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1 October Memorial Committee Extends Due Date for 'Creative Expressions' Submissions to Oct. 31

Clark County's 1 October Memorial Committee extended the due date to **Monday, Oct. 31**, for accepting ideas from the public for a lasting 1 October memorial.

The original submission due date for the committee's Call for Creative Expressions was Sept. 30. The committee is extending the date to give people more time to share submissions, especially if inspired to do so in remembrance of the five-year anniversary of the shooting that occurred at the Route 91 music festival on Oct. 1, 2017.

"We have received some amazing Creative Expressions submissions so far, and we want to ensure that anyone who is moved by the upcoming anniversary of 1 October to make a submission has the opportunity to do so," said Committee Chairman Tennille Pereira, who also serves as director of the County's Vegas Strong Resiliency Center. "From the earliest days following this tragedy, people have used creativity to express love, hope, sorrow and support in a multitude of ways, and our goal is to capture as many forms of those expressions as possible because they will help shape the eventual memorial that gets built."

The committee's 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 made on the committee's website at www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/1OctoberMemorial or through this mobile app at <https://bit.ly/3ntZE66>. Items submitted so far include drawings, poems, photos and songs. Many of the submissions can be seen in an online gallery on the committee's website at <https://tinyurl.com/38snr674>. 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.

The new due date for Creative Expression submissions aligns with the Oct. 31 due date for the committee's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) that also is under way for professional design teams. Up to five teams will be selected to participate in the next phase of the process to develop proposals for a memorial. 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. 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.

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The Clark County Commission appointed the seven-member 1 October Memorial Committee to gather input from the public and develop recommendations for a permanent memorial in the Las Vegas Valley. The County's goal is to create a memorial that remembers those who perished in the events of 1 October, honors the survivors, first responders and everyday heroes who inspired the nation with their bravery, and celebrates the resiliency and compassion of our community. The public can sign up to receive email updates about the committee's activities. General inquiries also can be emailed to 1OctoberMemorial@ClarkCountyNV.gov.

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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