

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0515

Mr. Michael L. Emerson
The Hayward 9/11 Memorial Project
2715 Christopher Court
Hayward, CA 94541-3179

Dear Mr. Emerson:

Thank you for contacting my office. I appreciate your hard work and the thoughtful contributions being made towards the creation of a memorial dedicated to the memories of those lost on September 11, 2001 in downtown Hayward, California.

The terrorist attacks of September 11th forever changed our nation. On that haunting morning I was heading to my internship on Capitol Hill, when I was told to turn around because a plane was possibly headed for the Capitol. It was a chilling memory that will never fade from my mind.

A memorial in Hayward would serve as an important local tribute to the nearly 3,000 people killed that day, including the emergency and rescue personnel who made the ultimate sacrifice while aiding their fellow Americans. Having a 9/11 memorial in the East Bay would help ensure that future generations never forget the innocent lives lost on that fateful day, or the American spirit that prevailed in its aftermath.

I wish those seeking to erect such a memorial in Hayward all the best in their endeavor. Their cause is one worthy of the support of our community.

Sincerely,



Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress