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San Fernando Valley LGBT Community Center to Mass Shooting in Orlando, FL

Pacoima, CA San Fernando Valley LGBT Community Center - issued a statement today following the mass shooting that killed 50 people and injured 53 others this morning at the Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, Florida. The shooting is now the deadliest by a single perpetrator in U.S. history.

“Our hearts are broken today for our LGBT sisters and brothers, their families, and our allies, who are enduring unimaginable pain and suffering. We stand in strong solidarity with Orlando during this difficult time and extend our deepest condolences to those affected,” says Renato Lira Chief Executive Officer .

Approximately 320 people were at the nightclub for its Latin night when the shooting started. The perpetrator entered at approximately 2:00 a.m. EST and proceeded to fire upon club goers, taking hostages and engaging in a standoff with law enforcement for several hours before he was subdued and killed.

“This attack was clearly intended to send a message of hatred to our LGBT communities. This senseless, disgusting act of violence will not be tolerated. It is especially tragic that this act of terrorism occurred on a night when people were engaged in a communal celebration of diversity and Pride. What should have been a place of safety and acceptance for our LGBT sisters and brothers was maliciously violated.

“Despite the horror of this morning’s events, let us take solace in knowing that we remain united against hate and homophobia,” the Chair added. “Today is a solemn reminder of how much there is left to do in advancing full equality for the LGBT community.”

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