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## 1 October Memorial Committee to Hold Two Information Sessions on Project Process Public Invited to Learn How to Get Involved

Clark County will host two information sessions -- one on **Thursday, July 7 at 10 a.m.** and the other on **Monday, July 11 at 4 p.m.** – to answer questions about the 1 October memorial project and how the public can be involved.

Both sessions allow virtual or in-person participation at the Clark County Government Center located at 500 South Grand Central Parkway near Charleston Blvd and Interstate 15. Those interested can register for the sessions online via the mobile web app at <https://bit.ly/3bqxzcT>. Virtual sessions of the two meetings will be available live on Clark County Television (CCTV ) Channel 4 on Cox cable or Channel 14 via Suddenlink in Laughlin, online at [www.youtube.com/user/ClarkCountyNV/live](http://www.youtube.com/user/ClarkCountyNV/live) or the committee's Facebook page @1OctoberMemorial.

"The 1 October tragedy deeply impacted our community and as we design the memorial, we wanted to create a process that would solicit involvement from the public to continue our journey of healing, said Committee Chairwoman Tennille Pereira. "I hope those who are interested in this process will attend the information sessions so they know how they can help contribute to our community memorial."

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 our community's resiliency and compassion. The process of developing a memorial will unfold in three phases over the course of 18 months and result in the committee making a formal recommendation for a project to the Clark County Commission in 2023.

The first phase of the process has begun and calls for three pathways of participation:

- **Call for Creative Expression:** To allow members of the public and artists and designers not part of a professional design team to submit ideas for a memorial project or express interest in participating on a selected RFQ design team. RFQ finalists will be expected to review all submissions received through the Creative Expressions pathway to inform the design concepts they present to the public in the third phase of the process in the late spring of 2023. If participants grant permission, submissions will be available for viewing in an online gallery.

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- Request for Qualifications (RFQ): From professional artists and design teams, including a Nevada licensed architect, interested in submitting a proposed concept for a memorial. Up to five RFQ teams will be selected to participate in the second phase of the memorial development process, which will include meeting with stakeholder focus groups, reviewing Creative Expression submissions, and creating models to showcase their design concepts.
- Call for RFQ Evaluators: To serve on a jury this fall to evaluate formal Request for Qualifications (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 with up to five RFQ finalists chosen to design a memorial concept and model in the second phase of the process.

Additional information on the 1 October Memorial process, including how to enroll for consideration to participate in one of the three pathways, can be found at <https://bit.ly/3ug62Bx>.

Members of the 1 October Memorial Committee include Committee Chairwoman Tennille Pereira, director of the County's Vegas Strong Resiliency Center; Karessa Royce, a 1 October survivor, serving as Vice Chairman; Mynda Smith, the sister of 1 October Victim Neysa Tonks; Kelly McMahon, a retired 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.

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