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Hayward City Council
777 B Street
Hayward, CA 94541

Dear Council Members:

I am writing a letter of support on behalf of Mr. Michael Emerson and his proposal for the design and construction of a 9/11 Memorial in the city of Hayward. The tragic events of September 11, 2001, broke our hearts but cannot break our Nation's indomitable spirit.

It is important for the citizens of Alameda County and visitors of the community to remember our heroes who lost their lives in the 9/11 events. Michael Emerson's memorial will provide a physical tribute to honor those who died in the horror of 9/11. The memorial will also serve as a reminder of our resiliency in the aftermath of a disaster that threatened our Nation's safety and security.

Mr. Emerson has worked steadfastly to erect a 9/11 monument in the city of Hayward that will pay homage to our heroes. I believe he will produce a memorial that will be a source of pride for our citizens and be a moving tribute to those who were lost in the 9/11 disaster. Please give every consideration to this project that will serve as a reminder of our gone, but never forgotten cherished heroes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gregory J. Ahern".

Gregory J. Ahern
Sheriff-Coroner

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