

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Steven Jerry Aceves

Steven Jerry Aceves, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 25, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of assault with a firearm. He served two years, ten months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on March 10, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Steven Jerry Aceves has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 29, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Steven Jerry Aceves has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Steven Jerry Aceves a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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### Michael Anthony Anderson

Michael Anthony Anderson, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 26, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon. He served eight months probation, two years, one month prison, and three years, two months parole. He was discharged on September 15, 1992, having completed his sentence.

Michael Anthony Anderson has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated January 11, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, after leaving prison, Mr. Anderson studied to become a Master Technician in Automotive Technology and now teaches as full-time faculty at a community college. He says that he is clean and sober, and has volunteered with Alcoholics Anonymous to help others get sober and to educate young people about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Anthony Anderson has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Anthony Anderson a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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### Anthony Ralph Armas

Anthony Ralph Armas, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 22, 1976, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of transporting a controlled substance. He served five years probation, and 270 days jail. He was discharged on November 22, 1981, having completed his sentence.

Anthony Ralph Armas has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated December 8, 2006, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Anthony Ralph Armas has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anthony Ralph Armas a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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### Ivan Richard Bassett

Ivan Richard Bassett, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 1, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Bassett stole a camera and some DVDs. He served eleven months prison, and one year, ten months parole. He was discharged on December 26, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Ivan Richard Bassett has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated August 2, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Bassett reports that he is clean and sober and volunteers with a scouting organization. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ivan Richard Bassett has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ivan Richard Bassett a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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ALEX PADILLA  
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### Jeffrey Charles Berger

Jeffrey Charles Berger, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 8, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Joaquin for the crime of manufacturing a controlled substance. He served one year, one month prison and one year parole. He was discharged on November 9, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Jeffrey Charles Berger has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated December 11, 2013, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jeffrey Charles Berger has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jeffrey Charles Berger a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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### David Eugene Blake

David Eugene Blake, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 21, 1984, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on September 21, 1987 having completed his sentence.

David Eugene Blake has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Eugene Blake, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Eugene Blake a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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### Anthony Louis Bonfiglio

Anthony Louis Bonfiglio, a resident of Oregon, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 12, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Bonfiglio stole items from the residences of individuals who were recently deceased. He served one year, eleven months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on April 3, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Anthony Louis Bonfiglio has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated September 11, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Anthony Louis Bonfiglio has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anthony Louis Bonfiglio a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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### Tarhonne M. Boyd

Tarhonne M. Boyd, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 29, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of accessory to a crime. Specifically, Mr. Boyd drove individuals who intended to commit murder. He served one month prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on August 9, 2007 having completed his sentence.

Tarhonne M. Boyd has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Tarhonne M. Boyd, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Tarhonne M. Boyd a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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### Anthony Dion Bracco

Anthony Dion Bracco, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 24, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on September 24, 1993, having completed his sentence.

Anthony Dion Bracco has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, an order dated October 13, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Anthony Dion Bracco has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anthony Dion Bracco a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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### Christopher Scott Brookshire

Christopher Scott Brookshire, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 26, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Yolo for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 26, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Christopher Scott Brookshire has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Yolo, an order dated June 27, 2014, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Christopher Scott Brookshire has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Christopher Scott Brookshire a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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### Joe Don Bunton

Joe Don Bunton, a resident of Arkansas, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 13, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served four years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on May 13, 1991 having completed his sentence.

Joe Don Bunton has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Joe Don Bunton, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Joe Don Bunton a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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### Paul Burner

Paul Burner, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 4, 1985, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on January 4, 1988, having completed his sentence.

Paul Burner has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated October 6, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Paul Burner has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Paul Burner a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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### Derrick Keith Burton

Derrick Keith Burton, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 20, 1991, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of driving under the influence causing bodily injury, hit and run with death or injury, and driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of 0.08%. He was discharged on August 20, 1994, having completed his sentence. He was then sentenced on or about January 30, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served one year, eight months probation before it was revoked due to the next conviction. He was then sentenced on or about October 14, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of burglary. He served one year, seven months prison, and nine months parole. He was discharged on July 22, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Derrick Keith Burton has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated July 28, 2011, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Burton has become a certified alcohol and drug counselor, and currently works as a Program Director for transitional housing at a local rescue mission. Additionally, Mr. Burton is highly involved in the ministry; he was appointed the Assistant Pastor of his church, having previously served as a licensed minister. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Burton's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on February 21, 2018. Mr. Burton also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 14, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Derrick Keith Burton has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Derrick Keith Burton a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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### Dameon M. Butler

Dameon M. Butler, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 24, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on April 21, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Dameon M. Butler has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship; and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated December 6, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Dameon M. Butler has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Dameon M. Butler a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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### James Sang Choi

James Sang Choi, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 16, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of transporting a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on March 15, 2002, having completed his sentence.

James Sang Choi has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated December 22, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, James Sang Choi has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to James Sang Choi a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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Jeffery Daniel Cole

Jeffery Daniel Cole, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 23, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crimes of transporting or selling a controlled substance, and possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale, with an enhancement for possessing a firearm. He served one year, three months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on September 14, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Jeffery Daniel Cole has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated December 13, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jeffery Daniel Cole has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jeffery Daniel Cole a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
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### Aneta Colonia (Molska)

Aneta Colonia, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about November 3, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of transporting a controlled substance committed while on bail. She served one year, three months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on April 5, 2007, having completed her sentence.

Aneta Colonia has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 11, 2015, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Aneta Colonia has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Aneta Colonia a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Michael David Crawford

Michael David Crawford, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 13, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Humboldt, for the crimes of robbery and burglary in two separate cases. He served eleven months prison, and one year parole in concurrent sentences. He was discharged on April 3, 2000, having completed his sentence. Specifically, Mr. Crawford robbed a gas station and a department store.

Michael David Crawford has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Ventura, an order dated October 15, 2010, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed Mr. Crawford graduated with honors with a degree in electronic engineering. He is involved in the manufacturing of microwave components for various satellite companies. Mr. Crawford is actively involved in his church as a Deacon, as well as in the wider community. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Crawford's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on September 18, 2018. Mr. Crawford also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 20, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael David Crawford has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael David Crawford a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Norma Cumpian

Norma Cumpian, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about February 8, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of murder with a firearm enhancement. She served sixteen years, nine months prison and five years parole. She was discharged on December 8, 2015 having completed her sentence.

Norma Cumpian has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Cumpian works with a group seeking to support women in the community and to reduce the rate of recidivism among women. She is a guest lecturer in a social work program at a local university, and she is a "life mentor" for women at the California Institution for Women.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Norma Cumpian, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Norma Cumpian a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Robert Davis

Robert Davis, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 30, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kings for the crimes of grand theft with a street gang enhancement, and burglary. Specifically, Mr. Davis was a member of a motorcycle gang and stole items from another motorcycle gang, including cash, cell phones, t-shirts and other gang merchandise. He served one year, seven months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on May 3, 2008, having completed his sentence.

Robert Davis has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno, an order dated May 12, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Davis's former parole agent supports his request for a pardon. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Davis has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Davis a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### William Michael Delli Paoli

William Michael Delli Paoli, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 29, 1982, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served one year, six months prison, and two years parole. He was discharged on September 20, 1985, having completed his sentence.

William Michael Delli Paoli has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated November 12, 1989, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, William Michael Delli Paoli has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to William Michael Delli Paoli a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Mark George Ditchie

Mark George Ditchie, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 5, 1982, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Luis Obispo for the crime of planting or cultivating marijuana. He served two years, one month probation, and 20 days jail. He was discharged on April 23, 1984, having completed his sentence.

Mark George Ditchie has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, an order dated January 19, 1990, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Mark George Ditchie has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mark George Ditchie a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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## PARDON

### Rory Patrick Doloughan

Rory Patrick Doloughan, a resident of Idaho, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 25, 1991, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Mono, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served one year, eight months probation. He was discharged on July 9, 1993 having completed his sentence.

Rory Patrick Doloughan has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Rory Patrick Doloughan, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rory Patrick Doloughan a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Jack Lorean Doyle Jr.

Jack Lorean Doyle Jr., a resident of Illinois, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 6, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of burglary. Specifically, while under the influence of methamphetamine, Mr. Doyle drove individuals to a residence to commit burglary. He served three years probation, and 365 days jail. He was discharged on January 6, 2007 having completed his sentence.

Jack Lorean Doyle Jr. has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Doyle honorably served in the United States Navy.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jack Lorean Doyle Jr., has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jack Lorean Doyle Jr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### David Brian Drew

David Brian Drew, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 15, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He was next sentenced on or about February 22, 1988, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation, eleven months prison, and one year, seven months parole in concurrent sentences. He was discharged on October 1, 1990, having completed his sentence. He was then sentenced on or about September 17, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of transporting or selling a controlled substance, and possession or purchasing a controlled substance for sale. He was then sentenced on or about July 27, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Ventura, for the crimes of conspiracy to commit a crime, and selling or furnishing marijuana. He served five years, one month prison, and three years parole in concurrent sentences. He was discharged on October 10, 2000, having completed his sentence.

David Brian Drew has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey, an order dated October 7, 2011, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Drew has owned his own trucking company, as well as an entertainment production company. Additionally, Mr. Drew is well respected among those in his community and is regarded as a man of great moral values, determination, perseverance, compassion, and generosity who has worked tirelessly to better himself and become an asset to society. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Drew's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on May 15, 2018. Mr. Drew also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on October 1, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Brian Drew has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Brian Drew a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Damian Robert Duran

Damian Robert Duran, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 2, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of carjacking. He served five years probation, and six months jail. He was discharged on July 2, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Damian Robert Duran has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated March 15, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Duran reports that he helps provide food to the homeless and less fortunate. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Damian Robert Duran has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Damian Robert Duran a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

**PARDON**

**Tyler James Edwards**

Tyler James Edwards, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 28, 2014, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Modoc, for the crimes of assault with a deadly weapon, and obstructing or resisting an executive officer. He served three years, seven months probation, and 150 days jail. He was discharged on December 07, 2017 having completed his sentence.

Tyler James Edwards has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Edwards reports that he is clean and sober.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Tyler James Edwards, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Tyler James Edwards a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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## PARDON

Vanskie Elder

Vanskie Elder, a resident of Tennessee, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 6, 1976, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of robbery. Specifically, while hospitalized for in-patient care at Long Beach Naval Hospital, he experienced an acute psychotic episode and robbed a massage parlor. He served two years, eight months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on August 24, 1980, having completed his sentence.

Vanskie Elder has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated November 15, 1984, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Elder obtained an Associate of Arts degree at El Camino College and reports that he co-founded the non-profit California Council of Service Advocates, which advocates for low-income disabled families and which he led for 17 years. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Vanskie Elder has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Vanskie Elder a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State



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## PARDON

### David Paul Esposito

David Paul Esposito, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 29, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He served nine months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on March 11, 2001, having completed his sentence.

David Paul Esposito has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, an order dated November 20, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Paul Esposito has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Paul Esposito a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Johnny Murguia Estrada

Johnny Murguia Estrada, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 22, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare for the crimes of conspiracy to commit a crime, and possession of a machine gun. He served two years prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on April 3, 2004, having completed his sentence.

Johnny Murguia Estrada has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare, an order dated November 15, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Estrada has volunteered at local charity events and established an annual rib cook-off event in the City of Lindsay to help fund youth programs in his community. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Johnny Murguia Estrada has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Johnny Murguia Estrada a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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## PARDON

**David L. Fava**

David L. Fava, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 1, 1979, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Fava appears to have broken into a grocery store. He served three years probation, and 120 days in jail. He was discharged on February 1, 1982, having completed his sentence.

David L. Fava has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada, an order dated February 3, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Fava reports that he is active with his local church. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David L. Fava has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David L. Fava a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State



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## PARDON

### John Henry Fick

John Henry Fick, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 11, 1988, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crimes of transporting or selling a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance. He served one year, ten months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on September 19, 1991, having completed his sentence.

John Henry Fick has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated March 2, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, John Henry Fick has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to John Henry Fick a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN, JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Barney Louis Firks II

Barney Louis Firks II, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 18, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crimes of robbery, and grand theft. Specifically, Mr. Firks stole CDs from a music store to help pay for his drug addiction. He served three years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on May 18, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Barney Louis Firks II has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated April 21, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Firks is clean and sober and is active with a twelve-step program. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Barney Louis Firks II has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Barney Louis Firks II a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Aaron Matthew Fitzgerald

Aaron Matthew Fitzgerald, a resident of Tennessee, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 1, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, for the crime of burglary. Specifically, while under the influence of drugs, Mr. Fitzgerald entered a residence without permission. He served nine months prison, and one year, seven months parole. He was discharged on July 8, 1997 having completed his sentence.

Aaron Matthew Fitzgerald has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Fitzgerald reports that he remains drug-free and that he is active in his church and local Rotary club.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Aaron Matthew Fitzgerald, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Aaron Matthew Fitzgerald a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### James Christopher Ford

James Christopher Ford, a resident of Colorado, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 11, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, for the crime of receiving stolen property. He served nine months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on May 1, 1992 having completed his sentence.

James Christopher Ford has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, after leaving prison, Mr. Ford reports that he paid his way through college and has created two successful businesses.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, James Christopher Ford, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to James Christopher Ford a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Roderick Lamont Foreman

Roderick Lamont Foreman, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 15, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of assault with a firearm. He served four years, two months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on October 9, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Roderick Lamont Foreman has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 7, 2012, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Roderick Lamont Foreman has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Roderick Lamont Foreman a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### John Jeffrey Frates

John Jeffrey Frates, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 27, 2001, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sonoma for the crime of stalking. He served one year, three months probation, four months prison, and three years, eleven months parole. He was discharged on March 24, 2007, having completed his sentence.

John Jeffrey Frates has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sonoma, an order dated May 24, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Frates reports that he is clean and sober, attends church, and has volunteered with the Redwood Gospel Mission for the last 10 years. Through that organization, he visits the Sonoma County jail every week to share his story and help other addicts turn their lives around. The victim in this case has also written in support of Mr. Frates and affirms his personal transformation. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, John Jeffrey Frates has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to John Jeffrey Frates a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State





# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

**Jan John Gharibian**

Jan John Gharibian, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 22, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on April 25, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Jan John Gharibian has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated October 12, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jan John Gharibian has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jan John Gharibian a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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State of California

**PARDON**

**Timothy Raymond Gutierrez**

Timothy Raymond Gutierrez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 13, 1991, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of robbery. He served eleven months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on October 15, 1993, having completed his sentence.

Timothy Raymond Gutierrez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 16, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Gutierrez has earned a number of vocational certificates and reports that he owns his own small business. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Timothy Raymond Gutierrez has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Timothy Raymond Gutierrez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

**Dante Jamal Hale**

Dante Jamal Hale, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 16, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of receiving stolen property. Specifically, Mr. Hale pawned stolen items. He served five years, eight months probation, 577 days jail, four months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on July 6, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Dante Jamal Hale has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 18, 2015, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Hale teaches a bible study class and is an usher in his church. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Dante Jamal Hale has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Dante Jamal Hale a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

**Executive Department**

State of California

**PARDON**

**Robert Russell Harris Jr.**

Robert Russell Harris Jr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 3, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and 60 days jail. He was discharged on December 3, 1990, having completed his sentence.

Robert Russell Harris Jr. has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated June 22, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Russell Harris Jr. has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Russell Harris Jr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

**Executive Department**

State of California

**PARDON**

**Kyle Matthew Hathaway**

Kyle Matthew Hathaway, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 27, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and keeping a place to sell controlled substances. He served three years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on June 27, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Kyle Matthew Hathaway has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated March 14, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, a probation officer that was familiar with his case wrote in support of Mr. Hathaway's application for a pardon that he is a well-respected and caring person, and that a pardon would benefit his community. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Kyle Matthew Hathaway has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kyle Matthew Hathaway a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State



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## PARDON

### John Andrew Hazen

John Andrew Hazen, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 11, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of El Dorado for the crime of driving under the influence causing bodily injury. He served one year, eleven months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on August 6, 1998, having completed his sentence.

John Andrew Hazen has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated December 22, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Hazen owns his own landscaping business. He reports that he is active in his church, and donates his services to his church and others in need. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, John Andrew Hazen has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to John Andrew Hazen a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
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## PARDON

### Sean Hean

Sean Hean, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Hean lawfully entered the United States at the age of nine months as a refugee from Cambodia.

He was sentenced on or about September 25, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Joaquin, for the crime of accessory after the fact with a criminal street gang enhancement. Specifically, Mr. Hean hid weapons that had been used in a gang-related shooting. He served eleven months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on September 24, 2010 having completed his sentence.

Sean Hean has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Hean's supporters wrote that he holds himself accountable for his crime, and that he works hard to support his elderly parents, his wife, and his family.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Sean Hean, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sean Hean a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Sara Lee Heuston (Palmer)

Sara Lee Heuston, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about November 2, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. She served three years, four months probation, and 90 days jail. She was discharged on March 26, 1991, having completed her sentence.

Sara Lee Heuston has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated December 18, 2002, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Sara Lee Heuston has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sara Lee Heuston a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Viet Quoc Hong

Viet Quoc Hong, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 25, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of vehicle theft and misdemeanor driving while his license was suspended. He served five months probation before it was revoked due to the next convictions. He was then sentenced on or about February 7, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance, and use or under the influence of a controlled substance. He served ten months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on February 1, 1998, having completed his sentence.

Viet Quoc Hong has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, an order dated February 22, 2010, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Hong's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on May 31, 2018. Mr. Hong also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on October 25, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Viet Quoc Hong has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Viet Quoc Hong a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Louis (Bill) Honig

Louis Honig, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 24, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, for the crime of conflict of interest with a government contract. He served three years, nine months probation, and one year jail. He was discharged on December 19, 1996 having completed his sentence.

Louis Honig has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Honig has devoted much of his life to education, serving as the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, co-founder of the Consortium of Reading Excellence which trained approximately 200,000 teachers over a 25 year period, and currently serves on the boards of the Silicon Valley Educational Foundation and the Strategic Education Research Partnership Institute.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Louis Honig, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Louis Honig a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State



**Executive Department**

State of California

**PARDON**

**Jack Tom Huang**

Jack Tom Huang, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 30, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crimes of burglary, and receiving stolen property. Specifically, Mr. Huang stole items from an elementary school. He served three years probation. He was discharged on November 30, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Jack Tom Huang has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo, an order dated May 26, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Huang helps coach several youth sports teams. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jack Tom Huang has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jack Tom Huang a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Samuel Michael Huddleston

Samuel Michael Huddleston, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 3, 1971, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Merced for the crime of murder. Specifically, Mr. Huddleston participated in the robbery of a liquor store in which the owner was stabbed and killed. He served four years, seven months prison, and one year, nine months parole. He was discharged on January 18, 1978, having completed his sentence.

Samuel Michael Huddleston has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Solano, an order dated May 17, 1990, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Huddleston is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God Church, and is part of the church's governing board. He has volunteered with a prison mentoring program, ultimately becoming its president, and started a non-profit organization that helps bring drinking water to impoverished areas of West Africa. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Samuel Michael Huddleston has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.,** Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Samuel Michael Huddleston a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Carlos Hurtado

Carlos Hurtado, a resident of Florida, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 14, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served five years, four months prison and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on April 7, 2000 having completed his sentence.

Carlos Hurtado has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Carlos Hurtado, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Carlos Hurtado a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

**Executive Department**

State of California

**PARDON**

**Joseph F. Iuculano**

Joseph F. Iuculano, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 17, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crime of driving under the influence causing bodily injury. He served three years probation, and 120 days jail. He was discharged on December 17, 1989 having completed his sentence.

Joseph F. Iuculano has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Joseph F. Iuculano, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Joseph F. Iuculano a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Hermelo Jimenez-Martinez

Hermelo Jimenez-Martinez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 25, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the misdemeanor crime of theft of personal property. He served two years probation. He was discharged on March 25, 1994 having completed his sentence. He was sentenced on or about November 21, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the misdemeanor crime of petty theft with a prior. He served two years probation. He was discharged on November 21, 1997, having completed his sentence. Specifically, on two occasions Mr. Jimenez-Martinez stole an item from a department store valued at \$30 each.

Hermelo Jimenez-Martinez has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Hermelo Jimenez-Martinez, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Hermelo Jimenez-Martinez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

  
ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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State of California

## PARDON

**Robert L. Karpe**

Robert L. Karpe, a resident of Idaho, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 24, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, for the crime of burglary. He served three years probation. He was discharged on September 24, 1996 having completed his sentence.

Robert L. Karpe has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Karpe has actively contributed to his community in a number of ways, working with his local city council and serving on the Idaho County Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert L. Karpe, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert L. Karpe a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Phetsamone Khamsouk

Phetsamone Khamsouk, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 11, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon, not a firearm. He served four years, six months probation, and 365 days jail. He was discharged on July 10, 2002, having completed his sentence.

Phetsamone Khamsouk has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated May 12, 2009, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Phetsamone Khamsouk has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Phetsamone Khamsouk a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

**Executive Department**

State of California

**PARDON**

**Chhay Bun Kim**

Chhay Bun Kim, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Kim lawfully entered the United States at the age of 5 as a refugee from Cambodia.

He was sentenced on or about December 9, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon other than a firearm, a misdemeanor. He served three years probation. He was discharged on December 9, 2002 having completed his sentence.

Chhay Bun Kim has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, friends and family describe him as a devoted father, husband, and friend who puts others before himself. One supporter wrote that it would be devastating if he were deported to Cambodia, and his employer wrote that he has made a positive contribution to his community and that he should be permitted to remain in this country.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Chhay Bun Kim, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Chhay Bun Kim a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



*Edmund G. Brown Jr.*  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

*Alex Padilla*  
ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



**Executive Department**

**State of California**

**PARDON**

**Steven Wayne Lance II**

Steven Wayne Lance II, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 15, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served six months prison and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on October 28, 2007 having completed his sentence.

Steven Wayne Lance II has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Steven Wayne Lance II, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Steven Wayne Lance II a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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State of California

## PARDON

**Ramon Leija**

Ramon Leija, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 11, 2008, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside for the crime of robbery. Specifically, Mr. Leija drove individuals to a home knowing they intended to commit a robbery. He served two years, three months prison, and two years, one month parole. He was discharged on December 25, 2012, having completed his sentence.

Ramon Leija has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated October 4, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Leija serves on the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency and volunteers with numerous local entities, including Coachella Valley Youth Leadership. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ramon Leija has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ramon Leija a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### David Allen Lewis

David Allen Lewis, a resident of Washington, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 1, 1984, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, for the crime of burglary. Specifically, it appears Mr. Lewis stole cash and items from a home because he was hungry. He served two years prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on June 23, 1987 having completed his sentence.

David Allen Lewis has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Lewis reports that he is a chef, and volunteers his time with a local food bank and farmer's market.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Allen Lewis, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Allen Lewis a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Tammy Marie Linn

Tammy Marie Linn, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about October 5, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, in separate cases for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance, theft by a forged or invalid access card, providing false checks, possession of a blank check with the intent to defraud, and obtaining credit using another's identification. She served one year prison, and one year, four months parole for these crimes. She was discharged on May 6, 2009, having completed her sentence.

Tammy Marie Linn has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated August 26, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Ms. Linn's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended her for a pardon on November 20, 2018. Ms. Linn also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on December 19, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Tammy Marie Linn has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Tammy Marie Linn a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



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EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State



# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

**Robert Lipka**

Robert Lipka, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 13, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of selling or furnishing marijuana. He served three years probation, and 61 days jail. He was discharged on June 13, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Robert Lipka has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare, an order dated June 2, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Lipka has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Lipka a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Scott William Lundgren

Scott William Lundgren, a resident of Texas, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 11, 1983, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of robbery with use of a weapon. He served three years, ten months prison, and two years parole. He was discharged on February 14, 1989 having completed his sentence.

Scott William Lundgren has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, after completing his parole, Mr. Lundgren received a waiver that allowed him to serve for 21 years in the U.S. Navy, during which he received multiple medals and commendations. He retired as a Chief Petty Officer and then started his own health care business.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Scott William Lundgren, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Scott William Lundgren a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Anthony Paul Maiorana

Anthony Paul Maiorana, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 10, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Maiorana stole \$500 and a buck knife from an individual's home. He served two years, ten months probation, and 169 days jail. He was discharged on March 5, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Anthony Paul Maiorana has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated October 6, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Maiorana is active in his church and his local chamber of commerce. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Anthony Paul Maiorana has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anthony Paul Maiorana a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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## PARDON

**Kirk Marchetti**

Kirk Marchetti, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 25, 1981, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served two years probation. He was discharged on October 25, 1983, having completed his sentence.

Kirk Marchetti has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated October 11, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Kirk Marchetti has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kirk Marchetti a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Edward Ismael Martinez

Edward Ismael Martinez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 4, 1988, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of robbery. He served one year, eight months prison, and two years, nine months parole. He was discharged on June 30, 1996, having completed his sentence.

Edward Ismael Martinez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated July 13, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Martinez obtained his bachelor's degree in criminal justice from California State University at Dominguez, and he reports that he volunteers with a free legal clinic and acts as a mediator at a local middle school. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Edward Ismael Martinez has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Edward Ismael Martinez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Juan Manuel Mata

Juan Manuel Mata, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 1, 1985, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation, and six months jail. He was discharged on November 1, 1988, having completed his sentence.

Juan Manuel Mata has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated September 12, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Juan Manuel Mata has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Juan Manuel Mata a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

**Roger W. May**

Roger W. May, a resident of Washington, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 16, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey, for the crimes of manufacturing a controlled substance, money laundering, and violating monetary transaction regulations. He served one year, seven months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on December 18, 2000 having completed his sentence.

Roger W. May has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, after leaving prison, Mr. May went to college and was selected for the All-USA Academic Team. In addition to actively volunteering for a number of organizations in his community, he ran for and was elected to the Colville City Council.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Roger W. May, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Roger W. May a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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State of California

## PARDON

### Quent Mccullough

Quent Mccullough, a resident of Nevada, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 19, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa, for the crime of burglary. Specifically, when he was 20 years old and homeless, he burglarized his mom's boyfriend's apartment. He served three years probation, and 295 days jail. He was discharged on February 19, 1989 having completed his sentence.

Quent Mccullough has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Quent Mccullough, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Quent Mccullough a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State





# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### William J. McKinney

William J. McKinney, a resident of Florida, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 26, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, for the crime of driving under the influence causing bodily injury with a prior. He served five years probation. He was discharged on July 26, 1999 having completed his sentence.

William J. McKinney has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, William J. McKinney, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to William J. McKinney a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Rafael Ortega Mora

Rafael Ortega Mora, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 16, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the misdemeanor crime of possession of a drivers license or identification with the intent to commit forgery. Specifically, Mr. Mora obtained a forged identification in an attempt to recover money he alleged was owed to him by a former business partner. He served three years probation. He was discharged on July 16, 1999, having completed his sentence. He was sentenced on or about April 13, 2006 in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the misdemeanor crime of possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He served three years probation. He was discharged on April 13, 2009, having completed his sentence

Rafael Ortega Mora has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Mora reports that he has been clean and sober for over a decade.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Rafael Ortega Mora, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rafael Ortega Mora a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State



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## PARDON

### Graylyn Rufus Morris

Graylyn Rufus Morris, a resident of Minnesota, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 22, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of robbery. He served three years probation. He was discharged on April 22, 1989 having completed his sentence.

Graylyn Rufus Morris has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Morris is a professional magician, and performs for children at local libraries.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Graylyn Rufus Morris, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Graylyn Rufus Morris a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Robin Lee Morris

Robin Lee Morris, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about March 14, 1980, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of robbery. Specifically, Ms. Morris stole a pizza from a delivery person. She served two years, one month probation. She was discharged on April 29, 1982, having completed her sentence.

Robin Lee Morris has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Yolo, an order dated January 26, 2018, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Morris has received numerous awards and recognition for her work at CalEPA, and volunteers with numerous animal rescue organizations. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Robin Lee Morris has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robin Lee Morris a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

**PARDON**

**Scott Andrew Mosier**

Scott Andrew Mosier, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 11, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served eleven months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on March 23, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Scott Andrew Mosier has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated April 28, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Scott Andrew Mosier has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Scott Andrew Mosier a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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Secretary of State



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## PARDON

### Janice Nel (Pegueros)

Janice Nel, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about September 27, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of burglary. She served one year, eight months probation, four months prison, and three years, eleven months parole. She was discharged on March 24, 2007, having completed her sentence.

Janice Nel has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated April 28, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Nel reports that she is active in her church and several ladies' social groups. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Janice Nel has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Janice Nel a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Kimberly Michele Nettleton

Kimberly Michele Nettleton, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about February 14, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta for the misdemeanor crimes of vehicle theft, presenting false checks, and possession of a controlled substance. She served five years probation. She was discharged on February 14, 2007, having completed her sentence.

Kimberly Michele Nettleton has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Cruz, an order dated February 26, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Nettleton graduated from the Shasta County Addicted Offender Program and reports being clean and sober for 15 years. She also obtained certification to become a paramedic. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Kimberly Michele Nettleton has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kimberly Michele Nettleton a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Joseph Patrick O'Keefe

Joseph Patrick O'Keefe, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 30, 1975, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of attempted robbery. He served nine months prison, and one year, nine months parole. He was discharged on November 16, 1979, having completed his sentence.

Joseph Patrick O'Keefe has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated January 19, 2001, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. O'Keefe is a licensed clinical social worker, and reports that he has been sober for over 30 years and that he is active in a twelve-step program. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Joseph Patrick O'Keefe has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Joseph Patrick O'Keefe a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Marlon Gordon O'Keith

Marlon Gordon O'Keith, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 23, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of burglary. He served one year, eleven months probation before it was revoked for the next conviction. He was then sentenced on or about March 28, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of vehicle theft. He served three years, two months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on July 6, 1990, having completed his sentence.

Marlon Gordon O'Keith has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated September 14, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. O'Keith's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on November 20, 2018. Mr. O'Keith also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on December 19, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Marlon Gordon O'Keith has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Marlon Gordon O'Keith a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Melissa Jean Olsgard

Melissa Jean Olsgard, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about December 7, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, in separate cases, for the crimes of committing fraud to obtain aid and possession of a controlled substance for sale. She served eleven months prison, and one year, six months parole; the sentences ran concurrently. She was discharged on June 25, 1997, having completed her sentence. Specifically, Ms. Olsgard submitted false information in an application to receive public assistance, and was in possession of a controlled substance with an intent to sell it.

Melissa Jean Olsgard has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated December 19, 2012, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Olsgard is active with her church and community events. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Ms. Olsgard's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended her for a pardon on February 19, 2014. Ms. Olsgard also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on October 17, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Melissa Jean Olsgard has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Melissa Jean Olsgard a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Maria Ovidia Orellana

Maria Ovidia Orellana, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about January 28, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. She served eight years, one month probation. She was discharged on March 5, 2001, having completed her sentence.

Maria Ovidia Orellana has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated September 21, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Maria Ovidia Orellana has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Maria Ovidia Orellana a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Paul Valen Orosco

Paul Valen Orosco, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 1, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of King for the crime of grand theft. Specifically, Mr. Orosco stole \$1800 from a drug store. He served one year, eight months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on May 5, 2002, having completed his sentence.

Paul Valen Orosco has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare, an order dated September 22, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Orosco is active in his local church and in his community. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Paul Valen Orosco has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Paul Valen Orosco a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

**Rachael Ortiz**

Rachael Ortiz, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about February 18, 1965, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served eleven months prison, and three years, eleven months parole. She was discharged on April 14, 1970, having completed her sentence.

Rachael Ortiz has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated September 20, 1991, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Ortiz helped establish Barrio Station, a San Diego based non-profit that has provided services and resources for thousands of at-risk youth in the region. She has received numerous awards and commendations, including from the California State Senate, State Assembly, and the City of San Diego. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Rachael Ortiz has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rachael Ortiz a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State



# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Jose Padilla

Jose Padilla, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 15, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of receiving stolen property. He served ten months probation before he was convicted for the next offense. He was sentenced on or about March 10, 1997 in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of receiving stolen property. He was discharged on February 13, 1998, having completed his sentence. Specifically, in both instances Mr. Padilla permitted individuals to store stolen property in warehouses he owned.

Jose Padilla has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Padilla enlisted in the U.S. Army and voluntarily served in the Vietnam War, and was awarded the National Defense Service Medal in addition to other commendations.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Padilla's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on August 21, 2018. Mr. Padilla also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 14, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jose Padilla, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.



**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jose Padilla a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Michelle Lynn Palacios

Michelle Lynn Palacios, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about April 6, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She served eight months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on January 29, 1995, having completed her sentence.

Michelle Lynn Palacios has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated September 8, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Michelle Lynn Palacios has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michelle Lynn Palacios a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Robert Thomas Paquette

Robert Thomas Paquette, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 19, 2001, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of robbery. He served three years probation. He was discharged on January 19, 2004, having completed his sentence.

Robert Thomas Paquette has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated August 10, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Thomas Paquette has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Thomas Paquette a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Timothy P. Patterson

Timothy P. Patterson, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 6, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Joaquin, for the crime of selling or converting a firearm to a machine gun. Specifically, he illegally converted a pistol into a machine gun. He served five years probation, and six months jail. He was discharged on March 6, 2005 having completed his sentence.

Timothy P. Patterson has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Patterson actively volunteers in his community and reports serving as the acting chairperson of his local Neighborhood Property Owner's Association board.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Timothy P. Patterson, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Timothy P. Patterson a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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## PARDON

### Ramon Perez

Ramon Perez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 29, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and accessory after the fact. He served two years, nine months prison. He was discharged on December 4, 2000, having completed his sentence.

Ramon Perez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated August 25, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ramon Perez has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ramon Perez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### William Travis Pershall

William Travis Pershall, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 20, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served two years, four months probation, four months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on January 17, 2000, having completed his sentence.

William Travis Pershall has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta, an order dated August 5, 2013, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, William Travis Pershall has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to William Travis Pershall a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Ashley Peters

Ashley Peters, a resident of Missouri, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about December 30, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of grand theft. Specifically, Ms. Peters stole \$700 in gift cards from a department store with which she was employed. She served seven months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on September 19, 2007 having completed her sentence.

Ashley Peters has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Ashley Peters, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ashley Peters a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Douglas Keith Phillips

Douglas Keith Phillips, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 2, 1981, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon. He served three years probation, and 100 days jail. He was discharged on March 7, 1984 having completed his sentence.

Douglas Keith Phillips has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Douglas Keith Phillips, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Douglas Keith Phillips a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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## PARDON

**Billy Jay Prell**

Billy Jay Prell, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 18, 1974, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Ventura for the crime of robbery. He served two years, eight months probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on May 25, 1977, having completed his sentence.

Billy Jay Prell has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated May 25, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Billy Jay Prell has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Billy Jay Prell a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Henry Price

Henry Price, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 3, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of voluntary manslaughter. He served two years, six months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on April 24, 1996, having completed his sentence.

Henry Price has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated May 3, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Price, who was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army after his service in the Vietnam War, belongs to the American Legion, attends church, and reports that he has lived a drug-free life for the past 30 years. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Henry Price has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Henry Price a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Vonya Kay Quarles (Sanders)

Vonya Kay Quarles, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about October 8, 1985, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served three years probation. She was discharged on October 8, 1988, having completed her sentence. She was sentenced on or about December 10, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served three years probation. She was discharged on December 10, 1989, having completed her sentence. She was sentenced on or about June 12, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served three years, two months probation, eight months prison, and one year, one month parole. She was discharged on April 15, 1991, having completed her sentence.

Vonya Kay Quarles has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated February 16, 2006, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Quarles is the Executive Director and co-founder of Starting Over, Inc., which provides emergency and transitional housing and assists the homeless, formerly incarcerated individuals, and those with substance abuse and mental health issues in their transitions back to an independent lifestyle. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Ms. Quarles' pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended her for a pardon on July 17, 2018. Ms. Sanders also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 1, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Vonya Kay Quarles has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Vonya Kay Quarles a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Angelo Calvario Quirino

Angelo Calvario Quirino, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 29, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of vehicle theft. He served one year, one month prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on June 23, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Angelo Calvario Quirino has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated March 30, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Quirino reports that he remains drug-free. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Angelo Calvario Quirino has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Angelo Calvario Quirino a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Tamisha Randolph

Tamisha Randolph, a resident of Nevada, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about May 23, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon, not a firearm. Specifically, during an argument Ms. Randolph threw a glass of water in the victim's face and the glass broke, causing lacerations to the victim. She served two years, ten months probation, and ten days jail. She was discharged on April 21, 2003 having completed her sentence.

Tamisha Randolph has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Randolph reports that she is active in her local church and volunteers with a food bank.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Tamisha Randolph, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Tamisha Randolph a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Wayne Vincent Raymond

Wayne Vincent Raymond, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 19, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino for the crime of endangering the health of a child. Specifically, while addicted to methamphetamine, he failed to maintain sanitary conditions for the children residing in his home. He served seven month probation, eight months prison, and three years, one month parole. He was discharged on December 22, 2000, having completed his sentence.

Wayne Vincent Raymond has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated October 10, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Raymond completed a church-based rehabilitation program and then helped supervise the church's food bank. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Wayne Vincent Raymond has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Wayne Vincent Raymond a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## PARDON

### Donald Luther Reighard

Donald Luther Reighard, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 10, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of burglary. Specifically, while under the influence of alcohol, Mr. Reighard appears to have stolen a video game system from a fraternity house. He served three years probation. He was discharged on October 10, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Donald Luther Reighard has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sonoma, an order dated August 27, 2015, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Donald Luther Reighard has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Donald Luther Reighard a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Rafael Maldonado Reyes

Rafael Maldonado Reyes, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 20, 2008, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crimes of assault with a deadly weapon, not a firearm, and battery with serious bodily injury. Specifically, Mr. Reyes threw a glass at the victim, fracturing her arm. He served three years probation, and 280 days jail. He was discharged on March 20, 2011 having completed his sentence.

Rafael Maldonado Reyes has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Reyes is an award-winning artist and musician, and is credited with creating the "cholo-goth" genre of music. Mr. Reyes has been clean and sober for over a decade, and created the non-profit Diamond Dogs, a group of retired gang members with an interest in art and music that serves as an outlet for young men looking for an alternative to gang life.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Rafael Maldonado Reyes, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rafael Maldonado Reyes a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

 ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Eduardo Reyes (Reyes-Martinez)

Eduardo Reyes, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 8, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Marin for the crimes of transporting or selling a controlled substance, possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale, altering forging or falsifying a drivers license or identification, and presenting false citizenship documents. He served two years, ten months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on July 20, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Eduardo Reyes has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Marin, an order dated September 20, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Eduardo Reyes has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Eduardo Reyes a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Charles Franklin Reynolds

Charles Franklin Reynolds, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 4, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the misdemeanor crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years, six months prison, and six months parole. He was sentenced on or about September 11, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crime of possession of ephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine. He served one year, ten months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on October 12, 1999, having completed his sentence.

Charles Franklin Reynolds has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Charles Franklin Reynolds, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Charles Franklin Reynolds a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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State of California

## PARDON

### Gilbert Reynoso Jr.

Gilbert Reynoso Jr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 6, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside for the crime of robbery. He served three years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on August 6, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Gilbert Reynoso Jr. has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated May 2, 2014, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Reynoso reports that he is active in his church and volunteers for an organization that provides reconstructive surgery and support to children with physical deformities. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Gilbert Reynoso Jr. has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Gilbert Reynoso Jr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



**Executive Department**

**State of California**

**PARDON**

**Dennis Joseph Richie**

Dennis Joseph Richie, a resident of Texas, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 6, 1985, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and 360 days jail. He was discharged on August 6, 1988, having completed his sentence.

Dennis Joseph Richie has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated August 31, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Dennis Joseph Richie has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Dennis Joseph Richie a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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State of California

## PARDON

### Kevin John Riley

Kevin John Riley, a resident of North Carolina, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 27, 1971, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of possession of dangerous drugs for sale. He served two years, seven months probation. He was discharged on December 20, 1973 having completed his sentence.

Kevin John Riley has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Kevin John Riley, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kevin John Riley a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Fernando Barba Rivas

Fernando Barba Rivas, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 27, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Rivas broke into a vehicle and stole the stereo. He served three years probation. He was discharged on October 27, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Fernando Barba Rivas has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated March 9, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Fernando Barba Rivas has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Fernando Barba Rivas a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

**Executive Department**

State of California

**PARDON**

**Arthur W. Rodriguez**

Arthur W. Rodriguez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 23, 1979, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crime of burglary. He served three years probation, and 120 days jail. He was discharged on October 23, 1982, having completed his sentence.

Arthur W. Rodriguez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated March 13, 2015, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Arthur W. Rodriguez has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Arthur W. Rodriguez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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State of California

**PARDON**

**Olen Neil Rodriguez**

Olen Neil Rodriguez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 4, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 4, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Olen Neil Rodriguez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated August 3, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Olen Neil Rodriguez has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Olen Neil Rodriguez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Rosa (Ana) Maria Rodriguez Cortez

Rosa Rodriguez Cortez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about July 6, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of attempted murder while armed with a firearm. Specifically, Ms. Cortez was driving a vehicle when one of the passengers shot at individuals outside of the vehicle. Fortunately, no one was injured. She served two years, five months in prison, and two years, eleven months parole. She was discharged on January 1, 1995 having completed her sentence.

Rosa Rodriguez Cortez has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Rosa Rodriguez Cortez, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rosa Rodriguez Cortez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

**Robert Joseph Sadlak**

Robert Joseph Sadlak, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 20, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crimes of burglary, and attempted voluntary manslaughter. He served one year, one month prison, three years parole. He was discharged on April 21, 1991, having completed his sentence.

Robert Joseph Sadlak has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated March 27, 2014, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Sadlak reports that he is clean and sober. He owns his own business, has volunteered with youth organizations, Clean Extreme Lake Elsinore, and actively supports Santa Ana Soup Kitchen. He says that he is seeking a pardon so that he can pursue a teaching certificate. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Joseph Sadlak has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Joseph Sadlak a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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State of California

## PARDON

### Ramberto Rodrigo Salcido

Ramberto Rodrigo Salcido, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 25, 1978, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served two years, five months prison. He was discharged on November 29, 1980, having completed his sentence.

Ramberto Rodrigo Salcido has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated May 22, 2002, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ramberto Rodrigo Salcido has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ramberto Rodrigo Salcido a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Ponlok Sam

Ponlok Sam, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 28, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, for the crimes of shooting at an inhabited dwelling or vehicle, assault with firearm, and possession, manufacture or sale of a dangerous weapon. He served three years, five months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on September 7, 1997 having completed his sentence.

Ponlok Sam has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Ponlok Sam, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ponlok Sam a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Michael J. Sampson

Michael J. Sampson, a resident of Washington, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 1, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of burglary. Specifically, he printed fraudulent checks and attempted to cash them at banks. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 1, 2006 having completed his sentence.

Michael J. Sampson has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, after leaving jail, he reports that he obtained his Airframe and Powerplant license from WyoTech Technical School, graduating with honors.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael J. Sampson, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael J. Sampson a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Jose Luis Romero Santander

Jose Luis Romero Santander, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 15, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served five years probation. He was discharged on January 15, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Jose Luis Romero Santander has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated February 4, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Jose Luis Romero Santander has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jose Luis Romero Santander a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Daisy Antuanett Saravia

Daisy Antuanett Saravia, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about February 18, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of vehicle theft. She served one year, five months probation, six months prison, and one year, one month parole. She was discharged on March 22, 2006, having completed her sentence.

Daisy Antuanett Saravia has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated September 19, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Saravia obtained her medical assistant vocational degree from Bryman College, and reports that she has led a life free of drugs and crime for over 15 years. She also helps raise money for a World Vision program that provides clean drinking water to children in Africa. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Daisy Antuanett Saravia has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Daisy Antuanett Saravia a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State





# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### David John Schweickert Sr.

David John Schweickert Sr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 31, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of planting or cultivating marijuana. He served two years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on October 31, 1991, having completed his sentence.

David John Schweickert Sr. has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo, an order dated December 20, 2001, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David John Schweickert Sr. has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David John Schweickert Sr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Deborah Lynne Seal

Deborah Lynne Seal, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about November 22, 1996 in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer for the crime of transporting a controlled substance. She was then sentenced on or about August 13, 1999 in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer for the crime of transporting a controlled substance. She served three years, one month probation, eleven months prison, and one year, six months parole in concurrent sentences. She was discharged April 10, 2002, having completed her sentence.

Deborah Lynne Seal has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated May 23, 2013, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Seal and her husband established their own trucking business in 2007, and Ms. Seal is actively involved in her church and participates in community outreach. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Ms. Seal's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended her for a pardon on September 18, 2018. Ms. Seal also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 14, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Deborah Lynne Seal has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Deborah Lynne Seal a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

**Executive Department**

State of California

**PARDON**

**Brandon Shorr**

Brandon Shorr, a resident of Virginia, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 26, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, for the crime of manufacturing a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 26, 1998 having completed his sentence.

Brandon Shorr has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Brandon Shorr, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Brandon Shorr a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Michael Howard Simmons

Michael Howard Simmons, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 21, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crime of transportation of a controlled substance, enhancement of possession of a firearm. He served two years prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on January 6, 2000, having completed his sentence.

Michael Howard Simmons has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Stanislaus, an order dated November 26, 2008, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Howard Simmons has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Howard Simmons a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Charles Daniel Smart

Charles Daniel Smart, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 23, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crimes of willful child cruelty, and manufacturing a controlled substance. Specifically, he manufactured methamphetamine for sale, and had several firearms in his residence that were readily accessible to his girlfriend's children, who were living with him. He served three years, four months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on August 19, 1998, having completed his sentence.

Charles Daniel Smart has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated February 23, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Smart reports that his drug use stopped the day he was incarcerated and that he has stayed off for good. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Charles Daniel Smart has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Charles Daniel Smart a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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State of California

## PARDON

### Benjamin Russell Smith

Benjamin Russell Smith, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 16, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada for the crime of burglary. He served one year, seven months probation. He was discharged on February 7, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Benjamin Russell Smith has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated November 17, 2010, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Smith reports that he has been clean and sober for over two decades and is an active member of his church. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Benjamin Russell Smith has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Benjamin Russell Smith a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Gary James Soden

Gary James Soden, a resident of Colorado, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 22, 1974, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crime of vehicle theft. He served eight months probation, one year, four months prison, and one year, two months parole. He was discharged on October 24, 1977 having completed his sentence.

Gary James Soden has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Soden reports that he has been clean and sober for four decades. He also volunteers for a number of service organizations within his community.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Gary James Soden, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Gary James Soden a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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## PARDON

### Sophanareth Sok

Sophanareth Sok, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Sok lawfully entered the United States at the age of two as a refugee from Cambodia.

He was sentenced on or about May 2, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Stanislaus, for the crimes of voluntary manslaughter with use of a firearm, and assault with a firearm. Specifically, at the age of 14, Mr. Sok participated in the drive-by shooting of rival gang members in which one person was killed. He served eleven years, nine months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on February 7, 2012 having completed his sentence.

Sophanareth Sok has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Sok volunteers his time with a local entity that supports men and women reentering the community from state prison.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Sophanareth Sok, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sophanareth Sok a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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State of California

## PARDON

### David Spiegelglass

David Spiegelglass, a resident of Arizona, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 9, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance, and burglary. He served two years probation, five months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on April 20, 1994 having completed his sentence.

David Spiegelglass has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Specifically, Mr. Spiegelglass reports that he has been completely sober since the day he went to prison, and obtained his bachelor's degree in management from the University of Phoenix.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Spiegelglass, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Spiegelglass a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Dee Heather Steels (Burnett)

Dee Heather Steels, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about July 22, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crime of possession of ephedrine with the intent to manufacture methamphetamine. She served four years probation, and 365 days jail. She was discharged on July 22, 2003, having completed her sentence.

Dee Heather Steels has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated April 13, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Steels serves as a behavioral health and addiction counselor with Butte County, working with law enforcement agencies and the Superior Court to provide assistance to individuals with substance abuse issues. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Dee Heather Steels has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Dee Heather Steels a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Michael Sternad

Michael Sternad, a resident of Alabama, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 11, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of El Dorado for the crime of embezzlement of property by a public or private officer. Specifically, Mr. Sternad embezzled money from a fast-food restaurant. He served five years probation, and four months jail. He was discharged on September 11, 2002, having completed his sentence.

Michael Sternad has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated October 15, 2009, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Sternad is the lead pastor of a church. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Sternad has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Sternad a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Aaron E Stonebrook

Aaron E Stonebrook, a resident of Alabama, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 3, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, for the crimes of burglary, filing a false or fraudulent insurance claim, filing a false or fraudulent insurance case, criminal conspiracy, and grand theft of a vehicle. He served three years probation. He was discharged on November 3, 1996 having completed his sentence.

Aaron E Stonebrook has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Stonebrook reports that he has obtained multiple degrees in accounting, business administration, chemical engineering, and natural science. He has worked diligently by advancing his education and attaining degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, and Natural Science. He also earned his Chemical Engineering degree from the University of Louisville.

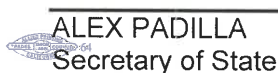
By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Aaron E Stonebrook, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Aaron E Stonebrook a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Houth Chhang Taing

Houth Chhang Taing, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Taing lawfully entered the United States at the age of five as a refugee from Cambodia.

He was sentenced on or about June 20, 1996, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of kidnapping while armed with a firearm, kidnapping to commit a robbery, and robbery. Specifically, Mr. Taing and two other individuals held up a charter bus. He served 19 years prison, is currently on active parole.

Houth Chhang Taing has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Taing volunteers his time with multiple organizations that seek to assist individuals reentering the community from state prison and helping them refrain from reoffending.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Houth Chhang Taing, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Houth Chhang Taing a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Michael Allen Thomas

Michael Allen Thomas, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 12, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey for the crime of robbery while armed with firearm. Specifically, Mr. Thomas assaulted an individual in his driveway and stole \$15. He served three years prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on November 3, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Michael Allen Thomas has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey, an order dated March 17, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Thomas is involved with his church and a scouting organization. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Allen Thomas has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Allen Thomas a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Larry Thompson

Larry Thompson, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 08, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, in separate cases, for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance, and transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served four years probation in concurrent sentences. He was discharged on March 8, 1993, having completed his sentence.

Larry Thompson has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated April 10, 1997, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Thompson has earned two college degrees: an Associate of Arts in drug and alcohol studies and a Bachelor of Arts in urban studies. He is a Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Thompson's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on August 21, 2018. Mr. Thompson also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 14, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Larry Thompson has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.





**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Larry Thompson a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Dennis Allan Thoney

Dennis Allan Thoney, a resident of Oregon, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 9, 1973, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served two years, eleven months probation. He was discharged on October 14, 1976 having completed his sentence.

Dennis Allan Thoney has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Dennis Allan Thoney, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Dennis Allan Thoney a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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## PARDON

**Vu Tran**

Vu Tran, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 7, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of providing false insurance information for payment. He served three years probation. He was discharged on November 7, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Vu Tran has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa, an order dated June 23, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Vu Tran has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Vu Tran a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Glen Allen Treadway

Glen Allen Treadway, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 14, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and possession of a controlled substance while armed. He served five years probation, and eight months jail. He was discharged on July 14, 2000, having completed his sentence.

Glen Allen Treadway has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated January 12, 2018, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Glen Allen Treadway has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Glen Allen Treadway a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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### PARDON

#### Sear Un

Sear Un, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Un lawfully entered the United States at the age of 1 as a refugee from Cambodia.

He was sentenced on or about March 3, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Un's associates stole \$4,500 in electronics from a residence while Mr. Un waited in the getaway car. He served four years, eleven months probation, and one year in jail. He was discharged on March 2, 2003 having completed his sentence.

Sear Un has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Un reports that he has been clean and sober for fourteen years, and is described as a loving father to his two children and a caring husband to his wife, who is currently pregnant with their third child. His employer requested that I grant a pardon so that Mr. Un could remain in the United States.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Sear Un, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sear Un a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 11<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### Luis Alonzo Valdez-Velis

Luis Alonzo Valdez-Velis, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 18, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of selling or furnishing marijuana. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on October 18, 1997, having completed his sentence.

Luis Alonzo Valdez-Velis has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 2, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Luis Alonzo Valdez-Velis has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Luis Alonzo Valdez-Velis a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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State of California

## PARDON

### Vincente Valle

Vincente Valle, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 20, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of selling or furnishing marijuana, and possession of marijuana for sale. He served three years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on September 20, 1997, having completed his sentence.

Vincente Valle has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated November 22, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Vincente Valle has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Vincente Valle a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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**State of California**

**PARDON**

**Tommy Michael Van Deman**

Tommy Michael Van Deman, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 3, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer for the crime of robbery. He served two years, five months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on March 13, 1999, having completed his sentence.

Tommy Michael Van Deman has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated September 11, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Tommy Michael Van Deman has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Tommy Michael Van Deman a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



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## PARDON

### David Lee Van Houten Jr.

David Lee Van Houten Jr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 28, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crimes of transporting a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation, and 60 days jail. He was discharged on August 28, 2006, having completed his sentence.

David Lee Van Houten Jr. has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa, an order dated March 10, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, David Lee Van Houten Jr. has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Lee Van Houten Jr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Elizabeth Marie Vasquez (Quiroz)

Elizabeth Marie Vasquez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about May 11, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She served four months prison, and one year, one month parole. She was discharged on October 21, 2009, having completed her sentence. She was then sentenced on or about December 19, 2011, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She served three years probation. She was discharged on May 3, 2016, having completed her sentence.

Elizabeth Marie Vasquez has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sonoma, an order dated December 27, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, as president of the Second Chance Club at Santa Rosa Junior College, she works with formerly incarcerated students in achieving their academic goals through mentorship, tutoring, and referral to various resources. Moreover, Ms. Vasquez has received the Dean's Highest Honors for extraordinary academic achievements and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, and she is pursuing an Associate of Arts degree in three different fields of study: Human Services, Social Advocacy, and Behavioral Science. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Ms. Vasquez's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended her for a pardon on November 20, 2018. Ms. Vasquez also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on December 19, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Elizabeth Marie Vasquez has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Elizabeth Marie Vasquez a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State



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## PARDON

### Raul Venegas

Raul Venegas, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 16, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Luis Obispo for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on September 8, 2004, having completed his sentence.

Raul Venegas has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno, an order dated November 3, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Raul Venegas has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Raul Venegas a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### Roy Wegner

Roy Wegner, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 12, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crimes of driving under the influence with priors, driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of 0.08% with priors, and driving with a suspended license. He served five years probation. He was discharged on December 12, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Roy Wegner has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, an order dated November 18, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Wegner is clean and sober and remains involved with a twelve-step program. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Roy Wegner has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Roy Wegner a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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## PARDON

### John Louis Williams

John Louis Williams, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 29, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer for the crime of inflicting corporal injury on spouse or cohabitant. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on April 29, 2008, having completed his sentence.

John Louis Williams has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated September 15, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Williams is the Vice Chairman of the United Auburn Indian Community, and has been a leader in issues surrounding tribal health care. He has been sober for 10 years, and has ensured other tribal members have access to adequate drug and alcohol treatment. The victim of the crime supports his request for a pardon. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, John Louis Williams has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to John Louis Williams a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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**PARDON**

**Michael Willmon**

Michael Willmon, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 19, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Luis Obispo for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on October 19, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Michael Willmon has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Luis Obispo, an order dated February 27, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Michael Willmon has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Michael Willmon a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## PARDON

### Joshua David Worley

Joshua David Worley, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 1, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale while armed with a firearm, and possession of burglary tools. He served three years probation, and six months jail. He was discharged on November 1, 1997, having completed his sentence.

Joshua David Worley has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, an order dated May 25, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Joshua David Worley has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Joshua David Worley a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State



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## PARDON

### Anita Marie Wright

Anita Marie Wright, a resident of Minnesota, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about September 15, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of vehicle theft. She served three years probation. She was discharged on September 15, 1990 having completed her sentence.

Anita Marie Wright has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Wright reports that she's active in her local church.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of her sentence and good conduct in the community of her residence since her release, Anita Marie Wright, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anita Marie Wright a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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**PARDON**

**Robert Grant Ybarra III**

Robert Grant Ybarra III, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 5, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino for the crime of receiving stolen property. Specifically, he received a license plate belonging to a stolen vehicle. He served five months probation, five months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on August 19, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Robert Grant Ybarra III has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated October 13, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, for the last 15 years Mr. Ybarra has remained clean from drug violations and substance abuse. He is also an active civic and business leader. Recently, he was re-elected President of the Banning, San Gorgonio Pass Area Chamber of Commerce. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, Robert Grant Ybarra III has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert Grant Ybarra III a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State



# Executive Department

State of California

## PARDON

### John Base Zech

John Base Zech, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 24, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of possession of concentrated cannabis. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on March 24, 1990, having completed his sentence. He was then sentenced on or about March 19, 1990, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served five years probation, and 365 days jail. He was discharged on March 19, 1995, having completed his sentence.

John Base Zech has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego, an order dated May 7, 2010, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Zech is a self-employed owner of two businesses: a dog grooming company and a plumbing company. He is active in his community and with his church, and has been recognized for his work and monetary contributions to an orphanage in Mexico. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Zech's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on June 17, 2014. Mr. Zech also received a recommendation for a pardon by a majority of the justices of the Supreme Court of California, received on November 14, 2018, as required by article V, section 8 subdivision (a) of the California Constitution.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community of his residence since his release, John Base Zech has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to John Base Zech a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Patrick Acuna

On December 21, 1992, 19-year-old Patrick Acuna and Simon Caceres, both of whom were armed, entered a mini mart in Los Angeles to commit a robbery. While Mr. Acuna served as a lookout, Mr. Caceres shot the clerk, Seung Kim, in the chest, killing him. Mr. Caceres then reached into the cash register and took money, before both men fled. On August 19, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Acuna to life without the possibility of parole for murder and one year for the robbery, with an additional year for the enhancement, to run concurrently with the life sentence.

Mr. Acuna is now 45 years old and has been incarcerated for 25 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Acuna expressed sincere remorse for his role in the crime and wrote, "I deeply regret the senseless murder of Mr. Kim." He continued, "Although my recovery is never-ending, I have reformed." Mr. Acuna wrote that he would like the chance to prove that he is worthy of release and can be a productive member of society. During more than two and a half decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Acuna has worked to transform his life. He earned his GED and an A.A. degree in Social and Behavioral Science. Mr. Acuna has participated in and facilitated multiple self-help programs, including Anger Management, Substance Abuse and Relapse Prevention, Criminal Lifestyle and Addiction, and Building Blocks for Turnaround. He also completed vocational training in carpentry, laundry, and construction.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Acuna has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with him on a regular basis. In 2016, a carpentry instructor commended Mr. Acuna on his work as a teacher's aide and noted that he "demonstrates a high level of retained knowledge in the course work and has been instrumental in many students' progression in their education and certifications." In 2012, a California Prison Industry Authority supervisor wrote regarding Mr. Acuna's work: "[He] has proven himself, diligent, self-motivated, and quick to learn. His working attitude toward others remains positive and helpful." In 2011, a housing officer who supervised Mr. Acuna for several years wrote that he "has always conducted himself as a model inmate and complied with all orders by both custody and free staff in an expeditious, courteous, and respectful manner." Also in 2011, a maintenance supervisor wrote that Mr. Acuna "has consistently shown up on his off days to learn and work. He has shown [himself] to be self-motivated and have the desire to learn. He completes the tasks assigned to him. He uses good social skills in his interactions with those he works with and [maintains his] good character while working and learning. He has shown [his ability] to work well with staff and other inmates." In 2010, a work supervisor commended Mr. Acuna on being a diligent and punctual worker and wrote that Mr. Acuna "continually pushes himself to learn more. He has mastered every department and has always given 110%."

Mr. Acuna participated in a senseless crime at a young age. But for many years since then, he has demonstrated his commitment to rehabilitation and desire to become a productive citizen. Therefore, I believe Mr. Acuna has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Patrick Acuna to a total of 25 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Eric Alvarado

In March 2002, 17-year-old Eric Alvarado participated in a shootout with a rival gang. An 8-year-old bystander was shot and injured during the confrontation. On August 27, 2003, the Monterey County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Alvarado to 15 years to life for attempted murder plus a 25-to-life firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life in prison.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Alvarado described the significant changes he has made in his life since participating in this crime. He wrote, "Since my incarceration, I have used the time to address the immature and destructive 17-year-old gang member mentality I once had." Mr. Alvarado continued, "I believe that I have grown into a mature adult that understands the impact of his destructive choice and that has made the choice to add value to others by being a servant towards them."

Mr. Alvarado is now 34 years old and has been incarcerated for 15 years. During that time, he has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or violence, and has only been disciplined twice for misconduct. Instead, Mr. Alvarado has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He earned his GED and is currently enrolled in college classes. He has participated in and facilitated numerous self-help programs including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, and Getting Out by Going In. Mr. Alvarado has received excellent work ratings from his supervisors, including for his current assignment as a caregiver for ill and disabled inmates. In 2018, a nursing assistant praised Mr. Alvarado's work ethic and wrote, "While assisting disabled inmates he is understanding, patient, and kind. It is my observation that Alvarado has dedicated himself to turning his life around and giving back to others."

Mr. Alvarado is also a member of a juvenile deterrent program that provides prison tours and counseling for at-risk youth. The coordinator for the program wrote in 2018, "Mr. Alvarado personally gave testimony to the irresponsible choices, distorted beliefs, and harmful behaviors that led to his incarceration, as well as the impact his actions had on his victims, and society. More importantly he shared with these youths his current reflections on these actions, and his remorse. Mr. Alvarado should be commended for his work with these youths and for his commitment to community service." Additionally, Mr. Alvarado has prepared a solid plan for his release – he will live in transitional housing, find a job that uses his current skills as a medical caretaker, and continue to pursue his education.

Although he faced a lengthy sentence at a young age, Mr. Alvarado has shown a serious commitment to self-improvement and serving others during his time in prison. He has demonstrated that he is no longer the same teenager who committed this senseless crime. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Alvarado has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Eric Alvarado to a total of 15 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Deryl Armstrong

In 1979, Mr. Armstrong shot and killed Samuel Beskin while attempting to rob his pharmacy. On October 5, 1979, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Armstrong to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Armstrong is now 63 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 40 years. In his application for clemency Mr. Armstrong wrote, "I fully accept responsibility for my actions and I acknowledge the catastrophic suffering I have caused [the victim's] family and community." Mr. Armstrong continued, "My path to rehabilitation has not been an easy one. Now at the age of 62 years old, I recognize and accept I have made poor choices. . . . I admit and understand my wrongdoing and I want to atone for the damage I have done."

Mr. Armstrong said that he made a decision to "put forth some qualitative effort to improve [his] life." To this end, he has abstained from violence, gangs, and drugs. He currently resides on the Progressive Programming Facility and wrote, "I have found incredible strength in sobriety and the Progressive Programming Facility has the structure and communal mindset to empower me to stay on the right path." A supervisor commended Mr. Armstrong for his consistent cooperation, positive attitude, and respect towards staff, writing "[Mr. Armstrong] has communicated and demonstrated rehabilitative progress by displaying mature character, reflecting self-control and a positive direction in his life." Mr. Armstrong has also participated in self-help programs, including Alternatives to Violence, Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Sensitivity, and Criminal Thinking Patterns. He earned his GED and completed vocational training in office services and building maintenance.

Additionally, Mr. Armstrong's application has been reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Armstrong.

Mr. Armstrong committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has taken his rehabilitation seriously and has made strides towards becoming a better person for the community. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Armstrong has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Deryl Armstrong to a total of 39 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Blanca Avalos

In January 2010, Blanca Avalos and a few others drove to a home to commit a robbery. Rafael Vicente answered the door and was ordered to sit on his couch at gunpoint. When Mr. Vicente's wife, Nerida Sanchez, and their daughter came home, Ms. Sanchez was ordered at gunpoint to sit on the couch while someone covered their daughter's head with a shirt. Ms. Avalos and her co-defendants took a safe containing money and jewelry, then fled. On January 7, 2011, the Stanislaus County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Avalos to seven years and four months for robbery, plus an additional 13 years and four months for firearm enhancements.

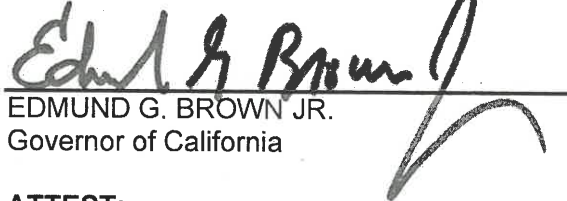
Ms. Avalos has now served almost 9 years and has dramatically turned her life around during that time. In her commutation application, Ms. Avalos wrote, "I have spent my time rehabilitating myself by taking self-help groups, updating my work skills, education, language skills, spiritual programs, social skills and participating in community improvement." She told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that she applied for a commutation because she "believes she has grown immensely from her incarceration and self-help programs, and wants a second chance at life. She believes she is a better person and can help motivate others to fulfill a better life."

In prison, Ms. Avalos has shown a genuine commitment to her rehabilitation. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. She received two Certificates of Achievement in Relevant Issues and Ethics for Coaches and Effective and Responsible Role Play. She is also enrolled in classes to obtain her GED. Ms. Avalos participated in self-help programs, including Anger Management, Beyond Violence, and Substance Abuse, and participates in charitable events. Since 2015, Ms. Avalos has been a resident of the Latham Honor Unit. In 2016, a correctional officer commended her for "her commitment to self-rehabilitation, as well as her positive participation in community improvement." Also in 2016, Ms. Avalos was commended by a work supervisor for being a "diligent worker" who "has integrity and displays a great work ethic."

It is clear that Ms. Avalos has distinguished herself by her exemplary conduct in prison and has shown a continuous effort to improve herself through programming. For these reasons, I believe Ms. Avalos is ready to be released on parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Blanca Avalos to release her on parole.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Richard Bach

In 1984, Richard Bach's friend approached him about a plan to kill his mother and stepfather, Sandra Capogreco and Wayne Donahue. On May 15, 1984, Mr. Bach and his friend went into the family home through an unlocked door. While Mr. Bach started stealing property from the house, his friend went upstairs and shot his mother and stepfather, killing them. On April 12, 1985, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Bach to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus two years for grand theft.

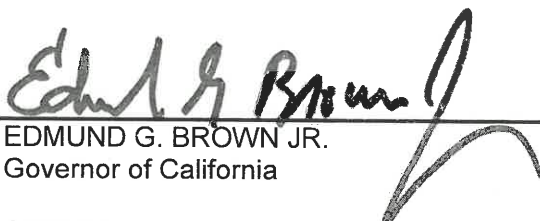
Mr. Bach has now been incarcerated for over 34 years. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "I am no longer the immature, misguided and disrespectful person I was back in 1984. . . . The massive amount of grief that I have caused by my actions cannot be undone for them nor myself." Mr. Bach showed genuine remorse for his actions, and described his dedication to becoming a better person since participating in this crime.

Mr. Bach is now 60 years old and has shown a long-term commitment to rehabilitation. During more than three decades of incarceration, he has only been disciplined five times, and has never been involved in gang activity or violence in prison. He earned his GED and a vocational certification, and has participated in self-help programs including Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, and Epictetus Club. Mr. Bach has maintained an impressive work record and developed many skills through his work assignments. He routinely receives excellent ratings from his supervisors. One staff member praised Mr. Bach's work ethic and wrote, "Inmate Bach was a highly-dependable, hard-working library clerk. . . . I could depend on him for handling his job and informing me of any job issues that he could not resolve himself. He also served as a great role model for other inmate library clerks." Mr. Bach was also a founding member of Veterans Empowered To Serve, a volunteer group that raised money for community organizations. Mr. Bach has a solid plan in place in the event of his release – he will live in a transitional housing or veterans housing program, and seek a job in one of the vocational trades he has worked in for years.

There is no question that Mr. Bach participated in an extremely serious crime as a young man. But since then, he has demonstrated a lasting commitment to turning away from violence and turning his life around. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that he can make his case to Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Richard Bach to a total of 34 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Geraldo Bascomb

In January 2000, Geraldo Bascomb and his crime partner forcefully entered the apartment of James Moser to commit a robbery. While Mr. Bascomb ransacked Mr. Moser's home for drugs and valuables, his crime partner shot and killed Mr. Moser. On January 19, 2006, the San Bernardino Superior Court sentenced Mr. Bascomb to 25 years to life for murder and two years to life for assault with a firearm – a total of 27 years to life.

Mr. Bascomb was 21 years old when he committed this crime and has now been incarcerated for over 15 years. During an interview with a Board of Parole Hearings investigator, Mr. Bascomb took full responsibility for his crime, expressed sincere remorse, and discussed his road to positive rehabilitation. Mr. Bascomb stated, "My goal is to leave people and places I meet better than I found them." He has adopted the following mantra: "Things will be fine in due time; stand tall through it all."

To his credit, Mr. Bascomb has only incurred two rules violations during his entire prison term. A chaplain wrote the following about Mr. Bascomb's behavior in prison: "Mr. Bascomb has always led by example, and in doing so, he brings a unique practical leadership skills and professional integrity. When coupled with his spiritual maturity and willingness to make sacrifices, [he] sets an outstanding standard of personal conduct that aids in fostering a safe, peaceful, and healthy spiritual environment where individuals may grow and thrive in their spiritual walk." In addition to his work in the chapel, Mr. Bascomb has been the lead commercial painter at his prison since 2017. He has furthered his education by earning his Business Literacy Certificate from Palo Verde College, as well as a vocational training certificate in office services. Mr. Bascomb has also participated in self-help classes, including Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, Victim Awareness, Alternatives to Violence, and Getting Out by Going In. Upon his release he plans to work with victims in the community, find employment, and support his wife and family.

Mr. Bascomb committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Bascomb has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Geraldo Bascomb to a total of 15 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Daniel Batchelder

On February 24, 2012, Daniel Batchelder was driving with Francisco Limon. When Mr. Batchelder pulled up next to a car occupied by Ever Ubaldo Cruz and Jaime Mejia, Mr. Limon pulled out a gun and fired into Mr. Cruz' car, striking Mr. Cruz in the neck, killing him. On June 24, 2013, the San Joaquin County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Batchelder to five years for attempted murder plus an additional 10-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Batchelder was 19 years old when he committed this offense. Upon reception into state prison, he immediately disassociated from gangs. He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that his allegiances had been misplaced and that ultimately it is his family, and not gang members, that deserves his loyalties. He reflected, "Look at where I am, look at where [the gang] brought me."

Once he got to prison, Mr. Batchelder immediately looked to take advantage of opportunities to better himself. He worked hard in adult basic education until he was able to earn his high school diploma. Then, he enrolled in college courses. Mr. Batchelder has been disciplined just once and has never been involved with alcohol or drugs in prison. He fully participated in rehabilitative programs such as Anger Management, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Victim Awareness, Domestic Violence, Celebrate Recovery, Timeless, and Narcotics Anonymous. One program sponsor for the Victim Awareness Offender Program noted that during discussions, Mr. Batchelder "shared personal experiences and openly accepted feedback from the other group members."

The senseless killing of Mr. Cruz was a grave crime. I am moved by Mr. Batchelder's proven desire to turn his life around and his expressions of remorse. He has demonstrated growth in prison by resisting the substantial pressure to participate in gangs, violence, and drugs. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Batchelder has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Daniel Batchelder so he is eligible for parole consideration by January 1, 2021.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Charles Batiste

On November 10, 1989, Charles Batiste and his co-defendant walked by Beatrix Sullivan's house and later returned to commit a burglary. When Mr. Batiste saw Ms. Sullivan, he struck her in the head with a piece of wood, causing her to fall, then struck her two more times in the head, killing her. On October 9, 1990, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Batiste to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

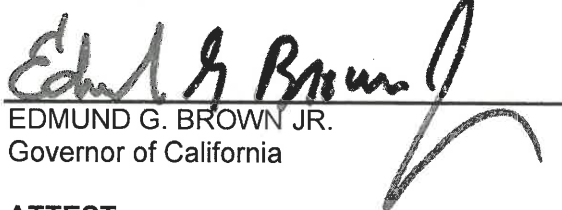
Mr. Batiste is currently 53 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly three decades. During an interview with a Board investigator, Mr. Batiste explained that "he is remorseful and has grown as an individual, he is more respectful of others." He added that he "could not justify the crimes he committed and is seeking a commutation for a 'second chance at life.'" Mr. Batiste explained that he can "be a good citizen and wants to give back to his community and would like to make amends for what he has done to prove to himself that he can be a productive member of society."

Despite his lengthy incarceration, Mr. Batiste has left his life of violence behind, receiving his last rules violation over 20 years ago. Mr. Batiste received exceptional ratings from work supervisors while working as a teacher's aide, clerk, and porter. He has taken self-help programs including, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Peace Makers, Men for Honor, and Bible Study. In 2017, Mr. Batiste was commended by a Men for Honor sponsor for his successful completion of the personal development class where he was "an attentive student who engaged with the rest of the class to make positive comments and insightful observations." In 2015, a correctional counselor commended Mr. Batiste for his participation in the Progressive Programming Facility noting that Mr. Batiste's "behavior is indicative of a positive orientation."

I do not discount the seriousness of this crime, but it is clear that Mr. Batiste has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct in prison and his separation from violent behavior. I believe Mr. Batiste has earned an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so they can determine whether he is ready to be released from prison.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Charles Batiste to a total of 29 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Joseph Bell

In July 1995, Marcus Blueford and Joseph Bell went to Raul Dulas' apartment to use rock cocaine. Mr. Blueford and Mr. Dulas began arguing and a fight ensued. Law enforcement found Mr. Dulas in his apartment, bound with duct tape around his head and neck. He died of asphyxiation. On November 8, 1996, the San Francisco County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Bell to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

The jury foreman from the trial wrote: "We believed from the testimony that the two defendants and the victim were engaged in conversation, visiting with each other on a social basis and that some type of argument or disagreement occurred leading to the death of the victim. This is why we found both defendants not guilty of burglary . . . if such a time comes when the law changes I would like this letter to reach some parole board in order to assist Marcus Blueford and Joe Bell in changing the possible outcome of their future; not having to spend the rest of their life in prison."

Mr. Bell has now been incarcerated for over 24 years. In 2008, Mr. Bell founded a program for at-risk youth called Education, Diversion, and Goals to Endeavor (EDGE). This program was designed to "steer at risk youth away from criminal activity and violence by guiding them into a positive direction and encouraging them to make dramatic life-altering changes in their thinking." A correctional lieutenant praised Mr. Bell for founding this program, writing, "Bell is the founder of EDGE and should be commended for his development of the program and has permission to start EDGE at another prison, if feasible."

In addition to his work with juvenile offenders and at-risk youth, Mr. Bell has earned his A.A. degree from Lassen College. He has worked as a literacy tutor and teacher's aide for two years. A librarian commended Bell for his "awesome" work in the library as a clerk. His "calm demeanor helped resolve any potential issues with inmates."

Mr. Bell has also participated in self-help courses such as Relapse Prevention and Creative Conflict Resolution. Mr. Bell's psychologist wrote the following regarding his rehabilitation, "I have offered to write this letter of recommendation for Mr. Bell because I believe he exemplifies an inmate who has used his time in prison wisely to become a very valuable and worthwhile person. I strongly believe that he would be an asset to any community into which he might parole." If released, Mr. Bell has the support of his wife, mother, and host of family members.

Mr. Bell committed a serious and violent crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his concerted efforts toward rehabilitation in prison, including creating a program to deter at-risk youth from entering prison. As a result, I believe that Mr. Bell has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Joseph Bell to a total of 25 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Sean Benge

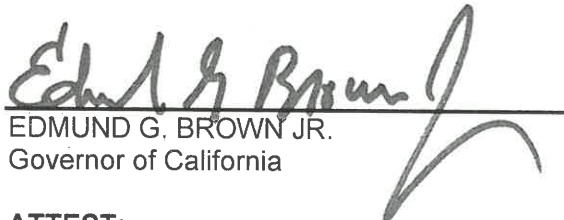
In 2004, Sean Benge's uncle was having an affair with a woman who was married to Steven Brown. Mr. Benge's uncle repeatedly asked that Mr. Benge hurt Mr. Brown on his behalf. On January 4, 2005, Mr. Benge went to Mr. Brown's home, fought with him, and shot and killed him. On March 13, 2009, the Stanislaus County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Benge to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Benge applied for a commutation based on his good record in prison and his rehabilitation. In his clemency application, he wrote, "I have been locked up for 13 years and have never been in trouble. I have been going to self-help groups and feel like I am ready to do more positive things with my life." Mr. Benge hoped to be given a sentence that would allow him to earn higher wages in prison and pay his restitution. Indeed, Mr. Benge has never been disciplined for any misconduct during more than a decade of incarceration. He has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or violence in prison. He earned his GED and has maintained a positive work record, earning excellent ratings from his supervisors. Mr. Benge's correctional counselor described him as someone who focused on his work and stayed out of trouble, and characterized him as a good candidate for a commutation of sentence.

Many people sentenced to life without the possibility of parole give up hope and lose themselves in drugs, gangs, and violence. Faced with such a sentence, Mr. Benge has instead shown a commitment to rehabilitating himself. I understand that this crime was devastating to Mr. Brown's family, and that they continue to experience a profound sense of loss. However, I cannot overlook Mr. Benge's hard work in turning his life around in prison. I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that, years from now, the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Sean Benge to a total of 25 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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#### Jessie Biggs

Jessie Biggs' friend offered him money to kill her husband, Monty Anderson, because she was being abused. In December 1981, Mr. Biggs shot Mr. Anderson in the neck, killing him. On June 3, 1983, the Yuba County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Biggs to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus a three year firearm enhancement.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Biggs accepted full responsibility for killing his victim and for the lives destroyed in the commission of this crime. Mr. Biggs admitted to having made "bad mistakes" as a youth, but also expressed his desire to become a productive member of society. He said, "I have spent many years in prison rebuilding myself in every way I can."

Mr. Biggs' behavior in prison reflects his remorse and subsequent rehabilitation. Over the span of 36 years, Mr. Biggs has incurred only three rules violations. He has maintained employment and satisfactory work ratings for over 17 years. He has also participated in self-help classes: including Alcoholics Anonymous, Breaking Barriers, and Partnership for Reentry. He facilitates Victim Awareness classes, and writes letters to young people about his life experiences.

Correctional staff has noted Mr. Biggs' rehabilitation—six correctional officers commended Mr. Biggs for his positive attitude, dependability, positive rapport with fellow prisoners, and excellent attendance. His work supervisor wrote, "Biggs has shown positive programming and sets a good example to his fellow co-workers." A correctional chaplain also wrote in support of commutation. Of Mr. Biggs rehabilitation, the chaplain wrote, "For about 30 years now, Biggs has faithfully attended Bible-based meeting . . . his years of continued, sincere progress and a complete personality change are exemplary and I truly believe permanent." Mr. Biggs also has the support of his wife of 25 years.

Additionally, Mr. Biggs' application has been reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Biggs.

Mr. Biggs committed senseless crime, but it is clear that he has spent his years in prison reflecting on his crime and taking positive steps toward rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Biggs has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.



**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jessie Biggs to a total of 36 years to life.

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### John Butterfield

In May 1981, John Butterfield, Larry Boone, Timothy Walder, and Jamie Lauer kidnapped and robbed Robert Kimberly. Mr. Kimberly was beaten and stabbed but fortunately survived. Mr. Butterfield and his crime partners then went to Raymond Martin's home where Mr. Butterfield and his crime partners stabbed Mr. Martin multiple times, killing him. The group then ransacked the house. On July 30, 1982, the Los Angeles Superior Court sentenced Mr. Butterfield to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Butterfield seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, Mr. Butterfield reported that he has had a large amount of time to reflect on his life and the impact of his actions. He wrote, "I have worked one on one, in great depth with professional mental health counselors and addiction specialist." He continued, "The severity of my crimes and disregard for others is a thing that haunts me, yet also pushes me to improve myself and grow from the naïve, selfish child I was into an adult that an average person wouldn't have to worry about living next to."

During the more than three decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Butterfield has indeed been dedicated to transforming his life. He has been drug and alcohol-free for over 29 years. He has been violence-free for over 30 years. Mr. Butterfield earned a GED and is working towards an A.A. degree. He has also taken advantage of multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Al Anon, and Breaking Barriers.

Based on his exemplary conduct in prison and his commitment to his sobriety and self-improvement, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Butterfield's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of John Butterfield to a total of 37 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Roy Camenisch

On July 17, 1981, Roy Camenisch and Robert Mistriel, planned to rob Edwin Buck. That evening, Mr. Camenisch followed Mr. Buck and Mr. Mistriel in his car. Mr. Camenisch walked up to the car, and he and Mr. Mistriel stabbed and beat Mr. Buck, killing him. The two men then drove Mr. Buck's car and body back to his house, where they incinerated them. On May 17, 1983, the Kern County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Camenisch to life without the possibility of parole, plus a one-year firearm enhancement.

In his interview with a Board of Parole Hearings investigator, Mr. Camenisch said, "There are no words that I can put on paper or say [to the family] to express how sorry I am . . . that this happened . . . that I took their family member's life . . . because words are just words. There are no words I can tell them to ease their feelings of loss. If I could go back in time to change what happened, I would. I think about this every day." In his application, he wrote, "Since I have been in prison, I have not repeated any of the actions (crimes) that caused me to be sent to prison. I have taught myself how to manage and deal with my anger through meditation. Now, I take the time to think about my actions, as well as what the consequences may be in the end."

Mr. Camenisch was 18 years old when he committed this crime. He is now 56 and has served almost four decades in prison – all of his adult life. Remarkably, Mr. Camenisch has not had any misconduct in 25 years. Mr. Camenisch has lived in the Progressive Program Facility since 2011. He has worked as a barber for many years and held positions in the California Prison Industry Authority laundry department, earning a certificate of expertise in commercial dryers. Mr. Camenisch has routinely received above average work ratings. He is currently participating in the self-help classes Getting Out by Going In and Insight.

Mr. Camenisch participated in a senseless and tragic crime. In the years since, he has demonstrated remorse for his actions and has used his 37 years of incarceration to reflect on the sorrow this crime caused the victim and the victim's family. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Camenisch has earned an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Roy Camenisch to a total of 37 years to life.

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### Michael Caputo

In 1983, Michael Caputo and his crime partners, Bernard Gordon and Patrick Gordon, planned to rob an armored truck driver. After entering a department store, Mr. Caputo and Bernard Gordon stopped William Wiley, an armored truck driver, as he exited the store. Mr. Caputo shot Mr. Wiley, killing him. On July 27, 1988, the San Joaquin County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Caputo to life without the possibility of parole, plus a two year firearm enhancement.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Caputo wrote, "I am not the same selfish, greedy, and immature man I was 33 years ago. My priorities and values have changed. I believe I am mature enough now to be a useful, contributing member of society. . . . I know I can and will parole successfully because I never want to come back to prison."

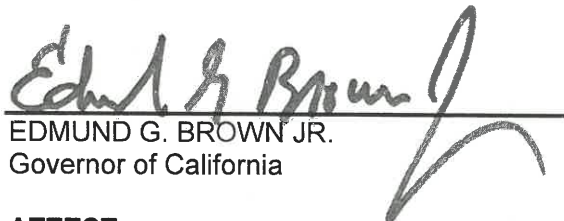
Mr. Caputo is now 59 years old and has served 35 years in prison. Despite serving all of these years without the possibility of parole, Mr. Caputo has had only one rules violation. He has lived on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative opportunities, for five years. Mr. Caputo earned his paralegal certificate and two vocations. In addition to learning new skills and maintaining steady employment, Mr. Caputo has participated in self-help classes, including Alternatives to Violence, Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Men for Honor.

Mr. Caputo has 19 years of work history and has routinely received satisfactory to exceptional work ratings from his supervisors. In 2013, a correctional officer wrote that Mr. Caputo had an "easy-going" demeanor and was pleasant to be around. The officer added "I feel that Caputo can have a definitive positive impact on any environment he comes in contact with."

Mr. Caputo committed a senseless crime, but it is clear he is not the same person he was when he first came to prison. His rehabilitation and exemplary behavior in prison leads me to believe he has earned the opportunity to present his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Michael Caputo to a total of 35 years to life.

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### Casey Carroll

In March 1992, during the commission of an attempted robbery, Casey Carroll and David Fitts shot Charles Dimmitt and Steven Watkins. Mr. Dimmitt was killed, and Mr. Watkins was struck twice but survived. On September 21, 1995, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Carroll to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a five-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Carroll was 19 when he committed this crime. He is now 45 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 25 years. During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Carroll said that at an early age, he learned to resolve conflict with violence. He also recalled that gangs were a part of his environment since elementary school. Mr. Carroll readily admitted being submerged in the gang lifestyle, including selling drugs and stealing. In his application for clemency, Mr. Carroll emphasized his rehabilitation. He wrote that he had to "look deep within myself, and honestly examine and identify everything that is ungodly, unlawful, unloving, unforgiving, and selfish; and begin to replace that junk." Mr. Carroll also spoke of his desire to make amends.

During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Carroll sought to become a better person. He turned away from gangs and stayed clear of drugs. Mr. Carroll completed the necessary conflict resolution curriculum to become a "peacemaker" within the prison. He reports that he has learned that most conflicts are about failed communication and narrow perspectives—insight that he regularly shares with the younger inmates who he mentors. Mr. Carroll has also completed courses in American Sign Language and serves as an interpreter during chapel services. A captain recently commended him "for his support and participation in the study and advancement of American Sign Language." Mr. Carroll is taking courses at a liberal arts college, and is separately seeking a degree in bible counseling from a seminary college. He has also been trained as an inmate peer educator. Mr. Carroll has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Reformer's Unanimous, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Marriage and Family. Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Carroll earned the privilege of residing on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard.

Mr. Carroll's gang lifestyle undoubtedly created numerous victims, including Mr. Dimmitt and his family, but it is clear that he is now dedicated to reforming his life and serving his community. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Carroll has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Casey Carroll to a total of 25 years to life.

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### Daniel Carter

In December 1996, Daniel Carter and Andrew Tillman saw Alonzo Escobar, Vicki Sanchez, and Francis Rios, three pedestrians who they suspected were members of a rival gang. Mr. Carter shot at the group, hitting Ms. Sanchez in the hip, causing a massive hemorrhage. Ms. Sanchez died later at the hospital. On August 9, 1999, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Carter to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 4-year firearm enhancement.

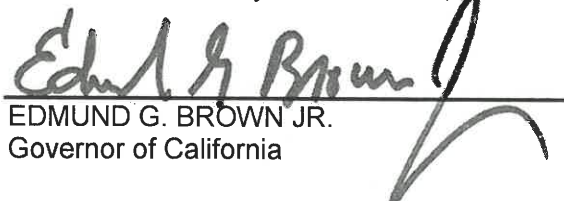
Mr. Carter is now 42 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 22 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Carter wrote that he "would like an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings to show [his] growth, maturity, and rehabilitation and have a chance to be a productive citizen in society." During an interview with a Board investigator, Mr. Carter explained that he "is no longer a 20-year-old misguided kid" and he "has tried to rehabilitate himself and believes he can make a difference in society."

Indeed, over the last 22 years, Mr. Carter has committed himself to rehabilitation, despite serving a sentence that offered no hope of a life outside of prison. He earned a Legal Assistant degree and completed a vocation in Office Services and Related Technologies. Mr. Carter participated in self-help programs, including Men for Honor, Victim Sensitivity, and Friends Outside Parenting Education Program. Mr. Carter has participated in the Progressive Programming Facility since 2012. In 2017, he was commended by a correctional supervisor for his performance in the dining hall. The officer noted that Mr. Carter has "demonstrated exceptional skill, reliability and knowledge while working," adding that his "positive attitude toward fellow inmate workers, supervisory staff, and assigned tasking has been exceptional." He further noted that Mr. Carter "is strongly recommended for any program to advance his professional development and ultimately his discharge to society as a productive citizen." In 2013, Mr. Carter was commended by a correctional lieutenant who recognized Mr. Carter's humanitarian efforts in volunteering with the American Red Cross, Typhoon Relief. He noted, "By giving to others in need demonstrates the compassion and good will within a person in the darkest of circumstances," adding that Mr. Carter's participation is "consistent with the aims and goals of the Progressive Programming Facility."

This is a very serious crime, but it is clear that Mr. Carter has distinguished himself by his dedication to his self-improvement and his separation from gang activities of any kind. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Daniel Carter to a total of 25 years to life.

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### John Cebreros

In January 1981, John Cebreros and his friend forcefully entered Dale Boender and Janice Allen's apartment. Mr. Boender and Ms. Allen were bound, blindfolded, and struck on the head with a blunt object. Ms. Allen died from her injuries and Mr. Boender was severely injured. On March 3, 1982, the Kern County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Cebreros to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

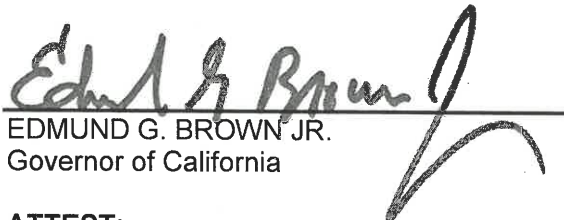
Mr. Cebreros has been incarcerated for nearly 38 years. During this time, he has rejected gangs and violence and maintained a close to spotless behavioral record, receiving only two rules violations for almost four decades. In addition to his exceptional behavior, Mr. Cebreros has lived on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative opportunities, since 2010. His dedication to self-help spans over a decade, with especially strong commitment to Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous.

Mr. Cebreros has maintained consistent employment, with his most recent position in the California Prison Industry Authority Laundry lasting over 14 years. As a lead man in the Prison Industry Authority, Mr. Cebreros has received exceptional work ratings. Indeed, a superintendent praised Mr. Cebreros' many years of work, writing, "Cebreros' quarterly performance reports consistently reflect positive behavior, maintaining an exemplary attitude and work ethic. As a result Cebreros has been entrusted with the clean-side 'Lead Man' position. Cebreros also shows that he is self-reliant and takes initiative to complete tasks that are required in the plant." Mr. Cebreros has the support of his wife, children, and grandchildren. Should he be released, he would like to work to help support his family and attend a trade school.

Mr. Cebreros participated in a brutal and senseless crime, however, his exemplary conduct in prison shows he has left violence behind. Based on his lengthy incarceration, exemplary behavior, and commitment to rehabilitation, Mr. Cebreros has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Prolonged Hearings so that it can determine if he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of John Cebreros to a total of 38 years to life.

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### Janine Chandler

In 2002, Janine Chandler's abusive husband, Gregory Chandler, brought his girlfriend Tiffany Donaville home with him. Ms. Chandler shot both Mr. Chandler and Ms. Donaville, who died from her injuries. On March 30, 2006, the Contra Costa County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Chandler to 25 years to life for murder plus an additional 25 years to life firearm enhancement – a total term of 50 years to life in prison.

Before committing this crime, Ms. Chandler endured years of abuse at the hands of her husband. She told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that Mr. Chandler routinely beat her, raped her, choked her, and threatened to kill her. Ms. Chandler said that she never confided in others about her husband's abuse, and that he intentionally tried to hit her where the bruises wouldn't be visible to others. The Board investigator also spoke with Mr. Chandler, who confirmed that he was controlling and abusive throughout their marriage. Ms. Chandler reported that throughout the night of this crime, Mr. Chandler screamed at her, left her threatening messages, and slammed doors in the apartment. She was hiding from him all day in a spare bedroom. When Ms. Chandler awoke and heard other voices in the apartment, she thought it was her opportunity to escape. A psychologist who evaluated Ms. Chandler in 2005 concluded that she was the victim of intimate partner battery at the time of the crime. The psychologist wrote, "Ms. Chandler was afraid that Mr. Chandler could assault her at any time. Given that the abusive incidents would erupt without any notice, Ms. Chandler felt powerless to control her own safety." The Board investigator concluded, "Evidence suggests Chandler shot her husband because she had decided to leave him on the day of the crime and was in complete fear of what he would do to her if she left."

Ms. Chandler is now 46 years old and has been incarcerated for over 16 years. In that time, she has shown a deep commitment to rehabilitation and transforming her life. She participated in numerous self-help programs including Domestic Violence, Survivors of Incest and Rape Anonymous, Healthy Relationships, and Creative Conflict Resolution. Ms. Chandler has maintained an excellent work record. She earned several vocational certifications and regularly receives positive ratings from her supervisors, who characterize her as respectful, dedicated, and helpful in training her peers. Ms. Chandler has also been involved in charity and community events, donating blankets for a veteran's hospital and helping coordinate a day of peace in the prison. Ms. Chandler's family has pledged to provide her with housing and financial support in the event of her release, and she has a job waiting for her at a construction company.

Ms. Chandler committed a tragic crime after suffering years of relentless abuse at the hands of her husband. She has demonstrated sincere remorse for her actions, and has worked hard to turn her life around and educate herself and others about the dangers of domestic violence. For all of these reasons, I believe Ms. Chandler has earned an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Janine Chandler to a total of 17 years to life.

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### Monica Chavez

From November 1997 to January 1998, Ms. Chavez acted as a driver while her boyfriend Gilbert Rubio participated in a series of armed robberies. On January 11, 1998, Ms. Chavez, Mr. Rubio, and Alex Vega entered the home of George Blackwell. While Mr. Vega searched the house for valuables, Mr. Rubio bound Mr. Blackwell and forced him to divulge his pin number and write him a check for \$2,000. Mr. Rubio directed Mr. Vega and Ms. Chavez to go cash the check. He then shot Mr. Blackwell, killing him. On March 30, 2000, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Chavez to life without the possibility of parole for the murder committed by Mr. Rubio plus 13 years for two firearm enhancements and nine counts of robbery.

At the time of the crime, Ms. Chavez had been the victim of years of abuse by Mr. Rubio. A Board of Parole Hearings investigation concluded that Ms. Chavez was suffering from intimate partner battery at the time of the crimes, and her experiences with domestic violence impacted her actions at the time of the offenses. In 2018, Ms. Chavez's defense attorney submitted a letter in support of commutation, noting that Mr. Vega and Mr. Rubio threatened Ms. Chavez's life during trial and that the Court denied his request to use battered women's syndrome as a defense. Mr. Rubio's defense attorney was interviewed and stated that Mr. Rubio was "probably the most cruel, violent, brutal person" she ever represented. She stated, "if any case was ever appropriate for the consideration of intimate partner battering consideration, it was Chavez's case." Mr. Rubio's attorney stated that she believed Ms. Chavez was abused and held captive by Mr. Rubio, and that she had no doubt Ms. Chavez feared for her safety and that of her family.

Ms. Chavez is now 61 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 20 years. In her application for clemency, Ms. Chavez expressed her desire to live as an example to other survivors of domestic violence and wrote, "I have a lot to contribute to society. My work ethic is solid, as well my ability to manage my behavior and make better choices for myself. My unfortunate upbringing can be an effective deterrent, preventing other abused women from making the same choices I made. I believe, with all my heart, that a second chance will prove my worth."

During more than two decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Ms. Chavez has been dedicated to transforming her life. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct. She completed vocational training in facilities maintenance. Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Chavez has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with her regularly. Ms. Chavez received above average work ratings. In 2018, a correctional officer commended Ms. Chavez "for her positive growth over the last 18 years." The officer wrote, "I witnessed Inmate Chavez display respect and a pleasant demeanor towards staff and other inmates," and "noticed her continued efforts toward positive programming." The officer praised Ms. Chavez's work on the cleaning crew, calling her a "valuable employee with a good work ethic." The officer concluded by writing, "Inmate Chavez should be commended for maintaining a positive attitude and high respect for staff and others." A supervisor wrote in 2011 regarding her work as yard crew that Ms. Chavez was a "very hard worker," who "keeps the yard looking good."

Mr. Blackwell's family has expressed opposition to Ms. Chavez's release. While the profound impact of this crime cannot be erased, I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence. I believe Ms. Chavez has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Monica Chavez to a total of 21 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
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**Cesar Cisneros, Jr.**

In 2010, 19-year-old Cesar Cisneros pulled up next to a car driven by Jonathan Disario and Rosendo Flores. Mr. Cisneros got out of his car, pulled out a gun, and fired multiple shots, injuring both Mr. Disario and Mr. Flores. On February 17, 2012, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Cisneros to 7 years to life for attempted murder plus a 20-year firearm enhancement – a total term of 27 years to life in prison.

In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Cisneros explained that he has devoted himself to understanding how he came to commit this crime. He expressed sincere remorse for his actions, saying, "It's a regret I have to live with every day. It hurts me to know that I was capable of doing something like that." Mr. Cisneros continued, "I understand what I did was wrong. I'm doing everything that's in my power to change my life, to transform it."

Since coming to prison, Mr. Cisneros has shown an admirable commitment to his rehabilitation. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct during nearly a decade of incarceration. Mr. Cisneros earned his GED and participated in self-help classes including Christian Brotherhood and Anger Control. He has been active in his church community, and is currently enrolled in The Urban Ministry Institute of Prison Fellowship. Mr. Cisneros has also earned the respect of the staff members who see him every day. In 2018, a correctional officer praised Mr. Cisneros for his work ethic and wrote, "[D]uring my observations of him, he has always shown himself to be respectful toward other inmates and staff alike....Cisneros' positive programming should be applauded as he continues to a better path to be rehabilitated." In 2017, a college coordinator thanked Mr. Cisneros for volunteering for the music program, and wrote, "Inmate Cisneros has always shown himself as a hard worker, and has been respectful to staff and inmates. Inmate Cisneros is commended for his willingness to volunteer as a band member and his willingness to help facilitate the different functions on Facility C." Mr. Cisneros has a strong support system in place in the event of his release – his wife, parents, and other family members have offered him housing, financial support, help finding a job, and other support as he transitions back into the community.

Mr. Cisneros committed a reckless crime when he was a young man, but he has shown in the years since that he has matured into a positive person who is eager to contribute to his community. I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Cesar Cisneros, Jr. to a total of 10 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Lamarr Cooks

On October 27, 1991, Lamarr Cooks and Darryl Richard approached Fernando Hernandez and Lillian Martinez while they were walking on the street. Mr. Cooks grabbed Ms. Martinez's purse then pushed her. Mr. Hernandez tried to prevent Ms. Martinez from falling when Mr. Cooks shot him in the face, killing him. Mr. Cooks and Mr. Richard fled with Ms. Martinez's purse, which contained cash, a gold chain, and a bracelet. On July 28, 1993, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Cooks to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Cooks has been incarcerated for over 27 years and has dramatically turned his life around during that time. In his commutation application, Mr. Cooks explained the effect of not having a role model and mentor to steer him away from negative peers. He wrote, "I will continue to be that mentor and role model to my family and those that find themselves going down a negative path." He told a Board investigator that he applied for a commutation because he "wants to show the different person he is now compared to the person he was when he committed this crime," adding that he would like to "share his experiences so other individuals will not take the same path that he did."

Mr. Cooks was only 18 years old when he committed this crime, but has made substantial efforts to rehabilitate himself as well as help others around him. He has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Insight, and Success After Prison. He earned his GED and completed a vocation in Office Services. In 2018, a correctional officer who has known Mr. Cooks for 12 years wrote that Mr. Cooks "has established himself as a highly respected mentor among his peers. I have witnessed his conduct as he leads by example, and he is showing others how to positively transform their lives, into positive, productive members of the community." In 2017, Mr. Cooks was commended by a correctional officer for "his behavior and positive choices," writing, "If the opportunity to return to society were ever given, I believe that inmate Cooks would be a model citizen." In 2017, a correctional officer who has known Mr. Cooks for 15 years commended him for working well with inmates and staff and for being "dependable, respectful and also reliable." Since 2009, Mr. Cooks has participated in the Progressive Programming Facility. He has also taken American Sign Language classes, worked as an Adult Basic Education tutor, and participated in the Prison Letters 4 Struggling Youth program.

Mr. Cooks committed a serious and violent crime against two victims he did not know. However, he has shown remorse and a genuine commitment to his rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Lamarr Cooks to a total of 27 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Manuel Cuevas

On April 13, 2004, Manuel Cuevas shot and killed his cousin Rene Cuevas, who had impregnated Manuel's wife and who Manuel believed was still sleeping with his wife. On January 13, 2005, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Cuevas to 15 years to life for murder and 10 years for use of a dangerous weapon – a total term of 25 years to life.

Mr. Cuevas has now been incarcerated for almost 15 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Cuevas wrote, "I know how I've lived in ignorance and that I've made and done a grave harm. Irreversible – which it will always be in my mind and heart." During almost 15 years in prison, Mr. Cuevas has been dedicated to his rehabilitation. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. Mr. Cuevas has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Fathers Behind Bars, Coping Skills, Self-Esteem, and Alternatives to Violence.

Mr. Cuevas also receives above average work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2017, a correctional officer commended Mr. Cuevas for his "exceptional behavior" and wrote, "It is noted that Inmate Cuevas requires minimal supervision to ensure orderly operations. [He] abides by the rules and regulations of the department, is courteous towards others, and displays positive judgment and behavior." In 2013, an Adult Basic Education instructor commended Mr. Cuevas for his behavior and attitude in class. Mr. Cuevas participated in a victims awareness event and made donations to charity. Mr. Cuevas also has substantial family support in the event of his release.

While Mr. Cuevas committed a very serious crime, he has abstained from violence and demonstrated his commitment to his rehabilitation over the course of his incarceration. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Cuevas has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Manuel Cuevas to a total of 15 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### David Dougall

David Dougall and his crime partner committed a string of robberies. During the last robbery, Mr. Dougall demanded that Jose Luis Montes give him his car keys. Mr. Dougall shot and killed Mr. Montes after he tried to flee. On June 18, 1997, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Dougall to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus three years for robbery and a five year firearm enhancement – a total term of life without the possibility of parole, plus 8 years.

Mr. Dougall was 18 years old when he committed this crime and has been incarcerated for close to 23 years. In his application for commutation, Mr. Dougall wrote, "I've spent the last 21 years making amends for my mistakes . . . I have committed myself to social, academic, and psychological rehabilitation."

Mr. Dougall's rehabilitation has been extraordinary. Mr. Dougall has lived on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative opportunities, for five years. He has also participated in self-help courses, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Houses of Healing, and Men of Honor. In addition, Mr. Dougall earned an A.A. degree in biblical studies, and is currently enrolled in college courses at Coastline College. He also earned his GED and a certificate in counseling, as well two vocations. Mr. Dougall has been a dog trainer in Paws for Life since 2016, and a team leader since 2017. In July 2016, when Los Angeles County was in the middle of the Santa Clarita Sand Fire, Mr. Dougall helped to evacuate 50 deaf dogs. An assistant warden commended Mr. Dougall for "ensuring the welfare of these dogs" while "working 12-hour days in extreme heat."

Mr. Dougall's remarkable transformation has been noted by correctional staff. A correctional officer praised Mr. Dougall for having "a very optimistic view in everything he does. I have personally witnessed the tremendous strides Dougall has made to better himself. He has realistically evaluated the restraints and limitations of prison life and decided to be personally responsible for using available opportunities for improvement. It is my opinion that if released, Dougall would adapt to society and when confronted with any negative situation he would choose the correct path." Another correctional officer commended Mr. Dougall for his attitude and ethics, writing, "Dougall regularly demonstrated a positive attitude and strong set of work ethics. . . . Given Dougall's commitment to changing his life for the better, it is this writer's opinion if given the opportunity, that Dougall would have a seamless transition back into society and make a meaningful contribution as a responsible member of his community." Finally, a correctional officer wrote, "Dougall has always been polite, respectful, and carried himself in a manner that is conducive to the goals of the Progressive Programming Facility. . . . He also carries himself in a mature and stable fashion, setting an example for other inmates to follow. Every inmate incarcerated in [the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation] has decisions to make on a daily basis. It is clear the decisions being made by Dougall are of good nature and geared toward his own self-rehabilitation."

Although facing a prison term with no hope for release, Mr. Dougall has distinguished himself by maintaining a positive attitude and advancing his education. For these reasons, Mr. Dougall has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of David Dougall to a total of 23 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Mario Duran

On January 28, 1988, Mario Duran, Carlos Ortega, and Jose Fuentes entered the house of Luis Rios-Martinez in order to burglarize it. Mr. Martinez's housekeeper Herlinda Organista, his wife Brenda Palacios, and his mother Paula Rios were home at the time. The men demanded money and threatened the women before searching the house for other valuables. When Mr. Martinez interrupted them during the burglary, Mr. Duran shot and killed him. On March 11, 1994, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Duran to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a two year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Duran has now been incarcerated for 26 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Duran acknowledged the senseless nature of the crime and the pain he has caused the Rios-Martinez family. He wrote, "My callous and coward[ly] actions caused Mr. Rios-Martinez's family and friends immense pain, grief and loss, and forever changed their lives, for which I am profoundly sorry, as well for negatively impacting the community and society." He told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that there is no way he can take back what happened, but he has worked on himself and believes that he is a different person now.

During over two and a half decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Duran has demonstrated his commitment to his rehabilitation. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct, over 24 years ago. Mr. Duran resided on an honor yard for many years. He completed vocational training in laundry, industrial health and safety, and silk screening. He is currently taking college classes. Mr. Duran has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Victim Sensitivity, the Long Term Offenders Program, Alcoholics Anonymous, Guiding Rage Into Power, and Men for Honor. Mr. Duran acted as a facilitator for the Getting Out by Going In program and trained to become a peer educator in the Peer Medical Education Program.

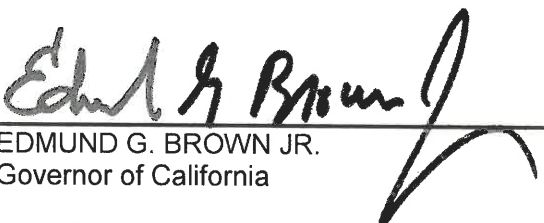
Mr. Duran's positive programming and behavior garnered him excellent work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2016, a superintendent with the California Prison Industry Authority wrote that during Mr. Duran's ten years of work in the laundry facility, he "has worked at various positions making every effort to learn all aspects of the industry." A work supervisor commended Mr. Duran in 2015 for being "highly proficient in the operation of multiple industrial laundry machines." A self-help sponsor wrote in 2015 that Mr. Duran "was an excellent student, who regularly participated in class discussion, had perfect attendance, and was an asset to the class."

Mr. Duran has the support of his family in the event of his release. Mr. Duran's ex-wife wrote in support of clemency and noted that throughout his 26 years of incarceration, he has continued to mentor their children from prison. In a letter supporting clemency for his father, Mr. Duran's son wrote, "My father was instrumental in my graduating high school and installing good moral values in my life." He continued, "My father always told me he didn't want me to walk in the same destructive path he took, as he has learned from his bad choices, and now deeply regrets the harm and pain he caused in his past."

Mr. Duran committed a senseless crime at a young age. But in the many years since then, he has made a serious commitment to turning his life around. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Duran has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Mario Duran to a total of 26 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Jose Esquero

On December 28, 1996, patrol officers stopped a vehicle driven by Mr. Esquero. During a search of the car, officers retrieved a chrome revolver and a foil wrapper containing several pieces of rock cocaine. On January 31, 2000, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Esquero to 25 years to life for felon in possession of a firearm and 2 years for two prior prison terms – a total term of 27 years to life. Mr. Esquero is eligible for a parole hearing in 2020.

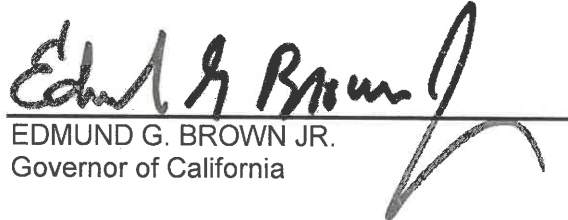
In his application for clemency, Mr. Esquero explained how he has modified his thinking since coming to prison, and how prison has changed him for the better. Mr. Esquero stated, "I am far different from the person I was twenty-one years ago. I have renounced all gang affiliations. . . . I am a lot older now and have matured a great deal in prison. I have made amends with myself and reconciled with God, and I now see the error of my wrong ways. I have made the effort of rehabilitation and have completed many group therapy sessions." Mr. Esquero told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator, "I am a changed man from when I came into prison. I think I can contribute to society and be a father to my sons, who need me. I want to be a father and be out there for my mother before she dies. I just want to work and live the rest of my years on a positive note."

Mr. Esquero is now 56 years old and has served over 22 years in prison. Over the last two decades, Mr. Esquero has avoided gangs and demonstrated a commitment to rehabilitation. He has been disciplined only four times, and only once for physical violence, over 20 years ago. Mr. Esquero participated in self-help groups, including Anger Management, Emotional Awareness, Stress Management, and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. He also successfully completed truck driver training. Mr. Esquero has earned the respect of staff. In 2017, a correctional officer wrote that he found Mr. Esquero's work performance to be "exceptional," and noted that he completes his work with no complaints. The officer wrote regarding Mr. Esquero, "He has displayed great skill through every work detail assigned to him. He has maintained a good working relationship with staff and inmates." The officer noted that Mr. Esquero is a "valuable asset," whose "effort and ability has been recognized as exceptional." The officer concluded that Mr. Esquero "should be commended for his work performance as well as his ethics. It has been a pleasure to have supervised Inmate Esquero."

In addition, Mr. Esquero's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Esquero. For all these reasons, I believe that Mr. Esquero has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jose Esquero to a total of 22 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Roberto Esquivel

In 1996, 17-year-old Roberto Esquivel and a friend followed Carlos Salgado because he was a rival gang member. When Mr. Salgado stopped in front of a friend's house, Mr. Esquivel and his friend fired multiple shots, hitting Mr. Salgado once and killing him. On December 8, 1997, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Esquivel to 48 years to life for murder, attempted murder, and two firearm enhancements.

Mr. Esquivel is now 39 years old and has spent 22 years in prison. During that time, he dropped out of his gang and instead dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He earned his high school diploma, and A.A. degree, and an A.S. degree. Mr. Esquivel has participated in numerous self-help programs, including Celebrate Recovery, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, and Victims Awareness. He has also facilitated multiple classes for his peers, taking a leadership role and encouraging others to follow a positive path. Mr. Esquivel earned a certification as an alcohol and drug counselor. He volunteers for a juvenile deterrent program, through which he and other inmates mentor at-risk young people and encourage them to stay away from criminal activity. He has also been commended by several prison volunteers for his positive behavior and attitude. In 2017, a self-help facilitator praised Mr. Esquivel's dedication in groups, and wrote, "Mr. Esquivel is thoughtful and introspective; modest and willing to take criticism or feedback; intuitive and compassionate towards others; and inquisitive, open to a broad worldview, and willing to learn from others' expertise." Another group sponsor wrote, "It is my opinion that Mr. Esquivel is a great example of a prisoner who is ready for parole, who has rehabilitated himself and a man who has much potential and desire to contribute to society once released."

It is clear that Mr. Esquivel is no longer the teenager who committed this senseless, gang-related crime. During his two decades in prison, he has shown a genuine commitment to improving himself and turning his life around, and has encouraged others to do the same. For these reasons, I believe Mr. Esquivel has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Roberto Esquivel to a total of 22 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Huey Ferguson

In January 1994, Huey Ferguson was observed entering the home of Ruth Roberts and exiting with a television set. Ms. Roberts was later discovered in her home deceased from a stab wound. On March 3, 1994, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ferguson to life without the possibility of parole plus 1 year for murder and a deadly weapon enhancement. Mr. Ferguson maintains that he did not commit this crime.

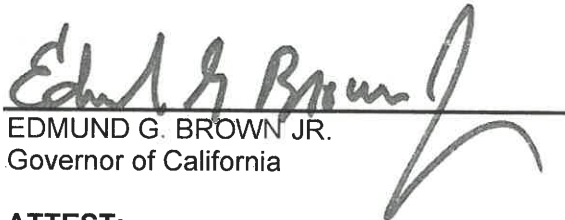
Mr. Ferguson is now 67 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 26 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Ferguson wrote regarding his time incarcerated, "I actually have had the opportunity to grow in many ways." He added that while in prison he has learned good work habits and improved his social skills. During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Ferguson has made efforts to improve himself. He has participated in self-help programming, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Second Chance Group. He has also spent his time in prison consistently employed and received positive work ratings from his supervisors. Mr. Ferguson successfully lived in the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative opportunities, for several years starting in 2011. In 2017, a correctional supervising cook wrote that Ferguson "has always been polite and courteous towards staff. He has demonstrated a resolved commitment in his efforts towards rehabilitation as part of Facility 'A' Progressive [P]rogramming Facility."

Additionally, Mr. Ferguson's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Ferguson.

Based on his conduct in prison and his efforts toward self-improvement, I believe that Mr. Ferguson has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Huey Ferguson to a total of 26 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Robert Figueroa

In 1989, Robert Figueroa was a 20-year-old gang member. He and his crime partners were convicted of committing a drive-by shooting that killed Miguel Navarro and Frank Fernandez and injured six others. Witnesses identified two others as the shooters, and identified Mr. Figueroa as a passenger in the car. On November 2, 1990, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Figueroa to two terms of life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Figueroa denies participating in this crime, but has expressed sincere remorse for his history of gang activity and violence. In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Figueroa explained, "I take responsibility because I was a gang member at the time. The lifestyle that I was living, I was doing what these people were doing. It could have been me."

Mr. Figueroa is now 49 years old and has been in prison for 29 years. Instead of remaining mired in gang activity, he has dedicated himself to living without violence and focusing on his rehabilitation. Mr. Figueroa has only been disciplined three times during nearly three decades of incarceration. He dropped out of the gang in 2000 and provided staff members with information about gang and drug activity in the prison. Mr. Figueroa has participated in self-help classes, including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous and Alternatives to Violence. He made donations to charity and has maintained a positive work record for many years. Mr. Figueroa also has a solid plan in place if he is released from prison – his family has offered him housing and support as he transitions back into society, and he has a job waiting for him

There is no doubt that at the time of this crime, Mr. Figueroa was a reckless young man who was immersed in a violent lifestyle. But in the many years since then, he has made a serious commitment to turning his life around. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Figueroa has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Robert Figueroa to a total of 30 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Michael Fischer

On January 25, 1997, Michael Fischer forcefully entered the home of Phillip Queen. Once inside, Mr. Fischer hit Mr. Queen several times in the head and shoulders with an object, knocking him to the floor. He then robbed Mr. Queen for his wallet. On October 28, 1997, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Fischer to 25 years to life for robbery plus 10 years for prior felony enhancements — a total of 35 years to life

Mr. Fischer committed multiple robberies, including the senseless robbery of the Queen family residence, to fuel his drug addiction. He self-medicated with street drugs while suffering from an undiagnosed mental health illness. In his application for clemency, he explained “I am almost 60 years old and have served over 20 years on a 35 to life sentence. I have learned a lot in these years especially about victim impact.”

Mr. Fischer is now 61 and has been incarcerated for nearly 22 years. In that time, he has never been disciplined for violence. Instead, he gained skills in vocational trades, including electronics, cabling, and automotive technology. Mr. Fischer also participated in relevant self-help programs such as Narcotics Anonymous, Chemical Dependency, Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, and Guiding Rage Into Power (GRIP). In 2016, the founder of the GRIP program wrote in support of Mr. Fischer's release, stating, “It was clear immediately to me that his redemption is his number one priority and that he is willing to face his past and his addiction issues.”

Regarding Mr. Fischer's application for clemency, in 2018, a Los Angeles Superior Court judge stated that while his sentence was “in line with other defendants similarly situated at that time,” if a defendant “committed the same offense today with the identical history, there is a fairly strong possibility that the prosecutor or the court would strike one of his priors in the interest of justice and impose a sentence of 20 years in prison.”

Additionally, Mr. Fischer's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Fischer.

Mr. Fischer's crimes caused unnecessary injury to his community. He has since engaged in rehabilitative programs and committed to his recovery from drug addiction. Mr. Fischer has spent a substantial period of time sober, and has a regimen for maintaining his mental health. He has also developed a viable relapse prevention plan. For all of the foregoing reasons, I conclude that Mr. Fischer has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Michael Fischer to a total of 22 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Gene Flack

In 1989, Gene Flack wanted to scare his friend's abusive father, Raymond Godlewski. Mr. Flack was driven to Mr. Godlewski's home, knocked on the door, and when Mr. Godlewski answered, they struggled over control of the gun. Mr. Flack then shot Mr. Godlewski once in the head, killing him. On November 2, 1990, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Flack to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a two-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Flack is now 52 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 30 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Flack described the significant changes that he has made to turn his life around since committing this crime. Mr. Flack reported that he has also accepted responsibility for his actions. He wrote, "I made a fatal mistake...I don't dismiss the enormity of my actions..." In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Flack expressed deep remorse and wants to live his life making amends to both the victim's family and his family.

Despite a prison sentence that provided no hope for a life outside of prison, Mr. Flack decided to dedicate his time and energy to self-improvement. He earned his GED and has participated in self-help programs, including Prison of Peace, Lifers Support Group, and Criminal and Gang Members Anonymous. In 2018, Mr. Flack became certified as a Rising Circle Keeper Trainer and was commended by the program director for "developing a life of service and contributing to his community by serving fellow inmates."

This is a very serious crime, but it is clear that Mr. Flack has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct in prison and his forthright and continuing separation from gang activities of any kind. I believe Mr. Flack has earned an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so they can determine whether he is ready to be released from prison.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Gene Flack to a total of 29 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Gustavo Flores

On October 12, 1995, Gustavo Flores broke a window and entered the apartment of the Mendoza family. When a 15-year-old resident of the home walked into the living room to investigate the sound, Mr. Flores ran out of the apartment. On April 15, 1996, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Flores to 25 years to life for burglary and an additional 15 years for prior felony enhancements for a total of 40 years to life.

Mr. Flores reported that he started stealing at an early age in order to obtain money for necessities such as food and clothing. Around age 12, he started consuming drugs. By age 18 he was regularly using heroin and stealing in order to support his habit. In his application for clemency, Mr. Flores writes, "I regret the pain I caused."

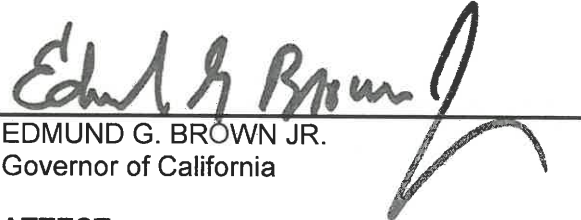
Mr. Flores is now 59 years old and has served over 23 years. Mr. Flores committed to his sobriety and his education early in his incarceration. Over the last two decades, he has remained both drug and violence free, and has never been disciplined for any serious misconduct. Despite entering the prison with no English reading or writing skills, Mr. Flores dedicated himself to earning his GED. After he earned his GED, Mr. Flores completed leadership training and tutored other inmates. A teacher wrote that Mr. Flores' voluntary work as a tutor was "successful in helping students make progress." Another staff member lauded his work in the Education Office stating, "He is a self-starter who displays pride in his work," and who "gets along well with others and is a good team member." Mr. Flores has continued to support his community by working as a teacher's aide and a chapel clerk. He has also taken self-help courses, including Alcohol Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Denial Management, and the Truth Project.

Mr. Flores explains in his application that "I am a man of regrets, but, now that I have had many years working to have a clean life, I am also a man who has pride in my accomplishments." His application for clemency is supported by San Diego County Supervisor Nathan Fletcher. Supervisor Fletcher noted that during "his 22 years in prison, Mr. Flores has completed a 12-step rehabilitation program, has received his GED, and has found his faith in religion." Supervisor Fletcher also stated, "Gustavo deserves a second chance. He is a changed man who is ready to re-enter society as a contributing member."

Additionally, Mr. Flores' application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Flores. For all of the foregoing reasons, I believe that Mr. Flores has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Gustavo Flores to a total of 27 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Kelly Flynn

In May 1996, 17-year-old Kelly Flynn recruited her boyfriend, Kareem Sims, and two of Mr. Sims' friends to beat up Reginald Rachal, claiming that Mr. Rachal had raped her. Ms. Flynn took Mr. Rachal to Mr. Sims' home where Mr. Sims assaulted Mr. Rachal, before driving him to a levee. At the levee, Mr. Sims stabbed and fatally shot Mr. Rachal. On December 18, 1997, the San Joaquin County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Flynn to 25 years to life for murder plus 8 years for kidnapping — a total term of 33 years to life. Ms. Flynn is eligible for a youth offender parole hearing in 2020.

Ms. Flynn is now 39 years old and has been incarcerated for over two decades. In her application for clemency, Ms. Flynn wrote that "22 years ago I was a confused, troubled [17-year-old] who caused the death of a young man. I am now a mature, considerate, responsible woman who has proven that rehabilitation works." Ms. Flynn wrote, "[D]uring my 22 years in prison, I have worked hard to become a person who can make a positive contribution to the world. I have taken advantage of the many rehabilitative programs available to me to overcome substance abuse, to understand myself and my motivations, and to become educated and to learn valuable skills."

During more than two decades in prison, Ms. Flynn has been dedicated to transforming her life. She has not been disciplined for misconduct in over 10 years. While incarcerated, she earned her high school diploma, an A.A. degree, and is currently enrolled in college courses. Ms. Flynn has participated in a multitude of self-help programs, including Bridges to Life, Alternatives to Violence, Freedom to Choose, and Anger Management. Ms. Flynn is a dog trainer for the Prison Puppy Program, as well as a certified Offender Mentor and Peer Grief Counselor. Ms. Flynn has resided in an honor dorm since 2016.

Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Flynn has earned excellent work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2018, a correctional officer who has known Ms. Flynn for 3 years wrote, "During this time, she has proven herself to be a very hard, efficient worker. She takes the initiative to help staff and peers, and her attitude is always optimistic and constructive. Flynn seems to have dealt with the issues that lead her to prison, and I believe she is ready to reestablish a successful life in society." Also in 2018, a self-help sponsor wrote, "I consider Kelly Flynn to be a role model in the inmate population. [¶]...She helps to encourage other inmates to be better people. She continuously shows her willingness to assist as needed with very difficult moments in the group. [¶]...I have to say that it has been a pleasure to work with Kelly Flynn. Her determination and willingness to keep growing to be a better person is wonderful....With all of her positive accomplishments, I know she will be an asset to anything she puts her mind to once she is released." A staff psychologist also praised Ms. Flynn's efforts, writing, "Ms. Flynn explored honestly and openly her behavior before, during, and after events which culminated in her current imprisoned state....Ms. Flynn expressed deep states of sorrow, regret, sadness, and the desire to live her life differently....[S]he never minimized or attempted to rationalize her behavior at the time of the crime.... [Ms. Flynn] is an excellent listener, very intuitive, empathetic, and has no problem with breaking problems down into their component parts; such an individual would add a great deal to the larger society as a whole." In the event of her release, Ms. Flynn plans to live in Southern California where she has family resources. Additionally, the Anti-Recidivism Coalition has offered Ms. Flynn support upon her release.

Although she participated in a serious crime, Ms. Flynn has demonstrated her commitment to her rehabilitation. Based on her age at the time of the crime, conduct in prison, and dedication to self-improvement, I believe Ms. Flynn has earned an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings in order to determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kelly Flynn to a total of 22 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Palmira Galache

In 2000, Palmira Galache and Luis Vega were married, but Ms. Galache was having an affair with Carlos Ceron. Ms. Galache wanted to leave Mr. Vega, but Mr. Vega threatened to disinherit her if she did. On August 17, 2000, Mr. Ceron and other men beat Mr. Vega to death outside his apartment. Ms. Galache maintains that she was not involved with the crime. On November 14, 2003, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Galache to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Ms. Galache has no prior criminal history and has never been disciplined for any misconduct while in prison. She is now 53 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 16 years. In her application for clemency, Ms. Galache expressed remorse for bringing Mr. Ceron into her family's life, and wrote, "I will never make choices that will lead to hurt[ing] others ever again." During her incarceration, Ms. Galache has been a model inmate. She has participated in numerous self-help groups, including Celebrate Recovery, Codependents Anonymous, Victims Impact, and Beyond Violence. Ms. Galache has lived in an honor dorm for many years, and contributes to charitable causes. She routinely receives excellent work ratings from her supervisors, including for her current position as a caregiver for ill and disabled inmates. In the event of her release from prison, Ms. Galache plans to live with her mother and brother. Her daughter has also offered to help support her financially and emotionally as she transitions back into society.

For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce Ms. Galache's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Palmira Galache to a total of 17 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Timothy Galvan

In January 2002, Timothy Galvan carjacked a vehicle, then drove into rival gang territory, parked the car, and exchanged words with Jose Mendoza. Mr. Galvan returned a few moments later and opened fire on Mr. Mendoza. Mr. Galvan then fired shots toward Jaime Gutierrez and Jose Caranza, but missed. Mr. Galvan was eventually subdued and arrested. On April 17, 2009, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Galvan to 25 years to life for murder plus 7 years to life for attempted murder plus a 45 years to life firearm enhancement – a total term of 77 years to life.

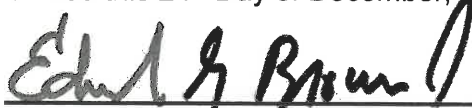
Mr. Galvan is now 38 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 17 years. During an interview with a Board investigator, Mr. Galvan stated that he is “remorseful and is learning to understand the totality of his actions. He desires the opportunity to share his experiences with youth in the community on a path of destruction through gangs and criminal behavior.” He added that he “wants to live through the successes of others by helping them.”

Mr. Galvan has shown a genuine commitment to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct during his incarceration. He earned his GED and received numerous certificates of completion for his involvement in religious activities and self-help groups, including Fathers Behind Bars, Criminal and Gang Members Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Galvan served as a facilitator in the Operation New Hope and Inmate Peer Education programs and was elected Vice Chairman on the Men’s Advisory Council. In 2018, a correctional officer described Mr. Galvan as “orderly, well spoken, and respectful towards both staff and inmates,” adding that he has a “good reputation due to his overall work ethic and pleasant attitude.” Also in 2018, a sponsor commended Mr. Galvan for his “ongoing commitment to embrace change.” He also participated in charitable events, including a Walk-A-Thon fundraiser to raise money and awareness for the Special Olympics Summer Games. Mr. Galvan currently works as a dog trainer for the New Life K9s Program.

Since committing this very serious crime, Mr. Galvan turned away from a lifestyle consumed with violence and gangs. He has been a positive role model for other inmates and strongly advocates against gang culture. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Galvan has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Timothy Galvan to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Vicente Godoy

Vicente Godoy worked as a security guard at a small local market. Mr. Godoy, Manuel Corado, and Carmelo Corado, planned to rob the market. Mr. Godoy allowed his two crime partners to enter the market and gave them access to the backroom. During the robbery, the store manager, Luis Valdez, and the assistant manager, Teresa Cano, were both shot by Manuel Corado. Mr. Valdez died from his injuries. On December 5, 2001, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Godoy to life without the possibility of parole, plus seven years for attempted murder, and a two-year firearm enhancement.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Godoy accepted full responsibility for his crime and wrote, "I am asking for a commutation because I am no longer the person who was involved in my life crime. I am a rehabilitated man with a different way of thinking." Mr. Godoy has now been incarcerated for 19 years. During these years, he has demonstrated his desire and willingness to put his life on a productive path. He has only been disciplined three times in close to two decades in prison. Mr. Godoy has lived on the Progressive Programming facility since 2012. He has never been involved with gangs or drugs. He has maintained steady employment and routinely receives above average work ratings. Mr. Godoy has participated in self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Houses of Healing. Mr. Godoy has made significant effort toward earning his GED by participating in Adult Basic Education for five years. In the event of his release, Mr. Godoy hopes to rejoin his family and seek employment working on his family's farm.

Mr. Godoy committed a very serious crime, but he has distinguished himself by his good conduct, consistent work history, and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Godoy has earned an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings to it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Vicente Godoy to a total of 20 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### June Gravlee

On July 17, 1987, June Gravlee and her brother, Gary Smith, participated in the fatal stabbing and beating of Andrew Gravlee, Ms. Gravlee's husband. After Mr. Gravlee's death, Ms. Gravlee continued to receive his monthly pension checks and his social security checks; she forged his signature and cashed the pension checks. On April 24, 1990, the Tulare County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Gravlee to life without the possibility of parole for murder for financial gain.

Ms. Gravlee has been incarcerated for nearly 31 years and is now 64 years old. In this time, Ms. Gravlee has lived violence-free. She has never been disciplined for serious misconduct. Ms. Gravlee has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Pathways to Wholeness, Beyond Violence, Victim Awareness, and Life Plan for Recovery.

Over the past three decades, Ms. Gravlee has earned the respect of prison staff. Numerous staff have lauded her work ethic, and her service to her community. Ms. Gravlee has primarily worked as an aide to teachers, psychologists, and correctional officials; she routinely received exceptional work ratings. One staff member commended Ms. Gravlee for her "exemplary" work and wrote, "I have observed her to be respectful, mature, well-mannered and helpful to staff and her peers." Another staff member described her as "an exceptional person," and also stated "I know if given the chance, Ms. Gravlee will be an incredible and successful member of society." A work supervisor stated, "From what I have seen firsthand, I believe Ms. Gravlee will be a successful and positive member of society once allowed to return." A self-help program sponsor commended her for assisting with activities focused on improving prison conditions for elderly inmates. Ms. Gravlee has made and donated hats to non-profit organizations for use by terminally ill children, and served as a dog trainer in the Prison Pup Program. In 2018, a dog training instructor wrote, "June has been in this program for several years and has always maintained a great attitude." The supervisor concluded, "We feel she will succeed on the outside, is ready and will be a valued member of the community if given a chance."

Ms. Gravlee committed a very callous crime. However, it is clear that she has distinguished herself by her exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Gravlee has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of June Gravlee to a total of 30 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Earl Griffin

In 1995, 20-year-old Earl Griffin and Byron Smith confronted Dameon Singleton, a drug dealer. They took cash, marijuana, car keys, and other property from Mr. Singleton, then one of the men shot him, killing him. On February 28, 1997, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Griffin to life without the possibility of parole for murder. Mr. Griffin has consistently denied shooting Mr. Singleton.

Mr. Griffin is now 44 years old and has been incarcerated for 23 years. Although he has consistently denied shooting Mr. Singleton, he has accepted responsibility for his role in the crime and expressed sincere remorse. In his application for clemency, Mr. Griffin wrote, “[T]here is no explanation that excuses what I’ve done. . . .As a result of my actions a young man’s life was taken, leaving his family with agony, and a lifetime of unexplainable loss.” He described the significant changes he has made since coming to prison, and said, “I am a ‘God-fearing’ adult with absolute remorse for my adolescent choices. If granted an opportunity to re-enter society, there is no possibility that I would participated in any kind of criminal history.”

Mr. Griffin has shown through his actions in prison that he is no longer the young man who participated in this senseless crime. He earned his GED and has maintained a positive work record, including his most recent assignment as a caregiver for disabled and ill inmates. He has participated in self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, and Criminal Rehabilitation Anonymous. Mr. Griffin has also earned the respect of the staff members who see him on a daily basis. In 2017, a correctional captain commended Mr. Griffin for his positive attitude and wrote that he was polite, respectful, has “exemplified outstanding work product,” and “is to be recognized for his dedication, and expediency.” In 2016, a work supervisor praised Mr. Griffin for participating in self-help groups and wrote, “His behavior to date is that of a person who strives toward rehabilitation. Furthermore, I have observed that he has a willingness for self-development and continues to demonstrate that he is prepared to become a responsible member of society upon release.” Mr. Griffin has developed a solid plan in the event of his release – his wife and parents have pledged to support him and help him transition back into the community, and he has a job offer waiting for him.

Despite serving a sentence that gave him no hope of ever being released from prison, Mr. Griffin has worked hard to better himself, and strives to be a responsible member of his community. I believe it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Earl Griffin to a total of 25 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Jose Gutierrez

On December 5, 2008, 16-year-old Jose Gutierrez and a fellow gang member pulled up near a liquor store where Martin Miguel was standing. Mr. Gutierrez chased Mr. Miguel and fired multiple shots at him, killing him. On May 24, 2010, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Gutierrez to 15 years to life for murder, plus an additional 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

In an interview with a Board of Parole Hearings investigator, Mr. Gutierrez described the difficult childhood that contributed to his gang involvement at a young age. He reported that his father drank excessively and was verbally abusive to the children and physically abusive to Mr. Gutierrez's mother. Mr. Gutierrez grew close to members of the neighborhood gang and began carrying weapons in an effort to prove himself to them. In his application for clemency, Mr. Gutierrez wrote, "I had a very immature and selfish mentality, but by the grace of God and his principles I have renewed my mind and have developed my character throughout these years beginning with gang renouncement." He described the Bible study and other courses that have helped shape his thinking, and explained, "This counseling also helped me to come to terms in my involvement in this crime, and provided me with personal tools in order to become a man, a son, a brother, and an uncle capable of being a positive influence to my family, my community here in prison, and the community beyond these walls."

Mr. Gutierrez has demonstrated his commitment to self-improvement throughout his incarceration. He has never been disciplined for misconduct, and is currently working towards his GED. He has participated in multiple self-help classes, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Addiction Counseling, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Gutierrez has been offered employment in the event of his release, and his sister and several other family members have offered him housing and other support as he transitions back into the community.

During nine years in prison, Mr. Gutierrez has matured from an impulsive 16-year-old into a young man who has accepted responsibility for his actions and is determined to make positive contributions to his community. I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jose Gutierrez to a total of 15 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Anthony Guzman

On September 19, 1980, Anthony Guzman robbed Mike Issa, a car salesman, then took a vehicle from the dealership and killed Mr. Issa. On June 13, 1983, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Guzman to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 3 years for burglary.

Mr. Guzman is now 60 years old and has been incarcerated for over 38 years for this crime. In his application for clemency Mr. Guzman expressed remorse for the killing of Mr. Issa, writing, "I will always be accountable to Michael, I wish to honor him with all the good I am able to provide in a more sensible and productive manner." Mr. Guzman wrote that he seeks an opportunity to appear before the parole board as a changed man, stating, "I am responsible and accountable for my decisions. I wish to be a good brother to my siblings, a good neighbor, and a responder to the world. To finish my life out in the service of others."

Mr. Guzman has transformed himself in prison. He was last disciplined for misconduct over 20 years ago and has never been disciplined for any violence. Mr. Guzman earned a GED in 2014 and routinely received above average work ratings. He has participated in self-help groups, including Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Victim Awareness, Alternatives to Violence, and Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous. Mr. Guzman was a founding member of the Centinela State Prison Veterans Activity Group and donated to charitable causes.

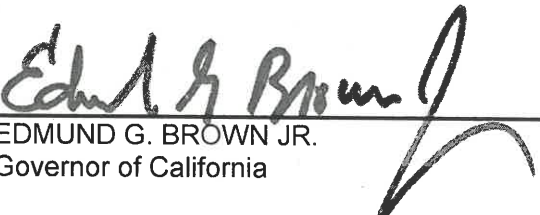
Mr. Guzman's warden recommended him for clemency, and he has also been recognized by other staff members for his good behavior and attitude. In 2017, a chaplain commended Mr. Guzman for his active participation in Catholic services, noting that he is always eager to help and "is polite and associates well with staff and inmates." In 2014, a GED instructor wrote that Mr. Guzman "has a good attitude and works hard to improve his skills. He is a pleasure to have in class." In 2013, a sponsor wrote that Mr. Guzman is "an integral part in establishing fund raising events for the purpose of donating to the Veterans Employment Committee." Mr. Guzman has the support of his family upon his release. His sister wrote in support of his clemency application and offered "full support in whatever it takes for a successful transition" in the event of Mr. Guzman's release.

In addition, Mr. Guzman's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Guzman.

Many people sentenced to life without the possibility of parole give up hope and lose themselves in prison. Faced with that same sentence, Mr. Guzman exhibited a commitment to his rehabilitation. I acknowledge that this crime was devastating to Mr. Issa's family members, who have opposed clemency in this case. However, after serious consideration, I cannot discount the turnaround Mr. Guzman has made during his incarceration. I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Anthony Guzman to a total of 38 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Jeffrey Douglas Hall

On July 2, 1992, 18-year-old Jeffrey Hall and several friends planned to steal Christian Sturdevant's car, and asked him to meet them near a local high school. Mr. Sturdevant arrived with his friend Mark Berkey. Mr. Sturdevant left for a while, and Mr. Hall and the others started fighting with Mr. Berkey. Mr. Hall stabbed Mr. Berkey multiple times, killing him. When Mr. Sturdevant came back, two of Mr. Hall's crime partners attacked him and tried to take his car keys, but Mr. Sturdevant fought them off and fled. On January 16, 1996, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hall to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one-year deadly weapon enhancement.

During his 26 years in prison, Mr. Hall has demonstrated a serious commitment to his rehabilitation. He is now 45 years old and has only been disciplined twice for misconduct during more than two decades of incarceration. He has participated in numerous self-help groups including Alcoholics Anonymous, Childhood Abuse and Trauma, Alternatives to Violence, and Victim Awareness. Mr. Hall has learned vocational skills through his job assignments and routinely receives excellent work ratings from his supervisors. One kitchen officer noted that Mr. Hall "has shown exemplary skill" while "maintaining excellent work habits." Another supervisor praised his work ethic and wrote, "Mr. Hall is to be commended for his positive programming and commitment and, in my opinion, I would recommend Mr. Hall for any job in or out of prison."

Mr. Hall was recommended for a commutation by his warden, and has earned commendations from other correctional officers as well. In 2017, a correctional officer wrote that Mr. Hall "has been an exemplary example of positive programming and behavior." Also in 2017, a correctional captain praised Mr. Hall for participation in self-help groups and said, "Inmate Hall has demonstrated an ability to work across the lines with management, staff, and inmates to create an environment conducive to rehabilitation and for the betterment of incarcerated individuals on numerous levels."

I acknowledged that Mr. Hall committed a very serious crime, which has had an enduring impact on Mr. Berkey's loved ones. However, Mr. Hall has spent many years in prison and has significantly matured and reflected on his actions. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "I believe the change in my character from 26 years ago is evident." He continued, "I can only plead that I may have the opportunity to have a chance at parole to demonstrate that I am not forever a danger to society." For all of these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Hall's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jeffrey Douglas Hall to a total of 26 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Ricky Hamilton

In early 2011, Ricky Hamilton planned to rob Wasann Flores. On March 1, 2011, Mr. Hamilton entered Mr. Flores' home with two other young men. Mr. Hamilton assaulted Mr. Flores, before shooting him in the hip and stealing his property. On June 4, 2014, The Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hamilton to 15 years to life for attempted murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement—a total of 40 years to life.

Mr. Hamilton was 18 years old when he committed this crime and has been incarcerated for over 7 years. His application for clemency chronicled a challenging childhood, including "people getting shot, getting beaten up and every other person smoking or abusing drugs." During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Hamilton talked about being born with crack cocaine in his system causing his mother to lose custody rights; his father's death when he was two years old; at least two failed assignments to foster homes; and his mother's successful, but prolonged fight to regain legal custody. Mr. Hamilton also discussed the impact of his 16-year-old sister's death. He acknowledged adopting violence as a method of conflict resolution. Mr. Hamilton also explained his efforts to navigate as a youthful offender in an adult prison, including after the death of his mother.

In his application and in his interview with the investigator, Mr. Hamilton expressed remorse for his criminal conduct. He also related his desire for a positive and stable life, free of the violence that he committed and that he experienced. Upon reception into prison, Mr. Hamilton requested training in Building Maintenance, Electronics, Janitorial, and Office Technology. During his term, he has never been disciplined for violence or gang activity. Instead, he enrolled in college courses. Mr. Hamilton has participated in self-help programs including Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Alternatives to Violence, and Forward Thinking. In 2017, he was transferred to the Positive Programming Facility. Mr. Hamilton told the Board investigator that he was seeking a commutation because he "is not that person he once was when he was 18 years old," and that coming to prison made him realize, "this is not the lifestyle I want to live."

Mr. Hamilton was sentenced to prison for committing a very serious crime. He has since turned away from violence and toward rehabilitation and education. For these reasons I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Hamilton's sentence so that he has an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ricky Hamilton to 15 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Michael Hansen

In August 2000, Sarah Hansen met Rodney Crain and began an affair. On one occasion, she told her husband, Michael Hansen, that she had not returned home overnight because Mr. Crain had drugged and raped her. That fall, Mr. Hansen went to Mr. Crain's home and vandalized his car three times. On January 22, 2001, Mr. Hansen waited outside Mr. Crain's home. When Mr. Crain arrived, Mr. Hansen shot him, killing him. The trial judge sentenced Mr. Hansen to a total of 19 years to life, but the Court of Appeal reversed, requiring the addition of a mandatory 25 years to life firearm enhancement. As a result of this order, on February 24, 2004, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hansen to 15 years to life for second degree murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total sentence of 40 years to life.


Mr. Hansen is now 45 and has been incarcerated for nearly 18 years. When submitting his request for clemency, Mr. Hansen wrote, "I am determined to show my remorse and rehabilitation by helping others and by giving back in any ways that I can." Mr. Hansen has demonstrated through his actions that he is committed to rehabilitating himself and helping others to do the same. Despite the pressures in prison, he has never been disciplined for any misconduct. Mr. Hansen received vocational certifications as an Offender Mentor and an Addictions Treatment Intern. He took advantage of numerous self-help programs, including Victim Awareness, Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Anger Management, and Denial Management Counseling. He receives above average to exceptional work ratings and volunteers as a mentor and a tutor. Mr. Hansen has also been praised by staff members for his positive behavior and attitude. One correctional sergeant wrote, "Mr. Hansen should be commended for his efforts to change his life and his desire to help others. These qualities show that Mr. Hansen could be an asset to the community upon release."

The trial judge served as a San Diego prosecutor for 12 years in addition to 22 years on the bench beginning in 1984. After hearing all of the evidence at trial, she felt that a sentence of 19 years to life was appropriate. Although this sentence was later reversed, her perspective on the appropriate sentence for this case is compelling. She wrote in 2015 strongly supporting the commutation of Mr. Hansen's sentence to the term that she initially intended. She noted that Mr. Hansen has been a "model prisoner" and continued, "There is nothing in Michael Hansen's life or crime to suggest he would be a danger to society if paroled during his lifetime." She wrote, "I believed at the time, and still believe, that two life sentences are grossly disproportionate to Mr. Hansen's culpability."

Mr. Crain's family members wrote moving letters to me to oppose clemency. Their pain and anger is profound and the loss of Mr. Crain still impacts their lives. This is not a decision I make lightly. However, in light of the trial judge's assessment of the case and because of Mr. Hansen's exemplary record in prison, I believe he should have an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute Michael Hansen's sentence to a total of 19 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Ceona Harvey

In 2006, 20-year-old Ceona Harvey helped plan a home invasion robbery of her former employers, Veronica and Sebastian Caradonna. During the robbery, Ms. Harvey's crime partners held the Caradonnas and several employees at gunpoint, and ultimately shot and killed Mr. Caradonna. Ms. Harvey was not present when the robbery and murder were committed. On April 16, 2007, the Fresno County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Harvey to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

In her application for clemency, Ms. Harvey accepted responsibility for Mr. Caradonna's death and expressed sincere remorse for her actions. She wrote, "I know now with all my heart that I did have a role in this crime and hold my responsibilities very seriously." She continued, "I am no longer that angry, vulnerable, irresponsible youth I was when I committed this crime. . . . Today I consistently understand who I am. I am confident I won't commit another crime because I have a strong desire and the tools to be successful."

Ms. Harvey has dedicated herself to rehabilitation despite serving a sentence that offered her no hope of being released. She has only been disciplined once during her 12 years of incarceration, and has never been involved with drugs, gangs, or violence in prison. She earned a vocational certification and reported that she recently completed her A.A. degree. Ms. Harvey has participated in many self-help courses, including Restorative Justice, Denial and Anger Management, Alternatives to Violence, and Conflict Resolution. She lives in an honor dorm. Ms. Harvey has the support of many members of her family, who have offered to help her if she is released from prison. She has a plan for housing, marketable skills, and a job offer waiting for her.

Ms. Harvey has also earned the respect of the prison staff who interact with her every day. In 2018, her correctional counselor reported that Ms. Harvey was "an ideal candidate for commutation" and wrote, "She utilized her time in prison to grow positively and prepare herself for the possibility to reintegrate into society. She has expressed both verbally and through her actions that she desires to have another shot at life and is choosing to do the right thing." Also in 2018, a correctional officer who has known Ms. Harvey for eight years commended her positive attitude and wrote, "Inmate Harvey has remained disciplinary free, and has good communication skills, which has been of enormous help when dealing with the difficulties of prison life. [She] has shown great strength in the face of adversity. . . . Inmate Harvey is to be commended for her accomplishments." Another correctional officer praised Ms. Harvey's personal growth and noted, "Inmate Harvey sets a positive example [for] her fellow peers and the youth, on how rehabilitation should display itself."

I understand that this crime left an enduring mark on the Caradonna family and affected many in their community. But I cannot overlook Ms. Harvey's acceptance of responsibility for her actions and her strong commitment to turning her life around since then. I believe that she should have an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether she is suitable for parole. I expect that Ms. Harvey will stay on her positive path until then, and encourage her to continue participating in programs and encouraging her peers to embrace rehabilitation as she has.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ceona Harvey to a total of 20 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Lloyd Herbert

In March 1997, Lloyd Herbert committed three home invasion robberies. His victims, Mary Legg, Helen Swain, and Mae Cohn, were elderly women. In each case, Mr. Herbert stole money and property after binding the women and ransacking their homes. On March 12, Ms. Swain was found deceased in her home with a piece of cloth in her mouth and around her neck. On October 20, 1999, the Los Angeles Superior Court sentenced Mr. Herbert to life without the possibility of parole for murder, seven years and four months for two counts of robbery, plus one year and four months for weapon enhancements.

Mr. Herbert has been incarcerated for nearly 22 years and is now 49 years old. In his application for clemency, Mr. Herbert wrote, "It's still hard to accept that I could have been so self-centered, naïve, callous and cold. But as time went by I couldn't ignore the fact that my actions affected a lot more people than just myself. Of course it was there all along. But eventually I began to see the pain and sorrow in the faces of my loved ones." He went on to say, "I knew I couldn't change without help, so I started participating in self help programs-they were all geared toward reprogramming my old habits and ways of thinking." Mr. Herbert told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that "Ms. Legg, Ms. Cohn, and Ms. Swain did not deserve what I did." He also stated, "I can't take back what I've done, the pain or hurt that I caused, but I can honestly say today that I've transformed my mind."

During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Herbert has demonstrated a desire to reform. He routinely receives above average work ratings from his supervisors, and was recently commended for voluntarily working additional shifts to support kitchen operations. A correctional sergeant described Mr. Herbert as reliable, respectful, and knowledgeable in his work assignment. Another officer praised his work ethic and wrote, "Herbert has shown himself to be courteous with all correctional staff members and his peers, has outstanding communication skills and many other attributes that set him apart from all other inmates."

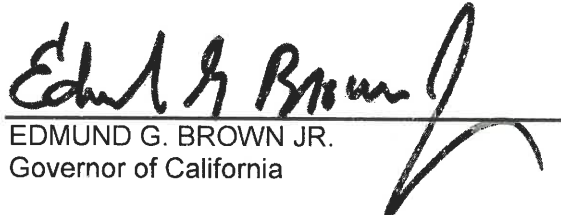
Mr. Herbert has also participated in self-help programming, including Getting Out by Going In, Anger Management, Kairos, Prison of Peace, and Personal Insight. Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Herbert has earned commendations from staff members who see him on a regular basis. A correctional sergeant recognized Mr. Herbert for his positive behavior and wrote, "Herbert has shown himself to be respectful, well-mannered and resourceful....He also takes the initiative by facilitating as a Facilitator of Personal Insight Exploration of 60 plus inmates and helps minister to his peers during Worship Services on Sundays." A correctional officer wrote, "I commend him for his work and rehabilitation and believe he has and is working hard toward rehabilitation to make an easy transition upon his release to society." A different officer wrote, "I commend Mr. Herbert on becoming a model inmate who shows constructive behavior towards rehabilitation." Still another correctional officer wrote, "I commend Inmate Herbert on being a model inmate who shows constructive moral fiber towards rehabilitation. It is my opinion that he will serve his community well because he loves helping other people. He has taken the right steps towards rebuilding his future."



Based on his conduct in prison, and his dedication to self-improvement, I believe that Mr. Herbert has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Lloyd Herbert to a total of 23 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Janett Hernandez

On February 11, 2002, after Miguel Cerda ordered his girlfriend, Janett Hernandez, to shoot Jacqueline Mendoza, Ms. Hernandez pointed the gun at Ms. Mendoza and pulled the trigger, but the gun did not fire. Mr. Cerda then took the safety off and shot Ms. Mendoza, killing her. Ms. Hernandez then helped Mr. Cerda cover up the murder by hiding the gun and washing Mr. Cerda's bloody clothes. On November 16, 2007, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Hernandez to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement.

Ms. Hernandez was 19 when she committed this crime, she is now 36 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 17 years – nearly half of her life. While in prison, she has dedicated herself to rehabilitation and describes herself as “a woman of service who mediates in helping people to recognize that there are options and different avenues.” Ms. Hernandez has only been disciplined once during her incarceration. She has participated in numerous self-help programs, including Beyond Violence, Domestic Violence Awareness, and Victim Impact. In 2017, Ms. Hernandez led an effort to translate the Bridges to Life curriculum from English to Spanish. Also in 2017, a retired chief deputy warden praised Ms. Hernandez for her work as an Inmate Peer Facilitator for the Beyond Violence and Healing Trauma programs.

In her application for commutation, Ms. Hernandez wrote, “When my crime happened, I realized I hadn't the courage to stand up for another such as Jacqueline... I failed as a friend and failed to step away from a very co-dependent and toxic relationship that was damaging to everyone around me.” Ms. Hernandez described growing up in a household that was dysfunctional, which caused her to feel emotionally neglected. When Ms. Hernandez tried to leave Mr. Cerda, he would threaten her and tell her that he would shoot one of her family members. An investigation conducted by the Board of Parole Hearings concluded that Ms. Hernandez was suffering from the effects of intimate partner battery at the time of the crime, as a result of prior and constant abuse from her codefendant. Ms. Hernandez reported, “Today I am no longer that co-dependent person who doesn't know how to speak or stand up for another person... I am a mediator and conflict resolver who helps build lives in honor of giving back....”

I acknowledge that Ms. Mendoza's relatives have opposed clemency. I do not discount the seriousness of Ms. Hernandez's crime, but the record also indicates that she was suffering from severe effects of intimate partner battery at the time of the crime. She has since distinguished herself by her exemplary conduct in prison and her commitment to rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce Ms. Hernandez's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Janett Hernandez to a total of 17 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Jesus Hernandez

In 1997, Los Angeles police officers spotted Mr. Hernandez driving at a high rate of speed in a vehicle that had been reported stolen in a carjacking. Police pursued and arrested him after his car collided with a light pole. On May 13, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hernandez under the three strikes law to 27 years to life for carjacking, four years for a firearm enhancement, plus a five-year prior felony enhancement—a total prison term of 36 years to life.

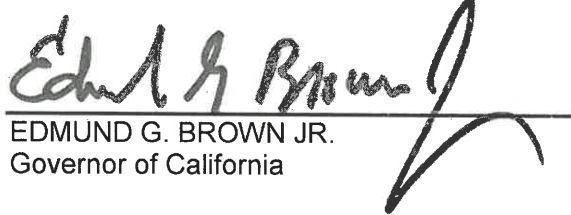
Mr. Hernandez was 22 years old when he committed this crime. He admitted to an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he engaged in felonious conduct because he lacked discipline, had no respect for others, and only cared about himself. He is now 44 years old and has been incarcerated for over 21 years. Over the past two decades, he has demonstrated a commitment to rehabilitation. Mr. Hernandez has been disciplined for serious misconduct only once and has remained discipline-free for more than 15 years. He has avoided prison gangs, substance abuse, and violence. In addition to vocational training in graphic arts, he has participated in substance abuse programming for over a decade, including as a facilitator of Celebrate Recovery and as an executive committee member of Alcoholic Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous. Mr. Hernandez has completed self-help classes such as Victim's Awareness and Anger Management, as well as others designed to improve his public speaking and stress management. He earned his GED, and for the last several years has been enrolled in college courses. Mr. Hernandez told the investigator that he does not deserve clemency, but hopes to be released out of mercy and grace.

Several people appeared in support of Mr. Hernandez at the Board of Parole Hearings *en banc* meeting. A prison chaplain supported clemency and noted that Mr. Hernandez is an influential elder of the church who teaches bilingual classes. The president of Follow-Up Prison Ministries also supported a commutation. Several of Mr. Hernandez' family members spoke in support of clemency and offered their support. Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at the *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Hernandez.

For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Hernandez has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jesus Hernandez to a total of 21 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Ryan Patrick Hill

In 2004, Ryan Hill and some other gang members hired a police informant to murder Jason Jordan, a fellow gang member. Mr. Hill and his crime partners provided the informant with a gun and a map to Mr. Jordan's home. Mr. Hill was arrested days before the murder plot could be executed. On August 15, 2008, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hill to 25 years to life for conspiracy to commit murder plus 3 years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Hill is now 41 years old and has been incarcerated for over 10 years. He has committed himself to his rehabilitation through his disassociation from gangs and his dedication to education and self-improvement. In his application for clemency, Mr. Hill expressed remorse for his actions and wrote, "I can honestly admit that I was acting out of pure bravado and was foolishly attempting to impress a class of people for reasons I still do not know. I immediately realized the potential severity of what my behavior could have caused, and then eventually did cause to myself and my family."

In prison, Mr. Hill has turned his life around. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct during more than a decade of incarceration, and has never been involved in gangs or participated in violence. Mr. Hill has earned a high school diploma, an A.A. degree, and a vocational certificate in office services. He has participated in self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, Victim Awareness, and Restorative Justice. Mr. Hill has also received praise from many staff members who have supervised him. One work supervisor wrote that Mr. Hill "displays a positive attitude and works well with all staff and inmates. [Mr.] Hill is commended on his strong work ethic, ability to learn and receive instruction, as well as his positive contribution to the plant operations of this facility." In 2014, a work supervisor supported a commutation for Mr. Hill and wrote, "In my 14 years tenure with CDCR, Mr. Hill is the most upstanding inmate I have had a chance to encounter. He consistently shows a desire to improve himself, and a willingness to put in the hard work to accomplish his goals. I believe Mr. Hill would be worthy of consideration for commutation, and I believe he could return to society and be a positive influence in the world around him." If released, Mr. Hill will be supported by his family as he adjusts to life outside prison.

Mr. Hill committed a serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe Mr. Hill has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ryan Patrick Hill to a total of 17 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### William Hoffman

In August 1997, Amy Preasmyer asked William Hoffman to kill her fiancé, Richard Cowles, Jr. After days of planning, Mr. Hoffman went into Ms. Preasmyer and Mr. Cowles' apartment, hid in the bedroom closet, and waited for Mr. Cowles to get home from work. When Mr. Cowles got home, Mr. Hoffman hit him several times with a hammer, then shot him once in the head. Mr. Cowles died at the hospital several days later. On October 8, 1999, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hoffman to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement.

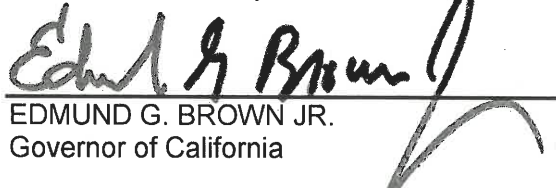
Mr. Hoffman was 18 years old when he committed this crime and has now been incarcerated for over 20 years. In his application for commutation, Mr. Hoffman explained that he "was using drugs heavily and willing to do anything to fit in and earn the acceptance of others." He wrote, "I want to tear down the false perceptions that drugs and criminality are glamorous or acceptable. I want to reveal the truth that there is only loss, pain, and suffering; not only for the victims and survivors of crime, but also for the perpetrators." He added, "I vow to continue my life of recovery and amends for the rest of my life...."

For two decades, Mr. Hoffman has focused on his rehabilitation, despite serving a sentence that offered no hope of a life outside of prison. He has only been disciplined for serious misconduct twice. He has earned his GED, an associate's degree, and certificates in Christian Leadership and Business. Mr. Hoffman participated in self-help programs, including Life Without A Crutch, Alternatives to Violence, and Victim Awareness. In 2018, an education coordinator who supervised Mr. Hoffman for five years commended him for his hard work, writing, "As a tutor Mr. Hoffman gave freely of his knowledge to help his peers improve their education and rehabilitation....Over the years I have come to believe that Mr. Hoffman's care for his fellow man is genuine and heartfelt." In February 2018, the Healing Dialogue and Action program provided Mr. Hoffman with an opportunity to meet with Mr. Cowles' mother, father, and sister. Mr. Hoffman reported that it was not until this meeting that he was able to fully understand the pain and suffering the family endured and was amazed by their compassion. Mr. Hoffman wrote, "The impact of that meeting will remain with me for the rest of my life as I strive to fulfill the family's request to reach others in the hope that they will also change their lives."

While this is undoubtedly a very serious crime, it is clear that Mr. Hoffman has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Hoffman has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of William Hoffman to a total of 20 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Jason Holland

In 1995, 18-year-old Jason Holland and several other teenagers went to Michael McLoren's house to steal marijuana from him. After Mr. Holland and the others started beating up Mr. McLoren, James Farris confronted Mr. Holland. Mr. Holland stabbed Mr. Farris twice, killing him. On August 21, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Holland to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus eight years for burglary, a deadly weapon enhancement, and a great bodily injury enhancement.


Mr. Holland is now 41 years old and has spent 23 years in prison. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "At a young and impressionable age, I came into prison with no hope of ever leaving. It was quickly ingrained in my mind by the people and environment around me that there was no other opportunity left to me, or meaning to life, beyond 'making a name for myself' in prison." Mr. Holland spent years mired in gang activity and violence before realizing, as he put it, that "There was another version of prison reality, and it was the reality of rehabilitating myself, improving myself, and trying to make right the wrongs I had committed." In 2014, Mr. Holland made the decision to drop out of the gang and provided staff with critical information about gang leadership, weapons, and assaults.

Since then, Mr. Holland has demonstrated a serious commitment to turning his life around and leaving violence behind. He earned three A.A. degrees from Coastline Community College and maintained a positive work record. He has participated in many self-help programs including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Victim Awareness, and Anger Management, and has recently begun facilitating groups for other inmates. He has also made donations to charity, worked as a literacy tutor, and participated in an Arts in Corrections program. Notably, Mr. Holland has earned respect and commendations from members of the correctional staff, including five correctional officers who supported his commutation. A self-help coordinator called Mr. Holland "a positive influence to peers and to the total work environment," and wrote, "I have observed Inmate Holland showing a desire to improve by taking advantage [of] self-help and college programs in preparation for being released back to society." Additionally, a correctional sergeant praised Mr. Holland's work performance and wrote, "Holland has proven to show that he is committed to his rehabilitation and that of his peers. Holland performs as a model inmate and is a good example to those around him."

Mr. Holland committed a senseless crime as a teenager, and continued down a dark and violent path when he came to prison. However, in the years since, he has shown a desire to transform himself and make amends for his past. Clearly, Mr. Holland has more work to do to show that he has made a permanent commitment to this new path and that he is ready to be released. But I see enough progress on Mr. Holland's part to conclude that he should have an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jason Holland to a total of 30 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Gerald Holton

In 1995, Gerald Holton hit Jerry Gilchrist in the head with a pipe during a robbery. Mr. Gilchrist later died as a result of his injuries. On July 9, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Holton to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus six years for firearm and prior felony enhancements.

In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Holton explained that he had a serious, long-term drug addiction before he came to prison, and that he committed this crime to get more money for drugs. He reported that he is now sober and hopes for the opportunity to earn his release on parole and show that he is a different man than he was at the time of the crime. Mr. Holton is now 61 years old and has been in prison for 23 years. He has only been disciplined twice for misconduct during over two decades of incarceration, and has never been involved with drugs, gangs, or violence in prison. He participated in self-help groups, including Criminal Thinking and Relationships, as well as several Biblical programs. Mr. Holton has maintained a positive work record and participated in several events for charity. In the event of his release, he plans to live with family, support himself with a clerical job, and help raise his grandsons.

Additionally, Mr. Holton's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Holton.

Mr. Holton spent many years mired in drug abuse and criminal activity before coming to prison. Since then, he has shown a genuine commitment to turning his life around and dedicating himself to his rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Holton's sentence so the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Gerald Holton to a total of 25 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Daniel Hopper

In 1999, 17-year-old Daniel Hopper was with several fellow gang members when they were approached by James Guadagno, a member of a rival gang. Mr. Hopper pulled out a gun and shot Mr. Guadagno, killing him. On September 29, 2000, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hopper to 25 years to life for murder plus an additional 25 years to life firearm enhancement – a total term of 50 years to life in prison.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Hopper discussed the significant changes he has made in his life since committing this crime. He wrote, "I am fully persuaded that a profound and fundamental work has taken place in my heart and soul, the kind of work necessary for me to be a good citizen, community member, and contributing servant-leader to the state of California. I am pleading for that opportunity, namely to demonstrate my value in society."

The warden of California State Prison – Solano recommended Mr. Hopper for a commutation of sentence. Mr. Hopper is now 37 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 20 years. He has only been disciplined once and has never been involved with gangs, violence, or drugs. Mr. Hopper earned his GED, completed several vocational certifications, and routinely receives exceptional work ratings from his supervisors. He has participated in many self-help classes including Criminal Thinking, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Anger Management.

In addition to the warden, Mr. Hopper has been commended by many members of the correctional staff who have witnessed his profound transformation. One officer who has known Mr. Hopper for 16 years supported his commutation and wrote, "He will be a powerful asset and resource in any community. He demonstrates the characteristics of a caring, supportive, patient, committed, and intelligent man." Another officer praised Mr. Hopper's "exemplary change" and wrote, "I look forward to seeing Mr. Hopper as a free man and continuing to work with him in educating law enforcement... about gangs, violence, prevention, intervention, and creating a safer California." Mr. Hopper helped establish the Youthful Offender Program at Solano in 2015, and worked as a lead mentor for the program. In 2017, a correctional counselor praised the work he has done for the program and said, "Inmate Hopper has shown a true commitment to furthering his pro-social and Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor certification skills by helping others change their lives.... Through these functions he has demonstrated the asset he is to CSP-Solano's rehabilitative mission."

I acknowledge that Mr. Hopper's senseless actions have had lasting consequences for Mr. Guadagno's family members, who continue to feel pain and loss these many years later. However, I cannot overlook the extraordinary transformation that Mr. Hopper has made in prison. I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Daniel Hopper to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Johanna Hudnall

Between November 2001 and February 2002, Johanna Hudnall committed a series of burglaries, many against elderly victims. On May 23, 2003, the San Joaquin County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Hudnall to 36 years and 8 months for seven counts of burglary, a prior felony enhancement, a defenseless victim enhancement, forgery, and possession of a controlled substance.

Ms. Hudnall has now been incarcerated for nearly 17 years. In her interview with the Board of Parole Hearings investigator, Ms. Hudnall said that at the time she committed these crimes she was an addict. She further relayed that she has now been clean and sober for 15 years, thanks to the help of many people and programming that taught her how to identify her addiction and manage it. In her application for clemency, Ms. Hudnall stated that she takes steps every day to make the remainder of her life count.

Since coming to prison, Ms. Hudnall has been dedicated to turning her life around. She has only been disciplined for misconduct once. She completed paralegal training and a college degree. Ms. Hudnall has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Addiction Recovery Program, Restorative Justice, and Beyond Violence. She has served on the Stop Prisoner Rape board of advisors. The Nevada Department of Corrections, where Ms. Hudnall has served much of her sentence, reported that she completed "nearly every program offered" there during her incarceration. One instructor wrote, "Johanna is a team player. She accepts responsibility and tactfully deals with others by example." In 2009, a program associate wrote that Ms. Hudnall "has demonstrated a dedication to improve herself and her community that should not be ignored or overlooked. She found positive and constructive ways to contribute to society, even from behind bars, and has become a powerful voice in the struggle to end sexual violence in prisons." In 2007, the co-executive Director of Stop Prisoner Rape supported clemency for Ms. Hudnall and wrote that she "has played an integral role in [Stop Prisoner Rape's] advocacy work" and, if released, "would undoubtedly continue her hard work on behalf of others."

Additionally, Ms. Hudnall's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Ms. Hudnall.

Ms. Hudnall committed a series of crimes against vulnerable victims while she was struggling with addiction, but it is clear she has shown dedication to her rehabilitation and sobriety. I believe she has earned an opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Johanna Hudnall to make her eligible for immediate parole consideration.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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### COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

#### Fateem Jackson

In August 1998, Fateem Jackson and Temeria Garner approached Artashes Kazaryan with a gun and demanded his car. When Mr. Kazaryan refused, Mr. Jackson shot Mr. Kazaryan in the back of the head and arm. Mr. Jackson and Ms. Garner then stole Mr. Kazaryan's car. Mr. Kazaryan survived his injuries. On April 16, 1999, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Jackson to 18 years for carjacking, 15 years for a prior felony enhancement, and 3 years for a great bodily injury enhancement – a total of 36 years.

Mr. Jackson is now 42 years old and has been incarcerated for over 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Jackson expressed his sincere remorse for the victim and victim's family. He wrote, "I constantly think about the harm I caused Mr. Kazaryan and his family; as well as my family whom I abandoned and disgraced...With a healthy sense of guilt and remorse, I intend to make amends by never forgetting what I've done, and honoring the survivors of my criminal acts through positive service."

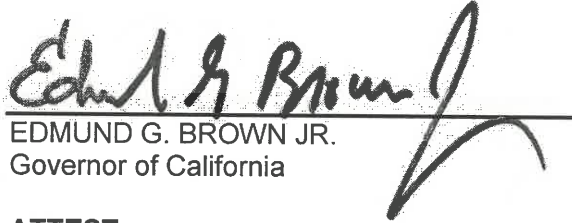
During more than two decades in prison, Mr. Jackson has been dedicated to transforming his life. He is currently enrolled in college courses and has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Guiding Rage into Power (GRIP), Domestic Violence, and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. Mr. Jackson also completed training to become a certified domestic violence facilitator. A correctional lieutenant who has observed Mr. Jackson facilitate the GRIP program wrote, "Mr. Jackson's life-walk at San Quentin is indicative of someone who has undergone a value and character change...I express to you today that I observe Mr. Jackson, a mature, level-headed, goal-oriented adult, who has educated himself to assimilate back into society and he has developed into a role-model for other incarcerated men." The founder of the GRIP program wrote that Mr. Jackson "is one of my best facilitators and in my 21 years of service he ranks one of the very best students I have ever had." In the event of his release, Mr. Jackson plans to live in transitional housing, and he was offered employment as a facilitator for GRIP.

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Jackson.

Mr. Jackson committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and has worked hard to set a positive example for his peers. As a result, he has earned an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Fateem Jackson to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Tyrone Jackson

On November 24, 1978, Mr. Jackson fatally shot two of his male associates, and kidnapped a female associate at gunpoint. The woman was later released unharmed. On March 27, 1979, Mr. Jackson was sentenced by the Los Angeles County Superior Court to eleven years in state prison. Due to a November 7, 1978 change in the law, Mr. Jackson was returned to court for resentencing. Subsequently, on October 12, 1979, Mr. Jackson was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.

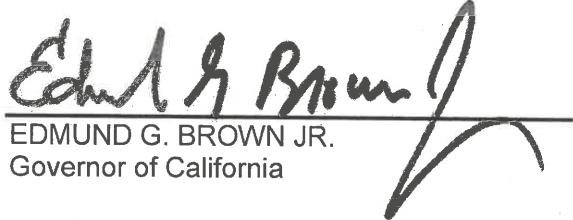
Mr. Jackson has now been incarcerated for forty years. He is 64 years old and has not been disciplined for over a decade. Mr. Jackson suffered a stroke in 2007 that left him with memory problems, paralyzed on one side of his body, and unable to speak. In February 2018, his primary care physician made a referral to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for medical parole, noting that Mr. Jackson is bedbound and therefore needs staff assistance with bathing, eating, dressing, and other activities of daily living. Mr. Jackson was found ineligible for medical parole due to his prison sentence. When he was interviewed by an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings in 2018, Mr. Jackson was wheeled into the meeting in his bed due to his physical condition. The investigator reported that Mr. Jackson used to communicate primarily through written notes, but can no longer read.

Mr. Jackson's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Jackson.

I do not discount the fact that Mr. Jackson's crimes show a complete disregard for the lives of his victims. However, he is currently bedbound and poses no threat to the community; it is plain that his continued incarceration serves no public good. I believe that Mr. Jackson's sentence should be reduced so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Tyrone Jackson to a total of 40 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Angel Isarraras

In 2008, 17-year-old Angel Isarraras and several fellow gang members confronted Deryon Williams and Kevin Carr about their gang status. Later, they returned with a gun and Mr. Isarraras and one of his crime partners opened fire, hitting Mr. Williams, who survived. On October 20, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Isarraras to seven years to life for each attempted murder, plus 45 years to life for two firearm enhancements – a total term of 59 years to life in prison.

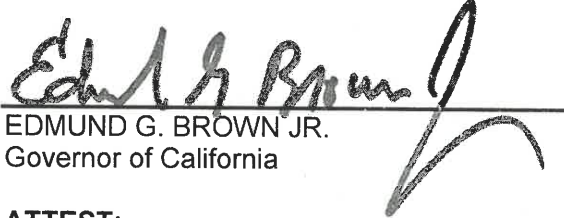
In his application for clemency, Mr. Isarraras expressed sincere remorse for his participation in this crime, and explained that he has come to realize that he must make amends for the errors he made as a young man. He wrote, “The way I plan to accomplish that is by becoming a man of service to my community and doing volunteer work wherever I am needed.”

During more than a decade of incarceration, Mr. Isarraras has made strides toward his goal of turning his life around and helping others. He earned his GED and is currently taking classes from Palo Verde Community College. He completed two vocational certifications and has been commended by his supervisors, including one who praised his leadership skills. Mr. Isarraras has participated in self-help programs including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Awareness, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Isarraras has also been active in a youth diversion program that counsels young people against getting involved with gangs and criminal activity. He reported, “[O]ne thing I have noticed about sharing my story is that, it not only raises awareness to teenagers about what’s to come if they make poor choices like I did, but I also want to show society that with help change is possible.” In 2018, a correctional counselor praised Mr. Isarraras’s leadership in the program and wrote, “As a mentor he has realized the importance of public safety through rehabilitation and this has benefitted his own insight.” Mr. Isarraras also has a strong plan in place in the event of his release; he will live in a transitional housing program then with his wife, who has offered to help support him as he returns to the community.

As a teenager, Mr. Isarraras committed a reckless crime. Since coming to prison, he has demonstrated a real commitment to his rehabilitation and now sets a positive example for those around him. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Isarraras has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Angel Isarraras to a total of 17 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Dean Jacobs

In 1997, a group of gang members stabbed Michael Gonzalez to death in rival gang territory. Dean Jacobs was convicted of participating in the crime. On August 8, 2008, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Jacobs to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one-year deadly weapon enhancement.

In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Jacobs denied being present for this crime, but accepted responsibility for Mr. Gonzalez's death because he was an active gang member at the time and encouraged others in the gang to prove themselves through acts of violence. In his application for clemency, Mr. Jacobs wrote, "I wish to atone for my crimes and actions; to be a part of society again; and help prevent other young people from making the mistakes I have." Mr. Jacobs has been a model inmate throughout his incarceration. He dropped out of his gang and has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned his GED and is currently pursuing an A.A. degree from Palo Verde College. Mr. Jacobs participated in several self-help programs including Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Alternatives to Violence, and Nonviolent Conflict resolution. He has maintained a positive work record and participated in charitable events.

Additionally, Mr. Jacobs's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Jacobs.

I acknowledge that Mr. Gonzalez's family has been deeply affected by Mr. Jacobs' actions, and wrote to me describing the ongoing pain they feel as a result of his loss. However, I cannot overlook the significant transformation that Mr. Jacobs has undertaken. It is clear that he has made a serious commitment to changing his life and encouraging others to do the same. For these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Jacobs's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Dean Jacobs to a total of 25 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Howard William James

On January 18, 1986, Howard James and some other gang members planned to steal a car. The group approached Israel De Leon outside of an apartment complex and ordered him out of his car. Mr. De Leon refused and a struggle ensued. Mr. James pulled out a gun and shot Mr. De Leon in the chest, killing him. On November 6, 1987, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. James to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a five-year prior felony enhancement.

Mr. James is now 53 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 32 years – over half his life. During that time, he dropped out of his gang and has dedicated himself to self-improvement. In his application for clemency, Mr. James wrote, "I have done the work of accepting responsibility for my deplorable actions, developing remorse and reflecting the life that led to such behavior... I abdicated all gang ties and became a zealous promoter of transforming prisoner yards from violent centers that housed hardened criminals into institution[s] for change and harvesting potential . . . a grant would permit me to participate in further programs now out of my reach due to the life without the possibility of parole sentence."

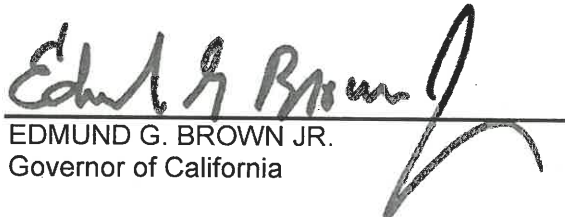
Despite serving more than three decades without any possibility of parole, Mr. James has been dedicated to rehabilitation. He earned his GED and has completed vocational training in silk screen. Mr. James has participated in self-help programs, including Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Breaking Barriers, and Anger Management. He has routinely received above average work ratings and has earned praise from his supervisors. A Prison Industry Authority bakery superintendent wrote that Mr. James "is reliable, dedicated, and hardworking . . . [he] is very respectful to supervisors and staff members, and works well with the other offenders . . . James is a great asset to the [Prison Industry Authority] bakery."

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. James.

Despite serving a sentence that offered him no hope of release from prison, Mr. James has dedicated himself to rehabilitation and has worked hard to turn his life around. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. James has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Howard William James to a total of 33 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Daniel Johnson

In 1994, Vincent Henneberry caught Daniel Johnson stealing money from him and threatened to turn him in to police. On January 3, 1995, Mr. Johnson armed himself with a baseball bat and went to Mr. Henneberry's home where he hit Mr. Henneberry six times with the baseball bat, killing him. On October 19, 2001, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Johnson to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

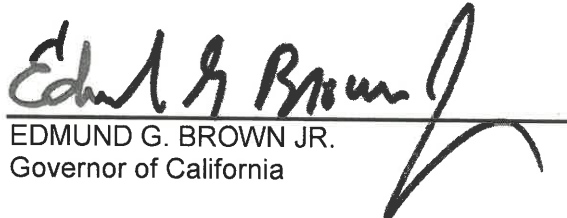
Mr. Johnson was 20 years old when he committed this crime, and has now been incarcerated for nearly 24 years. He has demonstrated by his conduct in prison that he has completely turned his life around. In his application for commutation, Mr. Johnson wrote, "A commutation will allow me to show...that the rehabilitation which I have been participating in is not just daily practice but a lifestyle for me." Mr. Johnson explained that, to him, "remorse is only a word if you don't act to remedy this feeling." During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Johnson stated that he "wants a chance to show the Board of Parole Hearings, the Governor, and his family, that rehabilitation is real and has worked for him."

In over two decades, Mr. Johnson has shown a clear commitment to his rehabilitation efforts. Mr. Johnson has not been disciplined for a serious rule violation since 2006. He has completed three vocational training programs, and he routinely receives positive work ratings from correctional staff. He is also working to earn an associate's degree. Mr. Johnson has also participated in self-help programs including Victim Awareness, Veteran's Support, Houses of Healing, and Anger Management. Mr. Johnson is currently a dog trainer in the Paws for Life program and has trained various dogs for adoption. In 2018, a self-help sponsor wrote, "In the time that I have known Mr. Johnson I have seen tremendous growth in his character and thought process mentally, emotionally, and spiritually." She added that "putting Mr. Johnson back out into the community will be an asset for everyone he comes in contact with."

I do not discount the seriousness of the crime Mr. Johnson committed, but it is clear that he has dedicated himself to self-improvement through his positive programming and efforts to upgrade educationally. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Johnson has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Daniel Johnson to a total of 25 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Charles Jones

On May 13, 1992, Charles Jones entered a market and shot and killed the clerk Abdo Ahmed during the course of a robbery. Mr. Jones took cash and cigarettes and fled. On August 11, 1993, the Fresno County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Jones to life without the possibility of parole.

Mr. Jones is now 68 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 27 years. Rather than succumbing to gangs, drugs, or violence in over two decades in prison, Mr. Jones has been committed to changing his life. He has received only one rule violation, over twenty years ago. Mr. Jones resided on an honor yard for several years and consistently earned positive work ratings. A California Prison Industry Authority supervisor wrote that Mr. Jones always stayed busy and assisted where needed. Other supervisors noted that Mr. Jones was an "exceptional worker," "conscientious," "cooperative," and "very dedicated." Mr. Jones participated in self-help programs, including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous and Anger Management. An Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor praised Mr. Jones in 2008 for his participation in the group, noting he "displays a positive attitude towards other group members, staff and outside guest sponsors during meetings." The sponsor wrote, "Inmate Jones shows a commitment towards his recovery from alcohol addiction."

Mr. Jones, who reported that he is a Vietnam veteran, has also dedicated his time and effort to several veterans groups. In 2016, a sponsor for Veterans Embracing Truth commended Mr. Jones on his work with the group and praised the initiative Mr. Jones had shown assisting other veterans with self-help activities. In the event of his release, Mr. Jones has the support of his family, who continue to visit him in prison and have written in support of his release.

Over more than two and a half decades of incarceration, Mr. Jones has demonstrated his commitment to his rehabilitation. I believe that he has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Charles Jones to a total of 26 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Philippe Kelly

In July 1999, Philippe Kelly and other gang members were harassing Demetria Smith as she walked down the road towards her home. Ms. Smith informed her boyfriend, Joseph Cox. After Mr. Cox confronted the group, Mr. Kelly shot and killed him. On January 25, 2001, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Kelly to 15 years to life for second degree murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement—a total of 40 years to life. Mr. Kelly has a youth offender parole eligible date of July 2023.

In his application for clemency Mr. Kelly wrote, “I wanted to prove myself as being ‘down’” and “Mr. Cox was an opportunity to show my worth and value to the gang.” In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Kelly explained that at the time of this crime, he had a warped belief system. Mr. Kelly has also explained, “I know I cannot undo the past, the damage I have caused but I have made a lifetime commitment to being a positive person and a role model for others, especially our youth.”

Mr. Kelly was very young when he committed this crime—he was 15 years old—he is now 35 and has been incarcerated for nearly 20 years. During this time, he has not been disciplined for violence or gang involvement. Mr. Kelly earned his GED and has taken several college courses. He has also completed vocational trades, including Auto Body Repair and Masonry. Mr. Kelly has also obtained certificates for completing a vocational computer literacy course, and a 16-week addiction recovery counseling program. He has participated in numerous self-help programs, including Insight, Anger Management, Victim Offender Education, Alternatives to Violence, and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. Mr. Kelly participated in a youth offender writing and arts program, volunteered in the prison as a peacekeeper, and wrote letters to at-risk youth.

Mr. Kelly has received commendations for his work mentoring youthful inmates in the prison. A volunteer stated, “Mr. Kelly has been an instrumental member of [youth offender] programs who regularly contributes and also inspires other inmates and volunteers to do the same.” A teacher wrote, “Mr. Kelly is an exemplary student and tutor. I believe he would be a great asset to the community and especially youth that struggle.” A program sponsor wrote, “I feel Mr. Kelly will be a strong role model for our troubled youths, and a solid backbone for his family and community.” A San Francisco State University professor supported his application for a commutation stating, “I have seen Philippe Kelly work to improve himself and support others in their work. I believe that he has developed patterns of thought and behavior to effectively transition from life inside San Quentin to life outside.” In support of Mr. Kelly’s application, a volunteer wrote, “I believe that Mr. Kelly holds himself fully accountable for the crimes he committed years ago at a young age. I believe he is no longer a threat to the community and has earned the privilege of walking into the free community to begin his life.”

Mr. Kelly committed a very serious crime. He has since dedicated himself to self-improvement and community service. For these reasons, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Philippe Kelly to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Adnan Khan

In 2003, 18-year-old Adnan Khan and Rick Page decided to steal some marijuana from Kevin McNutt. During the robbery, Mr. Page started fighting with Mr. McNutt and stabbed him multiple times, killing him. On December 15, 2006, the Contra Costa County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Khan to 25 years to life for murder.

Mr. Khan is now 34 years old and has been incarcerated for over 15 years. In his application for clemency, he demonstrated sincere remorse for his role in this crime, writing, "I understand my actions took Mr. Kevin McNutt away from his family and friends for the remainder of their lives. I understand that my actions on Monday, March 24, 2003 created lifelong grief to the McNutt family and nothing I can do will change the results of my callous act." He continued, "If given the opportunity to reenter society, I will live a life of service with the purpose of preventing and deterring crime and increasing public safety for our communities."

While in prison, Mr. Khan has shown a remarkable commitment to self-improvement. He has only been disciplined twice for misconduct, and has never been involved with gang activity, drugs, or alcohol. He participated in numerous self-help programs including Anger Management, Victim Awareness, Guiding Rage into Power, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Khan is active in the San Quentin media program, through which he has received exceptional work ratings and participated in forums on public safety. He also earned accolades from staff members who regularly interact with him and have witnessed his commitment to rehabilitation. One correctional officer commended Mr. Khan for his dedication to mentoring young people, and wrote, "I strongly support Mr. Khan's commutation. I truly believe Mr. Khan serves us far better in our communities, not in our prisons." Another correctional officer also praised Mr. Khan, writing, "I am aware of the crime Mr. Khan committed and I believe that it does not serve the State, nor society, a purpose to keep him in prison an extra decade. I am writing in strong support of Mr. Khan's commutation and hope you will consider giving him a second chance that I know he has worked incredibly hard for."

Mr. Khan's commutation is also supported by Senator Steve Glazer, who wrote, "I believe Mr. Khan has been sufficiently punished for his crime and should be released." Senator Glazer continued, "His actions since being incarcerated make it evident that Mr. Khan is not the same person he was when he committed his crime at the age of 18....I believe it is reasonable to conclude that Mr. Khan is no longer a threat to society." Diana Becton, the Contra Costa County District Attorney, also expressed support for Mr. Khan, writing, "Our office recognizes the severity of the crime he committed and the trauma that he inflicted upon the family of the victim. However, given the specific facts and circumstances of this case, we believe that justice would be served by granting clemency." Mr. Khan's family and several community organizations also support his commutation of sentence. They have offered him housing and financial support to help him transition into society if released.

For all of these reasons, I believe Mr. Khan has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Adnan Khan to a total of 15 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### James Simpson King

In 2004, James King walked into a bank, pretended he had a gun, and demanded money from a teller. He left the bank with about \$3,000, and was caught later that day. On February 15, 2005, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Mr. King to 25 years to life for robbery plus a 5-year enhancement for a prior felony conviction – a total term of 30 years to life in prison.

Mr. King is now 49 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 15 years. In that time, he has maintained an excellent record. He has only been disciplined for misconduct one time, and has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or alcohol. Mr. King earned several vocational certifications and is currently taking college classes from Patten University. He has participated in self-help programs including Restorative Justice, Relapse Prevention, and Creative Conflict Resolution.

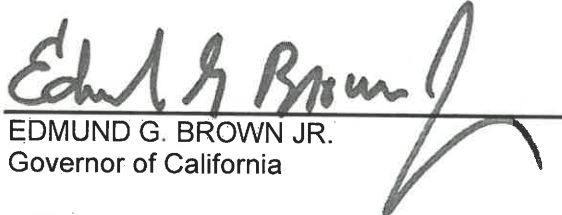
Notably, Mr. King has earned the respect of many staff members and volunteers at San Quentin. In 2017, a staff psychologist supported Mr. King's commutation and wrote, "Mr. King is as dedicated to understanding and healing himself as any man I have worked with....He is also an example of how a man can embrace incarceration as a rare opportunity to assess himself frankly, heal himself with support, and redeem himself in his own eyes and the eyes of his community." Also in 2017, a correctional officer supported Mr. King's commutation and wrote, "Inmate King has proven his commitment to rehabilitation, and I believe he is ready to re-enter society and positively contribute to his community." Another correctional officer praised Mr. King's positive behavior and wrote, "I believe he poses no risk to public safety and will be a productive and law-abiding citizen upon release." Several representatives from the Prison University Project also wrote in support of Mr. King's commutation and noted his exceptional service to others and dedication to rehabilitation.

Additionally, Mr. King's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. King.

For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. King has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of James Simpson King to a total of 15 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Karen Kirksey

In 2010, Karen Kirksey learned that her husband was having an affair. On September 27, 2010, armed with a gun, Ms. Kirksey entered the home of her husband's girlfriend and found the two in bed together. Ms. Kirksey fired a single shot into the bedroom ceiling, then hit her husband in the head with the gun several times. Ms. Kirksey also vandalized her husband's car with a tire iron. On August 24, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Kirksey to three years for two counts of assault with a firearm, one year and four months for burglary, eight months for negligent discharge of a firearm, eight months for vandalism, 3 years for great bodily injury enhancement, plus 5 years and eight months for three firearm enhancements—a total term of 14 years and four months.

Ms. Kirksey has now been incarcerated for eight years and is 65 years old. At sentencing, the trial judge stated, "these crimes [] were committed because of unusual circumstances which are unlikely to reoccur." In her application for clemency, she wrote, "I am a person that made a horrible life changing error for which I do need to pay the price for it. I have worked very hard on myself to understand my actions. I can now say that the work was not in vain because it has caused me to get help through various classes, such as anger management, life skills, compass group, and spiritual classes. I now understand my hurt and anger." Additionally, Ms. Kirksey has participated in Alternatives to Violence, Addictions, and 12 Steps. Regarding her rehabilitative efforts, a chaplain wrote, "She is very remorseful regarding her case and she recognizes how the darkness of the world overtook her and has taken away her family. I am sure she will be quite an asset to her community again and to her family upon her release."

Ms. Kirksey's work performance and efforts toward self-improvement have impressed prison staff. One staff member commented, "She is courteous and professional and I know is an incredible team player, an asset to any Department she works and the facility as a whole." A correctional sergeant commended Ms. Kirksey for her "exceptional abilities" as a clerk, writing, "She is efficient, displays a strong work ethic and continues to broaden the scope of her responsibilities in the program office due to the level of integrity she has earned during her time in this role." A counselor stated that Ms. Kirksey "has always displayed a high degree of integrity, independence, and creativity." A correctional officer wrote, "I believe she will be a successful and productive member of society, deserving of reintegration into the community." Ms. Kirksey has family support as well as a plan for housing and employment upon her release from prison.

Ms. Kirksey has demonstrated remorse and a commitment to rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Kirksey is ready to be released on parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Karen Kirksey to release her on parole.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Ricardo Lagunas

In 2007, Ricardo Lagunas shot and killed Mark Enoch, who had been dating Mr. Lagunas' sister. Mr. Lagunas reported that his sister recruited him to attack Mr. Enoch because he had been harassing and scaring her. On September 29, 2011, the Riverside Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lagunas to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Lagunas explained that since coming to prison, he has been devoted to his personal growth, and has sought out resources to help him understand the factors that led him to participate in this crime. He wrote, "Moving forward, I can only pray to have one chance at the possibility of one day being reunited with my family and working to build a more productive community."

Mr. Lagunas has maintained a spotless record during more than 11 years of incarceration. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct, and has never been involved with drugs, gang activity, and violence in prison. For years, Mr. Lagunas has lived on the Lancaster Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard where inmates have access to unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities. He has participated in self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Domestic Violence, and Victim Sensitivity. He has maintained a positive work record and received above average ratings from his supervisors. In the event of his release, Mr. Lagunas plans to live with his father, find a job to support himself, and reunite with other family members.

There is no question that Mr. Lagunas participated in a senseless crime. But for many years since, he has demonstrated his ability to refrain from violence, his commitment to rehabilitation, and his desire to become a productive citizen. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Lagunas has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ricardo Lagunas to a total of 25 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Ventrice Laster

On July 5, 1994, Ventrice Laster sought to retaliate against gang members who had assaulted Mr. Laster's family member earlier that day. Mr. Laster was driving a vehicle when he and his three crime partners spotted men resembling the gang members assembled in a schoolyard. One of Mr. Laster's crime partners opened fire, injuring Arturo Marques, Joseph Romero, Augustine Sanchez, and Anna Gonzalez. On May 5, 1995, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Laster to 28 years to life for four counts of attempted murder, 12 years for three hate crime enhancements, and eight years for four counts of aiding and abetting a principal with a firearm — a total term of 48 years to life.

Mr. Laster has now been incarcerated for more than 24 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Laster explained, "This crime happened because of my selfish unmet need for acceptance and my unmanaged emotions." He expressed remorse for his role in the crime, writing, "Words cannot express how sorry I am for the harm and trauma I caused my victims. These innocent people deserved to live a violent free life, and didn't deserve to be harmed." He continued, "I have come to terms with the impact that I brought on my victims, I know that their families, friends, community and all of the first responders were impacted as well."

Mr. Laster has been committed to his rehabilitation. He has been disciplined only twice for misconduct in over two decades of incarceration. He earned his GED and completed vocational training in office services, computer literacy, and healthcare facilities maintenance. Mr. Laster has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Guiding Rage Into Power, Alternatives to Violence, Criminals & Gangmembers Anonymous, Getting Out by Going In, and Victim Offender Education.

Mr. Laster receives excellent work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2018, a teacher in the Education Department commended Mr. Laster on his "positive communication and interactions with inmate students, education and custody staff." In 2010, a Literary Council sponsor praised Mr. Laster for his work with the program, writing, "He is courteous and polite; working well with staff and inmates. He has committed himself by providing the time and effort necessary to assist in reducing illiteracy among the inmate population. Inmate Laster should be commended for his desire to help others in meeting their personal challenges with literacy." In 2008, an instructor wrote regarding Mr. Laster, "It was a pleasure to have him in class. He was always punctual, polite and considerate of staff and fellow students, dependable and willing to help with any classroom activities or needs." In 2007, a spiritual advisor commended Mr. Laster on volunteering his time and talent as a singer at memorial services.

Mr. Laster committed a very serious crime, but as soon as he entered prison, he turned his life around and worked to help others. Mr. Laster wrote in his application that his dedication to self-improvement is in honor of his victims and everyone impacted by his behavior. He wrote, "I have committed myself to a clean, rehabilitated life inside and outside prison." For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Laster has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ventrice Laster to a total of 25 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Tyrell Lee

On April 26, 2008, Tyrell Lee and Donnell Hall, who were both gang members, confronted Tommy Belin regarding an ongoing feud. During the altercation, Mr. Lee handed Mr. Hall a handgun. Mr. Hall shot Mr. Belin four times at close range, but he survived. On December 10, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lee to 5 years for attempted murder plus a 25 years to life firearm enhancement — a total term of 30 years to life.

Mr. Lee was 19 years old when he committed this crime and has been incarcerated for over a decade. In his application for clemency, Mr. Lee wrote, "I have gained a knowledge and understanding of the nature of my crime and why it was committed and for the last few years I've been helping at risk youth to sidestep the negative lifestyle that is so easy for children to fall victim to." He explained to an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he was entrenched in the gang lifestyle since he was a child but has since recognized how his lifestyle choices have affected his family and those he has harmed.

Mr. Lee he has shown a sincere desire to change his life. Mr. Lee was enrolled in Adult Basic Education from 2009-2012. In 2009, an instructor noted that Mr. Lee was "very enthusiastic" and an "excellent student." He later earned his GED in 2012. He has also completed vocational training in network cabling, electronics, and computer literacy. Mr. Lee has routinely received above average work ratings. In 2017, a culinary supervisor commended Mr. Lee for being a self-starter and working well with others. In addition, Mr. Lee has taken advantage of multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Anger Management, Victim Awareness, and Alternatives to Violence. In 2017, Mr. Lee served as a facilitator for Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Lee is currently involved in a youth diversion program, which helps at-risk youth avoid violence. He stated to the Board investigator that, upon his release, he intends to create and continue a similar program in the community.

Mr. Lee participated in a serious crime. However, he has turned away from gangs and violence and has been committed to bettering himself and others. I believe that he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Tyrell Lee to a total of 15 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Timothy Lobretto

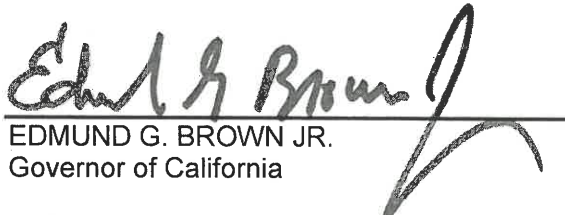
In 2001, Timothy Lobretto and several other men went to a motorcycle club open house. They got into a fight and seriously injured several club members, threatened them, and took property from the clubhouse. On November 30, 2004, the Kings County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lobretto to 23 years and 8 months for assault, robbery, false imprisonment, burglary, and gang and great bodily injury enhancements.

Mr. Lobretto is now 58 years old and has been incarcerated for 17 years. Before committing this crime, he had no criminal history and served honorably in the Navy for many years. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct during nearly two decades of incarceration, and has never been involved with violence, drugs, or gang activity in prison. Instead, Mr. Lobretto has shown a commitment to turning his life around. He has participated in multiple self-help classes including Anger Management, Victims Awareness, veterans groups, and Bible studies. He currently participates in a program that trains service dogs. In 2018, a correctional lieutenant praised Mr. Lobretto's work in the program and wrote, "His dedication to providing a service dog to a veteran or a first responder reflects his own dedication to a life of service." Mr. Lobretto routinely receives excellent work ratings from his supervisors, who regularly praise his skill and dedication to his work. In 2017, a Prison Industry Authority superintendent commended Mr. Lobretto's work ethic and wrote, "He assumes his responsibilities well and has a dedication and a desire to succeed. Inmate Lobretto has a positive attitude and works well with staff and the other employees." Mr. Lobretto has a strong plan in place for his release – he plans to return to Michigan where his family lives, work as a volunteer firefighter, and help raise his grandchildren.

Mr. Lobretto participated in a reckless crime almost 20 years ago. Since then, he has been a model inmate and has shown that he intends to return to society as a productive citizen. For the foregoing reasons, I believe that it is Mr. Lobretto should have an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Timothy Lobretto to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Marcella Lunsford

Chastity Lunsford was involved in a custody battle with Nathan Dannemiller. On August 6, 2002, Douglas Lunsford, Chastity's father, shot and killed Mr. Dannemiller as he left his apartment. Investigation revealed that Marcella Lunsford, Mr. Lunsford's wife, had conspired with Mr. Lunsford to kill Mr. Dannemiller. On August 22, 2006, the Humboldt County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Lunsford to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus one year for a firearm enhancement.

Ms. Lunsford is now 64 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 15 years. Faced with a sentence offering no possibility of parole, Ms. Lunsford has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct. In 2016, she earned her high school diploma and completed vocational training in office services. Ms. Lunsford has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Comfort Care, Recovery from Codependency, Parenting from the Inside, and LifeScripting. Ms. Lunsford received above average work ratings and volunteered as a literacy tutor. She lives on the honor dorm at California Central Women's Facility.

Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Lunsford has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who see her on a regular basis. In 2017 and 2015, four correctional officers commended Ms. Lunsford for her polite and respectful attitude and for her positive programming in the honor dorm. A correctional officer who has known Ms. Lunsford since 2012 wrote, "Inmate Lunsford freely gives of her time to the [honor dorm garden], and is to be commended for all her hard work. Lunsford is active in her rehabilitation; she participates in self-help groups and has successfully completed high school. Inmate Lunsford has been polite and respectful in her interactions with staff and assists with any task requested of her." In 2017, another correctional officer who has known Ms. Lunsford since 2012 wrote, "Throughout the 4.5 years I have known Ms. Lunsford I have observed that she is actively involved in her community. . . . I have observed her freely giving of her time to mentor and Facilitat[e] for Bridges to Life and Calm Classes."

I understand that this crime was devastating to Mr. Dannemiller's family members, who have opposed clemency in this case. I have read and considered the letter from his family expressing the pain caused by this heartbreaking loss. After serious consideration, I cannot discount the turnaround Ms. Lunsford has made during her incarceration. Because of this, I believe that Ms. Lunsford has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Marcella Lunsford to a total of 15 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Richard Manchego

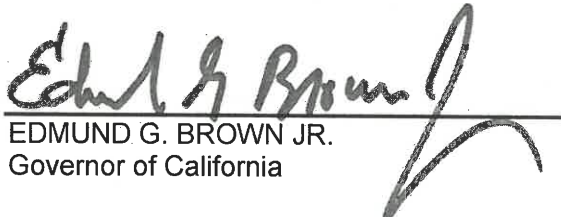
In 2008, Richard Manchego and Jorge Pozos got into a fist fight. After the fight, Mr. Manchego went to his car, got a gun, and fired multiple shots, killing Mr. Pozos. Mr. Manchego maintains that he acted in self-defense, and that Mr. Pozos' brother had been threatening him and his girlfriend for months before this crime. On October 12, 2012, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Manchego to 15 years to life for murder, plus a 25 year to life firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

Since coming to prison, Mr. Manchego has demonstrated a serious commitment to leaving violence behind and focusing on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, he expressed remorse for participating in this crime, writing, "I wish I could take it all back and not because I'm in prison but for Jorge." He continued, "I will do everything in my power to live a productive life and if possible make amends with the Pozos family." To that end, Mr. Manchego has maintained a spotless record in prison. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct during over a decade of incarceration. He has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Cage Your Rage, Life Without a Crutch, Success from the Inside Out, and Victim Awareness. Mr. Manchego routinely receives positive ratings from his supervisors, and currently works with other inmates as a literacy tutor. In 2018, two correctional officers commended Mr. Manchego for his good behavior and attitude and wrote, "Inmate Manchego has maintained a high level of integrity, in spite of the environment, by immersing himself in rehabilitation programs and college. Inmate Manchego is an example of CDCR's goal of rehabilitation." A professor at McGeorge School of Law supported Mr. Manchego's commutation and wrote, "Mr. Manchego's violent crime was atypical of the rest of his life. He has used his time in prison to improve himself....His continued incarceration is not needed for public safety."

Mr. Manchego committed a senseless crime, but has worked hard in the years since to show that he is no longer the same man he was at that time. For all of these reasons, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Richard Manchego to a total of 13 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### John Manning

On August 21, 1993, John Manning and two crime partners murdered Filiberto Mendoza over a \$5,000 drug debt. Mr. Manning was one of two shooters and fired the fatal shots that killed Mr. Mendoza. On February 17, 1995, the Glenn County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Manning to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 5 years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Manning is now 56 years old and has been incarcerated for 25 years for this crime. In his application, he wrote, "Realizing the damage I have done to Mr. Mendoza, his family, and mine, I have been constantly educating myself on why I was able to commit such a crime." Mr. Manning described the positive gains he has made in prison, including participating in self-help classes and learning marketable skills. He wrote, "I know there is nothing that I can do to ever make up for the damage I have caused, but I believe that I have gained the tools needed to be a productive member of society and a good neighbor."

Mr. Manning has been dedicated to his rehabilitation over the course of two and a half decades in prison. Mr. Manning has received only two rule violations and has remained discipline-free for the past 18 years. He currently resides in the progressive programming facility at his prison, and has participated in various self-help programs, including Getting Out by Going In, Victim Impact, and Alcoholics Anonymous. Mr. Manning earned his GED in 2011 and is currently taking college courses. Mr. Manning also participates in the Paws for Life program, training and caring for rescue dogs. Mr. Manning has earned the support of correctional staff, who have commended him for his positive attitude and behavior. In 2018, a supervisor praised Mr. Manning for being a role model on the job and wrote that he "has been rehabilitated and deserves a second chance. If [Mr.] Manning is paroled I would enjoy him as my next door neighbor." In 2017, a correctional officer praised Mr. Manning's positive attitude and wrote, "It is clear that the decisions being made by Inmate Manning are positive, law abiding and free from disrespect or violence. . . . I expect [Mr.] Manning would be able to transition successfully if released from custody." In 2013, a program lieutenant who had known Mr. Manning for 17 years wrote that "if given the opportunity, [he] has the potential to become a productive member of society."

In addition, Mr. Manning's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Manning.

Faced with a sentence that gave him no hope of parole, Mr. Manning has nevertheless exhibited a commitment to his rehabilitation. I acknowledge that this crime was devastating to Mr. Mendoza's family members, who have opposed clemency in this case. However, after serious consideration, I cannot discount the transformation Mr. Manning has made during his incarceration. I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is ready to be paroled.



**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of John Manning to a total of 25 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Joseph Marshall

On April 21, 2004, Joseph Marshall and a friend exchanged gang signs and words with Lorenzo Hernandez and Cristian Rodriguez, who were seated in a car. Mr. Marshall walked over to the passenger side of the vehicle and began shooting into the car. Both Mr. Hernandez and Mr. Rodriguez were shot and injured, but survived. On April 26, 2005, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Marshall to 9 years and 4 months for two counts of attempted murder, 50 years to life for 2 firearm enhancements, and 20 years for two gang enhancements – a total term of 79 years and 4 months to life. Mr. Marshall has a youth offender parole eligible date of April 2028.

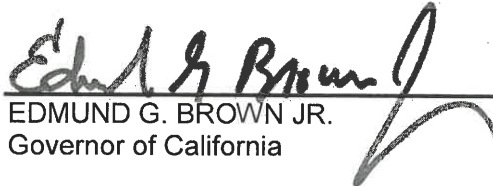
Mr. Marshall was only 17 years old when he committed this crime and has now been incarcerated for over 14 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Marshall acknowledged that at the time, he did not value any life, including his own. He now realizes that “life is to be honored, valued, and appreciated not destroyed.” Over the course of the past 14 years, Mr. Marshall has been dedicated to his rehabilitation. He has lived on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities, for several years. He has participated in Adult Basic Education classes and multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Victim Awareness, Getting Out by Going In, and Personal Awareness.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Marshall has earned the respect of prison staff and volunteers. A Men for Honor co-sponsor commended Mr. Marshall in 2016 for participating in the New Choices, Different Directions class. The sponsor wrote that “Marshall actively participated in class and group discussions. Marshall also has perfect attendance and should be commended for his effort to better himself and help others.” Another self-help sponsor praised Mr. Marshall for his work in the class, writing, “During group discussion, he took full responsibility for his old life style and poor choices, as well as the harm he has caused others.” The sponsor continued, “I commend Marshall for his growth and his efforts toward rehabilitation.”

I commend Mr. Marshall for making efforts to better himself. Although he has more work to do, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Joseph Marshall to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Christian Martinez

On October 10, 2004, Carlos Martinez and Peter Santisteven robbed Albert Castillo and Nacho Barbosa in their hotel room in Arcadia. During the course of the robbery, Carlos Martinez shot and killed Mr. Castillo. Christian Martinez was driving the car that Carlos Martinez and Mr. Santisteven fled in. On December 17, 2007, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Martinez to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 3 years and 4 months for robbery and a firearm enhancement.

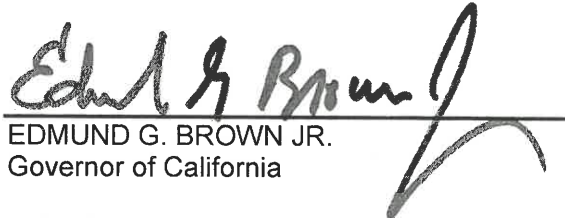
Ms. Martinez, who was 18 years old at the time of this crime, has been incarcerated for almost 15 years. Although her sentence gave her no hope of parole, Ms. Martinez has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct. She earned her GED and is currently taking college courses. Ms. Martinez has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Healthy Relationships, Anger Management, Self Esteem, Denial Management, the Juvenile Offenders Committee, and the Long Termers Organization.

Ms. Martinez's commitment to her rehabilitation has earned her above average work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2016, a work supervisor wrote regarding Ms. Martinez's work on a pharmacy construction project, "Inmate Martinez strives to have perfection in her work, she will work on something until its done right." The supervisor wrote, "Inmate Martinez has a very good attitude towards all members of the crew, she can work well with anyone. She always takes direction very well, when given a task she gets the job done without any poor attitude." The supervisor concluded, "Inmate Martinez finishes a task with precision [and] when she works on a task, she makes sure it is done as efficient[ly] as the professionals." Additionally, Ms. Martinez served as a mentor in the Big Sister Mentor Program from 2012-2015. In 2014, a correctional officer commended Ms. Martinez for her work in the program, writing, "She is a role model in general population and takes on the responsibility of being a mentor and guiding new inmates in positive programming activities, including events, workshops, self-help classes and other positive activities." The officer continued, "Inmate Martinez is an active participant in the program and helps in the rehabilitation of herself and others."

Based on her conduct in prison, dedication to self-improvement, and commitment to helping others, I believe that Ms. Martinez has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Christian Martinez to a total of 15 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Christina Martinez

On July 3, 2004, Christina Martinez, her boyfriend Robert Hammons, and two juveniles attempted to rob Clayton Skinner at his house. Ms. Martinez gained access to the home, while Mr. Hammons and one of the juveniles searched for valuables. Mr. Hammons then beat Mr. Skinner to death with a steering wheel club. On September 22, 2011, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Martinez to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

An investigation conducted by the Board of Parole Hearings revealed significant evidence that Ms. Martinez was suffering from the effects of domestic violence perpetrated by Mr. Hammons at the time of the crime. Witnesses reported seeing Ms. Martinez with bruises and hearing Mr. Hammons verbally abuse Ms. Martinez, including threatening to kill her. One witness reported, "I personally watched him abuse her emotionally, financially, mentally, and a few times physically." Mr. Hammons was arrested in 2004 for domestic violence committed against Ms. Martinez, after an altercation during which Mr. Hammons assaulted and scratched her.

Ms. Martinez acknowledged the effect the abuse had on her actions at the time of the crime and described how she has worked to address her history while incarcerated. She wrote that she is "Working hard on myself to discover why I was part of such a heinous crime, taking several self-help classes while being incarcerated. I'm active in my rehabilitation. I am a survivor of domestic violence, which led up to the crime I committed. Suffering from trauma and abuse since childhood, as it continued with Robert. I'm grateful that prison saved my life."

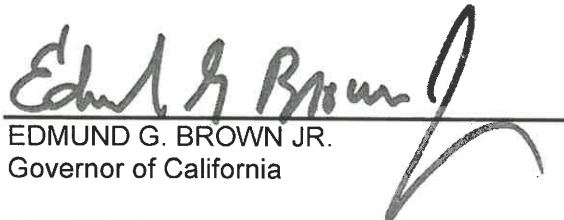
Ms. Martinez has demonstrated her commitment to her rehabilitation. She has only been disciplined once for misconduct in prison. She has facilitated and participated in self-help programs, including Beyond Violence, Co-Dependency, Overcoming Addictive Behaviors, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, Verbal Abuse in Relationships, and A Batterer's Perspective. In 2017, a retired chief deputy warden commended Ms. Martinez for her work with the Beyond Violence program, noting that Ms. Martinez was "very influential and had such a positive impact on the groups" that she was immediately hired as a facilitator. The retired chief deputy warden wrote, "Ms. Martinez has made such a positive impact on the Central California Women's Facility community as a role model and upstanding citizen. . . . Ms. Martinez is a mentor for the younger ladies who are new to the system. She is a powerful force and a wonderful asset to the Beyond Violence program. I am pleased to have her on my team. I have watched her work hard to turn her life around and become an active participant in her children and family member's lives."

In 2018, a correctional counselor who has known Ms. Martinez for seven years commended her on her programming and attitude, noting that she is a role model to other prisoners. The counselor wrote, "Inmate Martinez interacts and communicates with staff positively and is respectful to both staff and her peers." The counselor continued, "Because of her positivity, it is evident that Inmate Martinez is well liked by staff and her peers and her optimistic behavior and attitude contributes [positively] to the prison population."

Mr. Skinner's family has expressed opposition to Ms. Martinez's release. While the profound impact of Ms. Martinez's crime cannot be erased, I have carefully weighed the evidence. Given Ms. Martinez's exemplary conduct in prison and her efforts to put the impacts of her prior abuse behind her, I believe she has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings in order to determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Christina Martinez to a total of 13 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Leugardo Martinez

In 2001, Leugardo Martinez found out that his wife was having an affair with Agustin Garcia. Mr. Martinez and one of his friends went to confront Mr. Garcia at his job where a fight ensued. Mr. Garcia was stabbed and taken to another location where he died. On September 12, 2003, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Martinez to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 1 year for a deadly weapon enhancement.

Mr. Martinez is now 63 years old and has been incarcerated for over 17 years. He seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Martinez stated he is a better person and "would like a second chance . . . to help others and change their lives."

Indeed, Mr. Martinez has demonstrated a commitment to bettering himself. He has successfully participated in the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities, for several years. Notably, Mr. Martinez has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned a vocational certification in computer skills and is working towards a GED. He has also taken advantage of multiple self-help programs, including Criminal Thinking, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Getting Out By Going In, and Alternatives to Violence. Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Martinez has earned the respect of prison staff. A chapel volunteer wrote that Mr. Martinez "exhibited characteristics of a repentant and a changed man." The volunteer continued, "[Mr. Martinez] helped to prevent gang riots and murder . . . at considerable risk to his own life."

Mr. Martinez participated in a senseless crime. However, he has made considerable efforts to turn his life around and has demonstrated that he can become a contributing member to his community. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Martinez has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Leugardo Martinez to a total of 20 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Rosa Martinez

In 2012, 21-year-old Rosa Martinez and Alejandro Hernandez planned to rob Julieta Gonzalez's home. When Ms. Gonzalez answered the door, Ms. Martinez pulled a gun out, and Mr. Hernandez demanded a briefcase. Ms. Gonzalez started screaming, and Ms. Martinez and Mr. Hernandez fled. On October 16, 2013, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Martinez to 3 years for attempted robbery plus a 10-year firearm enhancement – a total term of 13 years in prison.

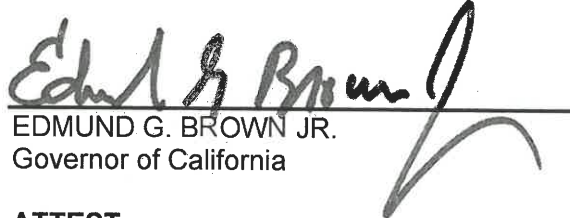
In her application for clemency, Ms. Martinez explained that she was severely addicted to methamphetamines when she committed this crime, and was desperate for money to buy more drugs. She reported that since then, she has made major changes in her life. Ms. Martinez wrote, "I have been clean and sober my entire incarceration. In my sobriety I now know I had so many other choices that day and that I needed to cry out for help. I thank God each and every day that no one was physical[ly] harmed because of my action. I know that I caused them harm and pain and for that I am truly sorry."

Ms. Martinez has maintained an excellent record during her incarceration. She has never been disciplined for misconduct, and has never been involved with drugs, violence, or gang activity in prison. Ms. Martinez earned her high school diploma, as well as a vocational certification in carpentry. She has participated in multiple self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Codependents Anonymous, LifeScripting, and Victims Impact and Progress. Ms. Martinez lives in an honor dorm and has participated in several fundraisers for charity. Her family members have written in support of her commutation, and offered their support as she transitions back into the community.

Ms. Martinez committed a very reckless crime when she was in the grip of a serious addiction. In the years since, she has worked hard to achieve sobriety and turn her life around. I encourage Ms. Martinez to continue to participate in drug treatment and other programs. I believe it is appropriate to reduce Ms. Martinez's sentence so that she can make her case before the Board of Parole Hearings by July 3, 2020 so that it can determine whether she is ready to be released on parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Rosa Martinez so she is eligible for parole consideration by July 3, 2020.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Demetrie Mayfield

On February 3, 1983, Demetrie Mayfield broke into the house of Ora Pope to confront her about turning him in for stealing her car. Mr. Mayfield spoke with Ms. Pope and her houseguest, Edward Moreno, for several minutes before shooting and killing them both. On September 30, 1983, Mr. Mayfield was sentenced to death. In 2001, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals determined that Mr. Mayfield received ineffective assistance of counsel at the penalty phase of his trial. Following a penalty phase retrial, on April 10, 2003, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Mayfield to life without the possibility of parole for two counts of murder.

Mr. Mayfield is now 57 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 36 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Mayfield expressed remorse for the killings and wrote, "I think about them and what I did just about every day. I have no excuse for killing them. I know that I was young and wild. I am sorry for what I did to them."

Mr. Mayfield has worked to transform himself in prison. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct in the last 24 years of his incarceration. He has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. In 2010, Mr. Mayfield completed vocational training in office services. He currently resides on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard where inmates have access to unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities.

With better representation during Mr. Mayfield's trial, his attorney argues that Mr. Mayfield might have had a better outcome, preventing almost four decades of incarceration with no hope of parole. Mr. Mayfield's application for clemency details how his trial attorney's deep-seated and pervasive racial bias led him to consistently fail to provide minimally adequate representation to his clients, including Mr. Mayfield.

Mr. Mayfield committed a senseless crime as a young man and struggled when he initially came to prison. However, in the years since, he has shown a desire to transform himself and make amends for his past. I see enough progress on Mr. Mayfield's part to conclude that he should have an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Demetrie Mayfield to a total of 36 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Corey McNeil

In 1995, Corey McNeil and Lent King saw Ernesto Gamboa at a store and asked him about his gang affiliation. Mr. Gamboa ran out of the store, and Mr. McNeil and Mr. King followed and fired multiple shots at him, killing him. Two of Mr. Gamboa's friends tried to help him, and Mr. McNeil and Mr. King continued firing at them, but they were not injured. On September 18, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. McNeil to 53 years to life in prison for murder, attempted murder, assault with a deadly weapon, and firearm enhancements. Mr. McNeil has a youth offender parole eligible date of November 2019.

In his application for clemency, Mr. McNeil expressed sincere remorse for his criminal history, and explained that he has dedicated himself to becoming a better person. He wrote, "I have worked hard over the years to understand my criminality and its impact; and my character flaws. Every day I practice ways of how I can better myself. Never again do I want to be that self-centered person, who only puts himself over others. I enjoy being an individual who has let go of himself to be of service to others."

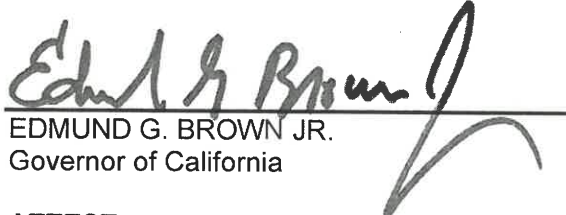
Indeed, Mr. McNeil has maintained an excellent record during his 23 years in prison. He has never been involved with gangs, violence, or drugs during his incarceration. He earned his GED and a diploma from a theological seminary, and is currently taking college classes from Patten University. Mr. McNeil completed a vocational certification in plumbing, and routinely receives positive ratings from his work supervisors, who have commended him for his diligence and teamwork. Mr. McNeil has also participated in several self-help programs, including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Victim Offender Education Group, Insight, and Nonviolent Communication.

Mr. McNeil has also been recognized by many San Quentin staff members for his positive attitude and behavior. The principal of education at the prison wrote, "I have had the opportunity to engage Mr. McNeil in meaningful dialogue about his incarceration and how he has changed since his incarceration. As an adult today, I believe Mr. McNeil has committed himself to the type of change and conduct that is required of a person to successfully reintegrate into society in order to be a lawful, contributing citizen." One correctional officer called Mr. McNeil a "model prisoner" and supported his commutation. Another officer wrote, "Inmate McNeil has truly been an asset, and he has proven himself to be trustworthy. He is an example of rehabilitation and I fully endorse his suitability to rejoin the community."

Mr. McNeil committed a senseless crime as a young man, but he has spent more than two decades since then turning his life around. I believe that he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Corey McNeil to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Geraldine Meyers

In 2006, Geraldine Meyers shot and killed her ex-boyfriend, Demetrius Warren, while he was playing a video game. On April 2, 2008, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Meyers to 15 years to life for murder, plus a 25-to-life firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life in prison.

In Ms. Meyers' application for clemency, she described her tumultuous relationship with the victim and acknowledged that at the time, she "didn't have healthy coping strategies and was unable to handle the conflict adequately." Ms. Meyers explained that she has devoted herself to understanding her choices and said, "I have remorse and insight into how my irreversible actions harmed and impacted Demetrius' family, my family, my community, and society." She continued, "[M]y whole life is geared towards making living amends. I do this daily by helping my peers and demonstrating true healing and recovery."

Ms. Meyers is now 57 years old and has been incarcerated for 12 years. In that time, she has demonstrated her serious commitment to her rehabilitation. She had no prior criminal history, and she has never been disciplined for misconduct during more than a decade in prison. She has participated in numerous self-help programs including Beyond Violence, Anger Management, Domestic Violence, and Victim Impact Awareness. Ms. Meyers completed a vocational certification and has lived on honor yards for years. She currently works as a peer mentor, and she has consistently received positive ratings from her supervisors. In 2018, a correctional lieutenant praised Ms. Meyers' personal and professional development and wrote, "Inmate Meyers has given back to the inmate community by training new clerks and serving as an example to the inmate population....I believe she is ready to successfully reintegrate herself as a productive member of society." A correctional officer recognized Ms. Meyers' "excellent" work performance and wrote, "I believe Ms. Meyers will be very successful on parole and continue her favorable and effective contributions throughout the rest of her life." Also in 2018, a self-help sponsor commended Ms. Meyers' "true rehabilitation" and wrote, "I know if given the chance for parole, Ms. Meyers will be an incredible and successful member of society, continuing her commitment to giving back to others and mak[ing] her community a better place." Ms. Meyers plans to live in a transitional housing program if released, and reports that she will receive additional support from her family as she re-enters the community.

There is no question that Ms. Meyers committed an extremely serious crime, and I acknowledge that Mr. Warren's family experiences ongoing pain as a result of his death. However, I cannot overlook the significant transformation that Ms. Meyers has made, and her commitment to serving others and making amends. For all of these reasons, I believe that she has earned an earlier opportunity to make her case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Geraldine Meyers to a total of 15 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Esteban Nerey

In 1993, Esteban Nerey and two friends decided to rob Edward Ahumada over a failed drug transaction. They forced Mr. Ahumada to drive to a remote area, took his gun, and Mr. Nerey shot Mr. Ahumada twice, killing him. On May 14, 1996, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Nerey to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 5-year firearm enhancement.

Despite coming to prison with a sentence that offered him no hope of ever being released, Mr. Nerey has dedicated himself to turning his life around. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "If given a second chance I would not waste it. I would live my life the same way I am now. Trying to be a better person and an example of how people can truly change through rehabilitation efforts – with God's grace."

Indeed, while in prison, Mr. Nerey has demonstrated that he has transformed his life since he committed this crime. He is a now 45 years old and has been incarcerated for over 25 years. In that time, he has never been involved with drugs or gang activity. Mr. Nerey has participated in numerous self-help groups including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Victim Offender Education, Getting Out by Going In, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Nerey also facilitated other groups for his peers. He completed a vocational certification program, maintained a solid work record, and received positive ratings from his work supervisors. A correctional lieutenant who supervised Mr. Nerey commended him for his excellent work ethic and wrote, "I have observed Nerey interact with custody staff and inmates during his regularly assigned work hours and while off duty, [and] he appears to treat people in a courteous and respectful manner." If he is released, Mr. Nerey plans to live in a transitional housing program, and reports that his family will provide him with support and resources as he re-enters the community.

Mr. Nerey committed a very serious crime, but he has made serious efforts to rehabilitate himself and to serve others during his many years of incarceration. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Nerey has earned an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Esteban Nerey to a total of 25 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Kiera Newsome

Seventeen-year-old Kiera Newsome was convicted of participating in a gang-related shooting that killed Christian Henton and injured Shawtay Allen in 2001. On July 17, 2003, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Newsome to 25 years to life for murder, plus a 25-to-life firearm enhancement and a 10-year gang enhancement – a total term of 60 years to life in prison. Ms. Newsome is currently eligible for youth offender parole hearing in 2027.

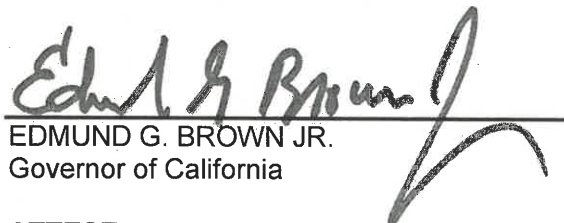
Ms. Newsome maintains that she was not involved in this crime. She had no prior criminal history before this conviction, and has maintained a positive record during her 17 years of incarceration. She earned her high school diploma and an A.A. degree from Feather River College. Ms. Newsome has been very active in self-help programs, including Beyond Anger, Offender Responsibility, Assertive Communication, Freedom to Choose, and Criminal and Addictive Thinking. She has also facilitated several programs for her peers. Ms. Newsome has lived in an honor dorm for years, regularly participates in community and charity events, and serves on the Juvenile Offenders Committee, which promotes education and rehabilitation programs.

Ms. Newsome has also earned the respect of members of the correctional staff, who have praised her good behavior and leadership on the yard. One correctional officer reported that Ms. Newsome has maintained an "exemplary" record and wrote, "Inmate Newsome stays focused and committed to bettering herself and has completed several self-help groups and workshops....I commend her for having a good outlook on life and she should be commended for her behavior and the progress she has attained regarding her personal growth." Another correctional officer applauded Ms. Newsome for creating a new self-help program that discourages profanity, and wrote, "Inmate Newsome should be commended for creating a curriculum that has the ability to make a drastic change in this environment and can also be very useful on the outside." Ms. Newsome's family has offered her housing, help finding a job, and other support in the event of her release to ensure that she makes a smooth transition back into the community.

For all of these reasons, I believe that Ms. Newsome has earned an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kiera Newsome to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Thaisan Nguon

In 2001, 20-year-old Thaisan Nguon exchanged dirty looks with a group of men on the sidewalk. Mr. Nguon later followed their car onto the highway, and his crime partner fired multiple shots into the other car. Vutha Tea was shot and killed, and Sina Mao was shot, but survived his injuries. On April 29, 2003, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Nguon to life without the possibility of parole plus 50 years to life for murder, attempted murder, and a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Nguon is now 38 years old and has served almost 18 years in prison. In his application for clemency, Mr. Nguon expressed sincere remorse for his role in this crime and demonstrated a clear understanding of the pain that his actions caused for the victims. He wrote that he has worked hard to change himself for the better, and hoped to "earn the privilege to demonstrate to the parole board that I have redeemed myself through higher education, rehabilitative programs, and my faith in God." To that end, Mr. Nguon has spent many years dedicating himself to his rehabilitation. He earned his A.A. degree and an Entrepreneurial Planning certificate from Feather River College. Mr. Nguon has participated in numerous self-help classes, including Houses of Healing, Victim Sensitivity, Alternatives to Violence, and Gang Awareness and Recovery. He lives on an honor yard, contributes to fundraisers for charity, writes letters to at-risk youth, and currently works in a program that trains shelter dogs for families in the community.

Mr. Nguon has also earned commendations from staff members who interact with him on a regular basis. In 2018, a correctional officer praised Mr. Nguon's positive behavior and wrote, "Nguon has shown the positive characteristics, and behaved in a manner that is conducive to a successful reintegration into our society when released from custody." A program coordinator from Feather River College called him an "exemplary student" and wrote, "This is a person that has truly changed [his] thinking because of college." Another correctional officer noted Mr. Nguon's respectful attitude and wrote, "Nguon is to be commended for his work ethics and being a positive role model [and] a showcase for rehabilitative reform."

In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Nguon said, "I'm dedicated to making amends for the harm and the pain that I've inflicted on [my victims'] families and on the community, regardless of if I have to spend the rest of my life in prison." He continued, "I will never ever be able to atone myself, but I want to do my best to do so through helping our community." Mr. Nguon has shown through his words and actions that he understands the magnitude of his past errors and is dedicated to living differently in the future. He has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Thaisan Nguon to a total of 18 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Hung Nguyen

On August 24, 1998, 19-year-old Hung Nguyen's friends pressured him to help them scare Ivie Tran. Later that night, Mr. Nguyen shot and killed Ms. Tran while they were both driving on the highway. On December 3, 1999, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Nguyen to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Nguyen has now spent more than 20 years in prison and is 40 years old. In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, he said that when he came to prison, he was terrified and realized that he needed to make a serious change in his life. Mr. Nguyen explained that since then, he has worked hard to transform himself into a better person, and cautions young people against making the same mistakes that he did.

During his two decades of incarceration, Mr. Nguyen has shown a remarkable commitment to turning his life around. He has only been disciplined for misconduct four times, and avoided gang activity and drugs while in prison. Mr. Nguyen has participated in multiple self-help programs including Alternatives to Violence, Gang Awareness and Recovery, and Creating a Healing Society. Mr. Nguyen routinely receives exceptional work ratings from his supervisors, and is currently enrolled in college classes. He has lived on an honor yard since 2010, and served on the Men's Advisory Council.

Notably, Mr. Nguyen has also earned accolades from staff members who know him well. In 2018, a correctional officer who supervised Mr. Nguyen for four years commended him for his respectful attitude and wrote, "I encourage him to keep up the good work and continue to strive towards his rehabilitation and his future possible release." A correctional sergeant who had known Mr. Nguyen for 12 years praised his work ethic and wrote, "It should be noted that Nguyen has demonstrated, in many situations, his trustworthiness, and a mature attitude that has impressed all staff members....Nguyen has remained a stellar example of what it means to be a model inmate. He leads by example and has consistently mentored other prisoners who wish to participate in positive programs."

Mr. Nguyen committed a truly senseless crime when he was a teenager. Although he is serving a sentence that gave him no hope of future release, he chose to turn away from violence and instead dedicate himself to rehabilitation and setting a positive example for others. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Nguyen has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Hung Nguyen to a total of 25 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Si Nguyen

In August 2002, 15-year-old Si Nguyen fired multiple shots at a park, hitting Leon Tran in the shoulder. Mr. Tran survived. On February 25, 2005, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Nguyen to 7 years to life for attempted murder, 3 years for assault with a deadly weapon, 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement, 10 years for a gang enhancement, and 3 years for a great bodily injury enhancement – a total term of 48 years to life.

Mr. Nguyen applied for a commutation of sentence based on his age at the time of these crimes, as well as his subsequent rehabilitation. In his application, he wrote, "Although I believe my sentence was justified I have taken the steps towards positive change and rehabilitation. . . . I can't undo the harm I caused but I believe my transformation is evidence of my willingness to make living amends."

Mr. Nguyen is now 32 years old and has been incarcerated for 16 years. In that time, he has only been disciplined three times for misconduct, and has never been involved in gang activity or drugs in prison. Instead, it is clear that Mr. Nguyen has dedicated himself to turning his life around. The retired warden of Lancaster State Prison recommended Mr. Nguyen for a commutation. He earned a vocational certification and routinely receives positive ratings from his work supervisors. He has participated in multiple self-help courses including Getting Out by Going In, Alternatives to Violence, Victim Sensitivity, and Anger Management. Mr. Nguyen has lived on an honor yard for many years, and currently participates in a program that trains shelter dogs to prepare them for adoption. In 2018, an associate warden commended Mr. Nguyen for his "exceptional commitment and leadership skills" in the program and wrote, "Nguyen's rehabilitative efforts, demonstrated through years of compassion-based effort, are consistent with the goals of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation." A correctional officer also recognized Mr. Nguyen for his excellent behavior and wrote, "Every inmate incarcerated at CDCR has decisions to make on a daily basis. It is clear the decisions being made by Nguyen are of good nature and are geared toward his own self-rehabilitation." Mr. Nguyen has a solid plan in place in the event of his release – he will initially live in a transitional housing program, and his wife and parents have pledged to help support him as he re-enters the community.

When he was just 15 years old, Mr. Nguyen was entrenched in the gang lifestyle and committed these reckless crimes as a result. But he has made significant changes to his life and demonstrated that he is now a mature, responsible man who can contribute to his community. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Nguyen should have an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Si Nguyen to a total of 16 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Tin Nguyen

In 1996, Mr. Nguyen participated in an armed robbery of jewelry dealer Stanko Vukovic. He and his crime partners attacked Mr. Vukovic in a parking lot. During the struggle, Mr. Nguyen shot Mr. Vukovic in the chest, killing him. On January 8, 1999, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Nguyen to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 4 years for a firearm enhancement.

Faced with a sentence that gave no hope of parole, Mr. Nguyen has nevertheless focused on his rehabilitation and worked to transform himself. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "Through the years, I had thought that this was my lot in life, that I was hopeless. However, a[s] I persist to rehabilitate myself and these classes and events unfolded in my life, I realized my circumstances do not dictate my life, for the choices of doing the right things are mine. I know now that I can be a good man if I choose to be; thus, my choices now will continue to be doing the right thing and be a good man, despite the circumstances or situations."

Mr. Nguyen is now 46 years old and has been incarcerated for over 20 years. He has been disciplined only two times in over two decades in prison. He currently resides on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities. He has participated in self-help programs, including Alternatives to Violence, Creative Conflict Resolution, and Victim Sensitivity. He earned his GED and A.A. degree, and is currently enrolled in the California State University, Los Angeles bachelor's degree program. Mr. Nguyen works to train service dogs for military veterans diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Most importantly, the former warden of the prison where Mr. Nguyen is housed has personally recommended him for commutation. She wrote, "Please note upon review o[f] your file, my observations of your dedication to personal growth and positive programming, the positive impact you have made in the programming of the men incarcerated on Facility A and noting your minimal disciplinary history, I encourage you to seek sentence commutation from the Governor." Mr. Nguyen has also been commended by multiple correctional staff members and educators for his positive attitude and behavior, including a correctional lieutenant who has directly supervised Mr. Nguyen for several years. The lieutenant wrote, "As someone with long and direct knowledge of Nguyen, I am confident he has achieved the level of insight into the causative factors of the negative behavior of his youth, resulting in his confinement for the past twenty years, and developed the skills and inner resources necessary to prevent such behavior." Mr. Nguyen's family has written in support of his release and his sister has offered financial assistance in order for him to complete his education.

In addition, Mr. Nguyen's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Nguyen. Mr. Nguyen has exhibited a commitment to his rehabilitation over the past two decades and worked to turn his life around. I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Tin Nguyen to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Walter Oatis

On April 26, 1999, Walter Oatis committed a robbery of a liquor store, an attempted robbery of another liquor store, and robbery of a fast food restaurant. On October 4, 2002, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Oatis to 25 years to life for robbery, three years for attempted robbery, plus a 5-year prior felony enhancement – a total term of 33 years to life.

Mr. Oatis is now 46 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Oatis explained that his actions were not justified and his criminal behavior was due to his selfish, irresponsible, and impulsive behavior. He wrote, "I believe I have demonstrated exemplary behavior by rehabilitating myself, being disciplinary free, being productive, and living a law abiding life following conviction." He added, "I came in prison a drug addict and today I'm a Drug and Alcohol counselor."

Mr. Oatis has maintained a positive record during his incarceration and has never been disciplined for serious misconduct. He earned his GED and a Certificate of Achievement in General Business. He has participated in self-help classes including Alcoholics Anonymous, A Change in Perception, Victim Awareness, and Alternatives to Violence. In 2016, a correctional supervisor commended Mr. Oatis for setting an example for his peers. He has also received positive ratings from supervisors for his work performance. A teacher noted that Mr. Oatis "conducts himself with dignity and always demonstrates the utmost respect and sensitivity for student and staff alike. He has been a positive influence on the Inmate Peer Tutor Program, to all around him, and is a welcome asset to the program."

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Oatis.

I believe that Mr. Oatis has taken the necessary steps toward self-improvement and has worked for many years to rehabilitate himself. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence to allow him to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Walter Oatis to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Armen Oganyan

In 2005, Armen Oganyan got into a fight with his brother-in-law, Michael Navasardian. When Mr. Navasardian tried to drive away, Mr. Oganyan followed him outside with a gun and fired multiple shots, hitting him once. Mr. Navasardian survived his injuries. On August 30, 2006, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Oganyan to 7 years to life for attempted murder plus a 25-years-to-life firearm enhancement – a total term of 32 years to life in prison.

Mr. Oganyan has now been incarcerated for 13 years. During that time, he has been a model inmate. He has never been disciplined for serious misconduct, and has never been involved with gangs, violence, or drugs in prison. Mr. Oganyan has participated in multiple self-help groups, including Celebrate Recovery, Relationships, Insight, and Pathways to Freedom. He regularly receives excellent ratings from his work supervisors, and participates in a program that trains service dogs for veterans. Mr. Oganyan has been praised by members of the prison staff, who have remarked on his positive behavior and attitude. An office technician praised Mr. Oganyan's work performance and wrote, "I believe Inmate Oganyan would have an easy transition back to society and family outside of prison and would become an upstanding member to any community." A correctional officer also recognized Mr. Oganyan's good behavior and wrote, "I believe that Inmate Oganyan is a positive role-model for other inmates and is an example to all others who wish to maintain themselves in a positive program." Mr. Oganyan has developed a solid plan for returning to the community – if released, members of his family have offered him housing, financial support, and help finding a job.

In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Oganyan showed genuine remorse for his actions and said, "I've been working on myself and trying to understand who I was, and who I am, and who I'd like to be. I will not ever make this mistake again." Mr. Oganyan has refrained from violence for many years and has shown serious dedication to his rehabilitation. For all of these reasons, I believe he should have an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Armen Oganyan to a total of 13 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Kitiona Paepule

In 1987, 20-year-old Kitiona Paepule and John Young were hired to kill Thomas Wilson, a drug dealer. They broke into Mr. Wilson's house and Mr. Paepule shot him, killing him. Mr. Young also beat up Susan Lee, and one of the men shot her. Ms. Lee survived her injuries. On March 8, 1991, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Paepule to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Paepule is now 51 years old and has been incarcerated for 30 years. In his application for clemency, he described how much he has changed in the three decades since he committed this crime. He wrote, "I am no longer that naïve and idiotic kid I once was. I thank my Lord and savior for prison! It made me a better person, someone who is willing to positively share the truth of my experiences with anyone willing to hear, learn, or share." It is clear from his record that Mr. Paepule has made a significant transformation since coming to prison. He has devoted himself to his education, earning three A.A. degrees and an A.S. degree from Coastline Community College. He has lived on honor yards for years and took college classes through a California State University – Los Angeles bachelor's program. Mr. Paepule has participated in several Arts in Corrections programs, and currently works as the lead painter on a crew that paints murals in the prison. In 2018, one work supervisor called Mr. Paepule a "model citizen" and wrote, "Mr. Paepule has worked closely with many other inmates and staff and has exhibited everything that CDCR aspires to in terms of rehabilitation. I can only give him my best regards in whatever he sets his hand to and I have great confidence in what the future holds for him." Mr. Paepule has a strong plan in place if he is granted parole – his wife, children, and many other family members have offered him housing and support to help him transition back into the community.

Despite serving a sentence that gave him no hope of being released from prison, Mr. Paepule has worked hard to become a positive and contributing member of society. He has demonstrated that he is no longer the same young man who committed this senseless crime. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Paepule has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kitiona Paepule to a total of 30 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Robert Pepe

On April 6, 1997, on orders of the gang he associated with, Robert Pepe went to Edward Berber's work and ordered him to step outside. When Mr. Berber walked outside, Mr. Pepe shot him several times in the abdomen. Thankfully, Mr. Berber survived. On October 27, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Pepe to 15 years to life for attempted murder and 10 years for a firearm enhancement — a total term of 25 years to life.

Mr. Pepe has now been incarcerated for almost 11 years. In his interview with a Board of Parole Hearings investigator, Mr. Pepe explained how pressure from the gang led him to commit this crime and said that he immediately disassociated from the gang afterwards. In his application for clemency, Mr. Pepe explained described the changes he has made since coming to prison. He wrote, "I have used this time to become a better citizen." He continued, "I have engaged in schooling and have been certified as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor. I have dedicated myself to helping others reach healing and rehabilitation. The Offender Mentor Certification Program has empowered me with the opportunity to give back to the community, starting in prison and [continuing] upon release."

During over a decade in prison, Mr. Pepe has turned away from gangs, drugs, and violence and dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. As he noted in his application, Mr. Pepe earned his certification as a Drug and Alcohol Treatment Specialist, engaging in a lengthy and rigorous training process to receive his certification. He participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, Positive Parenting, Criminals & Gang Members Anonymous, Substance Abuse and Relapse Prevention, and Alternatives to Violence. In addition, Mr. Pepe served as a facilitator for Anger Management and the Breaking Free Drug/Alcohol Treatment Program.

Mr. Pepe's hard work and dedication has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with him regularly. A counselor in the Offender Mentor Certification Program wrote in 2018 that Mr. Pepe is "conscientious, [has] integrity, professionalism, flexibility, and competency" as a mentor and co-facilitator in the program. The counselor continued, "Mr. Pepe, you are a good influence to your peers by giving them positive input and constructive criticism in applying what they have learned to their life." In 2014, a group sponsor for the Anger Management program commended Mr. Pepe for his work as a facilitator in the group, noting, "In his presentations, he utilized the programs' principles and tools to provide new coping skills, tools, and materials to effect self-awareness and positive change for his peers to utilize in their rehabilitation process." A trainer in the Inmate Peer Education program praised Mr. Pepe in 2014 for providing group education classes. The trainer wrote, "Inmate Pepe's efforts in providing awareness and prevention techniques for infectious diseases have fulfilled a valuable service to this institution, and he is commended for his dedication."

Since committing this crime, Mr. Pepe has demonstrated his commitment to rehabilitation and education. He has been a role model for other inmates and helped them achieve positive goals in an extremely challenging environment. Because of this, I believe Mr. Pepe has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Robert Pepe to a total of 11 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Michael Petty

In September 2006, armed with a stun gun, Michael Petty and several of his friends committed a home invasion robbery. Mr. Petty stole personal property and a vehicle. In October 2006, Mr. Petty and his friends burglarized a fitness gym. Mr. Petty stole office equipment and furnishings. On January 15, 2008, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Petty to four years for burglary, one year for robbery, eight months for vehicle theft, three years and four months for a gang enhancement, plus 10 years for a firearm enhancement—a total term of 19 years. Mr. Petty has a youth offender parole eligible date of February 2021.

During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Petty reported that his crimes were fueled by his drug and gambling addictions. He explained that he was 19 years old when he committed these burglaries, and had been seriously addicted to prescription pills since his senior year of high school. Mr. Petty reported that he had accepted that he was “a screw up” and after graduation, he ingested pills daily. Mr. Petty told the investigator that he hopes that his work and programming speak for themselves.

Mr. Petty has now been incarcerated for more than 11 years and is 31 years old. He has worked to overcome his addictions, accomplish goals, and prepare himself for release from prison. Mr. Petty has never been disciplined for violence or gang activity. He has completed several college courses. Mr. Petty has also completed vocational training in office services and in electronics. He has participated in Narcotics Anonymous, Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Beat the Street, and Getting Out by Going In, among other self-help programs. Mr. Petty has also completed multiple employment-readiness courses and established himself as a reliable worker. He recently completed firehouse training and works at the firehouse at Calipatria State Prison. Upon his release, Mr. Petty’s family has offered to provide housing and assistance securing employment to help him transition into society. More than 300 friends and family members documented their support for his application for clemency.

I do not discount the very real losses suffered by the victims of Mr. Petty’s crimes, but based on his dedication to educational and vocational self-improvement, I believe that Mr. Petty has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Michael Petty to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Lynda Pichel

Lynda Pichel and Steven Shane were friends. In August 2002, Ms. Pichel referred Reginald Perkins to Mr. Shane for an auto repair. While taking the car for a test drive, the car stalled. Mr. Shane left the car on the side of a road and allowed it to be impounded. Ms. Pichel made multiple attempts to contact Mr. Shane, to no avail. Ms. Pichel and Mr. Perkins kidnapped Mr. Shane and demanded to know where the car was located. After taking Ms. Pichel home, Mr. Perkins bound Mr. Shane's wrists and ankles with packing tape, stabbed and shot him. Mr. Shane died from his injuries. On January 7, 2005, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Pichel to 25 years to life for murder and 8 years for kidnapping – a total of 33 years to life.

In her commutation application, Ms. Pichel wrote, "Being in a place like this has given me time to go in to my own self and straighten things out and get to know who I really am. I am not the person that left Victorville 10 years ago. I have been sober this whole time. I pay attention to what's right and what's wrong. I've spent 10 years getting to know and fix myself. I wasn't a bad person before; I just made a lot of bad choices, now I know I don't have to or need to make those choices. I avoid those situations, and have sense enough to say no when it is necessary. . . . It hurts me in my soul knowing that I hurt so many people in such an extreme way. I can't change the past; I can only change myself and try to make a difference in the future."

Ms. Pichel's dedication to self-improvement and rehabilitation is seen by her exemplary conduct in prison. She has maintained a spotless disciplinary record during her 16 years of incarceration. Ms. Pichel has earned two A.A. degrees, and is in the process of obtaining a B.A. degree. She has participated in self-help classes, including Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholic Anonymous, Anger Management, Houses of Healing, and Victim Impact. In addition to her commitment to education, Ms. Pichel has maintained steady employment, routinely receiving above average work ratings.

While Mr. Shane's death was tragic and senseless, I believe that based on Ms. Pichel's limited role in the crime, her rehabilitation, and exemplary record, Ms. Pichel has earned an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Lynda Pichel to a total of 16 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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Secretary of State



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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Abraham Preciado

On June 1, 1997, 18-year-old Abraham Preciado and Jose Luis Garcia kidnapped Javier Rodriguez as he returned to his home with his family. Mr. Preciado believed Mr. Rodriguez had recently burglarized his home and had previously kidnapped and raped his fiancée's 14-year-old sister. Mr. Preciado and Mr. Garcia drove Mr. Rodriguez to a rural area in Riverside County, and Mr. Preciado shot Mr. Rodriguez multiple times, killing him. On November 19, 1999, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Preciado to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a four-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Preciado has now been incarcerated for more than 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Preciado wrote, "Since my incarceration, I finally have been able to grasp and realize the impact my crime has had not only on the victim's family but on the community as well." He continued, "The only way to show my sincere remorse is by my continuous actions of good behavior, rehabilitation and acts of penance to anyone that is in need."

During more than two decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Preciado has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has been disciplined for misconduct only once. He earned his GED and three A.A. degrees. Mr. Preciado completed vocational training in Information Technology Literacy and Office Services and Related Technologies. Mr. Preciado has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Healing Dialogue & Action, Victim Awareness, Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, Narcotics Anonymous, Dealing with Anger, and Stress Management.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Preciado has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with him on a regular basis. Mr. Preciado is Executive Body-Member-Chairperson of the Alternatives to Violence Program at Ironwood. In 2018, a group sponsor wrote that Mr. Preciado "has enhanced the program through participation, advice, and guidance. Inmate Preciado displays many good leadership traits—for example, he is passionate about the classes he teaches, and donates endless hours putting together and creating new curriculums." The sponsor continued, "He encourages [other inmates] to challenge new ways of thinking when dealing with anger, showing empathy, and facing their past life choices and actions. . . . Inmate Preciado is respectful to staff and inmates alike, he displays great communication skills and is sincere with his efforts when trying to help fellow inmates better themselves, and becoming productive members of society."

Mr. Preciado served as a mentor in the Youth Offender Program and as an Inmate Peer Educator. In 2018, a teacher in the Youthful Offender college program commended Mr. Preciado on his efforts tutoring other inmates, writing that he "has been instrumental in assisting with the Inmate Education Network," including mentoring youth and assisting other inmates with their computer skills. In 2018, a correctional lieutenant who has known Mr. Preciado since 1999 wrote, "During this period, I have come to know him as a person of integrity who has demonstrated selfless sacrifice and dedicated himself to service to his community as a role-model and mentor." In 2018, a correctional officer who has known Mr. Preciado since 2013 commended him on his work as a tutor with the Youthful Offender Program, writing, "[Mr.] Preciado has the attitude that you wish upon every neighbor, respectful, patience, and always there to lend a hand if

needed. I believe that when Preciado is released he will be a good addition to society." In 2012, a correctional lieutenant commended Mr. Preciado on his demeanor and attitude, writing, "Based on my observations as Inmate Preciado's supervisor, it is my opinion that he has shown that he possesses the temperament and character to become a productive and contributing member of society should he be given the opportunity to parole." In 2012, a correctional officer wrote regarding Mr. Preciado, "The character he demonstrates and the desire to change is difficult within this environment; however, Preciado is daily accomplishing it. Based on my direct observation, I believe he could be an asset to any community and or prospective supervisor should he have the opportunity to be released."

Over the past 20 years of incarceration, Mr. Preciado shown through his conduct in prison and dedication to self-improvement that he is committed to serving as a role model to others and becoming a productive member of society. For the foregoing reasons, I believe Mr. Preciado has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Abraham Preciado to a total of 25 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Dianna Preston

In 2002, Dianna Preston started to believe that her granddaughter was being sexually abused by her father, Kevin La Porta. Despite circumstantial evidence to the contrary, Ms. Preston still believed Mr. La Porta was a danger to her granddaughter. In July 2002, Ms. Preston shot and killed Mr. La Porta. On July 14, 2003, the Humboldt County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Preston to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

In her application, Ms. Preston wrote, "I have spent 15 years in prison and at 73 I am no longer the same person I was all those years ago. I know what I did was wrong, and nothing can truly compensate for the life I took. But I continue to try to make amends in the only way possible, which is living everyday as a better person than I was then."

Ms. Preston entered prison with no criminal history other than her commitment offense. During her incarceration, Ms. Preston has dedicated her time to self-improvement. She has had no disciplinary conduct. Ms. Preston has participated in multiple self-help programs, such as Victim Impact, Women's Empowerment, Healing Trauma, and Pathways to Wholeness.

Ms. Preston's exemplary behavior has been noticed by correctional staff. Indeed, six correctional officers commended Ms. Preston for her outstanding behavior – one characterized her as being a "model inmate." A chaplain commended Ms. Preston for being a woman of "deep integrity" and being an excellent student and participant. Ms. Preston has lived in the Honor Unit since 2015. In 2016, Ms. Preston earned certificates for her outstanding professionalism and good citizenship.

Although she is serving a sentence that gave her no hope of release from prison, Ms. Preston has dedicated herself to rehabilitation and has dug deep to address the issues that led her to commit such a senseless crime. For these reasons, I believe Ms. Preston has earned the opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Dianna Preston to a total of 16 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Cynthia Purcell

On October 24, 1990, 20-year-old Cynthia Purcell and Michael Combs murdered Jeanine Lee, a former co-worker of Mr. Combs. They then stole her car and tried to cash a forged check of Ms. Lee's. On March 6, 1992, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Purcell to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Ms. Purcell has now been incarcerated for 28 years. In her application for clemency, Ms. Purcell wrote, "On Wednesday October 24, 1990, I thoughtlessly and willingly participated in the murder of Jeanine Ann Lee. . . . There are no words, actions, or any amount of atonement that can make up for [Jeanine's] death." She continued, "Who I was then was a selfish, impulsive person that made a decision based on making someone like me." Ms. Purcell wrote, "I am no longer that selfish coward I was, I have learned through groups like Victim Awareness [and] self-esteem building classes, how to grow and change. I am now able to look at things and situations differently, remove behaviors that are destructive, and work hard to adopt behaviors that promote positive change and outcomes."

During almost three decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Ms. Purcell has worked hard to address the behaviors that led to Ms. Lee's death. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct. She earned her GED. Ms. Purcell has participated in myriad self-help programs, including Commitment to Change, Offender Responsibility, Understanding Self-Esteem, Personal Boundaries and Healthy Relationships, Assertive Communication, Decision Making, Dealing with Emotions, and Victim Impact and Self Awareness. Ms. Purcell has lived in an honor dorm for many years, where she participated in charitable events.

Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Purcell has earned the respect of staff members. In 2015, a correctional lieutenant who has known Ms. Purcell since 1997 wrote, "Within this period, I have witnessed Inmate Purcell evolve into a confident and balanced individual who has successfully used the resources available to her at the Central California Women's Facility to improve herself." The lieutenant continued, "I have noted that Inmate Purcell is more involved within the prison community and motivated to participate in positive behavior. She is constantly working towards bettering herself through various self-help programs and is to be commended for her growth, positive attitude and appropriate conduct." The lieutenant concluded, "Inmate Purcell should be applauded for her excellent work ethic and behavior." Also in 2015, a correctional officer who has known Ms. Purcell since 2004 "found her to exhibit a positive attitude and a willingness to help others. Inmate Purcell works well with others, is active in the groups offered by the Honor Dorm, and in my opinion is a model inmate. She facilitates groups and goes above and beyond in her performance and rehabilitation." A correctional officer praised Ms. Purcell in 2015 "for her dedication and hard work in making a positive change in the 15 years I have known her." The officer wrote, "Inmate Purcell is courteous, respectful, and dedicated to improve the quality of her life. . . . Inmate Purcell demonstrates the ability to effectively promote a positive environment with her peers, as well as the staff." The officer praised Ms. Purcell for her hard work and attitude, noting that she "is dependable and completes any tasks assigned to her. Her conduct and hard work are appreciated and worthy of recognition."



Ms. Purcell committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that she has distinguished herself through her exemplary conduct and dedication to her rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Purcell has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Cynthia Purcell to a total of 28 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Thomas Purscelley

In January 2006, Thomas Purscelley owed Mario Quiroz money for drugs and Mr. Purscelley was avoiding him. On January 25, Mr. Quiroz and his girlfriend were driving and saw Mr. Purscelley riding his bicycle. Mr. Quiroz got out of the car and approached Mr. Purscelley who, upon seeing Mr. Quiroz, pulled out a gun and shot Mr. Quiroz once in the chest, killing him. On July 24, 2009, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Purscelley to 15 years to life for murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Purscelley is now 39 and has been incarcerated for almost 13 years. When Mr. Purscelley applied for a commutation, he asked “for mercy based on conduct and positive accomplishments.” He also wrote, “I will forever live my life helping people from the addictions that I suffered from for so long.” Mr. Purscelley reported that for many years he was addicted to drugs and criminal behavior, but since coming to prison, has changed his lifestyle and no longer feels the need to use drugs or alcohol.

In prison, Mr. Purscelley has shown that he has turned his life around and decided to dedicate his time and energy to self-improvement. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct in prison. Mr. Purscelley earned his GED and graduated valedictorian. He continued his education, later earning his A.A. degree. Mr. Purscelley has also participated in multiple self-help programs, including Criminal and Gang Members Anonymous, Cage Your Rage, and Alternatives to Violence. He also programmed through Kairos Ministry and was active in the Inmate Peer Education Program where he obtained a master facilitator certificate. He also participated on the Inmate Advisory Committee, ultimately becoming the Chairperson. Mr. Purscelley is currently involved with the Youth Offender Program and the Anti-Recidivism Coalition.

Mr. Purscelley has demonstrated deep remorse for his actions and distinguished himself by his consistent efforts to change his life. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Purscelley has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Thomas Purscelley to a total of 15 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Dennis Reese

On May 8, 1998, Dennis Reese and Thomas Warren lured John Fitusi to the side of the highway in Los Angeles County. Mr. Reese approached Mr. Fitusi's vehicle and fired multiple shots at him, killing him. Authorities later concluded Mr. Reese killed Mr. Fitusi over a financial dispute. On June 25, 1999, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Reese to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Reese is now 59 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Reese wrote, "I feel that after serving almost 20 years and my current age, I could prove to be invaluable to the community, my family, and to those who are committed to changing their lives." Mr. Reese wrote, "This is my first time incarcerated and last time if given the opportunity to regain my freedom." Mr. Reese told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that he is seeking a commutation in order to be given the chance to return to his family and become a productive member of society. He stated that if given the opportunity to parole, it would not be in vain and that he would prove his worthiness for a second chance.

During more than two decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Reese has worked diligently on his rehabilitation. He has been disciplined only once for misconduct and never for any violence. Mr. Reese has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Constructive Communication, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Reese also served as a facilitator for Alternatives to Violence, an Inmate Peer Educator and an instructor in American Sign Language. In addition, Mr. Reese resided on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard, from 2010 until 2018.

Mr. Reese receives excellent work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2017, a supervising cook commended Mr. Reese on his work as a kitchen worker. The cook wrote, "As his supervisor, I have observed his willingness to perform those tasks assigned to him, as well as volunteering to other jobs not assigned to him. [In addition], his character and conduct have demonstrated a high level of work ethic." The supervisor wrote, "Reese has shown excellent qualities under my supervision with efficient knowledge and respectable attitude." In 2013, a culinary supervisor praised Mr. Reese for his work in the kitchen, noting that Mr. Reese "excelled in meeting all job expectations." The supervisor wrote, "Reese has demonstrated an eagerness to accomplish the assigned tasks expeditiously, and helped to create a positive working environment with a positive impact upon the facility." The supervisor continued, "He performs all duties with diligence and without delay. Reese's continued assistance to staff and his co-workers elevates the standard of the culinary atmosphere, and he should be commended." In 2011, a correctional officer commended Mr. Reese on his "behavior, demeanor, and attitude," noting that he is a "model inmate displaying exemplary, overall demeanor, including a respectful attitude." The officer wrote, "Mr. Reese always stays out of trouble, which is a daily challenge in a hostile prison environment. Mr. Reese treats all inmates with great respect and is patient, courteous, and respectful. . . . Mr. Reese completes all tasks without complaint and is diligent; [he also] pays close attention to detail."

Mr. Reese committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Reese has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Dennis Reese to a total of 23 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Richard Alexander Richardson

In December 1997, Richard Richardson and some gang members broke into Leslie Hodge's home with intent to commit a robbery. Mr. Hodge and several others were held at gunpoint. Mr. Richardson and the group ransacked Mr. Hodge's home and stole cash, food stamps, and jewelry. On November 24, 1998, the Stanislaus County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Richardson to 26 years for three counts of robbery, 4 years for two counts of attempted robbery, 10 years, 8 months for firearm enhancements, 5 years for a prior felony enhancement, and 1 year, 4 months for a gang enhancement – a total of 47 years. Mr. Richardson is a second-striker and is currently serving a sentence that has been doubled.

Mr. Richardson has now been incarcerated for 21 years for this crime. In his application for clemency, Mr. Richardson described his commitment to rehabilitation and wrote, "Since my incarceration I have found my authentic self. I've been working on becoming a better person by completing many self-help groups. I've learned that it is alright to be afraid and ask for help when I need it." He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he wants to change society's mind about people who commit crimes and let them know that they are worth a second chance.

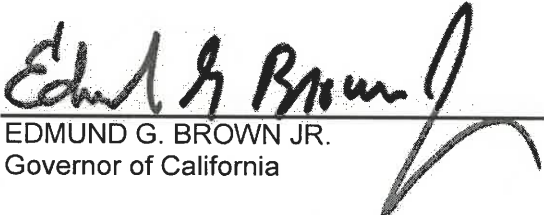
During more than two decades in prison, Mr. Richardson has been dedicated to transforming his life. He earned an A.A. degree and has participated in self-help programs including Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, Alliance for Change, and Anger Management. Mr. Richardson is currently the editor in chief for the San Quentin News, an inmate run newspaper. In 2017, a correctional officer wrote in support of a reduction of sentence for Mr. Richardson, noting that he "has proven to be highly efficient and professional in the performance of his duties as editor in chief of the San Quentin newspaper." He continued, "Inmate Richardson has taken advantage of the move [CDCR] has made toward rehabilitation and has develop[ed] the skills needed to be a productive, beneficial and responsible citizen when released." Another correctional officer wrote in support of a commutation, stating that Mr. Richardson "should be commended for his efforts to transform his life and change his behavior. [He] has proven himself to be a model of rehabilitation and I know he will be a great asset to his community." Mr. Richardson plans to live in transitional housing, and his family is ready to help him upon his release from prison.

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Richardson.

Despite his lengthy sentence, Mr. Richardson came to prison and turned his life around. He stopped associating with gang members and has dedicated himself to rehabilitation. As a result, he has earned an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Richard Alexander Richardson to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Genaro Rios

In February 1981, Genaro Rios arranged to have David Benavides killed due to a debt he owed Mr. Benavides. Humberto Perez drove Mr. Benavides to a pre-arranged location, where Mr. Rios had promised Mr. Benavides he would be paid. When Mr. Benavides and Mr. Perez arrived at the location, Jose Bueno and another man approached. Mr. Bueno removed a gun from his jacket and fired multiple times, killing Mr. Perez and injuring Mr. Benavides. On November 18, 1982, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Rios to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Rios is now 81 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 37 years. He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he is seeking a commutation because of his age, his lack of disciplinary history in prison, and his desire to return to his family. During almost four decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Rios has been a model inmate. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. Mr. Rios has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, Houses of Healing, Men for Honor, Second Chance Group, and Catholic Chapel.

Mr. Rios receives above average work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. Mr. Rios resided on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard where inmates have access to unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities, for many years. In 2014, a correctional counselor commended Mr. Rios on successfully programming on the Progressive Programming Facility and staying free from serious rules violations for the entirety of his incarceration. In 2017, a Catholic chaplain commended Mr. Rios on being a "faithful participant" at Catholic mass and wrote, "He is someone that is quiet, respectful, attentive, willing to learn more about his faith and open to direction. He is someone that I consider to be a positive role model for our Catholic population, and most especially to our Spanish speaking population." In 2012, a superintendent with the California Prison Industry Authority (Cal-PIA) Laundry commended Mr. Rios on his work ethic, writing that he "demonstrates a good attitude and work habits." Also in 2012, a superintendent with Cal-PIA Laundry commended Mr. Rios on completing 1500 hours of training. In 2007, a Narcotics Anonymous sponsor wrote that Mr. Rios "has always displayed a positive attitude towards his peers, staff and guest sponsors during our group meetings. Inmate Rios shows a commitment towards his recovery from his addiction to drugs."

Due to Mr. Rios's age and physical condition, his conduct in prison, and his dedication to self-improvement, I believe that Mr. Rios has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Genaro Rios to a total of 37 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Rick Rivera

On October 16, 2005, Rick Rivera and Luis Avalos fired into a laundromat where they believed a rival gang member was hiding. Later, Mr. Rivera and Mr. Avalos mistakenly believed Lonnie Hunter was a rival gang member and fired three shots, injuring Mr. Hunter. On August 20, 2007, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Rivera to 7 years to life for attempted murder, 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement, 8 years for assault with a machine gun, 1 year and 8 months for shooting at an inhabited dwelling, plus 8 months for firing at an unoccupied vehicle – a total sentence of 42 years and 4 months to life.

Mr. Rivera is now 47 years old and has been incarcerated for over 13 years. He is seeking a commutation based on his rehabilitation. When Mr. Rivera applied for a commutation he expressed deep remorse for committing his crime, and wrote, "I have realized and accepted my faults of my criminality, my way of living, and my disobedience to the law and my fellow man." In a letter to make amends, Mr. Rivera added, "I want to apologize for the hurt and pain I have caused to the community, as I had been contributing to the crime and violence that was occurring before my incarceration."


Mr. Rivera has participated in self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Inside OUT Writers. He completed his GED and has earned an A.A. degree in business technology and an A.S. degree in business management, graduating *cum laude* in each. He also completed vocational training in office services and related technology. In 2015, Mr. Rivera was an Inmate Peer Educator and, in 2018, he took a course in computer coding through Code 7370.

Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Rivera.

During 13 years in prison, Mr. Rivera has made a serious commitment to his rehabilitation and has matured and accepted responsibility for his actions. I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Rick Rivera to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Curtis Roberts

On January 12, 1995, Curtis Roberts burglarized the home of Brenda Zink. Three days later, Mr. Roberts robbed Holly Cox and Nathan Beiley who were cashiers at a fast-food restaurant. Later the same night, Mr. Roberts robbed David Harlev, the cashier at a liquor store. On August 11, 1995, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Roberts to 25 years to life for robbery and 25 years to life for burglary – a total of 50 years to life.

Mr. Roberts has now been incarcerated for close to 24 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Roberts wrote about the life choices he made that precipitated his crime. He expressed remorse for committing these crimes, writing, "I have learned over the years that while I don't have a victim in the sense of a murder case, yet I do have victims. Time after time I [chose] drugs (rock cocaine) over my wife and daughter. Today, I live with such regret and shame for my actions, however, this story I pray does not end with me dying in prison... I believe the main purpose for me to be here in prison is to grow up, and I have."

Mr. Roberts has maintained an excellent record in prison. He has never been involved with violence or drugs during his incarceration. He has had no disciplinary violations for over 15 years. He has dedicated himself to self-improvement, participating in self-help programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, The Work, and Long-Term Offender Pilot Program. Mr. Roberts is an editor for the San Quentin News. Over the years, various prison staff members have commended Mr. Roberts for his enthusiasm, positive attitude, diligence, and excellent service. In 2012, an associate warden commended Mr. Roberts for consistently volunteering to perform additional duties, for his enthusiasm and willingness to assist inmates, and for his exemplary behavior for over a decade. Additionally, Mr. Roberts' application has been reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Roberts had a serious drug addiction and sustained his habit by committing senseless crimes. It is clear to me, however, that his commitment to sober living, his exemplary in-prison conduct, and his rehabilitation show that he is ready to be released on parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Curtis Roberts to release him on parole.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Alfred Rodriguez

On May 14, 2009, Alfred Rodriguez and Israel Lopez drove by a group of rival gang members and flashed gang signs. Mr. Rodriguez and Mr. Lopez drove by again and fired multiple shots from their cars into the group, killing Victor Moreno. On August 29, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Rodriguez to 25 years to life for murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 50 years to life.

Mr. Rodriguez was 19 years old when he committed this crime and has been incarcerated for over eight years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Rodriguez explained how participation in self-help programs in prison, particularly Narcotics Anonymous and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, helped him “truly understand the pain, loss, and harm” that he caused. He wrote, “...I became truly sorry and the desire to change, from the person that I was, was created within me. My desire for change pushed me harder than my desire for freedom.” When asked by an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings why he was seeking a commutation, he explained, “I have these goals now that I want to accomplish...I want to try to make amends for all of the wrongs that I’ve done and for everything that I’ve done. I see myself helping people as a way of making amends. I want to get out and prevent other children and other people from doing the type of things that I did that led me to prison.”

Mr. Rodriguez has turned his life around by leaving his violence and gang lifestyle behind. Upon coming to prison, he renounced all ties to his gang and has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned his GED and completed a vocation in the computer literacy program. Additionally, Mr. Rodriguez has completed an advanced Alternatives to Violence program where he currently is a facilitator. Mr. Rodriguez has a parole plan that includes transitional housing in the event of his release. He reported that his daughter’s family currently provides him with support and has offered him employment opportunities.

Since committing this very serious crime, Mr. Rodriguez turned away from violence and gangs and shifted his focus to his own rehabilitation and education. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Rodriguez has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Alfred Rodriguez to a total of 15 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Risala Rose-Aminifu

In 1992, 18-year-old Risala Rose-Aminifu and Webster Watson planned to rob some marijuana dealers. They arranged a drug deal so they could go to the dealers' apartment. When Mr. Rose-Aminifu and Mr. Watson arrived, Mr. Rose-Aminifu held one man at gunpoint and hit another with a shotgun. Someone else started firing, hitting and killing Miguel Paez. On June 14, 1993, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Rose-Aminifu to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a four-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Rose-Aminifu applied for a commutation of sentence on the basis of his rehabilitation and record in prison. He is now 45 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 27 years. Mr. Rose-Aminifu has lived on the Lancaster Progressive Programming Facility since 2012, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative opportunities. He is currently taking college classes from Coastline Community College, and plans to earn his A.A. degree. He has maintained a positive work record, and regularly receives excellent ratings from his supervisors. Mr. Rose-Aminifu has participated in several self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Sensitivity, Paving the Way, and Cage Your Rage. In 2018, a professor and a director from California State University – Los Angeles supported Mr. Rose-Aminifu's commutation, praising his dedication to the program and offering to help support him in the event of his release.

Mr. Rose-Aminifu participated in a senseless crime when he was a young man. During nearly three decades of incarceration since then, he has demonstrated that he is committed to turning his life around and striving to become a better person. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Rose-Aminifu should have an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Risala Rose-Aminifu to a total of 27 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Carl Saldano

In the summer of 1997, Carl Saldano committed a string of robberies at several electronics and video stores, directing employees at each to open safes and give him money. On August 28, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Saldano to 56 years to life for eight counts of kidnapping for robbery.

Mr. Saldano has now been incarcerated for more than 20 years and has worked to turn his life around. In his application for clemency, Mr. Saldano wrote, "I have transformed who I am as a person, with a changed outlook on life. Criminality is no longer a part of my character, and I look forward to being a benefit and a productive citizen." He explained, "I better understand and realize life choices, I have achieved life skills (employable job skills) and a support system(s) that I can reach out to for support." He continued, "Additionally, I finally have the tools to support my family emotionally, spiritually, and financially, [and] now I know this is required of me as a father, husband, brother, friend and a citizen in society."

Mr. Saldano has been dedicated to his rehabilitation. He has been disciplined for misconduct only once in over two decades in prison. Mr. Saldano completed vocational training in plumbing and construction. He has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Victim Offender Education Group, Criminals & Gangmembers Anonymous, Addiction, Alternatives to Violence, Restorative Justice, Nonviolent Communication, and Balanced Reentry Group.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Saldano has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers, many of whom recommended him for clemency. In 2018, a group facilitator wrote in support of clemency, stating, "Since the very first meeting of the group, Mr. Saldano has been actively and genuinely engaged in the work demanded by Victim Offender Education Group." The facilitator continued, "Today, Mr. Saldano is a very different person from when he first entered the prison system. I feel confident that Mr. Saldano is ready to appear before the Board of Parole to demonstrate that he is ready to be a positive and peaceful presence in the world." A vocational plumbing instructor who has known Mr. Saldano for 7 years wrote in support of clemency, commending Mr. Saldano for his work as a lead teacher's assistant in the vocational program. He noted that Mr. Saldano helped him open the vocational plumbing program at San Quentin and wrote, "I have met many inmates in my 17 year career with the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Mr. Saldano is one of the finest individuals thus far. He has a great personality, works well with other inmates and staff and has a positive attitude on any project he has been faced with." A journeyman plumber who has worked with Mr. Saldano wrote in 2017, "I believe change requires self-understanding, hard work as well as a spiritual understanding. I honestly believe that Mr. Saldano has made these commitments and should be commended for undergoing this challenging process of rehabilitation." He concluded, "I believe he possesses the skills and human qualities to be able to re-enter society and become a productive citizen." A correctional plant manager wrote in 2017 regarding Mr. Saldano, "Inmate Saldano has dealt with the circumstances that brought him to San Quentin and all tasks presented to him with determination and motivation to better himself and success. With this in mind, I feel if given a second chance at being a part of our society, he will prove to be a positive contributor."

Since committing these crimes, Mr. Saldano has turned away from violence and instead dedicated himself to rehabilitation and education. He has been a role model for other inmates and earned the highest praise and respect from staff. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Saldano has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Carl Saldano to a total of 22 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Carlos Sanchez

On December 21, 1999, Carlos Sanchez, his brother Daniel Perez, and another gang member had an altercation with several members of a rival gang at an apartment complex. Later that night, the men returned, armed with guns. Mr. Sanchez began shooting at an apartment occupied by the rival gang members, who returned fire and hit Mr. Sanchez's crime partners. Both men survived. On September 27, 2002, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Sanchez to 45 years to life – 25 years to life for conspiracy to commit murder and 20 years for a firearm enhancement. Mr. Sanchez is eligible for parole in 2023.

Mr. Sanchez has now been incarcerated 19 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Sanchez wrote that he "came to realize my gang lifestyle was destructive, senseless, and an unrealistic mentality. I renounced my gang identity and with the help of correctional officers, therapists, pastors, friends, and family, I have been able to identify my unreasonable beliefs, unresolved hurts, defects of character and build myself up to be a responsible, mature empathic man. I have educated myself and continue to do so while dedicating my time to a life of service for the past sixteen years." He wrote that he is requesting a commutation "because after 18 years of being incarcerated, I know I can be of benefit to the community that I once terrorized." He told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that he would like to put into practice what he has learned.

During almost two decades in prison, Mr. Sanchez has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has been disciplined for misconduct only once, over 13 years ago. He is currently enrolled in college courses. Mr. Sanchez has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Conflict Resolution, Cage Your Rage, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. He has served as a facilitator for Advanced Gang Prevention, Celebrate Recovery, and Anger Management. Mr. Sanchez worked as a Spanish facilitator and Advisory Council Member for Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Sanchez has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with him on a regular basis. In 2018, a correctional officer commended Mr. Sanchez on his good attitude towards inmate and staff. The officer wrote, "Sanchez has proven to be a positive influence on the atmosphere of his housing unit and does not require constant direction." The officer noted that Sanchez volunteers to clean the housing unit during his spare time and noted that "Sanchez should be commended for his helpfulness, dependability, and social attitude." In 2018, a supervising cook commended Mr. Sanchez on his attitude and work ethic, noting that Mr. Sanchez "demonstrates a positive attitude with all staff and his fellow peers."

In 2013, a coordinator with the Volunteer Education Program praised Mr. Sanchez for his work in the program. The coordinator wrote, "He has been an example to the students of professionalism, appropriate academic attitudes and work ethic," noting that the program would not have been successful without Mr. Sanchez's "initiative and diligent assistance." In a letter supporting clemency, the coordinator wrote, "Mr. Sanchez was always looking for things that needed to be done, or ways to improve my program. He even took work back to his cell in the evenings and on weekends." She commended Mr. Sanchez for recruiting students into the program and noted, "I would have no reservations in hiring Mr. Sanchez outside of prison." In 2013, an engineer in plant operations commended Mr. Sanchez on his work as a maintenance electrician and painter and noted that "Sanchez has also enthusiastically assisted various staff members in other plant operations," and proven to be efficient at his job duties. The engineer wrote, "He is quick to learn, is an efficient and reliable worker, and he would be an asset to any work crew in or out of prison."

While Mr. Sanchez committed a very serious crime, it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Sanchez has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Carlos Sanchez to a total of 19 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Michele Scott

Sam Twigg and Michele Scott dated for approximately three years before Ms. Scott ended the relationship. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Twigg began dating Elizabeth Yunck. Ms. Scott became jealous of Mr. Twigg and Ms. Yunck's relationship and engaged in various confrontations with them. On March 14, 1991, Ms. Scott drove to Mr. Twigg's condominium, entered through an unlocked door, and shot and killed both Mr. Twigg and Ms. Yunck. On September 30, 1991, the Santa Barbara County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Scott to two terms of life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder, plus a five-year firearm enhancement.

Ms. Scott suffered a tumultuous and abusive childhood. She reported to a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that she was exposed to alcohol and drugs at a young age, sexually abused by her mother and father's friends, and eventually lived with a multitude of foster families. A friend who has known Ms. Scott since birth wrote that he "watched in horror at the sick and dysfunctional atmosphere she was raised in," and "lost contact with her as she was shuttled through foster homes." The friend noted that Ms. Scott was "starved for acceptance and love."

In her application for clemency, Ms. Scott acknowledged the effect that her abusive childhood had on her actions at the time of the crime and how she has worked to address her history of abuse and neglect while incarcerated. In her application, Ms. Scott wrote that she has continually challenged herself to try and make amends for her crime and is trying to do something significant with her life for the victims.

Although serving a sentence with no possibility of parole, Ms. Scott remained focused and dedicated to her rehabilitation. Ms. Scott has participated in numerous self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Long Termers Organization, Offender Responsibility, Victim Offender Education, Women of Wisdom, Celebrate Recovery, Dealing with Emotions, Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Emotions Anonymous, and Co-Dependency. She has earned a vocational certificate in landscaping and worked extensively in the Skilled Nursing Facility at the Central California Women's Facility. Ms. Scott has been assigned as a Peer Health Educator and is a facilitator for many self-help programs and workshops. She has only been disciplined twice for misconduct in almost three decades in prison and lives in an honor dorm.

Ms. Scott's dedication to self-improvement has earned her the respect of staff members and prison volunteers. Most importantly, Ms. Scott was recommended by her warden for clemency. In 2018, a correctional counselor wrote, "Because of her positivity, it is evident that Inmate Scott is well liked by staff and her peers and her optimistic behavior and attitude contributes to the prison population." The correctional counselor continued, "I commend inmate Scott for her desire and commitment towards achieving rehabilitation, self-improvement, giving back to her community, and serving as a positive role model in her community." In 2018, a correctional officer wrote that Ms. Scott "remained consistently respectful, accommodating, and always displays a good attitude." The correctional officer noted that Ms. Scott is "responsible and dependable" and "displays a positive outlook on life." In 2017, a correctional lieutenant commended Ms. Scott on her "positive and appropriate manner in her job assignments" and noted that she "has grown through the self-help groups she attends." A correctional officer wrote in 2017 regarding Ms. Scott, "I have observed her desire for growth and [she] has become a better person not only for herself but also for others." The officer noted that Ms. Scott "exhibits a positive attitude towards staff and her peers and never hesitates when it comes to helping staff or inmates when she sees the need."

I do not discount the seriousness of Ms. Scott's crime; I have considered the views of Mr. Twigg's family members, who have expressed their ongoing pain. However, after carefully weighing this matter, I believe that Ms. Scott has demonstrated a serious, long-term commitment to rehabilitation. For all of the foregoing reasons, I conclude that she has earned an opportunity to make her case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is ready to be released from prison.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Michele Scott to a total of 30 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Tejinder Singh

On November 5, 1999, 18-year-old Tejinder Singh got into an argument with Jorge Arteaga, a security guard at a motel, over guests in Mr. Singh's room at the motel. Mr. Singh drove out of the motel parking lot, then circled back and gestured toward Mr. Arteaga to come closer. Mr. Singh then fired several shots at Mr. Arteaga, hitting him in the hip and back. Mr. Arteaga survived his injuries. On August 16, 2000, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Singh to 7 years to life for attempted murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement — a total term of 32 years to life.

Mr. Singh has now been incarcerated for 19 years and has expressed regret for his violent and thoughtless actions. In his application for clemency, Mr. Singh wrote, "Today, I am disgusted by my actions and my total lack of responsibility. . . . I have addressed the unresolved issues of my past that got me to that point where I lost sight of how precious life is. I am deeply remorseful and understand fully that I am solely responsible for the pain [Mr. Arteaga] has endured."

During almost two decades in prison, Mr. Singh has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has not been disciplined for any misconduct in over 13 years. He earned his GED and completed vocational training in masonry and digital literacy. Mr. Singh has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Awareness, Anger Management, and Alternatives to Violence. In addition, Mr. Singh has earned the respect of correctional staff who interact with him regularly. In 2018, a work supervisor commended Mr. Singh's work ethic and wrote that he "has conducted himself in a very positive and respectable manner when dealing with staff as well as with fellow inmate workers." In 2018, a chaplain wrote that Mr. Singh "has addressed many issues from his childhood and life that contributed to his criminal history" and commended Mr. Singh "for his strong determination to improve himself through this rehabilitative process," noting that "he exhibits a level of maturity and integrity not usually seen in inmates." Also in 2018, a supervisor praised Mr. Singh's efforts as an ADA worker assisting in facilitating mental health groups for inmates. The supervisor noted, "Mr. Singh's character and patience enable him to work well with his fellow inmates, and [he] is very open to positive criticism and direction." The supervisor concluded, "From observing Mr. Singh, his consideration of others, and leadership during groups each week, Mr. Singh appears to illuminate positive core human values."

Since his incarceration for this senseless crime, Mr. Singh has demonstrated through his conduct in prison that he is committed to becoming a productive member of society. Therefore, I believe Mr. Singh has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.



**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Tejinder Singh to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Clyde Slaughter

In May 1998, Clyde Slaughter and his crime partner planned to rob James Stinson. Pretending have rock cocaine, Mr. Slaughter approached Mr. Stinson with the fake drugs. When Mr. Stinson realized the drugs were fake and that he was being robbed, he dropped his money and fled to his car. Mr. Slaughter chased Mr. Stinson. Before Mr. Stinson could drive away, Mr. Slaughter shot him with a shotgun, killing him. On July 9, 1999, the Contra Costa County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Slaughter to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Slaughter takes full responsibility for his crime. He wrote, "Knowing that I took another man's life and feeling deeply the pain of that wrong almost from the moment it happened, a desire has formed in my heart, and grown through the years, to atone for my crime."

Mr. Slaughter was 19 years old when he committed this crime and has been incarcerated for 20 years – over half of his life. During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Slaughter has only had six rules violations. He has dedicated himself to self-improvement, participating in self-help courses such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery—Spanish, Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, and Anger Management. Mr. Slaughter also participated in a therapy group called Life with the Opportunity for Peace, which deals with in-depth behavioral modification and cognitive therapy. Mr. Slaughter earned a vocation in electronics and has maintained a steady work history.

Mr. Slaughter committed a senseless crime. When he entered prison he lacked the skills necessary to be a contributing member of society. It is clear, however, that Mr. Slaughter has distinguished himself by his concerted efforts toward rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Slaughter has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Clyde Slaughter to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Richard Snyder

In 2009, while under the influence of drugs, Richard Snyder entered an unoccupied home and stole several items. On July 22, 2009, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Snyder to 25 years to life for burglary plus 10 years for prior felony enhancements, a total of 35 years to life.

Mr. Snyder seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, Mr. Snyder wrote, "I humbly seek to be judged on my rehabilitation which has changed my life and has helped me to be a better and responsible person for my family, community and myself." Mr. Snyder also reported that he has maintained his sobriety. He said, "I haven't forgotten the pain I have caused living in the moment of my addiction. . . . I have a lot to give back and I'm looking forward to helping others. Staying on the right path to recovery and to do right in society."

Since his incarceration, Mr. Snyder has demonstrated a commitment to transforming his life. Mr. Snyder has never been disciplined for any misconduct during almost a decade in prison. He earned a GED, an A.A. degree, several vocational certifications, and is a certified Braille transcriber. Mr. Snyder has also taken advantage of numerous self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Addiction Counseling Program, Crime Impact, and Anger Management. In 2018, a director for the Anti-Recidivism Coalition wrote, "Inmate Snyder has demonstrated a commitment to work diligently in his rehabilitation efforts, and applying the insight and principles learned in [the program]. He is to be commended for his positive attitude and contribution." Mr. Snyder has a solid plan in place in the event of his release; he plans to live in transitional housing, finish his drug and alcohol counseling certification, and help those who have experienced similar challenges.

Since committing this crime, Mr. Snyder turned away from drugs and alcohol and has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation, education, and sobriety. Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Snyder.

For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Snyder has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Richard Snyder to a total of 10 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Gabriella Solano

On September 29, 1998, Gabriella Solano acted as a driver when Armando Perez, Dennis Barroso, and Brian Scott carjacked Czarina Wu. After forcing Ms. Wu from her car, they stole her keys and personal belongings. Early the next morning, Ms. Solano was again acting as the driver when Mr. Perez and Mr. Barroso pointed their shotguns out of the car window at Gilbert Rivas, Edward Rivas, Sharon Molina, and Joseph Molina, who were walking by. After an altercation, Mr. Barroso shot Gilbert Rivas, killing him. On September 10, 2009, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Solano to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement, 5 years for carjacking, 1 year for robbery, 16 months for 2 counts of attempted robbery, and 10 years for 3 firearm enhancements.

Ms. Solano has now been incarcerated for 20 years. She seeks a commutation based on her rehabilitation. Ms. Solano told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that she was young, reckless, irresponsible, and on drugs when she committed the life crime. In her application, she wrote, "I believe people can change. I am one of those people. I've worked really hard for the past 19 years to not be the person I was when I walked in this prison." In her application and her interview with a Board of Parole Hearings investigator, Ms. Solano described how her abusive relationship with her ex-boyfriend Armando Perez led her to become involved in this crime. She wrote, "The night of my crime, I was in a bad place. I had just gotten out of a very abusive relationship; I was drinking, doing drugs, and being reckless. I was selfish, and thinking only of myself. I never thought that driving around being stupid would result in the death of an innocent person." In describing the work she has done in prison, she wrote, "Since my incarceration I've worked really hard on myself, to change that insecure, co-dependent, low self esteem, broken person I was. I've been sober now for the whole of my incarceration. . . 19 years. I've programmed since my arrival at the prison." She also noted, "I know now what a healthy relationship is and know how to obtain them."

Ms. Solano's record in prison is a testament to her transformation. She was last disciplined for misconduct over 16 years ago and has never been disciplined for any violence. Ms. Solano earned her GED in prison and is working towards an A.A. degree. She has completed vocational training in office services. Ms. Solano has participated in various self-help programs, including Anger Management, Personal Empowerment, Finding Insight through the Victim's Eyes, Narcotics Anonymous, Relationships, and Alternatives to Violence.

Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Solano has earned commendations from staff members. In 2017, a correctional officer commended Ms. Solano on her programming and attitude, writing, "Inmate Solano has been involved and facilitated in numerous self-help groups and has gained self-esteem and respect for herself and others, integrity and honest. Ms. Solano is currently employed as a[n] Institutional Clerk and displays a positive attitude. Her conduct, dedication and hard work are appreciated and worthy of commendation." Ms. Solano also donated to charitable causes and participated in volunteer events.

While Ms. Solano participated in a series of senseless crimes, she has focused on her rehabilitation and worked to address the factors that led her to commit these crimes. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Solano has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Gabriella Solano to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Bonset Soun

On July 7, 1990, 18-year-old Bonset Soun and his friends entered a video store and demanded that the owner, Chan Kuhn, give up his jewelry. Mr. Kuhn refused, so Mr. Soun shot him in the chest three times, killing him. On January 8, 1993, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Soun to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a four year firearm enhancement.

In Mr. Soun's application for clemency, he expressed sincere remorse for his actions and wrote, "I know how much pain and suffering I have caused on the victim's family. . . . I have learned to value life, and through my bad decision is a testament of my then immaturity, I ask for a second chance to prove my worth to society." He told an investigator with the Board of Parole Hearings he is not the same person he once was, and wants to give back to the community and mentor youth.

Mr. Soun is now 46 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 28 years. He earned his GED, has obtained a vocational training certificate in small engine repair, and has participated in many self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Getting Out by Going In, and Victim Awareness. Mr. Soun has maintained a positive work record and routinely receives above average work ratings from his supervisors. A correctional officer who had known Mr. Soun for nine years praised his work ethic and wrote, "Over the years I observed Inmate Soun to be a programmer, a worker who is reliable and diligent. . . . Inmate Soun is to be commended for his positive attitude; he gets along with inmates of all races and staff."

Notably, the surviving daughter of Mr. Kuhn is supportive of his release. She wrote, "The experience of getting to know Bonset has changed my perspective on life, leading me to live with more meaning and compassion. I believe he deserves a second chance to become the best version of himself in this society, give back to youth, be a good son to his mother, a great husband to his wife, and a productive member of the community." The Santa Clara District Attorney's Office also supports Mr. Soun's request for commutation of sentence, and wrote, "Bonset Soun was 18-years-old when he committed this horrible crime. He had no prior criminal history. His childhood was horrific and tragic. He has already served 28 years in custody. His application shows insight into the harm he committed when he murdered Chan Kuhn. His application also demonstrates the steps he has taken to better himself and the world around him."

Despite serving a sentence that offered him no hope of release, Mr. Soun has demonstrated a commitment to self-improvement through education and rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Soun has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.



**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Bonset Soun to a total of 28 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.



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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### David Spivey

In March 2006, David Spivey and other gang members fired several shots in the direction of a rival gang. Lasha Crooks, who was not a member of the rival gang, was shot and killed. Deshay King, a member of the rival gang, was seriously injured, but survived. On September 26, 2013, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced to Mr. Spivey to 25 years to life for murder, 3 years to life for shooting at an inhabited dwelling, plus a 25 year firearm enhancement, and a 5-year gang enhancement – a total of 58 years to life.

Mr. Spivey was 17 years old when he committed this crime. In his application for clemency, Mr. Spivey wrote, "I know that with my sincere rehabilitation, maturity, remorse, and deep insight developed over these 12 years that I am ready to reenter society to be a productive citizen." He explained that he has changed significantly while in prison, and continued, "Today I stand before you every bit of a mature 29 year old man who has developed an excellent work ethic, has the utmost respect for self and others, and takes responsibility for my every action and decision."

Mr. Spivey's in prison record has been exemplary. During his almost 13 years in prison, Mr. Spivey has maintained a spotless record. He denounced his gang affiliation and has refrained from using violence or drugs in prison. A correctional sergeant commended Mr. Spivey for his positive programming and wrote, "Mr. Spivey sets a good example for other inmates and has demonstrated his willingness to progress in his rehabilitation." A correctional counselor who has known Mr. Spivey for four years wrote, "Spivey's persona and academic accomplishment as noted from his case file reflects an individual that is daily striving to become an exemplary citizen and human in today's society. In my opinion, Spivey has shown numerous examples that he is ready to be given a chance to be released back into society."

Mr. Spivey has focused on his education, earning his GED as well as a Certificate of Achievement in Business from Coastline College. An academic instructor praised Mr. Spivey's work as a tutor writing, "As a college student himself it is very apparent that Spivey has grown to recognize the value of education for both personal and professional reasons, and his enthusiasm has carried a profound ripple effect among the new students in this class..." Another academic instructor wrote that Spivey was an "exemplary tutor/mentor."

Mr. Spivey committed a senseless crime. When he entered prison he was a gang member who lacked the skills necessary to be a contributing member of society. It is clear, however, that Mr. Spivey has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Spivey has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of David Spivey to a total of 15 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Robert Staedel

On September 11, 1988, Robert Staedel and Charles Carter arranged to meet with Kenneth Ericksen with the intention to rob him. When Mr. Ericksen arrived, he was ordered to remove his clothes and forced into the trunk of Mr. Carter's car. Mr. Staedel and Mr. Carter drove into the woods and demanded Mr. Ericksen's PIN number. When Mr. Ericksen attempted to flee, Mr. Carter and Mr. Staedel shot him. On June 15, 1990, the Contra Costa County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Staedel to life without the possibility of parole for murder, two years for a firearm enhancement, and three years for a great bodily injury enhancement.

Mr. Staedel was only 18 when he committed this crime, and has now been incarcerated for over 30 years – more than half his life. He has worked hard to turn his life around. In his application for clemency, Mr. Staedel wrote that "through years of maturity and self-discovery, my outlook is 'What can I give to the world.'" Mr. Staedel continued, "I know a lifetime is not enough to make amends for taking a life, but I also can see that we live many lifetimes within the one we live now." He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he has changed and is no longer the same person, and that he is deeply remorseful for his participation in this crime.

Despite serving nearly three decades without any chance of release from prison, Mr. Staedel has only been disciplined three times for misconduct. He earned a master's degree in religion, a bachelor's degree in theology, and an A.A. degree in social science. Mr. Staedel also completed vocational training in office services. He routinely received exceptional work ratings and completed a Leadership Development program in 2017. In 2016, he was commended by a mental health sponsor for his work facilitating a mental health group and exhibiting the "ability, patience, and understanding to lead...." Mr. Staedel was also a member of Life With Opportunities for Peace and volunteered as a literacy tutor. Additionally, Mr. Staedel was a member of Seeking to Educate Endangered Kids, a juvenile diversion program that works with at-risk youth from the community.

This is a very serious crime, but given Mr. Staedel's commitment to rehabilitation and his transformation in prison I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Robert Staedel to a total of 30 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Nashawn Stewart

In March 1996, 14-year-old Nashawn Stewart saw a rival gang member shoot and kill his friend during an ongoing feud between the gangs. A few days later, Mr. Stewart passed Victor Larios on the street. Mr. Larios associated with the rival gang. Mr. Stewart pulled out a gun and fired at Mr. Larios, killing him. On March 2, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Stewart to 25 years to life for murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement – a total term of 35 years to life in prison.

Mr. Stewart applied for a commutation of sentence based on his age at the time of the crime and his rehabilitation in the many years since then. In his application, he wrote, "Today I realize how my actions caused a 'ripple effect' in the many lives which were affected by my behavior. Since my incarceration, I have continue[d] to take the time to address the warped belief system I once had, criminal thinking, my anger." Mr. Stewart described the efforts he has made to turn his life around and concluded, "My actions are in honor of Mr. Victor Larios' life, and when I help others I make sure that his memory is at the forefront of my thoughts." Mr. Stewart is now 37 years old and has been incarcerated for over 22 years. He has spent his time in prison making serious efforts toward his rehabilitation. He earned his GED and is currently enrolled in college classes. He has maintained a positive work record, completed a vocational certification, and regularly receives exceptional ratings from his supervisors. Mr. Stewart has participated in many self-help courses including Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, and Victim Offender Education.

Notably, the warden of California Men's Colony recommended Mr. Stewart for a commutation, and many other prison staff members have praised him for his good conduct and attitude. In 2018, a correctional officer wrote, "[I]t is my opinion that Stewart's positive programming motivates others to emulate his values, exemplary behavior, and his participation in education [and] self-help programs." A correctional counselor commended Mr. Stewart for his work as a peer mentor and noted that he "consistently demonstrates a thorough understanding of the rehabilitative process." Also in 2018, a teacher concluded, "Stewart has grown into a mature man whose life represents the redemptive work provided through education and rehabilitative groups. Stewart's life represents the 'R' in CDCR." Mr. Stewart has a solid plan for his release from prison. Many members of his family have offered their support as he transitions back into the community. His commutation is also supported by several legal organizations, which have also pledged their support.

Mr. Stewart was just 14 years old when he committed this senseless crime. Despite coming to prison at a very young age and facing an extremely long sentence, he turned away from gangs and violence and has transformed himself into a mature, responsible man. For these reasons, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Nashawn Stewart to a total of 22 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Ngne Chi Tang

In 1996, Ngne Tang was a passenger in Truong Ly's car. Mr. Ly cut-off Christopher Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez, Mr. Ly, and Mr. Tang engaged in a shouting match. Mr. Tang motioned to Mr. Hernandez to pull over. Mr. Tang shot Mr. Hernandez in the head, killing him. On June 18, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Tang to 25 years to life for murder, plus a ten year firearm enhancement – a total term of 35 years to life. Mr. Tang is tentatively scheduled for a youth offender parole suitability hearing in November 2020.

Mr. Tang was 17 years old when he committed this crime and has been incarcerated for 22 years, more than half of his life. He has incurred only three rules violations during his prison term and relinquished his gang ties over a decade ago. Mr. Tang has dedicated himself to academics, earning a GED and five A.A. degrees. Mr. Tang has also focused on improving himself through self-help programs such as Criminal and Gang Members Anonymous, Anger Management, Alternatives to Violence, Getting Out by Going In, and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution.

Mr. Tang's marked turnaround and pleasant demeanor has been noticed by prison staff. A correctional officer wrote that Mr. Tang "has shown to be cooperative, polite, respectful, and courteous to both inmates and staff. I commend him for the positive behavior he displayed during my time at F-Wing. He has been programming well thus far." Another officer wrote, "Through my interaction with Inmate Tang I have observed him to be polite and courteous with his fellow inmates and staff alike." Mr. Tang volunteers his time in the recreational department. A supervisor wrote, "He has proved to be an asset to the officiating crew by keeping a cool head and setting an example to his peers by defusing heated situations normally associated with sporting events."

Mr. Tang committed a reckless crime. When he entered prison he was a gang member who lacked the skills necessary to be a contributing member of society. It is clear, however, that Mr. Tang has distinguished himself by his advancements in education and positive rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Tang has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.



**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ngne Chi Tang to a total of 22 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Mannie Thomas III

On May 22, 2004, Mannie Thomas III committed a drive-by shooting after being kicked out of a residential party. While standing outside, Brian Scott was shot in both legs, but survived. On February 3, 2006, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Thomas to 7 years to life for attempted murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement—a total of 32 years to life. Mr. Thomas has a youth offender parole eligible date of May 2023.

Mr. Thomas is 36 years old and has been incarcerated for 14 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Thomas stated, "I take full responsibility for the terrible crime I committed at age 22. I know my sentence of life for attempted murder was just." In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Thomas somberly explained that up to and including the date of his crime, he used violence to dominate people and to feel valuable. He acknowledges that his request for a commutation is a request for "mercy" based upon his conduct in prison for more than a decade.

Mr. Thomas entered prison at a young age. He has never been disciplined for serious misconduct, and has never involved himself with gangs, drugs or violence. Instead, he chose to make educational gains. He has earned an A.S. degree in Business Management. He subsequently earned four A.A. degrees, including in Social and Behavioral Science and Mathematics and Science. He explained to the Board investigator that his educational accomplishments elevated his self-esteem. Mr. Thomas subsequently completed training and obtained a job developing comprehensive student education plans for other inmates. A supervisor wrote that he was an "outstanding Palo Verde College Clerk/Tutor specializing in the areas of English and Business."

Mr. Thomas also completed vocational programs. He earned certificates of career preparation in information technology literacy, and management information systems. Mr. Thomas also participated in numerous self-help programs, including Nonviolence Conflict Reconciliation, Breaking Barriers, Inside Out Writers, Emotional Intelligence, Anger Management, and Crime Impact. He has been an inmate facilitator of several programs, including Success Stories, and Alternatives to Violence. During his interview with the Board investigator, Mr. Thomas spoke very passionately about how these self-help programs encouraged him to consider the role he played in creating his current circumstance, and to regularly visualize the plan he has for his life. In the event of his release, he plans to continue his support of organizations that facilitate inmate rehabilitation. Currently, he volunteers for Life CYCLE, a diversion program for at-risk youth. Mr. Thomas is also a mentor in a youth offender program for inmates.

Mr. Thomas committed a senseless crime, but he has since distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For the foregoing reasons, I believe that Mr. Thomas has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Mannie Thomas III to a total of 14 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Alvin Timbol

On November 14, 1995, Mr. Timbol and his friends decided to steal computer equipment from David Hessler's car. Mr. Hessler was awakened by noise of the break-in and exited his home, causing the burglars to flee. As they drove away, Mr. Timbol leaned outside the car window and fired a shot, striking Mr. Hessler once in the chest, killing him. On March 26, 2010, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Timbol to 15 years to life for murder plus 10 years for a firearm enhancement—a total term of 25 years to life.

Mr. Timbol was 19 years old when he committed this crime; he is now 42 and has been incarcerated for more than nine years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Timbol wrote, "While Mr. Hessler's murder remained unsolved for 14 years, I carried the burden of knowing that I had killed a man. I was cowardly and selfish for not turning myself in to the authorities the morning the incident happened, leaving Mr. Hessler's fiancée and family with devastation and unanswered questions[.] They deserved justice for Mr. Hessler's murder." Mr. Timbol has expressed great remorse for his crime and sought to make amends for his actions. Mr. Timbol regularly provides monetary and administrative support for fundraisers for veterans and other charitable organizations, and also contributes to a monthly publication that is distributed to juvenile halls. He has sought self-improvement by participating in self-help programs such as Anger Management, Nonviolent Communication, Restorative Justice Roundtable, and Alternatives to Violence. He has also facilitated other self-help groups for his peers.

Most importantly, in 2018, a correctional sergeant wrote in support of clemency stating that Mr. Timbol helped save his life in 2016 by assisting him when he was choking and could not breathe. The sergeant wrote, "Thanks to this selfless individual, inmate Timbol who saved my life, I'm still here with my family and loved ones and working in place I love. Inmate Timbol helped me when he didn't have to." The sergeant continued, "Through my interactions and observations, inmate Timbol is a very respectful and responsible person that has a great work ethic. He continuously displays professionalism and conducts himself in a respectful manner when dealing with custody, volunteers, and his fellow inmates." He concluded by stating, "I am confident that Inmate Timbol would not pose a risk of danger or threat to public safety should his sentence be commuted."

Mr. Timbol has also been commended by other staff members who know him well. He routinely received exceptional work ratings. A correctional officer who supports his application for clemency commented that within the last three years, Mr. Timbol had been promoted to "a trusted position that consists of more responsibilities as being a liaison between volunteers, inmates, and staff regarding self-help programs to help them run smoothly." A principal in the education department commented that "Mr. Timbol's knowledge and assistance has made the start-up process of this new [education] program very smooth and successful." A computer literacy instructor wrote in support of his request for a commutation, stating that Mr. Timbol "is currently in my lead Clerk's position, where he is tasked with helping in the training of 54 students in various levels on computer based projects and applications." The instructor concluded, "It is my firm belief that if Mr. Timbol is granted a commutation of sentence, he will be a contributing member to our community."

Mr. Timbol committed a senseless crime that continues to impact Mr. Hessler's loved ones. While I do not diminish the grave nature of his offense, I am moved by his dedication to rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Alvin Timbol to a total of 14 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Laura Troiani

In 1979, Carlo Troiani married his third wife, Laura Troiani. During the summer of 1984, Ms. Troiani met her co-defendants, U.S. Marines, Mark Schultz, Russell Harrison, Jeffrey Mizner, Kevin Watkins and Russell Sanders. Ms. Troiani had conversations with them regarding her unhappy marriage and wanted him killed. On August 10, 1984, Ms. Troiani called Mr. Troiani, and told him her car broke down. Ms. Troiani remained in the car, while Mr. Harrison and Mr. Schulz hid behind some bushes. When Mr. Troiani arrived, he pulled his car parallel to his wife's and got out. When Mr. Troiani was between the two cars, Mr. Schulz shot him in the lower back. He tried to crawl under Ms. Troiani's car as he called out to her for help. Mr. Schulz pulled him out and shot him in the back of the neck, killing him. On November 2, 1987, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Troiani to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 1-year firearm enhancement.

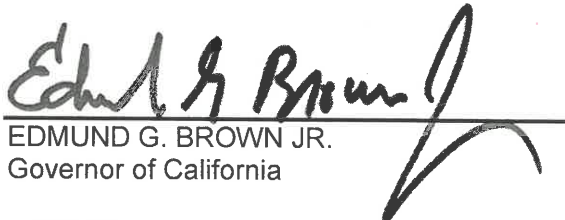
In her application for clemency, Ms. Troiani explained that she was raised in a household "where the threat of violence was always present" and she "learned to be fearful and powerless around men." She witnessed her father's abusive behavior toward her mother, which she claimed was "devastating" to her self-esteem and self-worth. The abusive environment only continued when Ms. Troiani married her husband, who was 14 years her senior. She stated the abuse that she suffered at the hands of her husband started just three weeks into their marriage. Ms. Troiani described her husband as "indestructible," and "as the person who inflicted so much pain, brokenness, and heartache..." Evidence from the appellate record supports Ms. Troiani's assertions that her husband was violent and abusive. The court indicated Ms. Troiani's defense counsel wanted Mr. Troiani's first wife to testify as to his violent temper, his verbal threats to her friends, and his occasional violence before their divorce in 1967. Another of Mr. Troiani's ex-wives reported that he had a very "explosive" and "abusive" personality. There were instances where he would mistreat their son in front of Ms. Troiani. The court also admitted a "significant amount of evidence" from six witnesses, which supported Ms. Troiani's claims of the physical and mental abuse to which she was subjected. In 2001, an expert on family violence interviewed Ms. Troiani and stated that she is "convinced that Troiani and her children were terrorized by her husband... Ms. Troiani and her children lived in real fear of this man, and based on past experiences, they were convinced that he would follow through on his threats. Ms. Troiani was certain that her death, and possibly her children's death was inevitable."

Ms. Troiani is now 57 years old and has been incarcerated for over 34 years. She has no prior criminal history and has only been disciplined once for non-violent misconduct in over three decades. Ms. Troiani has been a positive role model in prison and has demonstrated that she has fully rehabilitated herself. Ms. Troiani has completed numerous self-help programs, including Women of Wisdom, Domestic Violence, Creative Conflict, and Anger Management. In 2017, a Correctional Sergeant wrote "there are many projects you have been involved in during your incarceration, however, I consider you to be a role model to the inmate population and I wanted to recognize all of your positive accomplishments..." In 2014, after a 26-year career, a Correctional Counselor wrote, "I've witnessed noticeable growth, maturity, both mentally and emotionally. [Ms. Troiani] continues to maintain a role model level of behavior in her interactions with staff, inmates and volunteers whenever she interacts with them." Also, a supervisor wrote "the most important clue to her character is her unwillingness to give up or give in to the weight of her sentence...she works every day to make her life behind bars meaningful and relevant."

I do not discount the gravity of this crime, but I also believe Ms. Troiani's account of the significant domestic abuse by her husband at the time of the crime and see that she has since distinguished herself by her exemplary conduct in prison and her commitment to rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Troiani has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Laura Troiani to a total of 35 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Jesus Trujillo

On November 19, 2010, 17-year-old Jesus Trujillo and two fellow gang members were standing outside the home of rival gang member Jonathan Escobar. One of them sent Mr. Escobar a text message telling him to come outside. When Mr. Escobar exited his home, Mr. Trujillo and the others shot and killed him. On March 21, 2012, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Trujillo to 25 years to life for murder plus an additional 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 50 years to life in prison. Mr. Trujillo is currently eligible for a youth offender parole hearing in 2034.

In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Trujillo explained that he had begun associating with gangs, drinking alcohol, and using drugs when he was 12 or 13 years old. He reported that he tried to act “bad and tough” so he would not get bullied and picked on. In his application for clemency, Mr. Trujillo wrote, “Since the beginning of my incarceration I’ve had the blessing of being surrounded by positive people and with their help, guidance, advice and support I began to question why it was I became such an angry teen.” Mr. Trujillo said when he came to prison, he realized that he could not continue living the gang lifestyle and wanted to become a positive role model for his daughter.

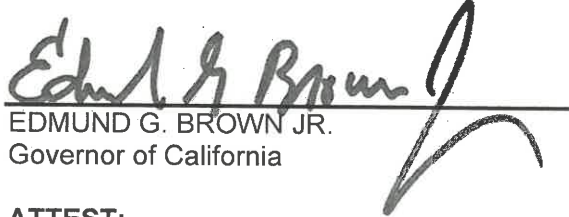
Mr. Trujillo has now been incarcerated for nearly eight years. In that time, he has shown remarkable growth and a strong commitment to his rehabilitation. He stopped associating with gangs and has completely avoided drugs and alcohol. In fact, Mr. Trujillo has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. He earned his GED and maintained a positive work record as a barber and working on the kitchen crew. Mr. Trujillo has participated in multiple self-help programs including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Parenting, Victim Sensitivity, and Alternatives to Violence. He has lived on the Lancaster Progressive Programming Facility since 2013, and participates in a program that trains shelter dogs for future adoption. In 2018, one correctional officer praised Mr. Trujillo for his positive behavior and attitude and wrote, “Every inmate in CDCR has decisions to make on a daily basis. It is clear the decisions being made by Trujillo are of good nature and geared toward his own self-rehabilitation.”

Very few inmates – especially those as young as Mr. Trujillo – transform themselves as significantly as he has during his time in prison. He has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole. Mr. Trujillo is on the right path and should continue his rehabilitative efforts in the coming years.



**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jesus Trujillo to a total of 15 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### James Tucker

In 1985, James Tucker and Stephanie Abbott conspired to rob Alonzo Tarver. While Ms. Abbott and Mr. Tarver were having sex, Mr. Tucker entered the room and struck Mr. Tarver in the head with a crowbar multiple times, killing him. On December 22, 1988, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Tucker to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Tucker exhibited a great deal of remorse and acknowledged the brutality of his crime. Mr. Tucker wrote, "Throughout the past twenty-five plus years, insight and maturity has allowed me to realize that [my victim] was just the first of many people who were affected and impacted by my reckless actions..." Prompted by these realizations, Mr. Tucker has sought to make amends by writing letters of remorse and changing his conduct in prison.

Mr. Tucker is now 63 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 33 years – over half of his life. During this time, Mr. Tucker has abstained from drugs and violence. Many correctional staff noticed Mr. Tucker's positive rehabilitation. A correctional officer praised Mr. Tucker for "constantly demonstrat[ing] a positive attitude and an above-average ability to work well with others." Another correctional officer wrote that Mr. Tucker "has always complied with my directives and would be an asset to any community upon his release." Another officer wrote, "Tucker's positive attitude and programming is commendable. Tucker should also be commended on his ability to show self-restraint. I have observed situations involving Tucker that could have turned potentially negative. Instead Tucker chose to exercise temperance and self-control in those situations. I strongly believe that Tucker will be an asset to any community upon his release, based upon my personal observation." In addition to Mr. Tucker's rehabilitative efforts in prison, I am moved by Mr. Tucker's significant health issues. Mr. Tucker is both visually and mobility impaired. He has undergone multiple surgeries that have taken a toll on his health. If released, Mr. Tucker hopes to live with his wife of over 25 years.

Mr. Tucker committed a very serious crime. However, over the last several decades, Mr. Tucker has shown remorse for his crime and has maintained positive rehabilitation which has been noticed by correctional staff. For all the foregoing reasons, I believe Mr. Tucker has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of James Tucker to a total of 33 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Jahn Vann

On January 12, 1979, Jahn Vann and his crime partner entered Daniel Nack's home intending to rob Mr. Nack. The robbers threatened the occupants at gunpoint, took money, and then tried to take Mr. Nack's wallet. During a struggle, Mr. Vann shot Mr. Nack in the face, killing him. The jury that heard the facts of Mr. Vann's crime concluded that he did not intentionally inflict great bodily injury on Mr. Nack during the attempted robbery. Subsequently, at sentencing the judge also referred to this crime as an "accidental killing." On February 25, 1980, the Ventura County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Vann to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Vann has been incarcerated for nearly 40 years and is now 68 years old. In his application for clemency, Mr. Vann states, "The depth of my remorse from the night I thought I heard Mr. Nack take his last breath continues to eat away at my soul. It was the all-consuming guilt that forced me to turn myself into the authorities." During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Vann again expressed his regret and vowed that he would never engage in violence again.

During nearly four decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Vann has demonstrated his commitment to being free of violence. He has never been disciplined for violent behavior and has avoided gangs. Mr. Vann earned his GED, completed a seminar in personal development, and took college courses. He finished vocational training in laundry, and for several years instructed other inmates on machine operations. Mr. Vann has primarily worked as a clerk for prison officials, and routinely received high work ratings. He has earned the respect of prison staff who see him on a regular basis. A supervisor wrote, "Vann has shown that he is willing to fill in wherever needed, is hard-working, diligent, a self-starter, and a competent clerk. He has always shown respect for and gotten along well with all staff and inmate workers alike." Another supervisor lauded his "exemplary attitude" and "good rapport with staff, custody, and his peers." Still another supervisor noted Mr. Vann's "amicable attitude towards staff and fellow inmates." Over the years, numerous other prison staff, including a correctional counselor, a college instructor, and a program administrator, have taken the time to document Mr. Vann's positive behavior, dependability, and work ethic.

Mr. Vann made a very serious decision to commit a home invasion robbery, but he has demonstrated through his conduct that he has turned away from criminal thinking and violence. I believe that Mr. Vann has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jahn Vann to a total of 40 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Matthew Vargas

On May 25, 1997, Matthew Vargas and Mark Alvarez were driving around looking for Oscar Garcia, Armondo Torrez, and Henry Hernandez, following an earlier confrontation with them. When Mr. Vargas spotted the men walking down the street, he shot all three with a rifle. Mr. Torrez and Mr. Hernandez were injured, and Mr. Garcia died as a result of his injuries. On December 21, 1998 Mr. Vargas was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement. On December 17, 2014, the Fresno County Superior Court resentenced Mr. Vargas to 25 years to life for murder, 14 years to life for two counts of attempted murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement and a 3-year enhancement for great bodily injury — a total term of 52 years to life. Mr. Vargas is parole eligible in 2021.

Mr. Vargas has now been incarcerated for over two decades. In his application for clemency, Mr. Vargas wrote that he began participating in criminal gang activity at the age of 12 because he looked up to his older brothers, who were active gang members. His application describes how at the time of the offense, Mr. Vargas was influenced by Mr. Alvarez, who was much older than Mr. Vargas, had a violent criminal history, and provided Mr. Vargas with the weapon used in the crime.

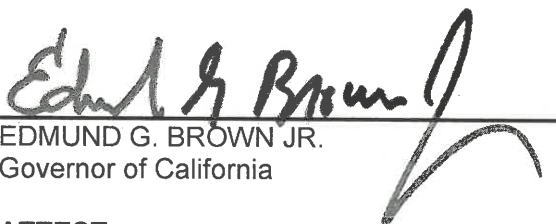
During more than two decades in prison, Mr. Vargas has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned his GED and is currently enrolled in college courses. Mr. Vargas has participated in various self-help programs, including Breaking Barriers, Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Vargas has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with him on a regular basis. Mr. Vargas has been commended for his work in the Enhanced Outpatient (EOP) Gold Coat Mentoring Program. In 2016, a staff psychologist praised Mr. Vargas for his work with the program, writing, "Inmate Vargas has demonstrated humility, patience, empathy, and self-awareness when assisting EOP inmate-patients. . . . This position requires stellar social skills, conflict resolutions skills, and frankly, a lot of finesses to succeed for any significant length of time, as Mr. Vargas has." The psychologist concluded, "Inmate Vargas has proven to be a valuable asset to his peers and staff, and can be credited with contributing to the continued success of the Enhanced Outpatient Program." In 2016, a social worker wrote, "While working with inmates in the EOP program, Mr. Vargas has demonstrated patience in interacting with those around him. He has shown the ability to be modest and respectful of the needs of others on a daily basis. Not only does he treat individuals with equality, but he also shows special skills when it comes to mentoring those EOP inmates that are part of the program." Also in 2016, a psychologist wrote, "It's my professional opinion, if given the opportunity to parole, Inmate Vargas would be an asset to his community as illustrated by his exceptional performance as a Gold Coat in the EOP program. He demonstrates great self-improvement, great social skills, role model behavior and great communication skills."

Mr. Vargas committed a very serious crime at the age of 17. Based on his conduct in prison, his dedication to self-improvement, and his commitment to helping other inmates, I believe that Mr. Vargas has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Matthew Vargas to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Miguel Vigas

In April 2002, Regino Abundis, Juan Baragan, and Jose Morales went to a home to purchase drugs. 18-year-old Miguel Vigas and several armed crime partners attacked the men, bounding their eyes and hands with duct tape and taking their wallets. Mr. Vigas then shot Mr. Abundis in the chest, killing him. On May 20, 2004, the Stanislaus County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Vigas to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Vigas seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, Mr. Vigas wrote, "I was able to learn that drugs, easy money and anger is what led me to commit this crime leading me to harm my loved ones, killing Mr. Abundis and hurting his family and society in general. I have learned to think in a positive manner which has led me to become a better person."

During more than a decade in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Vigas has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has successfully participated in the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities, for many years. Notably, Mr. Vigas removed himself from all gang involvement and has never been disciplined for drug or alcohol use. Mr. Vigas has also taken advantage of multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Sensitivity, and Domestic Violence.

Mr. Vigas has been recognized by prison staff for his positive attitude and behavior. In 2017, a correctional work supervisor commended Mr. Vigas for his "exceptional behavior" and wrote, "Vigas exhibits leadership qualities and has displayed exceptional skills and knowledge. . . . In the event that Vigas is released back into society, I strongly believe that Vigas will abide by the law and be a model citizen." Mr. Vigas has a solid plan in place in the event of his release; he plans to live with family in Mexico and continue participating in Narcotics Anonymous.

Mr. Vigas committed a very serious crime. However, he has made significant strides to turn his life around and has demonstrated that he can become a contributing member to society. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.



**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Miguel Vigas to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Anthony Wafer

Between May and July 1998, Anthony Wafer committed 18 separate commercial robberies, in some cases inflicting injury on cashiers in order to steal money from the cash registers. On May 22, 1998, Mr. Wafer entered a gas station and struck the cashier, Wilson Kandanaarachige, on the head, then took his wallet and also money from the register. In January 1999, Mr. Kandanaarachige died of complications related to the head injury. On January 8, 2001, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Wafer to life without the possibility of parole for murder, 10 years for eight counts of robbery, plus one year and eight months for weapon enhancements.

Mr. Wafer has now been incarcerated for more than 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Wafer wrote, "I'm not the same drug and alcohol addicted person at 51 ½ years old as I once was 19 years ago." Mr. Wafer admitted that "I started to using and abusing drugs and alcohol in a short period of time as a means of coping or running away from my responsibilities. So shortly thereafter, I started committing a string of local commercial robberies to support my drug habit." Mr. Wafer also reported, "I've been clean and free of drugs and alcohol for 17 ½ years now." During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Wafer said that his application for clemency seeks "mercy" because "I don't deserve anything because of the things that I've done."

Mr. Wafer is now 53 years old. Although he has been incarcerated for two decades with no possibility of parole, Mr. Wafer has shown a sincere desire to change his life. He has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Anger Management, Paving the Way, Men for Honor, Constructive Communication, and Veterans Embracing Troops. Mr. Wafer has served his prison community by acting as a facilitator for basic and advanced Alternatives to Violence, a rehabilitation program. He has contributed to the larger community by writing letters to military troops serving in combat zones, by making donations to survivors of crime, the American Red Cross, and the American Cancer Society, and by participating in fundraisers to support veteran's organizations. Due to his positive conduct and the relationships he has fostered amongst his peers, he was recently elected to serve as the Vice Chairman of the Men's Advisory Council.

Mr. Wafer has also earned the respect of the prison staff who supervise his work. A correctional officer recently wrote a commendation to "acknowledge and document the exceptional conduct and work performance of inmate Wafer." He concluded by stating, "this laudatory chrono is fully justified by inmate Wafer's behavior, work performance, and interpersonal interactions with staff and other inmates as directly observed by this writer." Another supervisor wrote, "Wafer is a competent and efficient worker who performs all his duties with diligence. His willingness to assist both staff and all co-workers so that everyone exceeds at their job demonstrates his exceptional maturity and sense of responsibility."

Mr. Wafer committed serious crimes, but it is clear that he has endeavored to achieve rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Wafer has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Anthony Wafer to a total of 23 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Ronald Wagner

On September 21, 1989, Ronald Wagner, Allen Carberry, and Gilbert Robles strangled Kenneth Masters and Jim Hestler to death. Afterwards, they buried the bodies in the desert. On August 8, 1992, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Wagner to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Wagner was 21 years old when he committed his crime and has since been incarcerated for nearly thirty years. During his lengthy incarceration, Mr. Wagner has only been disciplined twice. He has avoided violence and gangs and maintained his sobriety for many years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Wagner expressed that he has made a wholesale change, writing, "My warped ways of thinking are behind me. I am a man that will not re-offend. . . . I have taken advantage of the college programing nearing my associate in arts degree and I do intend on furthering my education to the fullest. I will be a positive member of society. I am just asking for a second chance. I will not need a third chance."

In prison, Mr. Wagner has been steadfast in his work assignments and has committed to making educational improvements. Mr. Wagner has consistently received above average to exceptional work ratings, has completed a vocation in computer literacy, and is working towards his associate's degree. Mr. Wagner has spent substantial time tutoring other inmates, and in 2018, an academic instructor reported that Mr. Wagner "has demonstrated a high degree of both ability and responsibility in the performance of his duties." In 2016, another academic instructor reported that Mr. Wagner "has consistently performed his duties at a level of excellence that is rarely seen among workers, both in and outside of prison. During the short time that he has been assigned to [adult education classes], his proficiency at clerical duties and his ability to relate well to others, both staff and students, have been an important part of the success of the program."

Mr. Wagner asked in his commutation application "for another chance to be a positive and productive citizen of the community." While there is no question as to the serious and violent nature of Mr. Wagner's crimes, I believe that he has demonstrated his dedication to his rehabilitation. For all the foregoing reasons, I believe that Mr. Wagner has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ronald Wagner to a total of 29 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Demetrius Walton

On December 19, 2001, Demetrius Walton, Rayshawn Sessions, and Damian Owens entered Russell Wilson's apartment, planning on robbing Mr. Wilson of drugs, money, and jewelry. During the course of the robbery, Mr. Sessions shot Mr. Wilson, killing him. All three men grabbed valuables as they left the apartment. On March 13, 2003, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Walton to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Walton has now been incarcerated for 17 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Walton stressed the change he has experienced since coming to prison. He stated in his application "[A]t the time I committed this crime, I was a young, immature kid. But since then, I have learned and have grown as a person and I can be an asset to my community if given the privilege."

Although Mr. Walton is serving a sentence with no possibility of parole, he has dedicated himself to turning his life around. He has been disciplined for misconduct only twice in almost two decades of incarceration. He earned his GED and two A.A. degrees. Mr. Walton has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alternatives to Violence, Victim Offender Education Group, Celebrate Recovery, and Alcoholics Anonymous. He has also facilitated several self-help groups, including Victim Sensitivity and Life Skills. Mr. Walton resided on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard, for several years.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Walton has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who see him on a regular basis. In 2013, Mr. Walton's Men for Honor sponsor stated, "His contributions in time and management of this academic peer to peer activity group helped hundreds of other inmates find direction, gain self-help and participate in a positive activity that was larger than themselves. His leadership is unique and appreciated and is exactly the type of attitude that makes the [honor yard] the unique success that it has been." In 2012, another sponsor stated "Inmate Walton mentored 17 inmates in earning their Associate of Arts degrees and 13 inmates in earning their GEDs. Inmate Walton is a positive member of this program and is to be commended for his efforts in helping to educate his fellow inmates."

Many people sentenced to life without the possibility of parole give up hope and lose themselves in drugs, gangs, and violence. Faced with that same sentence, Mr. Walton exhibited a commitment to rehabilitating himself and others. I acknowledge that this crime was devastating to Mr. Wilson's family members, who have opposed clemency in this case. However, after serious consideration, I believe Mr. Walton has transformed his life in prison. For this reason, I believe that Mr. Walton has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Demetrius Walton to a total of 23 years to life.

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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Jeffrey Ward

On June 24, 2006, Jeffrey Ward and Raymond Walker got into a confrontation with a group at a park. Afterwards, Mr. Ward and Mr. Walker got into their car and drove toward Serge Zubenko, who was sitting in his car. One shot was fired into Mr. Zubenko's car, killing him. On November 14, 2008, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ward to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Ward is now 32 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 13 years. In that time, he has made strides toward turning his life around. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "Today I am a wholly different person than the 19 year old kid who was arrested and convicted of murder. I now operate my life based on a completely different set of morals and ideals." He continued, "I've learned a lot about myself and life during this process of rehabilitation. . . . I now know that I can be part of the solution, even while in prison, and I hope to one day regain my freedom to have an even bigger impact on positive change and healing the community."

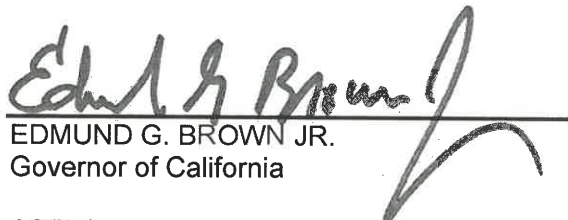
Since his incarceration, Mr. Ward has earned his GED and is currently pursuing an A.A. degree. Mr. Ward has completed vocational training in computer literacy, and has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Getting Out by Going In, and Victim Impact. One of Mr. Ward's teachers commended him for exhibiting a positive turnaround. In 2017, a sponsor of his Getting Out by Going In group wrote, "Mr. Ward seems to exhibit a genuine compassion for his fellow inmates in the group and is supportive of their rehabilitative efforts to change how they think. He comes prepared to facilitate the weekly meetings and engages members of the group in ways that encourage integrity and self-introspection. From my experience, Mr. Ward also keeps his word, follows up on necessities to keep the group going, and communicates effectively and respectfully with both staff and inmates." Another sponsor wrote, "Mr. Ward seems to be determined to understand himself, and to encourage others to understand their lives in a way that empower them in their directions to behave differently."

Despite having a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Ward has made efforts to better himself and help those around him. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Ward has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.



**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jeffrey Ward to a total of 20 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Thomas Warren

On May 8, 1998, Dennis Reese and Thomas Warren lured John Fitusi to the side of the highway in Los Angeles County. Mr. Reese approached Mr. Fitusi's vehicle and fired multiple shots at him, killing him. Authorities later concluded Mr. Reese killed Mr. Fitusi over a financial dispute between the two men. On October 27, 1999, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Warren to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus two years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Warren has now been incarcerated for more than 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Warren described how his need for acceptance led to a "self-destructive anti-social lifestyle" and the "brutal, callous" murder of Mr. Fitusi. Mr. Warren described how he has transformed over the last two decades in prison. He wrote, "It has been a long and difficult process to change from the angry, insecure and in many ways ignorant young man I was upon coming to prison into the adult, married man I am today. My transformation did not come easily or quickly; it has taken many years of painful psychological insight and step-by-step emotional and spiritual maturing to become the healthy, honorable person I am now." Mr. Warren wrote, "I am now someone who can and will contribute to society in a positive way."

During more than two decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Warren has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has been disciplined only three times for misconduct and never for any violence. Mr. Warren has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Insight, Arts in Corrections, Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, and Criminals & Gangmembers Anonymous. Mr. Warren is currently taking college classes and assisting inmates with disabilities as an ADA worker.

Mr. Warren is an accomplished writer and participated in the Playwrights Project and the Insight-Out News at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility. In 2017, an instructor in the Playwrights Project commended Mr. Warren for his participation in the project, writing that he "voiced opinions with respect, revised his writing in response to feedback, and told an engaging story with empathetic characters using nonviolent strategies for problem solving." In 2016, a sponsor for the Insight-Out News praised Mr. Warren for his work on the newsletter, noting, "His contributions have been greatly appreciated and necessary to the growth of the group." The sponsor commended Mr. Warren on his help conceptualizing and finalizing articles and wrote, "He has assisted in the editing process and has started helping other writers to 'learn the ropes' of good writing. He continues to be a supporting pillar in the foundation of Insight-Out News." In 2003, an advanced writing class facilitator commended Mr. Warren on his submissions for a short story contest. The facilitator noted that Mr. Warren's writings "demonstrate a disciplined application and close attention to technique, and the story he submitted for the contest won second prize."

Since committing this very serious crime, Mr. Warren has transformed his life, turning away from violence and dedicating himself to self-improvement. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Warren has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Thomas Warren to a total of 23 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Charles Lewis Weyant

In February 1981, Charles Weyant and Paul Carrillo were heavily intoxicated and came up with a plan to call a taxi, knock out the driver, and use the taxi for the night without paying. They called a taxi driven by Stanley Pace. Around midnight, Mr. Weyant and Mr. Carrillo struck Mr. Pace multiple times in the head with a 2x4 with nails, killing him. On September 7, 1990, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Weyant to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Weyant is now 62 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 37 years. He seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his application, he wrote, "I'm requesting commutation in the hope that I may one day be able to go before a parole board to show that I am not the same person that committed this horrible crime." He continued, "Long before I ever heard of the possibility of commutation of sentences, I have been living my life like I would in the community, if I was ever released – always striving back to give to the community, and in doing so, better myself."

During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Weyant has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has only been disciplined for misconduct four times in nearly four decades, and has avoided gangs, drugs, and violence. Mr. Weyant earned his GED, is currently taking college classes, and has completed many vocational training programs. He has participated in self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Sensitivity, and Houses of Healing.

Mr. Weyant has resided on the Progressive Programming Facility for several years and is a founding member of the Progressive Arts Program at Lancaster. A sponsor for the arts program wrote that Mr. Weyant "has demonstrated a willingness to make amends for the harm he has caused through his contributions to [himself] and outside communities. He has displayed characteristics that are consistent with the rehabilitative efforts of the Progressive Programming Facility. He has been a positive role model to his peers and his leadership is commended." If he were to be released from prison, Mr. Weyant plans to enter transitional housing, and he will also receive support from his brother and sister.

Although Mr. Weyant was given a sentence that gave him no hope of release, he has remained dedicated to and focused on his rehabilitation throughout his incarceration. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Weyant has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Charles Lewis Weyant to a total of 37 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.  
Governor of California

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Secretary of State

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State of California

## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### James White

In 1980, James White approached Harvey Booth, Sr. and shot him, killing him. On February 24, 1981, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. White to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus eight years for murder, assault with intent to commit murder, and a firearm enhancement.

Mr. White is now 73 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly four decades. During that time, he has never been disciplined for any misconduct – a remarkable accomplishment. Mr. White has participated in many self-help programs including Victims Awareness and Breaking Barriers, and has been active in veterans groups for many years. He is a hospice volunteer, participates in fundraisers for charity, volunteers as a literacy tutor, and mentors youthful offenders.

Mr. White earned an A.A. degree and a business management certificate from Palo Verde College, and has been instrumental in establishing college and tutoring programs at Ironwood State Prison. Many members of the correctional and education staff have commended him for his efforts. One instructor praised Mr. White's dedication to self-help and education programs and wrote, "[I]f I have ever seen a candidate who I personally believe would be one who would not only succeed but who would become an asset to any community he was released into it is White. I would have absolutely no qualms of having [him] as my neighbor." Another instructor wrote, "Mr. White's efforts to promote rehabilitation go above and beyond the norm in generating position change within the community here at ISP, and I believe, if he were to be released, that effect would extend to the community outside these walls as well." A correctional officer praised Mr. White's positive behavior and wrote, "He is highly motivated, and a self-starter, and leads inmates into a more productive life. I consider White a role model for all the inmates located in this housing unit."

Additionally, Mr. White's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. White. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. White has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of James White to a total of 38 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Taewon Wilson

In 1994, Duane Gittens solicited Taewon Wilson, Adrion McFarlin, and Jason Lavendar to kill his mother, Delphina Gittens. In exchange, Mr. Gittens agreed to give them each a portion of his mother's life insurance policy. In February 1994, Mr. Wilson, Mr. McFarlin, and Mr. Lavendar went to Ms. Gittens' home. Mr. McFarlin shot Mrs. Gittens while she was sleeping, killing her. On May 28, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Wilson to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 1 year for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Wilson seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, Mr. Wilson described his remorse for participating in the crime, and wrote, "I am not the same person that I was 24 years ago. I believe that I have so much positivity to offer to my family and especially the community." He continued, "I promised myself and my family that while I was incarcerated I would work on becoming a better person and involve myself in positive program to change. I also believe that in becoming a better individual, I owe this to the victim, Mrs. Dephina Gittens and her family."

During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Wilson has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has been a participant in the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard that holds its residents to high standards of conduct and offers unique rehabilitative programs and opportunities, since 2013. Notably, Mr. Wilson has never been disciplined for violence. He earned a GED and is working towards his A.A. degree. Mr. Wilson has also taken advantage of multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, and Creative Conflict Resolution.

Mr. Wilson has been recognized by prison staff for his positive attitude and behavior. In 2017, an academic instructor wrote, "Taewon is an individual with integrity and a sincere desire to become his very best. . . . He has a strong desire to succeed and help others achieve their goals towards rehabilitation."

Mr. Wilson participated in a senseless crime. However, he has made significant changes to demonstrate that he is willing and able to contribute to his community. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Wilson has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.



**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Taewon Wilson to a total of 24 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Linda Woo

On March 29, 2006, Linda Woo, who was suffering from major depression, attempted suicide and tried to kill her children by placing them in a vehicle and lighting a portable grill. Ms. Woo then closed all the car doors and windows and got into the car with her children. When authorities found Ms. Woo and her children, she and her son were suffering from carbon monoxide poisoning. Ms. Woo's daughter died as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning. On November 24, 2009, the San Francisco County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Woo to 25 years to life for murder.

Ms. Woo has now been incarcerated for almost 13 years. She seeks a commutation based on her rehabilitation. In her application, she wrote, "I am profoundly sorry for my actions and I go forward in life trying every day to be the best possible person I can be. . . . Over these last 12 years I have gained great insight into myself and – working closely with mental health professionals – have also been able to address the sources of my depression." Ms. Woo continued, "I have been able to learn a great deal here and have established meaningful relationships, acquired much needed insight into myself, and discovered a joy in helping others meet their goals."

Ms. Woo has demonstrated her commitment to her rehabilitation over the last 13 years. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct. Ms. Woo is currently enrolled in the Last Mile computer coding program. She has participated in various self-help programs, including Relapse Prevention, Leadership, Relationships, and Restorative Justice/Victim Impact. Ms. Woo also served as a facilitator for Alternatives to Violence and Anger Transformation. She has lived in an honor dorm since 2014.

Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Woo has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with her on a regular basis. In 2018, a correctional officer described Ms. Woo as an "exemplary person" and commended her for her work on suicide prevention, writing, "She pays close attention to those affected and often goes out of her way to share her experience and offer support to those in need." Ms. Woo has volunteered as a grief and relationships counselor for the Compassionate Companions Program since 2014. The program's sponsor wrote, "Ms. Woo is competent, reliable, hardworking, and motivated at all times to go above and beyond." In 2015, the Prado Adult School principal recognized Ms. Woo for her "extraordinary" work tutoring her peers and wrote, "She has demonstrated an extraordinary work ethic and above average initiative, integrity, dependability, and good judgment, consistently earning an exceptional rating on her performance evaluations." Ms. Woo also volunteered as a literacy tutor.

Ms. Woo's family, including her son, who survived this crime, are supportive of her release. Ms. Woo's son wrote, "For all my life I have wanted her back in my life." He continued, "I sincerely hope you will give me and my mother a chance to be a family again." Ms. Woo's ex-husband also wrote in support of clemency, stating, "Giving Linda an opportunity to be released while she is still relatively young seems to me to be the right thing. She has paid a significant price for her actions; and maintaining her incarceration does not appear to serve anyone's interest."

While Ms. Woo committed a heartbreaking and tragic crime, she has focused on her rehabilitation and worked to address the factors that led her to commit this act. Therefore, I believe that Ms. Woo has earned an earlier opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Linda Woo to a total of 13 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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## COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

### Nicky Woodall

In October 1987, two drug dealers offered 20-year-old Nicky Woodall money to kill Michael Hoy, a drug dealer they were feuding with. On October 30, 1987, Mr. Woodall struck Mr. Hoy repeatedly in the head with a wrench, killing him. A couple of days later, Mr. Woodall enlisted the help of others to dispose of the body by dumping it in an aqueduct. On March 9, 1988, the Kern County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Woodall to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 1-year deadly weapon enhancement.

Mr. Woodall has now been incarcerated 31 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Woodall wrote that he began participating in criminal activity as a result of his dysfunctional childhood. He wrote that he "simply did not have the coping skills to make pro-social choices," and that his poor decision making was exacerbated by his chronic drug use. He reported that he committed the crime when he had been up for several days on a drug binge. Mr. Woodall has refrained from substance abuse for over 20 years and has worked to address his addiction in prison.

During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Woodall has been dedicated to transforming his life. He was last disciplined for misconduct 20 years ago. He earned his GED, a career readiness certificate in paralegal studies, and completed vocational training in office services. Mr. Woodall has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Getting Out by Going In, Anger Management, and Alcoholics Anonymous.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Woodall has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who interact with him on a regular basis. Mr. Woodall has been praised by the prison chaplain for being "spiritually mature, mentally and emotionally grounded in reality, and an example of someone who is truly rehabilitated." In 2008, a correctional lieutenant wrote of Mr. Woodall, "Through many years I have dealt with Woodall in the capacity of captain's clerk. . . . In a prison setting, where integrity and ethics are regularly compromised, Woodall stands apart." Also in 2008, a correctional counselor who worked with Mr. Woodall while a captain's clerk wrote, "Having worked closely with Woodall over the years, I find him to be very mature, goal-oriented, and an example of what rehabilitation is and should be." Another correctional counselor wrote in 2008, "Woodall's demonstrated character and work ethic is rare in the workplace, and has proven invaluable many times. He remains cordial and professional, always ready to assist in any way needed." A facility captain praised Mr. Woodall in 2008, writing, "Woodall has consistently impressed me with his clerical skills, exceptional work product, and professional attitude. He has remained a valuable tool in the normal operations of the facility program office, always demonstrating an aptitude for solutions to any difficult task he confronts. In my fourteen plus years in the department, he is by far the best clerk I have ever encountered."

Impressively, 95 employees at the Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility, including correctional counselors, officers, lieutenants, sergeants, and facility captains, signed a letter supporting Mr. Woodall's clemency application in 2007.

Mr. Woodall committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself through his hard work and commitment to his rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Woodall has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

**THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Nicky Woodall to a total of 31 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 24<sup>th</sup> Day of December, 2018.

  
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