

November XX, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor, State of California

Senator Mike McGuire Assembly Member Robert Rivas
Senate President pro Tempore Speaker of the Assembly

Senator Scott Wiener Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel
Chair of the Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Chair of Assembly Budget Committee

Committee

Senator Laura Richardson

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 Governor Newsom, Pro Tem McGuire, Speaker Rivas, Chair Wiener, Chair Gabriel, Chair Richardson, and Chair Ramos:

We, the undersigned 273 organizations, representing the safety net that supports one million survivors of crime in California each year, write to respectfully request **\$97 million in one-time** funding to address the gap in federal funding for victim services, VOCA, and prevent the catastrophic impact this gap will have on survivors of crime.

We are deeply appreciative of the previous fiscal year allocations of \$103 million for FY24-25 and \$100 million for FY25-26, and the passage of AB 2432 in 2024. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) is at the center of California's response to supporting survivors of crime and is relied upon by local governments, law enforcement, and community-based organizations. These funds enable service providers to help survivors obtain restraining orders, provide them with emergency housing, accompany them to court, administer forensic examinations, and offer them counseling services. In 2023 alone, 942,000 survivors received services funded by VOCA.

With ongoing instability in federal funding and a new Congress and administration, the future of these services remains uncertain. Should California fail to act to support them, hundreds of thousands of survivors will be left on their own to deal with the most difficult circumstances in their lives.

The choice not to fund these services is a choice to stand by as survivors of crime reach out for help but no one answers. If we choose to turn our backs on our communities, we will see this decision fall hardest on smaller programs, rural programs, and LGBTQ+ survivors, immigrant and undocumented communities, and communities of color. Massive cuts to these programs will also exacerbate our homelessness crisis, forcing more survivors of domestic violence and other crimes onto the street and leaving survivors at risk of being further victimized.

We understand that you, as state leaders, are facing another challenging budget year, but we simply cannot afford to disinvest from public safety and leave survivors to fend for themselves. With deep gratitude for your past leadership in maintaining funding for victims' services, we strongly urge you to prioritize this funding request.

Sincerely,

National

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights
Global Transgender Safety Tasks Force USA Inc.
Just Detention International
National Center for Youth Law
Pánfila Domestic Violence HOPE Foundation

Statewide

The Ahimsa Collective

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJSOCAL)

California Crime Victims Assistance Association (CCVAA)

California Elder Justice Coalition

California Family Justice Network

California Long-Term Care Ombudsman Association

California Partnership to End Domestic Violence

California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc.

California State Association of Counties

California Victims Resource Center

California Women's Law Center

Californians for Safety and Justice

Children's Advocacy Centers of California

Children's Advocacy Centers of California Advisory Committee

Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking

Covenant House California

Equality California

Family Violence Appellate Project

Lake County District Attorney's Office

Legal Aid Association of California

OneJustice

Parent Voices California

Rural County Representatives of California

Smart Justice California

The Ahimsa Collective

The Culturally Responsive Domestic Violence Network

Urban Counties of California

ValorUS®

Ventura County District Attorney's Office

Vera California

Western Center on Law and Poverty

Women's Foundation California

Alameda County

A Safe Place

CALICO

Choose Your Path Foundation

Ella Baker Center on Human Rights

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 County

Contra Costa Senior Legal Services

STAND! For Families Free of Violence

Del Norte County

Rural Human Services

El Dorado County

El Dorado County District Attorney's Office Live Violence Free The Center for Violence-Free Relationships

Fresno County

Central Valley Justice Coalition
Family Healing Center
Fresno County
Marjaree Mason Center
Rape Counseling Services of Fresno

Glenn County

Catalyst Domestic Violence Services Glenn County

Humboldt County

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 CASA of the Eastern Sierra

Kern County

Kern County Open Door Network Women's Center-High Desert, Inc.

Kings County

Kings Community Action Organization Kings County

Lake County

Lake County Lake Family Resource Center

Lassen County

Lassen Family Services, Inc.

Los Angeles County

A Window Between Worlds

Antelope Valley Domestic Violence Council

Bet Tzedek Legal Services

Center for the Pacific Asian Family

Community Legal Aid SoCal

Courage California

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

La Defensa

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice

Los Angeles LGBT Center

National Organization for Women, Hollywood chapter

Neighborhood Legal Services of Los Angeles

New Directors Counseling Center

New Star Family Justice Center

Peace Over Violence

Positive Results Center

Project: PeaceMakers, Inc.

Project Sister Family Services

PublicCounsel

Rainbow Services, Ltd.

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

Survivor Justice Center

The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach

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 YWCA San Gabriel Valley

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 CASA of the Eastern Sierra

Monterey County

Monterey County
Monterey County Rape Crisis Center

Napa County

Napa County Napa County District Attorney's Office NEWS 2018

Nevada County

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

Placer County

Sierra Community House

Stand Up Placer

Plumas County

Plumas Rural Services, Inc.

Riverside County

Gray's Trauma-Informed Care Services Corp

REACH

Riverside County

SAFE Family Justice Centers

Shelter From The Storm, Inc. (SFTS)

The Freedom Train Project Incorporated

Sacramento County

3Strands Global Foundation

California Coalition for Youth

CHAN-BOF for Peace

Crime Victims Assistance Network (I-CAN)

Friends Committee on Legislation of California

Justice2Jobs Coalition

Opening Doors, Inc.

Sacramento LGBT Community Center

Waking the Village

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 Bernardino County District Attorney

San Diego County

Center for Community Solutions

Center for Hope and Strength

Chadwick Center for Children and Families

Community Resource Center

Jewish Family Service of San Diego

North County LGBTQ Resource Center

Rooting Movements

San Diego County District Attorney

San Diego LGBT Community Center

San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program

San Francisco

Asian Women's Shelter

Bay Area Legal Aid

Black Women Revolt Against Domestic Violence

Coalition for Community Safety and Justice

Community United Against Violence

Cooperative Restraining Order Clinic

Equal Rights Advocates

Futures Without Violence

Glide Foundation

Mujeres Unidas y Activas

Rally Family Visitation Services of SFMH

Safe & Sound

San Francisco Domestic Violence Consortium

San Francisco SafeHouse

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

CASA of San Luis Obispo 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
Santa Barbara County
Santa Barbara Women Lawyers
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
Santa Clara County
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.
Solano Advocates for Victims of Violence (SAVV)
Solano County
Victims Empowerment Support Team

Sonoma County

Family Justice Center Sonoma County Redwood Children's Center Sonoma County Sonoma County District Attorney 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 Sutton County

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

Yolo County

Cameron's Place

Empower Yolo, Inc.

Yolo County CASA

Yolo County District Attorney

Yuba County

Casa de Esperanza

Yuba County

Individuals

Tabitha Thomas

District Attorneys

Alpine

Butte

Colusa

Del Norte

El Dorado

Fresno

Glenn

Inyo

Kern

Marin

Mariposa

Merced

Mono

Monterey

Nevada

Orange

Placer

Plumas

San Benito

San Luis Obispo

Santa Barbara

Sonoma

Stanislaus

Tulare

Yuba