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### **Domestic Violence: We Cannot Wait to Act**

**Longueuil, October 18, 2021** — A few days after his meeting with the Women’s Center of Longueuil, Jean-Marc Léveillé emphasizes one of the elements of his program that is particularly close to his heart: the safety of women victims of domestic violence.

An analysis of data from 2015 from the Québec Ministry of Public Security carried out by the newspaper Le Devoir in 2020 revealed that a quarter of violent acts are committed in a context of domestic violence. A reality that has particularly upset all of Québec in recent months, when the number of femicides has increased.

If elected Mayor, Jean-Marc Léveillé undertakes to finance a permanent crisis unit in matters of domestic violence on the model which has already proven its worth in Laval and which provides full support from the first alert. Also, aware that the housing needs for women in distress are clearly insufficient, Jean-Marc Léveillé undertakes to finance the relocation and accommodation of women victims of domestic violence to meet the needs.

“It is simply unacceptable to say that we have to wait for better funding from Québec to act. As Mayor, I will ensure that the City advances the necessary funds to meet urgent needs and then send its share of the bill to the provincial government. The security of the population cannot wait for the politicians to act.” - Jean-Marc Léveillé.

Mr. Léveillé is also confident that the mayors of other towns in the Agglomeration will be open to extending such a program to the entire territory. The mayoral candidate for Longueuil Citizen concludes by highlighting the exceptional work already carried out in a difficult context by the Agglomeration Police Department.

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Reference: [https://www.ledevoir.com/documents/special/20-02\\_violence-conjugale-quebec/index.html](https://www.ledevoir.com/documents/special/20-02_violence-conjugale-quebec/index.html)