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## 1 October Memorial Committee to Meet July 27 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, July 27**, in the Clark County Commission Chambers at the Clark County Government Center located at 500 S. Grand Central Parkway in downtown Las Vegas.

The public may watch Wednesday's 1 October Memorial Committee meeting live on Clark County Television (CCTV) and online at [www.youtube.com/user/ClarkCountyNV/live](http://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](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/1OctoberMemorial). Committee members and County staff will host the meeting on WebEx, which is accessible by computer and telephone via information provided in the online agenda.

The Committee will receive an update on activities since launching its pathways for participation process to accept ideas for a memorial from the public and professional design teams to remember the events of the 1 October shooting that occurred in 2017 in Las Vegas at the Route 91 Harvest Music Festival. On June 30, the committee and County leaders kicked off the first phase of an 18-month process that will result in the committee making a formal recommendation to the County Commission for a project. The goal of the memorial is to remember those who perished in the incident, honor the survivors, first responders and everyday heroes who inspired the nation with their bravery, and celebrate the resiliency and compassion of our community.

A Call for Creative Expressions is under way that invites anyone wishing to express an idea for a memorial or share other forms of creativity to inspire design teams to submit ideas through the committee's website pages at [www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/1OctoberMemorial](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/1OctoberMemorial) and through a special app at <https://bit.ly/3ntZE66>. Submissions can be drawings, short videos, poems, songs etc., along with a letter of intent. Individual artists interested in contributing to the creation of a memorial project also are invited to share their resumes or portfolios. Design teams selected to develop concepts for a memorial will be asked to review all Creative Expressions submissions to inform their proposals. 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>.

"We've reached a very exciting phase of efforts to create a lasting memorial for our community and are seeking as much community engagement as possible," said Committee Chairman Tennille Pereira, who also serves as director of the County's Vegas Strong Resiliency Center. "Submissions are welcome from anyone whether you live in the Las Vegas Valley or not. We also encourage participation through our other two

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pathways of participation – our Call for Evaluators and our Request for Qualifications from professional design teams.”

Up to five teams through the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) call will be selected to participate in the second phase of the memorial-development process, which will include submitting a proposal 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 stakeholder focus groups, and creating models to showcase their design concepts. Applications may be submitted via the website between Aug. 1 and Oct. 31.

Applications are now being accepted through July 31 in the Call for Evaluators. This call is for those interested in serving on a volunteer jury to evaluate the RFQs from professional design teams interested in participating in the process. Seven evaluators will be selected, along with seven alternates. The makeup of the panel will consist of a family member of a victim, a survivor of the shooting, a first responder, a representative from Clark County's Real Property Management Department, and experts in architecture, engineering, art history, or similar disciplines. Applicants not selected to serve as evaluators may be invited to participate in stakeholder focus groups the RFQ finalists chosen to design a memorial concept.

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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Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 11<sup>th</sup>-largest county and provides extensive regional services to 2.3 million citizens and 45.6 million visitors a year (2019). Included are the nation's 8<sup>th</sup>-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The County also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to 1 million residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development.