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Providing counselling, advocacy and support for abused women.

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Chair and Members
Community and Neighbourhoods Committee

Re: Delegation Status at August 16, 2011 Meeting

The London Abused Women's Centre requests delegation status at your meeting of August 16, 2011 to present Pornography and its Impact on the Community. We require a projector and screen and will need 35 minutes for the presentation.

Our presentation fits into the City's vision statement; We are a caring, responsive community committed to the health and well-being of all Londoners. The actions we take will be socially, environmentally and fiscally responsible so that our quality of life is enhanced and sustained for future generations. Our people, heritage, diverse economy, strategic location, land and resources are our strengths.

We understand city council appoints at least three members of council to the Western Fair Association. The Association has in the past rented its tax free space to the Everything to do With Sex Show. This show is sponsored by the country's largest pornography distribution company. The London Abused Women's Centre requested delegation status at the Western Fair Board of Director's meeting to discuss the impact pornography has on communities across the country but was refused.

Given the Western Fair enjoys tax free status within the City of London and benefits from the appointment of three city councillors to its Board, it is appropriate that we therefore bring our presentation before your committee.

The presentation is graphic in nature and limited to only those individuals over the age of 19.

Please advise me of the time of our delegation.

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Thank you.

Megan Walker Executive Director