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To: City Council Members

From: Council Member Larry Reid -7th District

Re: Families and Friends of Murder Victims (FFMV)

Dear Colleagues:

Please accept, on my behalf, the attached informational and background report, as part of an introduction of the Families and Friends of Murder Victims (FFMV) Organization.

The Families and Friends of Murder Victims (FFMV) is a grief support group which has served residents of Oakland and the surrounding communities for over 17 years. It is my pleasure, on behalf of the residents of Oakland for this group to present their goals, mission, and purpose to the full City Council.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Larry E. Reid". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Larry E. Reid
Council Member
District 7

Families and Friends of Murder Victims

Families and Friends of Murder Victims (FFMV) is a grief support group which has served residents of Oakland and the surrounding communities for over 17 years. We would like to formally introduce ourselves to the leadership of Oakland.

Issues we would like to address include:

- The ever expanding role and need for support services to the citizens of Oakland
- Resources both available and lacking in the area and how this information is given to the community.
- And, how a collaborative effort between citizens, policy-makers and the Oakland Police Department can best serve and promote safety in our City.

FFMV is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing information, support and friendship to persons who have experienced the death of a loved one through the violent act of murder.

Mission

To restore a sense of hope and to provide a pathway to well-being to those who have lost a loved one to murder and to those who are the victims of attempted murder.

Purpose

- To provide ongoing emotional support to anyone, family member or friend, who is working through the trauma-grief of losing a loved one to murder or the violence of an attempted murder.
- To provide regular meetings at which contact can be established with similarly bereaved individuals.
- To provide information about the grieving process as it pertains to victims*.
- To provide information about the criminal justice system as it pertains to victims.
- To educate the community regarding the issues faced by the surviving families and friends of murder victims and victims of attempted murder.
- To provide accompaniment and support to victims as they go through the criminal justice system.
- To assist victims in preventing the release of parole offenders.

- To assist victims in restoring a sense of control to their lives.
- To educate professionals in the fields of: criminal justice, law enforcement, medicine, religion, education, mental health, social work, community services, funeral services, and other areas, about the problems faced by survivors of murder victims and survivors of attempted murder.
- To provide victims with education, information, and a voice in legislative process participating in the review and support of victim's rights and public safety issues.

*Victims include those who have lost a loved one to murder and those who have been victims of attempted murder.

Oakland/ Alameda Chapter

FFMV meets on the 1st Tuesdays of each month at 7:30pm at Kaiser, Oakland, Howe St at Broadway, 12th floor Room 1200 East.