



November XX, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California

Senator Mike McGuire
Senate President pro Tempore

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

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

Assembly Member Robert Rivas
Speaker of the Assembly

Assembly Member Jesse Gabriel
Chair of Assembly Budget Committee

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
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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