



February 9, 2026

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California

Senator Monique Limón
Senate President pro Tempore

Senator John Laird
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 Limón, Speaker Rivas, Chair Laird, Chair Gabriel, Chair Richardson, and Chair Ramos:

We, the undersigned 299 organizations, representing the safety net that supports one million survivors of crime in California each year, write to respectfully request **\$100 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
Equal Rights Advocates
Global Transgender Safety Tasks Force USA Inc.
Just Detention International
National Center for Youth Law
National Council of Jewish Women
Pánfila Domestic Violence HOPE Foundation
Prosecutors Alliance Action

Statewide

The Ahimsa Collective
Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California (AJSOCAL)
Diversity Research and Consulting Group
California Crime Victims Assistance Association (CCVAA)
California District Attorneys Association
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
California Work & Family Coalition
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

The Culturally Responsive Domestic Violence Network
Equality California
Family Violence Appellate Project
Futures Without Violence
Legal Aid Association of California
OneJustice
Parent Voices California
Rural County Representatives of California
Smart Justice California
Urban Counties of California
ValorUS®
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

Robert Piscaro, District Attorney of Alpine County
Live Violence Free

Amador County

Operation Care

Butte County

Michael L. Ramsey, District Attorney of Butte County
Catalyst Domestic Violence Services

Calaveras County

Barbara Yook, District Attorney of Calaveras County
The Resource Connection, Calaveras Crisis Center

Colusa County

Matthew R. Beauchamp, District Attorney of Colusa County
Casa de Esperanza

Contra Costa County

Community Violence Solutions
Diane Becton, District Attorney of Contra Costa County
Contra Costa Senior Legal Services
STAND! For Families Free of Violence

Del Norte County

Katherine Nell Micks, District Attorney of Del Norte County
Rural Human Services

El Dorado County

Vern Pierson, District Attorney of El Dorado County
The Center for Violence-Free Relationships
Live Violence Free

Fresno County

Lisa A. Smittcamp, District Attorney of Fresno County
Central Valley Justice Coalition
Family Healing Center
Marjaree Mason Center
Rape Counseling Services of Fresno

Glenn County

Dwayne Stewart, District Attorney of Glenn County
Catalyst Domestic Violence Services
Glenn County
Glenn County Board of Supervisors

Humboldt County

Stacey Eads, District Attorney of Humboldt County
Humboldt Domestic Violence Services
North Coast Rape Crisis Team

Imperial County

Sure Helpline Center

Inyo County

Dana Crom, District Attorney of Inyo County
CASA of the Eastern Sierra
Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center

Kern County

Cynthia J. Zimmer, District Attorney of Kern County
Kern County

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

Kings County

Kings Community Action Organization
Sarah Hacker, District Attorney of Kings County
Kings County

Lake County

Susan Krones, District Attorney of Lake County
Lake Family Resource Center

Lassen County

Lassen Family Services, Inc.

Los Angeles County

Nathan Hochman, District Attorney of 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
The LGBTQ Center of Long Beach
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
The People Concern
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
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

Lori E. Frugoli, District Attorney of Marin County
Center for Domestic Peace
Community Violence Solutions
Legal Aid of Marin

Mariposa County

Walter Wall, District Attorney of Mariposa County
Alliance for Community Transformations

Mendocino County

Project Sanctuary, Inc.

Merced County

Nicole Silveira, District Attorney of 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

David Anderson, District Attorney of Mono County
CASA of the Eastern Sierra
Wild Iris Family Counseling and Crisis Center

Monterey County

Jeannine M. Pacioni, District Attorney of Monterey County
Monterey County Rape Crisis Center

Napa County

Alison Haley, District Attorney of Napa County
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Nevada County

Jesse Wilson, District Attorney of Nevada County
Community Beyond Violence
Sierra Community House

Orange County

Todd Spitzer, District Attorney of 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

Morgan Gire, District Attorney of Placer County
Sierra Community House
Stand Up Placer

Plumas County

David Hollister, District Attorney of Plumas County
Plumas Rural Services, Inc.

Riverside County

The Freedom Train Project Incorporated
Gray's Trauma-Informed Care Services Corp
REACH
Michael Hestrin, District Attorney of Riverside County
SAFE Family Justice Centers
Shelter From The Storm, Inc. (SFTS)

Sacramento County

Thien Ho, District Attorney of 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

Joel Buckingham, District Attorney of Sen Benito County
Community Solutions

San Bernardino County

Jason Anderson, District Attorney of San Bernardino
Desert Sanctuary Inc.
DOVES of Big Bear Valley, Inc.
Family Assistance Program
Option House, Inc.
Partners Against Violence

San Diego County

Summer Stephan, District Attorney of 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 LGBT Community Center
San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program

San Francisco

Brooke Jenkins, District Attorney of 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
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

Dan Dow, District Attorney of 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

John T. Savrnoch, District Attorney of Santa Barbara County
Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County
North County Rape Crisis and Child Protection Center
Santa Barbara Women Lawyers
Standing Together to End Sexual Assault

Santa Clara County

Jeff Rosen, District Attorney of Santa Clara County
Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI)

Bill Wilson Center
Children's Advocacy Center of Santa Clara County
Community Solutions
County of Santa Clara
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.
Solano Advocates for Victims of Violence (SAVV)
Krishna Abrams, District Attorney of Solano County
Victims Empowerment Support Team

Sonoma County

Carla Rodriguez, District Attorney of Sonoma County
Family Justice Center Sonoma County
Redwood Children's Center
Verity
YWCA Sonoma County

Stanislaus County

Jeff Laugero, District Attorney of 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
Jennifer Dupre, District Attorney of Sutter County

Tehama County
Empower Tehama

Trinity County
Human Response Network
Trinity County DA Victim Witness Assistance Program

Tulare County
Tim Ward, District Attorney of Tulare County
Central California Family Crisis Center, Inc.
Family Services of Tulare County

Tuolumne County
Cassandra Ann Jenecke, District Attorney of Tuolumne County
Tuolumne County District Attorney Victim/Witness

Ventura County
Erik Nasarenko, District Attorney of Ventura County
CASA of Ventura County
Coalition for Family Harmony
Interface Children & Family Services
SOROPTIMIST STOP Human Trafficking Committee, Camino Real Region

Yolo County
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Cameron's Place
Empower Yolo, Inc.
Yolo County CASA

Yuba County
Clint Curry, District Attorney of Yuba County
Casa de Esperanza

Individuals
Tabitha Thomas