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**Statement of attorney Gloria Allred regarding the decision of the California Supreme Court in the case of People vs. Scott Peterson**

I agree with the decision of the California Supreme Court which affirmed the conviction of Scott Peterson for the first-degree murder of his pregnant wife, Laci Peterson, and for the second-degree murder of his unborn son, Conner. I believe that Scott Peterson was afforded a fair trial and I believe that the jury's decision to convict him was the right decision based on the evidence.

Regarding the death penalty, I do feel that under these circumstances, whatever Laci's family decides should be respected and supported by the Stanislaus County District Attorney. If Laci's family wishes there to be another trial for the death penalty phase, then the District Attorney should proceed with another trial. If Laci's family members do not wish a new jury to decide if Scott Peterson should receive the death penalty, then I support the family's decision in that regard.

Either way, Scott Peterson has had to face the consequences for the crimes that he has committed, and he has and will pay a heavy price for those crimes. Her family and friends have suffered a painful loss and whatever price Scott Peterson is forced to pay, unfortunately, it will never restore Laci Peterson and Conner to the life they should have been entitled to enjoy.

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