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Cathy Saunders
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City Clerk's Office
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Dear Ms. Saunders:

Women and girls are entitled to feel safe and secure in their environment. As a community, we all need to draw attention to the violence that women and girls experience in their home, at work or school, or in a public place such as a bar or park, or while using public transportation.

It is for this reason that I support the recommendations from Anova and London Abused Women's Centre ("LAWC") in relation to the City of London's Strategic Plan 2019-2023 to decrease male violence against women and girls and creating a safe London for women and girls.

As part of the overall strategy of community safety and well-being, we all have a responsibility to bring awareness, support and action to address violence against women and girls.

London police are responding to an increasing number of reports of sexual assaults and other types of violence against women. Over the last five years (2014 to 2018), there has been an increase of nearly 72% in reported sexual assault incidents and a 16% increase in reported intimate partner Criminal Code offences.

We continue to collaborate with Anova and LAWC to address male violence against women and girls who are subjected to abuse, assault in their intimate relationships, sex trafficking and sexual assault. However, initiatives to create a safer city for girls and women must to be a priority for the City of London as a whole and included in the strategic plan for the next four years.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Pare'.

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