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Dear Community Member:

The County of San Mateo has made significant headway in addressing the needs of domestic violence victims in the past decade; unfortunately, domestic violence continues to wreak havoc among families each year. Moreover, I deeply regret that domestic violence related deaths do occur and acknowledge how devastating they can be for the impacted families and the community at large. My hope is that by reviewing the events leading up to these tragedies, the community will be better poised to learn from these incidents and to prevent these heinous crimes from occurring in the future. It is for this reason, the Domestic Violence Death Review Team (DVDRT) created this report.

This report, the third of its kind for San Mateo County, is a summary of the work done by the DVDRT. It provides a thorough analysis of the domestic violence related deaths that occurred in San Mateo County between 2010 and 2017. It is also a call to action for those who work with victims of domestic violence and for the community.

It is with a great sense of gratitude that I express thanks to the team for its fine work and appreciation for the tireless efforts of the community partners preventing and responding to domestic violence. Working together, we can educate our community and continue to find better solutions for this tragic problem.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Foucrault

Chair, Domestic Violence Death Review Team

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