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RE: ANOVA & London Abused Women's Centre Recommendations for City of London Strategic Plan

Hello Ms. Saunders,

Jeanne Sarson and I are contacting you to support the excellent proposed London City Strategic Plan by ANOVA and the London Abused Women's Center (LAWC) entitled **Strategic Area of Focus: Creating a Safe London for Women and Girls**. We have worked with LAWC since 2014. We have great respect for their work of supporting women and girls who have been harmed by sexual harassment, sexual assault, human trafficking, prostitution and non-State torture (NST). Our area of expertise is NST and we have provided education and consultation relating to NST to LAWC. They are a women's centre at the forefront in Canada in addressing male violence against women and girls and this strategic plan is another example of their forward thinking. To our knowledge there is no other city in Canada who would have such a plan and London would become a role model for other cities nationally and globally in this regard.

Research shows that how women and girls are treated effects how communities and countries thrive economically and enhances safety for all. By having a strategy that focuses specifically on the well being of the women and girl's that live in your city of London the entire city will benefit on many levels. And to name sexualized human trafficking and non-State torture in this strategy the city would be dealing directly in reducing organized crime. We commend you for your leadership in Canada and stand wholeheartedly with you in this strategy as the way forward for the safety and well being of women and girls and for all members of a your city of London.

Regards,

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