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## **OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO LAS VEGAS MASS SHOOTING**

**Phoenix, Arizona: October 2, 2017** Arizona Democratic U.S. Senate Candidate Deedra Abboud released the following statement in response to the mass shooting that took in Las Vegas, Nevada on Sunday, October 1:

***"It was the largest mass shooting in the nation's history. More than 58 innocent people killed, over 500 were injured and thousands more were terrorized by a shooter Sunday night in Las Vegas, Nevada.***

***Few things are more American than enjoying a concert with your loved ones and attacking such an event strikes at the heart of our nation's soul. When music is usurped by the ricochet of bullets, when singing is replaced with screams, when dancing gives way to running, this is terrorism.***

***But even amidst the chaos, it was heroism that carried the day. Off-duty police officers shepherded concert-goers to safety, doctors and nurses refused to leave the side of victims even when it put their own lives at risk and civilians raced the injured to hospitals in their own cars and trucks.***

***This is the ironic foolishness of terrorism: every act meant to divide us ultimately underscores our strength and unity.***

***In the coming days and weeks, we will need answers and Las Vegas will need our thoughts and prayers. But at this moment we must focus on how we can help our neighbors.***

***It's easy to feel overwhelmed in the face of such a tragedy, but Las Vegas Mayor Carolyn Goodman has called for [blood donations](#), a tangible way you can make a difference today right here in Arizona. Clark County Commission Chairman Steve Sisolak has launched an [official GoFundMe page](#) to assist victims and their families."***

**About Deedra Abboud:** Deedra Abboud is seeking the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate from Arizona. She runs on a progressive platform that advocates for the rights of all Arizonans. A Phoenix-based attorney and founder of the leadership consulting firm, the Global Institute of Solution Oriented Leadership, Deedra is highly respected for her community leadership and advocacy. For more information, visit [Deedra2018.com](http://Deedra2018.com).

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