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Summary: The Zapata King Neighborhood Council (ZKNC) is deeply concerned about the increase of Black women and girls facing the highest murder rate of any ethnic group in the United States and supports council file 22-0102 Equity Analysis / Violence and Crime / Black Women and Girls / Missing Person Cases.

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**RE: Equity Analysis / Violence and Crime / Black Women and Girls / Missing Person Cases
Council File: 22-0102**

**Los Angeles City
Council City Hall
200 North Spring St.
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

Honorable members of the Los Angeles City Council,

The Zapata King Neighborhood Council (ZKNC) is deeply concerned about the increase of Black women and girls facing the highest murder rate of any ethnic group in the United States and supports council file 22-0102 Equity Analysis / Violence and Crime / Black Women and Girls / Missing Person Cases.

On January 8, 2022, Tioni Theus, a 16-year old Black girl and resident of the City of Los Angeles was found dead on the 110 southbound freeway on-ramp on Manchester Avenue. According to reporting in the Los Angeles Times, nearly two weeks elapsed before requests for public assistance in finding Tioni's killer were made. To date, the murder of Tioni Theus remains unsolved and no substantive known progress has been made in the case aside from increasing the reward to identify the suspect.

As highlighted in the MOTION, while violent crime against any individual, regardless of race or gender, is a terrible tragedy, deep inequities exist in the violence and crime Black women and girls face. A 2016 study published in the Northwestern Law Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology revealed that while Black Americans make up more than a third of all missing persons reported to the FBI, they make up approximately one-fifth of the missing persons reported in the mainstream media. By comparison, the study showed that white missing persons received slightly more media coverage than their actual share of the total missing persons population.

Due to the urgency of this issue and long standing history of violence against Black Americans, we urge that the Civil + Human Rights and Equity Department expedite their report back on an equity analysis on violence and crime Black women and girls face in the City of Los Angeles, the rate at which homicides

and violent crimes against them are solved, how missing persons cases involving Black women and girls are handled, and policy recommendations for providing equity and justice for these victims and their families.

In conclusion, the ZKNC is in support of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chelsea McElwee, President
Zapata-King Neighborhood Council