MEMORANDUM

Date: November 13, 2017

To: The Honorable Chair and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors

From: C.H. Huckelberry
County Administrator

Re: **Verification of the Nevada Attorney General's Request for Victim's Advocate Assistance Related to the Mass Shooting Terrorism Event in Las Vegas, Nevada**

As the Board of Supervisors recalls, when approving the emergency RICO expenditure related to travel costs for victim witness staff and volunteers, the Board conditioned approval upon justification of staff, number of staff sent and verification of request from the Nevada Attorney General.

The County Attorney has responded to part of the conditions. The documentation of the request from the Nevada Attorney General is attached for your review. The attached material relates to the request for victim witness assistance.

Regarding justifying the specific individuals' expenditure and staffing of the request, such is at the discretion of the County Attorney and will not be pursued further.

CHH/anc

Attachment

c: The Honorable Barbara LaWall, Pima County Attorney
Andrew Flagg, Chief Civil Deputy County Attorney
David Smutzer, Legal Administrator, Pima County Attorney's Office
Ellen Wheeler, Assistant County Administrator

From: Barbara LaWall
Sent: Wednesday, November 08, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Barbara LaWall <Barbara.LaWall@pcao.pima.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for Assistance from Attorney General Laxalt (Nevada)

From: Bocks, Amy [mailto:Amy.Bocks@azag.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, October 3, 2017 10:56 AM
To: Babette McDonald <babette.mcdonald@pcao.pima.gov>
Cc: Bocks, Amy <Amy.Bocks@azag.gov>
Subject: FW: Request for Assistance from Attorney General Laxalt (Nevada)

Babette, here is the email from the National Assoc. of AGs briefly outlining the request Nevada is seeking. If you'd like me to pass on a contact person in your office for "lessons learned" or in the event that Ms. LaWall is willing and interested in sending crisis advocates I'll gladly pass that info on to our Chief Deputy. As I mentioned, I only have a few advocates trained in actual crisis response so would only offer to send them (and they were all PCAO trained).

Thanks so much,
Amy

Amy Bocks, M.Ed.
Advocate Program Manager

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Begin forwarded message:

From: James McPherson <jmcpherson@NAAG.ORG>
Date: October 3, 2017 at 8:33:11 AM MST
To: James McPherson <jmcpherson@NAAG.ORG>
Cc: Chris Toth <ctoth@NAAG.ORG>, Albert Lama <ALama@NAAG.ORG>, Marjorie Tharp <mtharp@NAAG.ORG>, Jeffrey Hunter <jhunter@NAAG.ORG>
Subject: Request for Assistance from Attorney General Laxalt (Nevada)

THIS IS BEING SENT TO ALL ATTORNEYS GENERAL, CHIEF DEPUTIES/CHIEFS OF STAFF, AND EXECUTIVE ASSISTANTS

Generals,

Attorney General Laxalt asked me to send you the following **urgent request** for your assistance following the recent tragic event in Las Vegas. He has two critical needs and seeks your personal attention:

- Lessons Learned. For those who have suffered a mass casualty in your state whether through natural disasters or man-made events, please forward to me any lessons learned, checklists, "best practices" or any other after action reports your office holds that could be of assistance. Please feel free to include any thoughts you may have or advice you would like me to pass along.

- Victims' Advocates/Assistance. **With the large number of casualties and their families, there is a very serious and urgent need for Victims' Advocate/Assistance to be on scene.** If your office has access to Victims' Advocates or Assistants, please issue a call for volunteers to travel to Las Vegas to work with the victims and their families. Please identify those volunteers and send me a point of contact and number of volunteers you have identified. I will pass that information to AG Laxalt's team who will contact the volunteers directly. At this time, they need a rough count of the number of volunteers they can call.

This should be considered an emergency request and your personal attention and response will be very much appreciated. Please send me any information you have regarding lessons learned and I will pass them along to AG Laxalt's team. With regard to Victims'

Advocates/Assistance, please identify those who are willing to volunteer and provide me a point of contact and number of volunteers. My contact information is jmcpherson@naag.org or 202-326-6260 or Jeffrey Hunter at jhunter@naag.org or 202-326-6264.

Thank you and V/R,

Jim

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