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Crime Victims' Monument Design to Be Unveiled

The public is invited to attend a program commemorating National Crime Victims' Rights Week on Saturday April 12, where the winner of the Orange County Crime Victims' Monument Design Contest will be announced.

The design competition was sponsored by the Orange County Board of Supervisors and OC Parks. The program begins at 10 a.m. at Mason Regional Park in Irvine.

The winning design was selected from five finalists announced in November among 59 entries submitted by designers spanning the globe. The finalist designs were displayed at the Old County Courthouse in Santa Ana, with votes encouraged by public viewers and by those viewing the entries online.

Orange County Supervisor Todd Spitzer, who represents Irvine, said the monument will be a fitting tribute to victims of violent crime in Orange County. The memorial was commissioned because "crime victims deserve a space for solitude, reflection, dignity and peace to honor their loved ones who were afflicted by senseless human acts of selfishness, anger and evil," he said.

The design unveiling will begin immediately following a Crime Survivors 5K Run/Walk. The program includes speakers, community booths and a release of doves.

Mason Regional Park is at 18712 University Drive in Irvine. The event and parking are free. For more information, visit www.ocparks.com/about/projects, or contact Carrie O'Malley in Supervisor Todd Spitzer's office at carrie.omalley@ocgov.com or (714) 834-3330.

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