

**Community Conversations – Topic #8 Ad Hoc Subcommittee  
Working Document**

**Community Conversations Topic:**

**Board Member: Paula Amezola and Palvi Mohammed**

1. Topic: Sexual Harassment and Assault
  - a. Statement by Paula Amezola:

“To continue to strengthen our goal to creating a kinder Culver City, we propose the community topic “#MeToo - Changing the Culture Around Us”. This topic will include a discussion on respecting one another and the effects of gender, race and class on sexual harassment & assault. In the recent months we have seen how sexual assault is a national, state and local problem, that we need to address now. Let's use this moment in time as a catalyst to bring awareness of the prevalence of sexual assault and changing the culture to prevent anyone else from experiencing this. It's important to educate our youth about acceptable and unacceptable behavior in school, the workplace or in public spaces (such as parks). The focus will be on respecting one another especially those that are our subordinates. We hope to strike a balance between empowering girls to say “no” to unwanted behaviours and helping boys understand appropriate behaviour.
  - b. Main Speaker
    - i. **Teen educators from The Talk Project -**  
<https://ncjwla.org/thetalkproject/>
  - c. Other Speakers
    - i. Invite someone to speak about the #MeToo movement
    - ii. City Attorney to talk about CC policy or a Sexual Harassment Attorney
    - iii. School Administrators/Counselors
  - d. Focus
    - i. Teen recognizing and addressing sexual harassment & assault
  - e. Connection to parks
    - i. No tolerance for this in CC Parks, and community centers
  - f. Potential Formats
    - i. Bring the “Talk Project” to the chambers on the third Wed of April 18th (parents and kids) at 6PM and have parents and youth participate in this community conversation
    - ii. Think about how the Teen Center can utilize the Talk Project at a later date for teen only conversation
  - g. Next Steps
    - i. Question by board member: Q. How they will use the movie and conceptualize the activities of the group
    - ii. Paula will send the draft document to Patty
    - iii. Palvi will ask coordinator from the Talk Project to come present to us and answer any questions

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### h. Data

- i. The second most common insurance claims at academic institutions is sexual assault (only second to assault & battery). From The movie The Hunting Ground
- ii. 1 in 4 girls and 1 in 6 boys will be sexually abused before they turn 18 years old. <http://sumo.ly/2aV2> via <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/cm2014.pdf>
- iii. Three Culver City High football players raped girl, and recorded and used videos to blackmail her. Lawsuit in January 2015. . January illegal sexual assault. <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-lawsuit-culver-city-high-football-rape-20150120-story.html>
- iv. Culver City resident “Daniel Stevens) faced a judge on Aug 2017 because he was accused of sexual assaulting 3 women in Beverly Hills. <https://patch.com/california/beverlyhills/culver-city-man-accused-sexual-assault-appear-court-today>