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December 2nd Memorial Committee Progress Report

San Bernardino

During the last year, the committee responsible for creating a permanent memorial to the victims of the December 2nd terrorist attack has continued to work toward its goal.

Last February, Board of Supervisors Chairman James Ramos appointed Fifth District Supervisor Josie Gonzales and Chief Executive Officer Greg Devereaux to pull together a committee and lead its efforts to conceive the memorial. Members of the committee include representatives from public safety, the departments of Behavioral Health, Public Health and Real Estate Services, the County Administrative Office, in addition to representatives from the county's Environmental Health Services Division and family members of the county employees whose lives were taken that fateful day.

A county posting revealed that since February, the committee has held several meetings to identify key points of consideration and to establish an overall vision for the memorial. It determined the memorial should recognize the broad diversity and lives of the victims as well as those who helped preserve and protect life that day.



Another key point of consideration for the committee was that the memorial also provides enduring recognition of the county employees who witnessed the attack, many of whom were physically injured and all of whom were emotionally impacted. The memorial should be a place for quiet reflection.

San Bernardino County officials advised the December 2nd Memorial Committee recently completed a review of several memorials submitted for consideration from around the country. The committee noted how, in almost every instance, the sponsoring agency used a structured process to allow artists, architects and designers to submit proposals.

As the first anniversary of the tragedy of December 2nd approached, county officials assured the public that work on the memorial is progressing in a thoughtful and inclusive way. Memorials can take a decade or longer to develop and although the process will take time, the committee hopes the result will appropriately and forever reflect the unique people, stories and lessons of December 2, 2015.

Covered California—Open Enrollment

Riverside

Health Center Partners is reminding Inland Empire residents it is time to sign up or adjust their health care plans with Covered California.

Individuals who wish to have coverage effective January 1 must sign up or adjust their plans by December 15 to assure coverage effective January 1. Although full enrollment will remain open until January 15, those who sign up after December 15 will not have coverage until February.

For those who need assistance with the process, Health Center Partners Executive Vice President Vernita Todd shared that many of Health Center Partners' member centers employ certified health insurance experts who offer free, confidential, in-person consultations and enrollment assistance.

The Health Center Partners' locations in the Inland Empire which offer these services include Borrego Community Health Foundation,

Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo, Community Health Systems, Inc., Neighborhood Healthcare, North County Health Services, and Vista Community Clinic. For additional information regarding the clinics visit <http://hcpsocal.org/health-centers/>.

Todd also shared how important it is for healthcare enrollees to review all plan offerings and added that some plans have increased their premiums over the last year, so staying with the same one could be more expensive. She stressed that there are other low cost options available. Readers are encouraged to compare plans.

Todd also advised that despite uncertainty around the Affordable Care Act (ACA) triggered by the outcome of the recent election, patients are still encouraged to enroll. "Even if there are changes, they are not likely to take effect in 2017, so please enroll."

Visit <http://hcpsocal.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Enrollment-Contact-Info.pdf> for a Health Care Partner location near you.

