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**STATEMENT FROM SUPERVISOR LISA BARTLETT
ON SHOOTING AT GENEVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LAGUNA WOODS**

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ORANGE COUNTY, CA (May 15, 2022) The following statement was issued by Supervisor Lisa Bartlett during a press conference on the horrific shooting at Geneva Presbyterian Church in Laguna Woods, California.

“Today is a very dark day for the people of Laguna Woods and Orange County. Just a day after the tragic and hate-filled actions that led to the senseless deaths of innocent Americans at Tops Friendly Markets supermarket in Buffalo, New York, we, too, are now dealing with people shot in their place of worship here - in Laguna Woods.

I would like to thank Sheriff Don Barnes and the heroic actions of our Orange County Sheriff’s Department Deputies who were able to bring the perpetrator swiftly into custody and securing the site. I would also like to thank Chief Brian Fennessy and the Orange County Fire Authority in attending to the victims of this senseless tragedy.

To the church congregants impacted by the violence that took place here today - we are here for you and we will seek justice for you. To the perpetrator of such heinous acts - our County will work to ensure justice for your victims.

As the Fifth District County Supervisor, I am making sure that the County’s mental health counselors are available for the victims of today’s shooting. Thank you to the County’s Health Care Agency, for being so quick to respond to the needs of our citizens.

And to the citizens of Orange County, please know that you will continue to have my unwavering support to ensure the safety and security of all our residents.

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Supervisor Lisa Bartlett represents the Fifth Supervisorial District which includes the cities of Aliso Viejo, Costa Mesa, Dana Point, Irvine (portion of), Laguna Beach, Laguna Hills, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Woods, Newport Beach, San Clemente, San Juan Capistrano, and the unincorporated communities of Coto de Caza, Emerald Bay, Ladera Ranch, Las Flores, Rancho Mission Viejo, Stonecliffe and Wagon Wheel