



Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

Meeting Date:

January 31, 2012

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Elected/Appointed Official/Dept. Head:

Greg Hamilton, Sheriff

Commissioners Court Sponsor:

Sam T. Biscoe, County Judge

AGENDA LANGUAGE:

Consider and take appropriate action on the following:

- A. Recognize February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention month (read Resolution)
- B. Recognize the 2012 "Jump Up and Stop Teen Dating Violence" outreach campaign (show public service announcement video).

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY OF REQUEST AND ATTACHMENTS:

See attached memo and campaign push card (video provided to media services).

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Continue the outreach opportunity.

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:

The outreach campaign is to raise awareness of Teen Dating Violence and to encourage teens to make good decisions, trust their instincts, and know their boundaries to have a healthy relationship.

FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:

There is no fiscal impact for the "2012 Jump up & Stop Teen Dating Violence." The program is supported by community partnerships and existing resources.

REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:

Chief Jim Sylvester
Travis County Sheriff's Office
TCSO, 854-9787

AGENDA REQUEST DEADLINE: All agenda requests and supporting materials must be submitted as a pdf to Cheryl Aker in the County Judge's office, Cheryl.Aker@co.travis.tx.us by Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. for the next week's meeting.



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January 11, 2012

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Sam Biscoe, County Judge
Honorable Ron Davis, Commissioner, Precinct 1
Honorable Sarah Eckhardt, Commissioner, Precinct 2
Honorable Karen Huber, Commissioner, Precinct 3
Honorable Margaret Gomez, Commissioner, Precinct 4

FROM: Sheriff Greg Hamilton 

SUBJECT: Recognize Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month

The Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO) would like to take this opportunity to recognize Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. According to a recent survey conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "dating violence can have a negative effect on health throughout life."

- Teens may engage in unhealthy behaviors, like using drugs and alcohol, and are more likely to have eating disorders, and
- Teens who are victims in high school are at higher risk for victimization during college.

In effort to compliment the Teen Dating Violence PSA contest the Travis County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Advocacy Project will launch its "**2012 Jump Up & Stop Teen Dating Violence**" campaign. We have partnered with six school districts where each varsity boy/ girls basketball player will wear purple shoe laces during the month of February games to promote awareness to Teen Dating Violence. It is our hope that more awareness of this growing problem will keep our teens safe.

Resolution

WHEREAS, 72% of 8th and 9th graders reportedly “date”;

WHEREAS, 1 in 4 adolescents report verbal, physical, emotional, or sexual abuse from a dating partner each year;

WHEREAS, about 10% of students nationwide report being physically hurt by a boyfriend or girlfriend in the past 12 months;

WHEREAS, cell phone calls and texting mean constant control: 1 in 3 teens say they are text messaged 10, 20, 30 times an hour by a partner who is keeping tabs on them, and

WHEREAS the establishment of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month will benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or sex: Now, therefore, the Travis County Commissioner’s Court (1) designates the month of February 2012, as “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month”; (2) supports communities to empower teens to develop healthier relationships; and (3) calls upon the citizens of Travis County including youth and parents, schools, law enforcement, and interested groups to observe National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month with appropriate programs and activities that promote awareness and prevention of the crime of teen dating violence in their communities.

Signed and entered this _____th day of January, 2012.

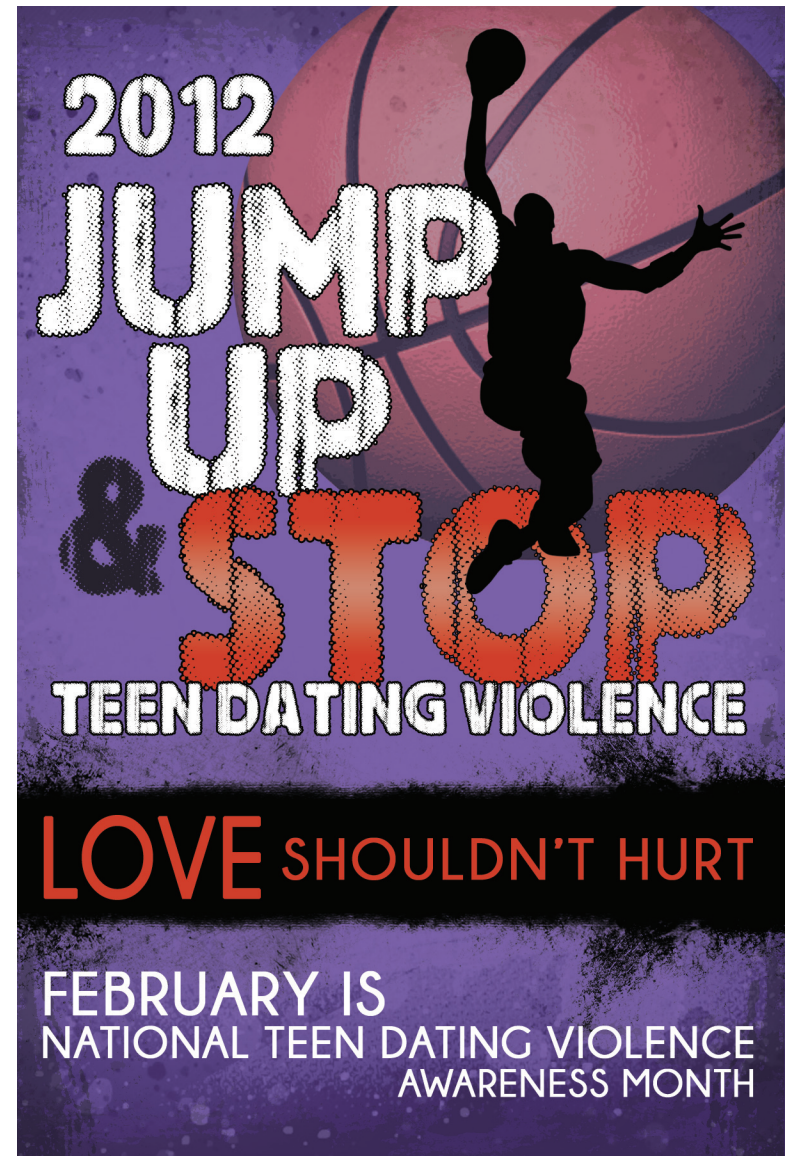
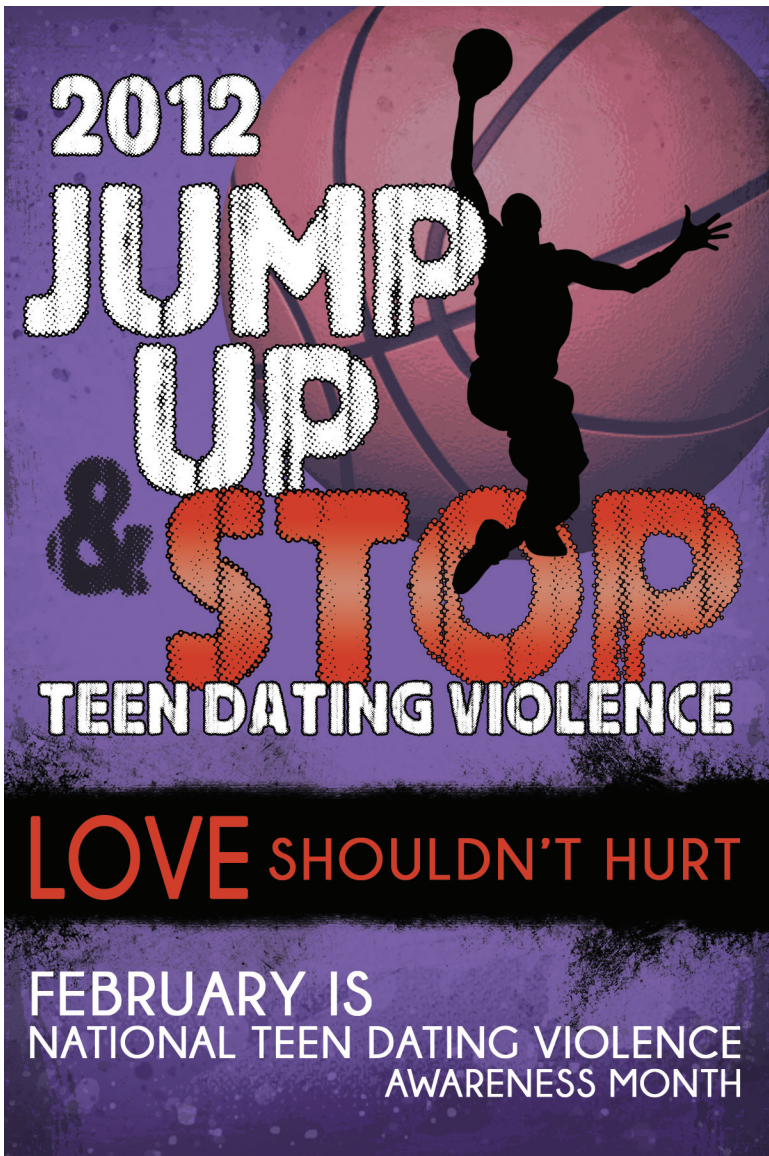
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1-866-331-9474



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