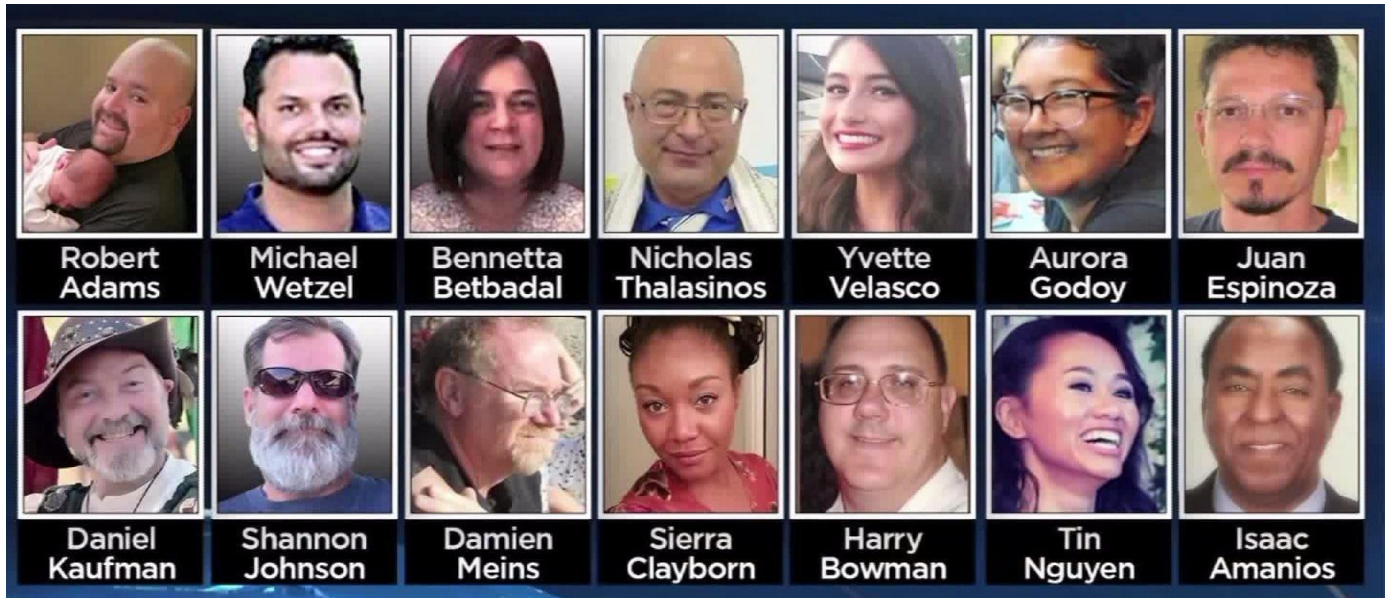December 18, 2015

Support the San Bernardino Shooting Victims; Donate to the Victims Fund

Dear Florin JACL Members and Community Friends,

The victims and families of the December 2nd San Bernardino terrorist attack suffered horrendous losses with 14 innocent people killed (photo) and 21 wounded. They need our support. Would you like to help by donating to the victims' relief fund? If so, please send checks made out to the "Florin JACL" to 15 Mark River Court, Sacramento, CA 95831 now. The Florin JACL will tally, acknowledge, and send all donations to the fund.

Thousands of people are reaching out to the victims and we'd like to do our part with the devastating medical, funeral, counseling, and financial challenges. We know that many of you might like to help, too.

We are following the lead of others. These include the successful Southern California "Muslims United for San Bernardino Fund" raising $215,000 in just 10 days, "Support San Bernardino Victims" by the city Mayor and Council, and the "Santa Barbara United Relief Fund" by the County Supervisors and United Way.

As part of raising awareness, uniting people, and acting against the hatred and growing scapegoating of the innocent, the Florin JACL supports the victims of these tragedies. In the past, the Chapter has solicited funds for the family of 12 year old Ronin Shimizu, the target of anti-gay bullying; the Wisconsin Sikh Temple shooting victims (2012); Japan Tsunami and Earthquake Relief; and local Jewish Temples firebombed.

Let's support the victims of hate. Let's unite our community, not divide it. Won't you join with us?

Thank you.

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