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1 October Memorial Committee to Meet Aug. 24 Public Invited to Join Email List to Get Updates, Offer Feedback

Clark County's 1 October Memorial Committee will meet at **9 a.m.** on **Wednesday, Aug. 24**, in the Clark County Commission Chambers at the Clark County Government Center located at 500 S. Grand Central Parkway in downtown Las Vegas.

The Committee is expected to approve a new due date for accepting Call for Creative Expressions submissions from the public and to receive an update on activities since launching its process to accept ideas for the memorial. Anyone wishing to share an idea for a memorial or creativity inspired in response to the 1 October shooting that occurred in 2017 at the Route 91 music festival is invited to participate. Drawings, paintings, poems, songs, essays and photos are among the submissions received so far. The current submission due date is Sept. 30, 2022. Professional artists, not part of a design team, also are invited to submit a resume or portfolio of their work if interested in participating in the memorial development process. The goal is to create a memorial that remembers those who perished in the incident, honors the survivors, first responders and everyday heroes who inspired the nation with their bravery, and celebrates the resiliency and compassion of our community.

"Our committee recognizes that the process of creating a lasting memorial is also part of the healing journey for our community and all those affected by the tragedy," said Committee Chairman Tennille Pereira, who also serves as director of the County's Vegas Strong Resiliency Center. "The upcoming anniversary of 1 October is likely to inspire more Creative Expressions submissions, so we want to extend the due date past the first of October to give people as much opportunity as possible to participate."

Wednesday's 1 October Memorial Committee meeting can be viewed live on Clark County Television (CCTV) and online at www.youtube.com/user/ClarkCountyNV/live or the committee's Facebook page @1OctoberMemorial. The meeting agenda is posted on the 1 October Memorial pages of the County's website at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/1OctoberMemorial and includes information to participate remotely using WebEx.

In June, the committee and County leaders kicked off the first phase of an 18-month process to gather ideas for a memorial from the public and professionals that will result in a formal recommendation for a project in the summer of 2023. The Call for Creative Expressions invites the public to share ideas for the memorial or any form of creativity made in response to the tragedy. Submissions can be shared via the committee's website at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/1OctoberMemorial and through a special app at <https://bit.ly/3ntZE66>. Participants can opt-in to allow the public to view their ideas in a gallery on the website that showcases submissions received so far. Here's a direct link to the gallery: <https://tinyurl.com/38snr674>.

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Additionally, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) is under way for professional design teams. Up to five teams will be selected to participate in the second phase of the memorial-development process to develop proposals for a memorial project. The teams will be comprised of professional designers and engineers and include a Nevada-licensed architect. Their work will include reviewing Creative Expressions submissions, meeting with focus groups and creating models to showcase their design concepts. RFQ applications can be submitted via the committee's website through Oct. 31. A seven-person panel will review and evaluate the qualifications of the teams. The panel will consist of stakeholders that include a family member of a victim, a survivor, first responder and industry experts. Teams will be developing concepts for projects during the winter and spring of next year.

In addition to Pereira, members of the 1 October Memorial Committee include Karessa Royce, a 1 October survivor, serving as Vice Chairman; Mynda Smith, the sister of 1 October Victim Neysa Tonks; Kelly McMahill, a deputy chief for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; architect Dr. Robert Fielden, who established the UNLV School of Architecture; Rebecca Holden, public art project manager for the City of Las Vegas Office of Cultural Affairs; and Harold Bradford, a local artist. Consultant Punam Mathur facilitates committee meetings, while staff from Clark County's Parks and Recreation Department and other departments support the group's activities.

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