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1 October Memorial Committee Appointed

The Clark County Commission today appointed a seven-member committee to develop ideas and recommendations for a permanent memorial to remember those who perished in the events of 1 October 2017 and honor the many heroes who inspired the nation with their bravery.

They committee will meet publicly and develop ideas and recommendations from victims' families, survivors, and other community members.

Appointed to the committee were four recommended by Gov. Steve Sisolak, who asked the County Commission to create the panel: Karessa Royce, a 1 October survivor, Mynda Smith, the sister of 1 October Victim Neysa Tonks; Tennille Pereira, director of the County's Vegas Strong Resiliency Center; and Andrew Walsh, a deputy chief for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. The Commission also appointed three members of the County's Arts Committee to the panel: architect Robert Fielden, Rebecca Holden and Harold Bradford.

"I am pleased that the 1 October Memorial Committee is on the path to getting formed and beginning this important work," said Commissioner Jim Gibson, whose district includes the 1 October concert site and who will be assisting the committee. "This community showed remarkable strength and resilience in the aftermath of 1 October. While a memorial will not bring back loved ones or erase the pain we still feel from that day, our hope is that it will serve as a place to reflect on those lost and celebrate the unmatched strength of our community."

Commission Chairman Marilyn Kirkpatrick agreed. "On behalf of the Clark County Commission, we are honored to partner with Governor Sisolak to move forward with the creation of a 1 October Memorial Committee. Like many Nevadans, I will never forget the devastation we all felt in the wake of such an evil act, but I also take great pride in the bravery of our first responders, the everyday heroes who protected strangers, and the community that came together like never before to help, mourn and begin healing. This committee will work to ensure the 1 October Memorial provides a place to remember the heartbreaking losses and honor the resiliency of Las Vegas."

Kirkpatrick expressed interest in bringing on a facilitator who will be charged with helping committee members and community members work through the memorial process that could bring back painful memories associated with the tragedy.

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“I am grateful to work together with the Clark County Commission to finalize a committee that will begin the important process of creating a memorial to remember the victims and honor those who acted heroically,” said Gov. Sisolak. “I am confident that my four recommended appointees will offer critical insight and guidance during the process and help the rest of the committee work with families of victims, survivors, first responders and those affected in our community as they continue to heal. I want to thank the entire Clark County Commission for their commitment and partnership in this important endeavor.”

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