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DISTRICT ATTORNEY, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE

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Temecula Valley Young Marines  
31337 Huron Street  
Temecula, CA 92592

Dear Young Marines,

I wanted to take a moment to thank you for participating in this year's Victims' Rights Week Candlelight Vigil. It was truly moving, to have community members, victims of crime, and law enforcement personnel coming together to remember victims of violent crime. Each speaker brought their own unique personal experience of the impact of violent crime, yet we all shared the view that we can no longer allow crime victims to be forgotten or left alone in the criminal justice system.

Your presence undoubtedly had an impact on many of the attendees. We have received several letters of gratitude from victims that attended the candlelight vigils. One victim's next of kin wrote, "The speakers who shared their stories were, at turns, moving, inspirational, and empowering. I have gained a new appreciation for the service and advocacy of our law enforcement and public officials. It is invaluable to meet those who have walked the road ahead of me and those standing behind me who make it their lives' ambition to ensure that A VICTIM'S VOICE WILL BE HEARD!"

We look forward to next year's Victims' Rights Week events and we would be honored to have you stand with us again as we pledge that *A Victim's Voice Will Be Heard*. We look forward to reaffirming our mission to protect victims of violent crimes and ensure that the criminal justice system serves the victim and protect victims' rights.

Very truly yours,

ROD PACHECO  
District Attorney

**I swore never to be silent whenever and wherever human beings endure suffering and humiliation. We must always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.**

*Elie Wiesel*