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**For Immediate Release**

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## 1 October Memorial Committee to Meet Wednesday

Clark County's 1 October Memorial Committee will meet at **9 a.m.** on **Wednesday, July 26**, in Clark County Commission Chambers at the Clark County Government Center located at 500 S. Grand Central Parkway in downtown Las Vegas.

The committee will review and approve evaluation scores from the five memorial concepts submitted for consideration as a permanent memorial to remember the events of the 1 October tragedy and the community's response and resiliency in its aftermath. The committee is expected to deliberate on submitting a recommendation to the Clark County Commission for a first-place finalist design concept and an alternate. The meeting can be viewed 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 agenda is posted on the committee's website [www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/1OctoberMemorial](http://www.ClarkCountyNV.gov/1OctoberMemorial) and includes information to participate remotely using WebEx. The concepts are on display in the Government Center Rotunda as part of the 1 October Memorial Design Team Exhibit. The committee's recommendation for the memorial is scheduled to be submitted to the County Commission on **Tuesday, Sept. 5**.

The 1 October Memorial Committee was appointed by the County Commission to gather input from the public and develop recommendations for a permanent memorial. The committee began meeting in October 2020 to create a memorial that remembers those who perished in the attack at the Route 91 music festival on Oct. 1, 2017, honors the survivors, first responders and many heroes who inspired the nation with their bravery, and celebrates the resiliency and compassion of our community. As a result of the committee's work, MGM Resorts International is donating two acres on the northeast corner of the concert site off Reno Avenue and Giles Street for the memorial. The donation was offered to Clark County after a clear majority of respondents in a committee survey indicated a preference for a memorial to be built at the festival site. The committee unveiled a process in the summer of 2022 to gather ideas from the public and professional teams for the memorial. The first phase of the process invited the public to submit artwork and ideas for the memorial while calling upon professional design teams to express interest in participating. The second phase began in January 2023 when five teams selected by the committee were introduced to the community and began developing formal concept proposals for the memorial. The teams were asked to review creative expression submissions received from the public and were encouraged to offer community engagement opportunities to gather feedback during their design process.

Members of the 1 October Memorial Committee include Tennille Pereira, chairwoman of the committee and Director of the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center; Karessa Royce, a 1 October survivor, serving as vice chairwoman; Mynda Smith, the sister of 1 October Victim Neysa Tonks; Kelly McMahill, a now retired deputy chief for the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department; architect Dr. Robert Fielden, who established the

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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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