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Reinforcing Targeted Domestic Violence Prevention Efforts

During the month of June, the country has witnessed multiple incidents of children and their mothers dying at the hands of their fathers/spouses. Three fathers each killed their families in Iowa, New York, and Florida. Meanwhile, in Canoga Park, a man is alleged to have shot his 10-year-old twin sons before committing suicide. Although more prevalent, acts of domestic violence are not isolated to men. For instance, in May, a North Hills woman was suspected of killing her husband and two children prior to committing suicide. Unfortunately, although overall homicide rates are decreasing, homicides resulting from domestic violence are not. In fact, according to the Washington Post, the number of cases in which an individual kills four or more family members is higher in the first half of 2026, than the total number cases in 2025.

Given the rise in cases of individuals, many of whom are men, killing their intimate partners and family members prior to committing suicide, it is critical that the County engage in efforts that prevent such acts of domestic violence. The Washington Post indicates that many of these deaths are committed with firearms. Additionally, while some commit these acts due to an unhealthy sense of entitlement over their

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partners when they try to leave a relationship, others commit such acts out of a misguided sense of honor when facing hardship.

The Department of Public Health's Office of Violence Prevention (OVP) has engaged in significant efforts to prevent domestic violence throughout the County. This includes Gender-Based Violence Prevention grants for organizations that engage men and boys to promote positive gender norms and healthy interpersonal relationships. Additionally, OVP and its partners have developed valuable tools to expand knowledge and use of domestic violence restraining orders (DVROs) and gun violence restraining orders (GVROs), which may reduce firearm injuries and deaths. Nonetheless, the County must continue to identify opportunities to further strengthen domestic violence prevention efforts, particularly acts that involve gun owners and the death of multiple family members. This includes reinforced targeted outreach to men and boys, as well as the provision of mental health and suicide prevention supports.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Department of Public Health's Office of Violence Prevention (OVP), in collaboration with the Department of Mental Health, to report back in writing in 30 days on opportunities to do the following:

1. Expand existing domestic violence and suicide prevention efforts among men, boys, and families in the County;
2. Augment OVP's "Check for Respect" teen dating violence prevention toolkit to

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provide resources and messaging for youth perpetrating harm;

3. Promote the use of domestic violence restraining orders (DVROs) and gun violence restraining orders (GVROs) across the County in recognition of the role of firearms in domestic violence incidents and ability of restraining orders to reduce suicides and interpersonal violence; and
4. Centralize and disseminate information on supportive mental health services that are currently available for those impacted by domestic violence, with a focus on those who perpetrate violence.

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