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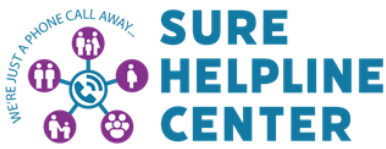
SAFE FAMILY JUSTICE CENTERS  
RIVERSIDE COUNTY

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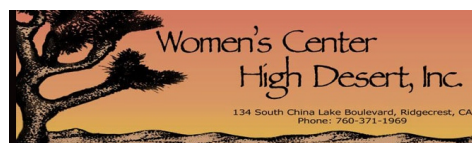
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May 14, 2024

Senator Mike McGuire  
Senate President pro Tempore

Assembly Member Robert Rivas  
Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Scott Wiener  
Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review  
Committee

Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel  
Chair of Assembly Budget Committee

Senator Aisha Wahab  
Chair of Senate Budget Subcommittee 5 on  
Corrections, Public Safety, Judiciary, Labor  
and Transportation

Assembly Member James Ramos  
Chair of Assembly Budget Subcommittee 6 on  
Public Safety

Dear Pro Tem McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Chair Weiner, Chair Gabriel, Chair Wahab, and Chair Ramos:

We, the 206 undersigned organizations, representing every county in California, ranging from sexual and domestic violence agencies, to district attorneys, to children's advocacy centers, write requesting emergency funding to address cuts to the federal Victims of Crime Act Fund (VOCA). Specifically, through conversations with the Governor's Office of Emergency Services, we are in need of a minimum of \$100 million in one-time emergency funding and up to \$200 million in one-time funding to limit the potentially catastrophic impact these cuts will have on survivors of crime.

VOCA is at the center of California's response to supporting victims of crime, relied on by local governments, law enforcement, and service providers to fund resources that provide care to those facing the traumatic impacts of being a survivor of crime. This includes counseling, rapid rehousing, legal services, crisis response and other critical resources that support vulnerable individuals over both the short and long term. Entities facilitating these programs, which will already need to lay off staff, scale back services, and increase wait times to connect with victims, will now in some cases be forced to shut down completely if this minimum amount of funding is not provided. The impacts of these cuts will fall hardest on smaller programs, communities that have been historically underserved, and rural programs. These programs in 2022 alone assisted over 816,000 survivors across the state.

To be clear, a choice to not fund these services is a choice to stand by as programs serving victims of child abuse, elder abuse, human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual assault are cut dramatically. Not providing this minimal investment also has the potential to exasperate our homelessness crisis and leaves survivors at risk of being victimized yet again. We understand that you as state leaders are in the midst of negotiating one of our most challenging budgets in recent memory. However, we believe amongst California's top priorities should be ensuring that crime victims are not further victimized because of a lack of resources to support their recovery.



Supporting survivors of crime is one of the most impactful public safety investments that California can make and we strongly urge you to prioritize this funding request.

Sincerely,

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence  
Children's Advocacy Centers of California  
Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking  
Legal Aid Association of California  
Los Angeles LGBT Center  
The Culturally Responsive Domestic Violence Network  
The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach  
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National

Global Transgender Safety Tasks Force USA Inc.  
Just Detention International  
National Center for Youth Law

Statewide

California Crime Victims Assistance Association (CCVAA)  
California Elder Justice Coalition  
California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.  
California State Association of Counties  
California State Sheriff's Association  
California Victims Resource Center  
California Women's Law Center  
Californians for Safety and Justice  
Children's Advocacy Centers of California Advisory Committee  
Covenant House California  
Family Violence Appellate Project  
OneJustice

Alameda County

BAWAR  
CALICO  
Family Violence Law Center  
Safe Alternatives for Violent Environments Inc. (SAVE)  
Treeclimber Media LLC  
Tri-Valley Haven

Alpine County

Live Violence Free

Amador County

Operation Care

Butte County

Catalyst Domestic Violence Services

Calaveras County

The Resource Connection, Calaveras Crisis Center

Colusa County

Casa de Esperanza

Contra Costa County

Community Violence Solutions

Contra Costa Senior Legal Services

Del Norte County

Rural Human Services

El Dorado County

Live Violence Free

The Center for Violence-Free Relationships

Fresno County

Central Valley Justice Coalition

Family Healing Center

Marjaree Mason Center

Rape Counseling Services of Fresno

Glenn County

Catalyst Domestic Violence Services

Humboldt County

Humboldt Domestic Violence Services

North Coast Rape Crisis Team

Imperial County

Sure Helpline Center

Inyo County

Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center

Kern County

Open Door Network

Women's Center-High Desert, Inc.

Kings County

Kings Community Action Organization

Lake County

Lake Family Resource Center

Lassen County

Lassen Family Services, Inc.

Los Angeles County

A Window Between Worlds

Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJSOCAL)

Bet Tzedek Legal Services

Center for the Pacific Asian Family

Community Legal Aid SoCal

Downtown Women's Center

East Los Angeles Women's Center

FreeFrom

Foothill Family Service

Haven Hills, Inc.

House of Ruth, Inc.

Inner Circle Children's Advocacy Center

Jenesse Center, Inc.

Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles

Journey Out

Korean American Family Services

LACBA Counsel for Justice

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice

National Organization for Women, Hollywood chapter

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles

New Directors Counseling Center

New Star Family Justice Center

Pánfila Domestic Violence HOPE Foundation

Peace Over Violence

Positive Results Center

Project: PeaceMakers, Inc.

PublicCounsel



Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary, Western American Area  
Shepherd's Door Domestic Violence Resource Center  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, LA  
South Asian Helpline and Referral Agency  
StrengthUnited  
Sunita Jain Anti-Trafficking Initiative  
The People Concern  
This Hits Home and Pánfila Domestic Violence HOPE Foundation  
Women Organizing Resources Knowledge and Services  
Women's & Children's Crisis Shelter  
YWCA Glendale and Pasadena  
YWCA Greater Los Angeles

Madera County

Community Action Partnership of Madera County

Marin County

Center for Domestic Peace  
Community Violence Solutions  
Legal Aid of Marin

Mariposa County

Alliance for Community Transformations

Mendocino County

Project Sanctuary, Inc.

Merced County

Alliance for Community Transformations  
Valley Crisis Center

Modoc County

Modoc Crisis Center - A division of TEACH, Inc.  
Modoc County Victim Services

Mono County

Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center

Monterey County

Monterey County Rape Crisis Center

Napa County

Napa County District Attorney's Office  
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Nevada County

Community Beyond Violence  
Sierra Community House

Orange County

Abrazar, Inc.  
Child Guidance Center  
Community Legal Aid SoCal  
Families Forward  
Human Options  
Laura's House  
Orangewood Foundation  
Public Law Center  
Radiant Futures  
Sisters of St. Joseph Healthcare Foundation  
Waymakers

Placer County

Sierra Community House  
Stand Up Placer

Plumas County

Plumas Rural Services, Inc.

Riverside County

Gray's Trauma-Informed Care Services Corp  
REACH  
SAFE Family Justice Centers  
Shelter From The Storm, Inc. (SFTS)

Sacramento County

3Strands Global Foundation  
California Coalition for Youth  
Opening Doors, Inc.  
Sacramento LGBT Community Center  
WEAVE INC

San Benito County

Community Solutions

San Bernardino County

Desert Sanctuary Inc.  
DOVES of Big Bear Valley, Inc.

Family Assistance Program  
Option House, Inc.  
Partners Against Violence

#### San Diego County

Center for Community Solutions  
Center for Hope and Strength  
Chadwick Center for Children and Families  
Community Resource Center  
Free to Thrive  
Jewish Family Service of San Diego  
North County LGBTQ Resource Center  
Rooting Movements  
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program

#### San Francisco

Asian Women's Shelter  
Bay Area Legal Aid  
Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic  
Futures Without Violence  
Rally Family Visitation Services of SFMH  
Safe & Sound  
San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium  
San Francisco Women Against Rape  
Self-Help for the Elderly  
W.O.M.A.N., Inc.

#### San Joaquin County

Partners for International Cooperation  
PREVAIL (formerly Women's Center - Youth & Family Services)

#### San Luis Obispo County

Center for Family Strengthening  
Child Advocacy Center San Luis Obispo County  
Lumina Alliance

#### San Mateo County

Children's Advocacy Center San Mateo County  
Rape Trauma Services: A Center for Healing and Violence Prevention

#### Santa Barbara County

Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County  
North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center  
Standing Together to End Sexual Assault



Santa Clara County

Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)  
Bill Wilson Center  
Children's Advocacy Center of Santa Clara County  
Community Solutions  
Law Foundation of Silicon Valley  
Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence  
Pro Bono Project Silicon Valley  
YWCA Golden Gate Silicon Valley

Santa Cruz County

Monarch Services  
Walnut Avenue Family & Women's Center

Shasta County

Children's Legacy Center  
One SAFE Place

Sierra County

Sierra Safe Program

Siskiyou County

Siskiyou Domestic Violence & Crisis Center

Solano County

SafeQuest Solano, Inc.  
Victims Empowerment Support Team

Sonoma County

Redwood Children's Center  
Verity  
YWCA Sonoma County

Stanislaus County

Court Appointed Special Advocates of Stanislaus County  
Family Justice Center of Stanislaus  
Healthy Alternatives to Violent Environments  
Senior Advocacy Network

Sutter County

Casa de Esperanza

Tehama County

Empower Tehama

Trinity County

Human Response Network

Trinity County DA Victim Witness Assistance Program

Tulare County

Central California Family Crisis Center, Inc.

Family Services of Tulare County

Tuolumne County

Tuolumne County District Attorney's Office

Tuolumne County District Attorney Victim/Witness

Ventura County

CASA of Ventura County

Coalition for Family Harmony

Interface Children & Family Services

SOROPTIMIST STOP Human Trafficking Committee, Camino Real Region

Ventura County District Attorney

Yolo County

Empower Yolo, Inc.

Yolo County Children's Advocacy Center, the MDIC

Yuba County

Casa de Esperanza

Individuals

Tabitha Thomas