

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF TEEN-DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - Copy of Proclamation for Teen-Dating Violence Awareness Month

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ROSS gave statistics on teen-dating violence. He invited to the podium BRETT ZIMMERMAN, Captain, Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro); ROB LUNDQUIST, Lieutenant, Metro; ELYNNE GREENE, Metro's Victim Services; RENEE LAZARO, Family and Child Treatment of Southern Nevada; SAMANTHA WILES, S.A.F.E. House; and ANDREA SUNDBERG, Nevada Coalition Against Sexual Violence. The Councilman acknowledged these individuals and many others who go to great strides in providing information to the public on available resources and stressed the need for everyone to help in raising the awareness and preventing such violence. This month, posters will be distributed throughout the city of Las Vegas with information on shelters and resource centers.

LIEUTENANT LUNDQUIST stated that it was a great opportunity to work together with other organizations within the community to prevent violence, as these patterns start long before the violence occurs. It is important to take a hard look at these issues, holding individuals accountable and providing assistance. He acknowledged some organizations that provide services to both the victims and perpetrators, so that healthy relationships can be developed which create safer communities.

On behalf of the city and the Council, COUNCILMAN ROSS presented the proclamation to LIEUTENANT LUNDQUIST and thanked everyone for their efforts in creating healthier environments.