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## 1 October Memorial Committee Web Pages Established Committee to Begin Meeting Oct. 28 to Gather Public Input, Develop Recommendations for Permanent Memorial

In preparation for the 1 October Memorial Committee's first meeting on **Wednesday, Oct. 28**, Clark County unveiled a special section on its website to support the committee's activities and efforts to gather extensive public input from victims' loved ones, survivors and community members on ideas and recommendations to create a lasting memorial in the Las Vegas Valley.

The Clark County Commission appointed a seven-member committee in October 2019 to gather input from the public and develop recommendations for a permanent memorial. The goal of a permanent memorial is to remember those who perished in the events of 1 October 2017, to honor the many heroes who inspired the nation with their bravery and all those whose lives were changed forever, and to celebrate the resiliency and compassion of our community.

Starting Oct. 28, the committee will meet at 9 a.m. in the Commission Chambers on the fourth Wednesday each month at the Clark County Government Center, 500 Grand Central Parkway in downtown Las Vegas. The meetings will be carried live on Clark County Television (CCTV), the County's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/ClarkCountyNV/live](http://www.youtube.com/user/ClarkCountyNV/live), and on the committee's Facebook page @1OctoberMemorial. The meetings will be recorded for on-demand re-play on YouTube and for posting in a section on the committee website pages.

"Countless lives will never be the same because of the events of 1 October, and the process of gathering input from the family members of victims, survivors, first responders and community members will be an important part of the committee's work," said Clark County Commissioner Jim Gibson, whose district includes the 1 October concert site and who will offer welcoming remarks to the committee at its first meeting. "We are starting with a blank slate in terms of what a permanent memorial will be. Our hope is that it will serve as a place to reflect on those who were lost and serve as a tribute to the remarkable strength and resilience our community demonstrated in the midst of unthinkable suffering."

The 1 October Memorial Committee web pages are located at [www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/1OctoberMemorial](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/1OctoberMemorial). Information about upcoming meeting dates and agendas will be posted on the pages. The pages will contain public input surveys and other information related to the committee's efforts to identify ideas, possible locations and a scope of work for a permanent memorial. The public can sign up to receive email updates. General inquiries about the committee's work can be emailed to: [1OctoberMemorial@ClarkCountyNV.gov](mailto:1OctoberMemorial@ClarkCountyNV.gov). The committee will recommend a memorial design that will be forwarded to the County Commission for consideration.

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“We are grateful to the committee members who are leading this important work for our community,” said Clark County Commission Chairman Marilyn Kirkpatrick. “We are not rushing this process. We want to create a memorial that is thoughtful and lasting, and we understand that the public discussion process may be emotional for people because many of us still live with 1 October every single day. We don’t want to forget those whose lives were lost and forever impacted because of the devastating act of evil that occurred. We also don’t want to forget the strength and compassion our community showed – from the first responders and everyday heroes who risked their lives to help victims to our caring residents who offered assistance in large and small ways in the aftermath. As a life-long resident, I have always known that our community is much more than the glittering lights Las Vegas is famous for, and others throughout the world saw it too because of our response to 1 October.”

Four members of the 1 October Memorial Committee were recommended for appointment by Gov. Steve Sisolak. 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 who responded to the scene of the 1 October attack. The County Commission appointed three members of the County’s Arts Committee to the panel: architect 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 and sign industry designer whose public art work can be seen at the D gates at McCarran International Airport. Punam Mathur, executive director of the Elaine P. Wynn & Family Foundation and well-respected community leader, will facilitate committee meetings, while staff from Clark County’s Parks and Recreation Department and other departments will support the group’s activities.

Clark County Television is available in the Las Vegas area on Channel 4/1004 on Cox cable and on CenturyLink on Channels 4 and 1004 as well as in Laughlin on Channel 14 via Suddenlink. CCTV is also available in Boulder City on Channel 4 and in Moapa Valley on Digital Channel 50.3. It also airs continuously at [www.YouTube.com/ClarkCountyNV](http://www.YouTube.com/ClarkCountyNV).

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