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California Rallies Together, Makes Noise for Victims' Rights

Victims' voices are heard at State agency rally

Sacramento, CA – In honor of California Crime Victims' Rights Month (CVRM), the California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) will host its fourth annual [Crime Victims' Rights Rally](#) with keynote speaker California Attorney General Kamala D. Harris.

The Crime Victims' Rights Rally will take place on Tuesday, April 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at 400 R Street in Sacramento. This year's theme, *Facing New Challenges, Finding New Hope*, will discuss the current challenges victims of violent crime face, and call attention to the many services available to assist victims in their recovery.

"Although we are facing an array of challenges, we continue to strive to meet the needs of victims every single day," said Julie Nauman, Executive Officer of the California Victim Compensation Program. "California is working smarter to provide greater hope for victims through stronger partnerships," said Nauman.

Several state agencies, dignitaries and victim advocates will join Nauman to remind the public of the multitude of services available and the rights afforded victims. Remarks will be shared by:

- Kamala D. Harris, Attorney General of the State of California
- Anna Caballero, Secretary of the State and Consumer Services Agency and Chair of the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board
- Julie Nauman, Executive Officer of the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board
- Ken Cooley, California State Assemblyman (D-Rancho Cordova)
- Stephanie Biegler, Director, Child Abuse Prevention Council of Sacramento

The following victim speakers will share their stories of struggle and recovery:

- Leah Albright-Byrd, human trafficking survivor and founder of Bridget's Dream
- A mother of two sons who were shot, one fatally, while traveling to an event together
- Survivors of violent crime from Napa and Monterey counties

CalVCP received more than 53,000 applications and provided more than \$70 million in compensation to crime victims last fiscal year. Through the program, victims can be reimbursed for crime-related expenses including costs associated with funeral services, medical bills, mental health treatment, and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from federal grants and criminal restitution fines and not taxpayer dollars.

For additional information about CalVCP, the upcoming Rally or local crime victim assistance resources, visit www.calvcp.ca.gov.

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The California Victim Compensation Program (CalVCP) provides compensation for victims of violent crime who are injured or threatened with injury. Among the crimes covered are domestic violence, child abuse, sexual and physical assault, homicide, robbery, and vehicular manslaughter.

If a person meets eligibility criteria, CalVCP will compensate many types of services when the costs are not covered by other sources. Eligible services include medical and dental care, mental health services, income loss, funeral expenses, rehabilitation and relocation. Funding for CalVCP comes from restitution fines and orders, penalty assessments levied on persons convicted of crimes and traffic offenses, and matching federal funds.