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## Plans underway for December 2 memorial

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*NOTE: The following is a statement from a committee established to create a public, County Government memorial to the people affected by the events of December 2, 2015. The committee was assembled by Supervisor Josie Gonzales, who was appointed by Board of Supervisors Chairman James Ramos to create and head the committee.*

"We are moving forward with plans for a memorial to those who were taken, the county employees who were injured physically and emotionally, and the people who protected us during the December 2, 2015 terrorist attack in San Bernardino.

"We are family members of those who were taken, county employees who were present during this tragedy, and representatives from various County departments. We are meeting regularly to determine how the world will remember the people involved in and affected by the events of December 2.

"We have discussed a memorial that will serve as a place where all can remember each of those who were taken from us and the beauty they brought into this world. We also want it to recognize the tenacity of our community to persevere and move forward.

"As this committee continues its work, we will determine the nature, location, and timeline of the memorial. We have decided the memorial will focus on the County family and be dedicated primarily to the people whose lives were taken on December 2. The memorial will also recognize those who were injured, and give consideration to the first responders.

"We want to make the memorial a place suitable for quiet reflection. We have also determined that the memorial will recognize the broad ethnic and cultural diversity of those who were taken from us.

"We intend to create a memorial that celebrates life, and that honors the people who were taken on that terrible day; people who dedicated their careers to protecting the community's health and well-being.

"The County will provide the public with regular updates on the memorial plans and timeline."





## **December 2 Memorial Mission Statement**

Permanently honor and celebrate the innocent souls taken from us by a brutal and cowardly act of terrorism on December 2, 2015, and provide enduring recognition of the County employees who witnessed the attack, many of whom were physically injured and all of whom were emotionally impacted.

Acknowledge those who bravely and selflessly provided protection, comfort, and support to the loved ones of those who were taken, the wounded, our San Bernardino County Government Family, and our county community on the day of the attack and in the days, weeks, and months that followed.

Ensure that our efforts reaffirm respect for life, strengthen our resolve to preserve freedom, inspire an end to hatred, and uphold San Bernardino County's tradition of strength, determination, and resilience.