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TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Councilman Manny Pelaez, District 8
COPIES TO: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Debbie Racca-Sittre, Interim City Clerk; Andy Segovia, City Attorney; John Peterek, Assistant to the City Manager; Emily McGinn, Assistant to City Council
SUBJECT: Amplifying Domestic Violence, Family Violence, and Sex Trafficking Awareness Through City and City-related Touchpoints
DATE: October 18, 2021

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I request your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee and subsequent approval by the full City Council:

Direction to City staff to amplify domestic violence, sex trafficking, and intimate partner violence awareness campaigns and expand awareness of and access to vital services by activating city department and city-related touchpoints for transmission.

Background

San Antonio has a domestic violence problem, yet we've made tremendous strides in building up community networks to respond to domestic violence and provide support for those in need. The new SAPD Crisis Response Unit, continued investments in the Violence Prevention Division, and the establishment of and ongoing work by the Collaborative Commission on Domestic Violence demonstrate the serious attention our community is paying to this critical issue. However, there is still so much more that can be done to build awareness of domestic violence, family violence, and human trafficking support resources.

From CPS and SAWS monthly billing inserts to our local workforce agencies, emergency housing assistance programs to delegate-agency funded Family Services Promotoras, each city and city-related service creates potential touchpoints to engage in outreach and build awareness about how to identify family violence and trafficking, how to report it, and how to seek support services.

Despite the novel efforts we have led in the last few years to address this critical issue, the frequency and severity of domestic violence instances in San Antonio continue to point to an endemic family violence problem and underscore the impetus to make these resources

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ubiquitous in our community.

That is why must operationalize a plan to equip city and city-affiliated organizations with requirements to distribute informational resources regarding domestic violence and human trafficking. Potential conduits for this outreach include but are not limited to:

- City Departments that conduct public outreach
- Human Services delegate agencies
- San Antonio Food Bank
- Municipal Court
- Pre-K 4 SA
- Right to Counsel agencies
- San Antonio Public Libraries
- SAWS and CPS Energy
- VIA Transit
- Workforce Solutions Alamo and other workforce-related delegate agencies

For the above stated reasons, I request your support.

Submitted for Council consideration by:

Councilman Manny Pelaez, District 8

Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures (4 only)

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