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There are many women and men each year who suffer from domestic abuse. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that on average, 24 people per minute are victims of rape, physical violence or stalking by an intimate partner, which equates to more than 12 million women and men over the course of one year. One in four women and one in seven men who are 18 years or older in the United States have been the victim of severe physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Several organizations throughout Los Angeles and nationwide provide assistance to victims of domestic abuse. National toll-free hotlines are an available resource that individuals seeking assistance with escaping emotional, physical, sexual or financial abuse can call, and sometimes even online chat or text, to speak with advocates who can help. These services are usually free and confidential. One such hotline is the National Domestic Violence Hotline (DV Hotline). Each year the DV Hotline receives 4 million calls, chats, and texts from people seeking assistance. The DV Hotline can provide referrals to local/state resources; personalized safety planning; crisis intervention; information requests; and domestic violence education and materials.

The DV Hotline and other organizations often have resources available on their websites that the public may download. On the DV Hotline website, one can obtain brochures regarding the services they provide as well as awareness stickers that can be printed on a home computer. Since October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the City should also seek to raise awareness about domestic abuse prevention by posting/displaying information within City facilities.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of General Services, Recreation and Parks, Library, any other City departments with facilities that are frequently accessed by the public, with the assistance of the City's Domestic Violence Task Force and the City Administrative Officer, to report on the feasibility and cost for posting/displaying information for domestic abuse prevention resources within City facilities and to identify potential locations to post this information.

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