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Megan Bull Speaks at the Prosecutor's Alliance's Release of Their "Survivor Voices" and Recommendations for Legislation Regarding Victim's Services

"While I hope there is an end to all forms of trauma, as long as they continue, I am glad that the Prosecutors Alliance is advocating for us through legislative policies to assist us in our journey to reclaim our lives."

Sacramento, CA - In October 2021, the <u>Prosecutor's Alliance</u> organized a <u>meeting of crime victims</u> to discuss their experiences with crime, victim's services (or lack thereof), and talk with those in-charge of these services, District Attorney Chesa Boudin (San Francisco) and Diana Becton (Contra Costa), directly. Reclaim Foundation founder and president, Megan Bull, was honored to be invited to the meeting along with other survivors of domestic violence and rape, family members of those lost to gun violence, and a physical assault survivor. This meeting, along with multiple other in-person and virtual, and online surveys, available in multiple languages, were used to develop statistics about those impacted by trauma in California along with their use of victim's services and how they can be improved.



On April 18th, 2022, Megan Bull was asked to speak at the State Capitol in Sacramento, California to release the summary of those meetings, in what is called the <u>Survivor Voices</u> <u>Report</u>, and as an example of the 711 other survivors that had been interviewed. The Survivor Voices covers what works and what doesn't in regards to victim's services and how the state of California can improve such services. Legislation regarding these services will later follow these findings.

Among the findings, Megan mentioned "at 23 years old, I contributed to the statistic that 40% of trauma survivors are between the ages of 18 and 24, because I decided to attend the Gilroy Garlic Festival." A startling fact among various others like how 20% of black women will be raped in their lifetime, african american and latino men are the most likely to be repreat victims, and sexual assaults are the most common form of crime at 33% of all crimes.

View her full speech <u>here</u> on Reclaim Foundation's YouTube Channel.

About Reclaim Foundation:

Founded in 2020, Reclaim Foundation is a California-based 501(c)(3) that empowers those impacted by traumatic events. With the launch of the Reclaim Foundation's Reclaim Network on August 1st, 2022, Reclaim Foundation will connect survivors of traumatic events to others suffering from similar situations in order to nurture growth and healing. Because when traumatic events occur, family and friends can benefit from a supportive community to uplift the survivors in their lives.

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