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Dear Deputy Mayor Maureen Cassidy and members of the Corporate Services Committee,

I am a second year student at King's University College. My degree title is an Honors Double Major in Social Justice and Peace Studies with Political Science. Currently, I am involved in a co-curricular internship program that connects female university students to female city councillors.

This engagement led me to consider how I can contribute to the City Council's vision. In the City of London's 2015-2019 Strategic Plan, I was excited to see the vision of strengthening communities through implementing a gender lens during policy development. This is an academic interest of mine that I have researched extensively. I noticed there is a lack of an outline for what a gender lens entails as well as how the Council could apply the process in practice.

I formally request to attend the Corporate Services Committee meeting on April 26th, 2016. I am interested in giving a brief (15-20 minute) presentation regarding ways to implement a gender lens through practical techniques. I would be able to provide examples of when the Council applied a gender lens well and when the Council could have benefitted from the application of a gender lens.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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