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SUPERVISOR LOCKYER HOLDS CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL PROJECT CEREMONY

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Earlier today, Alameda County Supervisor Nadia Lockyer hosted the Children's Memorial Project ceremony. The fourth Friday in April is the national annual observance day for all children who have died by violence. In Alameda County, the Children's Memorial Project holds an annual memorial service in the Children's Memorial Grove at Fairmont Ridge to install a permanent plaque with the names of the children who have died by violence from the previous year.

In 2010, there were 18 children who died by violence in Alameda County. According to the National Violence Policy Center, Alameda County ranked second in youth homicide in the state. Only Monterey County had a higher rate.

In 1997, both the County and the State of California, followed by Congress in 2001, declared the last Friday in April as Children's Memorial Flag Day. In Alameda County, a Children's Memorial Grove and monument was created in partnership with the East Bay Regional Park District at the Fairmont Ridge in San Leandro. An annual ceremony memorializes the names of children who died by violence the previous year and raises public awareness.

This year's event included an invocation by Dr. Ricardo Carrillo of La Clinica de la Raza. The event also featured Alameda County Sheriff and Fire Department Honor Guards and Bagpipers. Speakers included Alameda County Healthcare Services Agency Director Alex Briscoe, East Bay Regional Parks District Board President Beverly Lane, and spoken word artist Jazz Hudson. The program included music by Lorraine Taylor of *1,000 Mothers to Prevent Violence*.

Alameda County Supervisor Nadia Lockyer of Hayward represents District Two on the Board of Supervisors, which includes Hayward, Newark, Union City, Sunol and parts of Fremont.

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