

Tennille Pereira is a licensed attorney in Las Vegas with the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada and the Director of the Resiliency & Justice Center (formally known as the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center). When 1 October happened, Tennille facilitated and provided civil legal services for the bereaved families and survivors of the 1 October shooting at the Family Assistance Center. She worked as a staff attorney advocating on behalf of all those impacted in the early months of recovery with the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center and was appointed to her current position as the Director in 2019. In 2023, Tennille responded to the December 6th mass shooting at UNLV through the establishment of the Family Reunification Center and the development of programming and services at the Resiliency Center. Under her leadership the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center was honored with the prestigious National Victim Service Award by the Office for Victims' of Crime in 2021, the Congressional Crime Survivors & Justice Caucus Allied Professional Award in 2023 and was designated as the first Statewide Victim Assistance Center for Nevada in 2021.

She is a member of the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee and an inaugural member of National Mass Violence Center's Resiliency Center Director's Forum. Tennille was appointed to the 1 October Memorial Committee by Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak and elected as the Chairwoman of that Committee. She currently serves as a board member of the nonprofit Vegas Strong Fund to assist in the fundraising and construction of the permanent 1 October Memorial as well as an advisory member on the UNLV Memorial Committee. Most recently she was brought on as a consultant for the National Mass Violence Center through the Office for Victims of Crime to provide consultation and support to other communities impacted by mass violence.

Tennille has successfully led several initiatives for systemic change for victim services across the state of Nevada including legislative changes that incorporate victim advocacy into every stage of emergency response from planning through long-term recovery. In 2023, Tennille successfully transitioned the Vegas Strong Resiliency Center into the Resiliency & Justice Center, a permanent resiliency center focused on providing long term services to all those impacted by 1 October as well as local survivors of violent crime. The Center also serves as a state-wide resource for any mass incident in the state of Nevada and provides guidance to state wide emergency management organizations regarding victim services.