

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REQUEST FOR AGENDA ITEM SEEKING APPROVAL OF FUNDING, PROGRAMS, OR EVENTS

Date January 29, 2013

Name/Committee Paul Michael Neuman and Renee Nahum

Text of Motion on the Agenda*: moves that the Silver Lake Neighborhood Council adopt the following Community Impact Statement regarding Council File 13-002-S16, SB 47 / Reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, and furthermore, requests that all fellow neighborhood councils consider adopting the same or similar CIS:

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Describe the event/project in detail. Include as much supplemental information as possible (background information; supporting and opposing viewpoints, if available, etc.) Attach additional sheets as necessary

The Violence Against Women Act of 1994, introduced by then-Senator Joe Biden and Senator Orrin Hatch, signaled a major shift in how our country addresses domestic violence. The law focused on an organized community response, uniting services for victims, law enforcement, and courts, to protect victims and hold perpetrators accountable. The annual incidence of domestic violence has decreased by 53 percent since it was passed.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, nearly one in four women report experiencing severe physical violence by an intimate partner, and nearly one in five women have been raped in their lifetime. One of the cornerstones of the Violence Against Women Act has been its positive impact in underserved communities where it has directed the necessary resources and law enforcement needed to reduce domestic violence. The authors of the updated law seek to improve services and for victims of violence in the LGBT, Native American, and immigrant communities.

Idaho Senator Mike Crapo and Vermont Senator Patrick Leahy have introduced Senate Bill 47, in the 113th Congress to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act of 1994, which will expand protections for women and underserved groups throughout the country:

The City of Los Angeles Resolution regarding this issue can be found at [HYPERLINK](#)

"http://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2013/13-0002-S16_RESO_01-25-13.pdf"

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What is the perceived/potential impact on the community if we adopt the motion (pro and con)?

Pro: The Violence Against Women Act has served to protect people, heal victims, and hold perpetrators accountable while lessening the annual numbers of domestic violence incidents. Reauthorization of this Act, and expansion and improvement of its services to better include the LGBT, Native American, and immigrant communities, will make this invaluable, life saving Act even more invaluable.

Con: There are those who believe such Acts, and in particular their application to specific communities, divide and polarize people by creating special classes of victimhood.

What is the total budget for the project? How much is the SLNC asked to commit? Are there alternate funding sources? (Please attach itemized budget.) N/A

What is the timeline for the project? (Be sure to include deadline for Board action, major dates, etc.) If adopted, the Community Impact Statement will be filed with the City, sent to our local U.S. Senator and Representative offices, and will be shared with leadership of all other neighborhood councils and neighborhood council alliances, within one week's time.

From which budget line(s) are the funds to be drawn? N/A

How will this motion be implemented, and by whom? The motion will be implemented by the co-chair(s) of the Governmental Affairs committee.

*If motion is approved, please be sure to see the Treasurer to fill out a Demand Warrant so that payment may be issued promptly.