

RESOLUTION NO. 120-2023

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA
AUTHORIZING THE APPROPRIATION OF A ONE-TIME GRANT OF \$10,000 TO
CORA (COMMUNITY OVERCOMING RELATIONSHIP ABUSE)
TO FUND SPEAK UP PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) is the only agency in San Mateo County solely dedicated to helping those affected by intimate partner abuse; and

WHEREAS, CORA offers a range of programs and services, including a 24-hour, multilingual crisis hotline, an emergency response program, a housing and advocacy program, family-centered adult and child mental health services, and legal services; and

WHEREAS, as a 501(c) (3) charitable, nonprofit organization, 71%, 14%, and 13% of CORA's revenue comes from government grants, foundations, and individual donations, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the September 8, 2022 murder of Karina Castro, a 27-year-old San Carlos resident and mother of two young children, allegedly by her estranged boyfriend, has raised the community's consciousness about the prevalence and risks of domestic violence throughout the San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, at its October 9, 2023 City Council meeting, Mayor Tygarjas Bigstycck presented a proclamation to a CORA representative, designating October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, CORA has submitted a proposal to the City for one-time funding in the amount of \$10,000 to develop and implement the SPEAK UP Pilot Program to provide a broad spectrum of Pacifica businesses with the training and tools needed to identify the signs of domestic violence among their employees and staff in order to provide support to these individuals in a safe and helpful way; and

WHEREAS, the Speak Up Community Education Program Pilot is rooted in the belief that when the community is informed and empowered to offer help, it is better prepared to reduce violence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pacifica City Council hereby approves a one-time grant of \$10,000 to fund CORA for its Speak Up pilot program in the City of Pacifica. It is further resolved that the City Council amends the FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget to appropriate these funds from the unappropriated General Fund balance.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pacifica, California, held on the 9th day of October, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES, Councilmembers: Beckmeyer, Bier, Bigstycck, Boles, Vaterlaus.

NOES, Councilmembers: n/a

ABSENT, Councilmembers: n/a

ABSTAIN, Councilmembers: n/a


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ATTEST:



Sarah Coffey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michelle Kenyon, City Attorney