

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Monica Andrade

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

She was sentenced on or about April 2, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of manufacturing a controlled substance for sale, and child cruelty involving possible injury or death. Specifically, Ms. Andrade manufactured methamphetamine while her 13 year-old son was in the home. She served one year, one month prison, and three years parole. She was discharged on June 30, 2006, having completed her sentence.

Monica Andrade 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 December 9, 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. Andrade reports that she volunteers with the homeless and mentally ill within her community. 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, Monica Andrade 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 Monica Andrade 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Edward Antonino

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

He was sentenced on or about March 11, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of offering a false or forged instrument or file, using another's identification to get credit, and receiving known stolen property. Specifically, Mr. Antonino stole client information from a law firm and used the identities of other individuals to file a fraudulent lawsuit and to open a credit card. He served five years probation. He was discharged on March 11, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Edward Antonino 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 February 6, 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. Indeed, Mr. Antonino has been found by the State Bar to possess the good moral character to practice law in California. In addition to completing 600 hours of community service in local parks, he has been actively involved in a farmers market association and picked fruit to help feed those who were 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, Edward Antonino 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 Antonino 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Scott Baranowski

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

He was sentenced on or about January 26, 1986, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Cruz for the crime of burglary. Specifically, it appears that Mr. Baranowski stole a stereo from the house of a friend's ex-girlfriend. He served four years probation, and 365 days jail. He was discharged on January 26, 1987, having completed his sentence.

Scott Baranowski 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 Cruz, an order dated January 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, Scott Baranowski 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 Baranowski 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

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PARDON

Charles Edwin Blue IV

Charles Edwin Blue IV, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.


He was sentenced on or about December 15, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served eight months prison, and one year, nine months parole. He was discharged on June 5, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Charles Edwin Blue IV 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 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, Charles Edwin Blue IV 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 Edwin Blue IV 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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PARDON

George Mike Boosalis

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

He was sentenced on or about December 10, 1997, 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. Boosalis concealed money and evidence of a supermarket robbery. He served three years probation. He was discharged on December 10, 2000, having completed his sentence.

George Mike Boosalis 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 5, 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, George Mike Boosalis 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 George Mike Boosalis 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

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PARDON

Billie Gene Burkett Jr.

Billie Gene Burkett Jr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 26, 1974, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Merced for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and nine months jail. He was discharged on September 26, 1977, having completed his sentence.

Billie Gene Burkett 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 Joaquin, an order dated December 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. 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, Billie Gene Burkett 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 Billie Gene Burkett 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Aaron Burmeister

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

He was sentenced on or about July 24, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa, for the crimes of false imprisonment, burglary, and robbery. Specifically, Mr. Burmeister drove the getaway car for a robbery of a video store. He served three years probation. He was discharged on July 24, 2001 having completed his sentence.

Aaron Burmeister 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. Burmeister is active with his son's scouting organization.

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 Burmeister, 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 Burmeister 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jason James Burnett

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

He was sentenced on or about November 21, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crime of manufacturing a controlled substance. He served seven months probation, three years prison, and two years, six months parole. He was discharged on January 29, 2002, having completed his sentence.

Jason James Burnett 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 April 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, Jason James Burnett 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 Jason James Burnett 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Francisco Calvillo-Gonzalez

Francisco Calvillo-Gonzalez, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 18, 1987, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession of marijuana for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on February 18, 1990, having completed his sentence.

Francisco Calvillo-Gonzalez 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 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, Francisco Calvillo-Gonzalez 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 Francisco Calvillo-Gonzalez 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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PARDON

Manuel Sandoval Carbajal Jr.

Manuel Sandoval Carbajal Jr., a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 25, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of accessory to a crime. He served one year, six months probation, and 60 days jail. He was discharged on July 25, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Manuel Sandoval Carbajal 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 Mateo, an order dated June 29, 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, Manuel Sandoval Carbajal 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 Manuel Sandoval Carbajal 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Vernon Cargill

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

He was sentenced on or about October 30, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, for the crimes of assault with a deadly weapon, not a firearm, and taking a vehicle without owner consent. He served two years, seven months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on October 23, 2003 having completed his sentence.

Vernon Cargill 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. Cargill is actively involved in a twelve-step program, for which he often acts as a motivational speaker.

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, Vernon Cargill, 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 Vernon Cargill 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Peter P. Chinnici

Peter P. Chinnici, a resident of West Virginia, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 10, 1978, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Marin, for the crimes of robbery, and false imprisonment. Specifically, Mr. Chinnici held up a pharmacy. He served two years probation. He was discharged on October 20, 1980 having completed his sentence.

Peter P. Chinnici 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. Chinnici became a licensed social worker, and subsequently a psychotherapist.

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, Peter P. Chinnici, 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 Peter P. Chinnici 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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State of California

PARDON

Randy Wayne Choate

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

He was sentenced on or about June 30, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare for the crime of involuntary manslaughter with the use of a firearm. He served two years, ten months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on March 26, 2000, having completed his sentence.

Randy Wayne Choate 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 May 15, 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, Randy Wayne Choate 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 Randy Wayne Choate 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Milton Edward Clem

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

He was sentenced on or about March 20, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Contra Costa for the crimes of possession of substances to manufacture a controlled substance, and manufacturing a controlled substance. He served six months prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on September 27, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Milton Edward Clem 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 Tuolumne, an order dated May 1, 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, Milton Edward Clem 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 Milton Edward Clem 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Paul Bernard Clock

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

He was sentenced on or about April 19, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Clock attempted to steal a bicycle and a backpack. He served three years probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on April 19, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Paul Bernard Clock 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 July 7, 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. Clock reports that he is involved with an organization that supports wounded veterans and is active in his church. Mr. Clock also served honorably in the U.S. Army in active duty service. 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 Bernard Clock 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 Bernard Clock 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
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PARDON

Jess Alan Daniels

Jess Alan Daniels, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about March 1, 1993, 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 under the influence of a controlled substance while in the possession of a firearm. He served two years probation. He was discharged on March 1, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Jess Alan Daniels 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 December 30, 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, Jess Alan Daniels 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 Jess Alan Daniels 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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PARDON

Eldevon Davis

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

He was sentenced on or about March 14, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Solano for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served five years, one month probation. He was discharged on April 30, 1999, having completed his sentence.

Eldevon 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 Solano, an order dated October 15, 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, Eldevon 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 Eldevon Davis 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 21st Day of November, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

William Joseph De La Vega

William Joseph De La Vega, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 28, 1994, 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 eight months prison, and one year, eight months parole. He was discharged on July 24, 2003, having completed his sentence.

William Joseph De La Vega 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 1, 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, William Joseph De La Vega 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 Joseph De La Vega 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Juan Francisco Duran

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

He was sentenced on or about January 12, 1994, 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 180 days jail, nine months probation, one year, three months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on March 31, 1997, having completed his sentence.

Juan Francisco 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 Los Angeles, 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, Juan Francisco 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 Juan Francisco 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Michael Louis Ehlerding

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

He was sentenced on or about October 28, 1970, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of possession of marijuana for sale. He served two years, two months probation. He was discharged on January 9, 1973, having completed his sentence.

Michael Louis Ehlerding 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 Trinity, an order dated April 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, Michael Louis Ehlerding 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 Louis Ehlerding 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 21st Day of November, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Steven Robert Elman

Steven Robert Elman, a resident of Colorado, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 10, 1978, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of selling or transporting marijuana. He served two years, nine months probation. He was discharged on January 29, 1981 having completed his sentence.

Steven Robert Elman 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 Robert Elman, 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 Robert Elman 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jose Angel Garcia

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

He was sentenced on or about April 13, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and 150 days jail. He was discharged on April 13, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Jose Angel Garcia 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 December 12, 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, Jose Angel Garcia 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 Angel Garcia 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 21st Day of November, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Martha Alicia Garcia (Lopez)

Martha Alicia Garcia, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about June 1, 1989, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She served three years probation. She was discharged on June 1, 1992, having completed her sentence.

Martha Alicia Garcia 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 Stanislaus, an order dated August 29, 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, Martha Alicia Garcia 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 Martha Alicia Garcia 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Charles James Gibson

Charles James Gibson, a resident of Nevada, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 29, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and possession of a substance to manufacture a controlled substance. He served one year, four months prison, and two years, eleven months parole. He was discharged on May 6, 2003 having completed his sentence.

Charles James Gibson 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 James Gibson, 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 James Gibson 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Todd Hagey

Todd Hagey, a resident of Virginia, 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 San Bernardino for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served one year, seven months probation, and 27 days jail. He was discharged on October 5, 1994, having completed his sentence.

Todd Hagey 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 21, 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, Todd Hagey 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 Todd Hagey 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Adrian Irvin John

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

He was sentenced on or about July 19, 2001, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Lake for the crime of robbery with the use of a weapon. He served three years, one month prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on October 4, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Adrian Irvin John 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 Lake, an order dated August 2, 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. John is active in his tribal community and coaches children's 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, Adrian Irvin John 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 Adrian Irvin John 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Matthew Keene

Matthew Keene, a resident of Nebraska, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 5, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange for the crimes of selling or furnishing marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, and planting or cultivating marijuana. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 5, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Matthew Keene 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 21, 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, Matthew Keene 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 Matthew Keene 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Russell Leonard Keys

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

He was sentenced on or about November 13, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of conspiracy to commit a crime, manufacturing a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served one year, six months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on July 14, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Russell Leonard Keys 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 Alameda, an order dated April 19, 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, Russell Leonard Keys 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 Russell Leonard Keys 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

William Douglas Lancaster

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

He was sentenced on or about June 9, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta for the crime of manufacturing a controlled substance. He served one year, two months prison, and two years parole. He was discharged on October 16, 2007, having completed his sentence.

William Douglas Lancaster 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 April 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, William Douglas Lancaster 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 Douglas Lancaster 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Truong (Jay) Quang Ly

Truong Quang Ly, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Ly lawfully entered the United States at the age of 10 as a refugee from Vietnam.

He was sentenced on or about September 10, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of voluntary manslaughter. Specifically, a passenger in a car Mr. Ly was driving shot and killed the driver of another car. Mr. Ly, who was 18 years old at the time of the crime, served nine years, four months prison, and two years, one month parole. He was discharged on March 7, 2009, having completed his sentence.

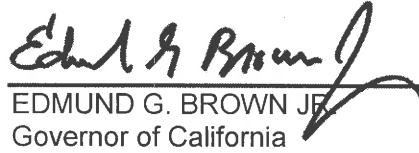
Truong Quang Ly has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated February 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. Ly is a board member for API-RISE, an organization devoted to criminal justice reform and helping current and former Asian Pacific Islander inmates. He has also started his own restaurant business and now has seven restaurants, employing numerous individuals. One supporter wrote that Mr. Ly is the exact type of person who merits protection from deportation and should be allowed to remain in the country that he now gives back to in such a meaningful way. 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, Truong Quang Ly 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 Truong Quang Ly 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Joel Medina

Joel Medina, a resident of Mexico, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 15, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of attempted robbery with the use of a firearm, and assault with firearm on a person. He served eleven years prison, and 26 days parole. He was discharged on August 3, 2009 having completed his sentence.

Joel Medina 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. Medina has received his medical degree and received a fellowship to help deportees to Mexico adjust to life there. He reports that he provides free medical care to vulnerable populations and delivers food and clothing to the less fortunate who live in Tijuana.

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, Joel Medina, 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 Joel Medina 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Hai Trong Nguyen

Hai Trong Nguyen, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Nguyen lawfully entered the United States at the age of 2 as a refugee from Vietnam.

He was sentenced on or about June 22, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of robbery with the use of a firearm, and attempted robbery with the use of a firearm. Mr. Nguyen, who was 16 years old at the time of the crime, served fifteen years, eight months prison, and two years parole. He was discharged on August 18, 2017 having completed his sentence.

Hai Trong Nguyen 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. Nguyen helped found Asian and Pacific Islanders Re-entry of Orange County and has volunteered with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition.

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, Hai Trong Nguyen 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 Hai Trong Nguyen 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 21st Day of November, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Tung Thanh Nguyen

Tung Thanh Nguyen, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Nguyen lawfully entered the United States at the age of 15 as a refugee from Vietnam.

He was sentenced on or about August 19, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, for the crimes of murder and robbery. Specifically, Mr. Nguyen brandished a knife and acted as a lookout while his crime partners stabbed the victim, causing him to bleed to death. Mr. Nguyen, who was 16 years old at the time of the crime, served sixteen years, seven months prison, and seven years parole. He was discharged on April 13, 2018 having completed his sentence.

Tung Thanh Nguyen 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. Nguyen risked his life to protect civilians during a riot while in prison. Since his release, Mr. Nguyen has become a tireless advocate for juvenile justice reform, and was actively involved in efforts to pass Senate Bill 260 (2013), which established a separate parole hearing process for individuals who committed crimes as juveniles. He helped found Asian and Pacific Islanders Re-entry of Orange County, and has received numerous awards for his efforts. In recognizing that a pardon may permit Mr. Nguyen to remain in the country, a volunteer Catholic chaplain at San Quentin Prison wrote that a pardon would give Mr. Nguyen the opportunity to continue his advocacy and re-integration work with recently paroled individuals.

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, Tung Thanh Nguyen, 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 Tung Thanh Nguyen 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

James Lee Reina

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

He was sentenced on or about May 2, 2012, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of driving under the influence of alcohol. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 2, 2015 having completed his sentence.

James Lee Reina 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. Reina has volunteered with a group that helps mentor children as well as with a group that supports individuals who are blind.

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 Lee Reina, 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 Lee Reina 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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State of California

PARDON

Francisco Alonso Rizo (Rizo-Leon)

Francisco Alonso Rizo, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about October 13, 2005, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crimes of being a felon in possession of a firearm, and possession of a controlled substance. He served ten months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on October 13, 2007, having completed his sentence.

Francisco Alonso Rizo 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 September 8, 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, Francisco Alonso Rizo 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 Francisco Alonso Rizo 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Marc Christian Steigleder

Marc Christian Steigleder, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 26, 1995, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda, for the misdemeanor crime of causing a property fire. Specifically, Mr. Steigleder appears to have set fire to garbage in his freshman dormitory. He served two years probation. He was discharged on September 26, 1997 having completed his sentence. He was sentenced on or about September 19, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the misdemeanor crime of planting or cultivating marijuana. Specifically, Mr. Steigleder grew cannabis in his apartment. He served two years, six months probation. He was discharged on April 11, 2006 having completed his sentence

Marc Christian Steigleder 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. Steigleder reports that he raises funds for local schools."

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, Marc Christian Steigleder, 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 Marc Christian Steigleder 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Christopher Andrew Walker-Krisman

Christopher Andrew Walker-Krisman, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 30, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Yolo, for the misdemeanor crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation, and 90 days jail. He was discharged on August 30, 2007 having completed his sentence. He was sentenced on or about May 17, 2006, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, for the misdemeanor crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served one year probation, and successful completion of a prescribed drug treatment placement. He was discharged on June 1, 2007 having completed his sentence.

Christopher Andrew Walker-Krisman 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, Christopher Andrew Walker-Krisman, 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 Andrew Walker-Krisman 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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State of California

PARDON

Roderick D. Wright

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

He was sentenced on or about March 8, 1972, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crime of taking a vehicle without the owner's consent. He served one year, six months probation. He was discharged on September 19, 1973, having completed his sentence. He was sentenced on or about January 28, 2014, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of perjury, false declaration of candidacy and fraudulent voting or attempting to fraudulently vote. Specifically, Mr. Wright listed a room in an apartment building he owned as his legal domicile on his voter registration and declaration of candidacy. The trial court dismissed the prosecutor's case, but the Court of Appeal reversed, concluding that the address Mr. Wright listed did not meet the legal test to establish domicile. Mr. Wright served three years, six months probation and completed 1,500 hours of community service. He was discharged on August 15, 2017 having completed his sentence.

Roderick D. Wright 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. Wright has devoted much of his life to public service, including serving six years in the California State Senate and six years in the California Assembly. Following his conviction, in a bipartisan vote the Legislature enacted Senate Bill 1250 (2017-2018 Leg. Sess.), which clarifies the law regarding the domicile of an elected official. The Legislative history of that bill specifically cited Mr. Wright's conviction as the reason why clarity in this area of the law was necessary.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Wright's pardon application and related materials pursuant to California Penal Code section 4802, and recommended him for a pardon on September 18, 2018. Mr. Wright 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, Roderick D. Wright, 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 D. 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Louis Flores Albicker

On December 9, 2000, Louis Albicker and Richard Ponce murdered Efrain Esteves in his home, threatened to kill his wife Martha, and stole Ms. Esteves's car. On December 27, 2004, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Albicker to life without the possibility of parole plus 41 years to life for murder with a firearm enhancement and robbery with a firearm enhancement.

Since Mr. Albicker's incarceration almost 18 years ago, he has focused on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, Mr. Albicker expressed remorse for the killing of Mr. Esteves and wrote, "I have learned how to change the way that I live my life, I have been attending AA/NA classes, and I no longer use drugs. I have and will continue to make amends for the things that I have done. I have changed and can now be a positive and productive member of society." He continued, "I made one horrible mistake, however, before that incident as well as after it, I have led a non-violent life."

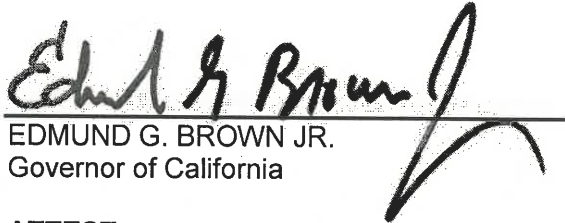
During almost two decades in prison, Mr. Albicker has been dedicated to transforming his life and leaving drugs and violence behind. Over the course of his incarceration, Mr. Albicker has only been disciplined twice for misconduct, and he has never been disciplined for any violence. Mr. Albicker has resided on an honor yard since 2013 and participated in Narcotics Anonymous and Bible study classes. Mr. Albicker made and donated items to a children's hospital, women's clinic, and dog rescue and training program. In 2015, a sponsor for the group commended Mr. Albicker "for his contributions and for his consistent support of the positive endeavors" on the honor yard.

Mr. Albicker's daughter Valerie wrote a moving letter in support of her father's clemency application. She wrote, "As a LAUSD Special Education Teacher committed to social justice and transformation, I am a factor and witness in my father's rehabilitation." She continued, "During his incarceration, [my father's] time allowed for reflection and transformation. My father has developed self-awareness and helped many others." She noted that Mr. Albicker "remains positive, respectful, and full of integrity." Ms. Albicker concluded, "His years of incarceration have amounted to tremendous recovery and ending [life without the possibility of parole] for him would be more beneficial to the community."

Despite having a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Albicker turned his life around when he entered prison. I believe that Mr. Albicker has earned the opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so it 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 Louis Flores Albicker 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Anthony Ammons

On March 31, 2001, 16-year-old Anthony Ammons was a passenger in a car when he thought he recognized fellow gang members pulling up next to the vehicle in which he was riding. When Orlando Castillo, the driver of the other vehicle, did not respond to Mr. Ammons's question regarding his gang status, Mr. Ammons fired a shot at Mr. Castillo, striking and killing passenger Kenvin Fauria. On September 6, 2002, the Los Angeles Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ammons to 25 years to life for murder, 15 years to life for attempted murder with gang enhancement, 20 years for a firearm enhancement, 3 years for assault with a firearm, 4 years for another firearm enhancement, and 10 years for a gang enhancement – a total term of 102 years.

Mr. Ammons has been incarcerated for over half of his life. He told an investigator that he is truly remorseful and ashamed of the murder and understands how he developed into the person that committed this crime. A correctional officer wrote in 2017 regarding Mr. Ammons, "I've observed him interact with staff as well as talk to the young and older reception inmates about their decision-making and never says no when asked to tell his story. . . . [h]e is accountable and responsible for the crime he committed. In addition, he is very remorseful for those he hurt."

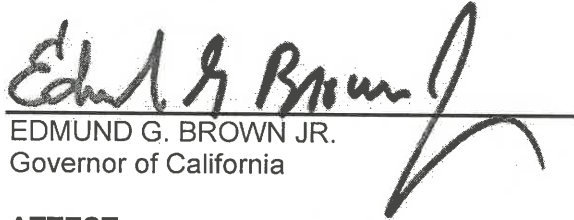
In prison, Mr. Ammons has demonstrated his commitment to his rehabilitation. He earned his high school diploma, took college courses, and completed vocational training in healthcare facilities maintenance. In 2016 and 2017, staff praised Mr. Ammons's efforts in the Healthcare Facilities Maintenance Program, noting that Mr. Ammons "conducted himself with professionalism and respect towards others while carrying out his assigned tasks. His assignments are completed accurately and on time." In 2017, a correctional counselor wrote, "Inmate A. Ammons has performed in an exemplary and commendable manner, since he has been assigned as a porter here at San Quentin. Mr. Ammons has shown professionalism and respect towards staff and his fellow inmates inside and outside the facility. He has proven himself to be a team player and courteous to his supervisor and co-workers. His work ethic and attendance have been outstanding."

Mr. Ammons has fully engaged in self-help courses over the past several years, completing classes in Nonviolent Communication, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, and Alternatives to Violence. In 2012, a teacher commended Mr. Ammons "for his tireless volunteer work with a struggling student in my class. Inmate Ammons is dependable, patient, encouraging and respectful to all students in class." In 2017, a correctional sergeant who has known Mr. Ammons since 2013 wrote regarding Mr. Ammons's work facilitating a self-help group, "He was authentic, honest, and responsible when he talked about his crime and his struggles in life. He showed me the remorse for what he had done in his life." The sergeant continued, "He continues to work hard, treats staff and his peers with respect, and conducts himself with great pride. I feel that inmate Ammons would be a successful person in his community once paroled." Mr. Ammons has plans for his release, including housing with family and a job offer.

Mr. Ammons committed a senseless 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. Ammons 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 Anthony Ammons 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 21st day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Belinda Anderson

In August 1991, during a failed robbery attempt, Belinda Anderson stabbed and killed Andrew Scott, a taxi driver. On May 26, 1993, the San Francisco County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Anderson to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus an additional year for a prior prison term.

Ms. Anderson's criminal history was centered around drugs. She has admitted that she sold and was addicted to cocaine and heroin, habits that began when she was 20 years old. Ms. Anderson has been incarcerated for 27 years and is now 56 years old. In her application for clemency, Ms. Anderson wrote, "When I committed this crime I was twenty-eight years old. . . . I was a grown woman with the mind of an addict, who hadn't fully understood the effects drugs had on me."

Ms. Anderson has demonstrated a desire to turn her life around. She has participated in substance abuse programs and developed a thoughtful relapse prevention plan. Ms. Anderson has also participated in other self-help programs including Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Anger Therapy, Denial Management, and Alternatives to Violence. She recently enrolled in college courses and has earned 69 credits towards an Associate of Arts degree.

Ms. Anderson has also shown strong commitment to serving her community. In her application, she explained, "I feel I am the right person who can help [people] understand and see the damage [of addiction] and how it can make a decent person become a lethal, self-serving, irresponsible criminal." Ms. Anderson has served as a facilitator for self-help programs, a representative on the Women's Advisory Council, and a mentor in a mentorship program.

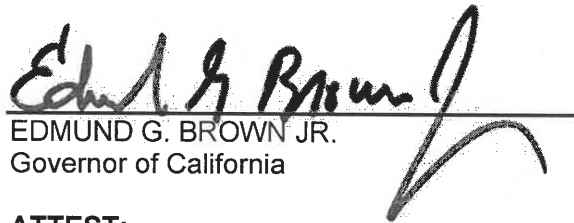
Numerous prison staff have commended her efforts. The warden of the Central California Women's Facility recommended Ms. Anderson for a commutation. A correctional lieutenant who has known Ms. Anderson for 15 years wrote, "I believe that inmate Anderson has gone above and beyond what any inmate can do. Inmate Anderson has sacrificed of her time and energy to improve and support the inmate population." A correctional sergeant wrote, "I am confident that upon her release to the community that Inmate Anderson will remain an asset and continue to better herself and help others within her community." Two correctional sergeants and a community resource manager reported that Ms. Anderson is a role model for her peers.

Additionally, Ms. Anderson'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. Anderson.

While I do not discount the very serious nature of Ms. Anderson's crime, for all of the foregoing reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce her 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 Belinda Anderson 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Marisela Andrade


Marisela Andrade and Sergio Delacruz planned to kill Jose Zarate, Ms. Andrade's abusive husband. On April 11, 2008, Ms. Andrade gave Mr. Zarate some sleeping pills. Mr. Delacruz tied up Mr. Zarate, put him in the trunk of a car, and drove him to a remote location where he shot Mr. Zarate, killing him. On September 14, 2010, the Monterey County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Andrade to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Ms. Andrade applied for a commutation on the basis of her rehabilitation and her history of significant abuse. In a 2009 psychological report, she reported that Mr. Zarate began abusing her on their wedding night in 1996, when he tried to force her to have sex with him and hit her in the face. Mr. Zarate continued to beat her regularly with his hands and a belt throughout their marriage. Ms. Andrade reported that the abuse intensified around 2006, when her husband began regularly sexually assaulting her and forcing her to perform sexual services for other men. Ms. Andrade said that she feared her husband and rarely confided in others about the abuse because he threatened to hurt her and their children more if she reported him. The psychologist's 2009 report concluded that Ms. Andrade "was a battered woman, with additional factors involving very low intelligence [and] a personal history that made her vulnerable to influence" from others. An investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings also considered Ms. Andrade's case and determined that "most of the evidence appears to support the allegation that Zarate was abusive to Andrade and this abuse ultimately resulted in the commitment offense."

Despite her very traumatic past, Ms. Andrade came to prison and immediately started changing her life. She has never been disciplined for any misconduct during her incarceration. She participated in numerous self-help programs, including Celebrate Recovery, Beyond Violence, Women Against Violence and Exploitation, and Victims Impact. Ms. Andrade has maintained a strong work record, receives positive ratings from her supervisors, and currently works as a caregiver for inmates with disabilities. In an interview with the Board investigator, Ms. Andrade demonstrated sincere remorse for her participation in this crime. She hopes to use her experience with domestic abuse to teach her daughters and other young women how to break the cycle of violence and maintain healthy relationships. For all of these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce Ms. Andrade's sentence to allow her to make her case before 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 Marisela Andrade 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Hilario Arroyo

On March 9, 1989, Hilario Arroyo robbed a restaurant where he had previously worked and stabbed the restaurant manager Anand Dewan to death. On October 15, 1990, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Arroyo to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Arroyo has now been incarcerated for almost 30 years and has expressed deep remorse for his actions in 1989. In his application for clemency, Mr. Arroyo wrote, "My life changed dramatically twenty-five years ago when I came to faith in Jesus Christ. At [that] point I gave myself to sobriety, learning English, and being a better person in every aspect of my life." Mr. Arroyo continued, "I was a selfish man when I murdered Mr. Dewan and am greatly sorry for my actions. My life speaks of my change and it is for this reason that I humbly request that I be considered for possible commutation."

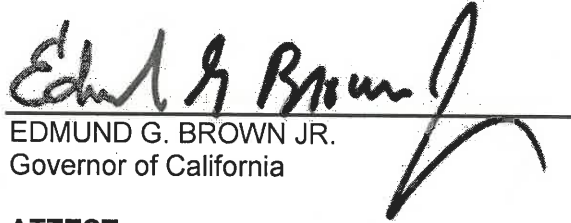
During almost three decades in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Arroyo has dedicated himself to transforming his life. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct, over 13 years ago, and has never been disciplined for any violence in prison. He earned his GED and a certificate of achievement in English as a Second Language and completed vocational training through the California Prison Industry Authority. Mr. Arroyo has participated in and facilitated multiple self-help programs, including Domestic Violence, Houses of Healing, Anger Management, and Victim Awareness. Mr. Arroyo has also resided on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard, since 2011 and has been ordained as a minister.

Mr. Arroyo has earned the respect of the staff members who supervise him on a regular basis. In 2017, a correctional officer praised Mr. Arroyo for being "consistent in his commitment and efforts toward[s] rehabilitation as part of the Progressive Programming Facility," noting that he "has always been polite and courteous towards staff." In 2018, a Prison Industry Authority superintendent praised Mr. Arroyo for his work ethic and demeanor, writing that he is "hard working, conscientious and highly motivated. His even temperament allows him to interact well with his peers and staff." The superintendent noted that Mr. Arroyo's excellent work evaluations "reflect a positive attitude, work ethic, and bilingual communication skills." The superintendent continued, "Should the opportunity for parole arise, Arroyo will be well-served by his dedication to excel in all professional endeavors." In 2018, a correctional officer commended Mr. Arroyo for being well-mannered and respectful towards staff and other inmates. The officer noted that Mr. Arroyo takes advantage of programming opportunities on the honor yard and leads by example. The officer praised Mr. Arroyo "for exhibiting [a] positive attitude as a responsible individual," and stated, "I believe Inmate Arroyo is a good candidate for a second chance."

Mr. Arroyo committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitative efforts in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Arroyo has earned the opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it 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 Hilario Arroyo 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Judith Barnett

In 1987, Judith Barnett wanted her ex-husband, Howard Witkin, killed so that she could have full custody of their children. Ms. Barnett's husband paid one of his employees to kill Mr. Witkin, and the employee recruited another man to help him. On March 20, 1980, the men shot and killed Mr. Witkin. On November 2, 1994, the Santa Clara Superior Court sentenced Ms. Barnett to life without the possibility of parole for murder.


Ms. Barnett is now 69 years old and has been incarcerated for 26 years. She has dedicated herself to personal rehabilitation and public service even while her prison sentence offered no possibility for release. Ms. Barnett told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, "I have served the CCWF community in so many ways and to the best of my ability all these years while I travelled the path to understanding and acceptance."

In prison, Ms. Barnett has demonstrated a genuine desire to give back to her community. She co-founded a program for inmates serving life sentences, a support group for elderly inmates, as well as a hospice program. She has volunteered in the hospice for more than a decade; a nurse for the program wrote that Ms. Barnett made "a significant contribution to the program" and "has shown emotional and spiritual growth" through her service. Ms. Barnett has participated in and facilitated numerous self-help programs, including Commitment to Change, Personal Integrity, Life Planning, and Relationships and Communication. For many years, she has helped lead a program that guides new inmates in self-reflection, healing, and skill-building as they begin lengthy prison terms. In 2017, the Warden at the Central California Women's Facility praised Ms. Barnett for her commitment "to helping others and working steadily toward common goals for the population of the prison... This is an inmate who has dedicated most of her time and efforts toward improving and enriching her community and she should be commended for working tirelessly and committing herself to the betterment of CCWF."

Ms. Barnett's crime has profoundly impacted Mr. Witkin's family and friends, several of whom wrote to oppose clemency and express the pain they continue to experience as a result of their loss. After carefully examining this case, I am moved by Ms. Barnett's dedication to nonviolence, her service to those around her, and her commitment to self-improvement. I believe she has earned the opportunity to make her case before the Board of Parole Hearings so 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 Judith Barnett 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Eric Benites

Between December 2007 and January 2008, 15-year-old Eric Benites participated in four gang-related shootings with Jason Trejo. Over the course of the shootings, Florentino Rivera was killed, two victims were injured, and three others were shot at or threatened, but uninjured. On January 12, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Benites to 25 years to life for murder plus a 25 years to life firearm enhancement for a total term of 50 years to life.

Mr. Benites is now 26 and has been incarcerated for nearly 11 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Benites wrote that abandonment by his parents and the murder of his younger brother by a rival gang led him to adopt a criminal lifestyle. He explained, "I was impulsive and only cared about the momentary satisfaction that I received from hurting those who robbed me of my brother." Mr. Benites wrote, "I learned early on in my incarceration about the negative ripple effect I created in my community. Worst of all, I learned that I did the exact thing that was done to my family . . . I am driven to make amends in honor of everyone that I have hurt." He reports that he now has "a strong support network that includes family, friends, and a long line of mentors" who are encouraging, supportive, and active in his life. Mr. Benites wrote, "I would like another opportunity to be part of the community . . . so that I can help rebuild it and discourage the youth from making the same choices I made."

Mr. Benites has dedicated his time in prison to better himself. He has only been disciplined for one rule violation, shortly after he arrived at prison. He earned his GED, his high school diploma, a paralegal certificate, and has completed 57 credits toward an A.A. degree. Mr. Benites completed vocational training in digital literacy, office services, and is an alcohol and drug studies specialist. Mr. Benites has participated in many self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, and Conflict Resolution. He has volunteered his time for a youth diversion program, and is a certified master inmate peer health educator.

Mr. Benites' efforts in prison have not gone unnoticed by the staff members with whom he interacts. In 2016, a correctional lieutenant who supervised Mr. Benites wrote that he is "trustworthy and sincere in his dedication to his job." A correctional sergeant, who has worked for CDCR for 22 years and also supervised Mr. Benites, wrote in 2016, "Mr. Benites has proven himself trustworthy, diligent, professional, and courteous. . . . [His] character merits acknowledgment and [he] is to be commended for his positive behavior and disciplinary free programming." In the event he is released, Mr. Benites plans to live in transitional housing, and has family and friends offering housing, financial support, and help seeking employment to help with his transition back into society.

Since committing this string of very serious crimes, Mr. Benites has turned away from violence and has instead committed himself to rehabilitation and education. As a result, I believe Mr. Benites deserves 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 Benites to 20 years to life.

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Julian Blouin

In June 2007, Julian Blouin went into Kent Simplis' open garage and took a lawnmower. Mr. Blouin placed the lawnmower in the back of his truck and drove away. Mr. Blouin had a lengthy criminal history leading up to this burglary, including convictions for robbery, kidnapping, and driving under the influence. On February 29, 2008, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Blouin to 35 years to life – 25 years to life for first-degree burglary plus 5 years each for two prior felony enhancements.

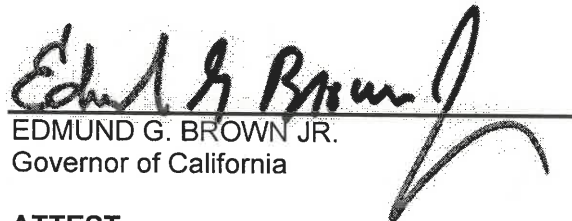
Mr. Blouin is now 71 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 11 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Blouin acknowledged his lifelong history of drug abuse and explained that most of his crimes were drug-related and he does not "have the desire to do drugs anymore." He also wrote that he believes the person who committed his crimes "is dead, they no longer exist." Since his incarceration, Mr. Blouin has participated in Narcotics and Alcoholics Anonymous groups. In 2009, his Narcotics Anonymous sponsor noted that "Mr. Blouin has attended meetings regularly and has enhanced the program through his participation. He cooperates with the self-help sponsor in all phases of the program by sharing his ideas in a positive and productive manner. Mr. Blouin has presented a positive influence towards other inmates by sharing his past experiences with the group." He added that Mr. Blouin has "confront[ed] the nature of addiction in an honest and sincere manner, he has discovered that habitual destructive behavior is not a permanent condition and is now gaining the skills to build a better quality of life based on self-respect and achievement." Mr. Blouin has never been disciplined for serious misconduct.

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. Blouin.

Mr. Blouin has shown that he is no longer the man he was when he committed this crime. He has remained sober and has shown that he has taken his rehabilitation seriously. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Blouin 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 Julian Blouin 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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Christian Branscombe

In the early morning hours of December 20, 1994, 19-year-old Christian Branscombe and a friend robbed Joshua Johnson of a gun safe, pistol, and cash. During the course of the robbery, Mr. Branscombe shot Mr. Johnson, who was injured but survived. As they exited, Mr. Branscombe shot Patrick Klein, who had been sleeping on the couch, killing him. On February 26, 1996, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Branscombe to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 15 years for attempted murder and two firearm enhancements.

Mr. Branscombe seeks a commutation of sentence based on his transformation through his rehabilitative efforts. In his application, Mr. Branscombe stated, "When I committed my crime at the age of 19, I was a violent, drug-addicted menace to society with no remorse for my actions." He stated, "I am no longer the reckless kid that committed murder 22 years ago. . . . I have worked hard to face my drug addiction, criminal thinking, and to develop positive coping skills."

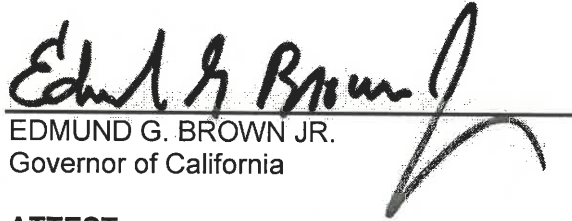
Over nearly 24 years of incarceration, Mr. Branscombe has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has been disciplined only three times in over two decades in prison, and has avoided drugs, gangs, and violence. Mr. Branscombe routinely receives exceptional to above average work ratings from his supervisors and participates in self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, and Victim Awareness. He has earned his GED. Mr. Branscombe has also served as a trainer for rescued dogs in the Paws for Life Program.

Mr. Branscombe leads the Progressive Arts Program at Lancaster. As Chairman of the program, Mr. Branscombe has been lauded for his leadership in the program. A sponsor of the Progressive Arts Program wrote in 2017, "[Mr. Branscombe's] passion for art and altruism has helped cultivate a culture of charity in the Progressive Programming Facility. He has demonstrated a willingness to make amends for the harm he has caused through his contributions to his and outside communities." A correctional officer praised Mr. Branscombe for his role in the program, stating that he "stands out as an individual to takes pride in himself, his work and as an advisor. . . . [Mr.] Branscombe strives to find ways to give back to the local community within the prison setting as well as those in the outside communities who are in need."

I recognize how devastating this crime was to the loved ones of Mr. Klein, who have opposed clemency in this case. Although Mr. Branscombe was given a sentence that gave him no hope of release, he has focused on his rehabilitation and giving back to others. Mr. Branscombe has taken responsibility for his crime and demonstrated sincere remorse for his actions. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Branscombe 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 Christian Branscombe 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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Marco Canchola

On August 14th, 2011, Mr. Canchola and Layne Ramirez confronted a group of people regarding their gang affiliation. Mr. Canchola and Mr. Ramirez open fired on the group, striking Jazlynn Love in her hand and leg. Ms. Love survived her injuries. On January 25, 2013, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Canchola to 6 years for assault with a semiautomatic firearm plus a 10-year firearm enhancement.


Mr. Canchola was only 17 years old at the time of his crime and has now been incarcerated for 7 years. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "I do not believe I am entitled for a commutation. However, I do believe in rehabilitation, redemption, and a second chance. I understand the seriousness and the magnitude of what my crime produced. I take full responsibility of my actions." He told an investigator that he applied for a commutation because he is confident he can be a productive member of society.

Mr. Canchola has made good use of his time in custody. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct during his incarceration. He earned his GED and an A.A. degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences from Palo Verde College. Mr. Canchola participated in self-help programs, including Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous, Anger Management, and Alternatives to Violence. He is certified as an Inmate Peer Educator, and routinely writes letters to struggling youth. Mr. Canchola is currently enrolled in a vocational training program called The Last Mile that prepares prison inmates to get good jobs upon release by providing training in business and technology, including in computer coding. An instructor in this program wrote that Mr. Canchola "is a team leader and works well with others during work group." The instructor also noted that he "has demonstrated significant, positive strides in his path to rehabilitation while in the classroom."

Mr. Canchola has set himself apart through his exceptional conduct in prison, and his willingness to separate himself from gang activities. He is making serious efforts to prepare for a different and successful life upon his release from prison. Based on his age at the time of the crime and his dedication to self-improvement, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Canchola's sentence so that he can make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether 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 Marco Canchola so he is eligible for parole consideration by January 1, 2020.

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David Carranza

On December 22, 2011, 18-year-old David Carranza and fellow gang member Oscar Meza encountered rival gang member Edgar De Jesus. Mr. Carranza encouraged Mr. Meza to shoot Edgar De Jesus. Mr. Meza shot Mr. De Jesus multiple times, killing him. On January 16, 2015, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Carranza to 15 years to life for murder.

Following his conviction for the murder of Mr. De Jesus, Mr. Carranza cooperated in the prosecution of Mr. Meza and testified against Mr. Meza. In 2016, a Los Angeles County Deputy District Attorney, who prosecuted Mr. Meza, wrote in support of Mr. Carranza at future parole hearings, noting his cooperation in the prosecution of Mr. Meza and his truthfulness regarding the crime. He wrote, "[A]ssuming that his performance in prison reflects the same change that his performance in court reflects, it is my personal belief that he is a strong candidate for parole."

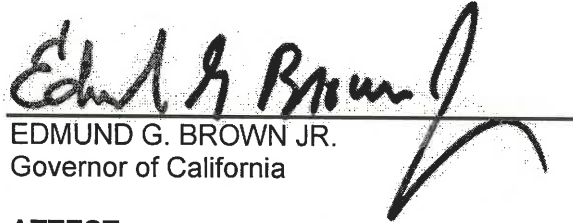
In prison, Mr. Carranza has committed himself to his rehabilitation through his immediate disassociation from gangs and his dedication to self-improvement. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned his high school diploma and an A.A. degree in business and technology. Mr. Carranza has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Cage Your Rage, and Victim Awareness. He also participated in and facilitated the Life's Too Short Youth Diversion Program and served as a Youth Offender Program Mentor.

Mr. Carranza has earned the respect of staff members through his good conduct and mentorship of other inmates. Between 2015 and 2018, over a dozen correctional staff commended Mr. Carranza on his rehabilitative efforts. A correctional counselor commended Mr. Carranza in 2017 on his work with older inmates, noting, "Though youthful, he instills hope in older inmates and encourages those who he interacts with to engage in positive programming and educational opportunities offered." In 2018, a correctional counselor wrote that Mr. Carranza "has taken every opportunity to better himself while housed here at Ironwood State Prison." The counselor continued, "He acts as a mentor to his peers with the Youth Offender Program and often dedicates his time to assist other inmates in their efforts to gain insight into the causative factors of their life crimes and character defects that fueled their dysfunctional behaviors. In a word, his behavior and programming have been exceptional. He is a model inmate who has become a role model to others that associate with him." Two correctional sergeants commended Mr. Carranza on his work with the Life's Too Short program and wrote in 2017, "Inmate Carranza utilizes his experience and trust among the inmate population to mentor fellow youth offenders. His behavior provides a positive example for his peers to follow."

Mr. Carranza was an active participant in a very serious crime. However, since that time, Mr. Carranza has disavowed any gang association and focused on his rehabilitation. As a result, he has earned an earlier 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 David Carranza to a total of 10 years to life.

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Jonathan Chiu

In 2004, Jonathan Chiu's girlfriend was in an ongoing child custody dispute with her daughter's father, Travis Parker. Mr. Chiu had given his girlfriend about \$10,000 to cover legal expenses related to the custody battle, and they repeatedly discussed asking Mr. Parker to waive his parental rights so Mr. Chiu could adopt the girl. On August 2, 2004, Mr. Chiu went to the store where Mr. Parker worked, confronted him, and shot him multiple times, killing him. On January 17, 2006, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Chiu 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. Chiu applied for a commutation of sentence based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, he described his participation in self-help groups and restorative justice programs, and how he came to understand the impact of the harm he caused by committing this crime. Mr. Chiu wrote, "Whether I am granted a commutation or not, I will strive every day in prison for the rest of my life to repay the people and the community for what I took from them."

Mr. Chiu has been a model inmate during his incarceration. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct, and has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or violence. He participated in multiple self-help programs including Nonviolent Communication, Restorative Justice, and Kid CAT. Mr. Chiu has been active in the San Quentin media program, and currently serves as the layout editor for the San Quentin News. He is taking classes to earn an A.A. degree, has served as a literacy tutor, and has participated in several public safety forums. Mr. Chiu has been commended by numerous correctional staff members and volunteers for his positive contributions in the prison. Mr. Chiu's commutation was also supported by representatives from the Prison University Project and multiple advisors to the San Quentin News, each of whom recognized the positive strides he has made. In 2018, a correctional lieutenant who had worked closely with Mr. Chiu for four years wrote, "[T]he man who committed those unfortunate crimes against his community is not the same man that is coming before you today. Mr. Chiu's life-walk is indicative of someone who has undergone a wholesale value and character change." Another correctional officer praised Mr. Chiu's character and participation in self-help groups, and wrote, "I believe if his sentence were to be commuted, Inmate Chiu would continue to live a responsible, productive life and continue taking accountability for the wrongs he's done as a law abiding citizen."

Since committing this very serious crime, Mr. Chiu has demonstrated a serious commitment to transforming his life for the better. He has taken advantage of the many opportunities for self-improvement at San Quentin, and has shown remorse for his actions. For all of these reasons, I believe he deserves an earlier 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 Jonathan Chiu to a total of 17 years to life.

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Justin Chung

In 2006, 16-year-old Justin Chung and several other gang members got into a gang-related confrontation with Eric Huang and Calvin Yao at a party. When Mr. Huang and Mr. Yao left the party, Mr. Chung and his crime partners followed them onto the freeway. Mr. Chung fired multiple shots at their car, killing Mr. Huang and injuring Mr. Yao. On February 1, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Chung to 25 years to life for murder, 7 years to life for attempted murder, and an additional 50 years to life in firearm enhancements – a total of 82 years to life.

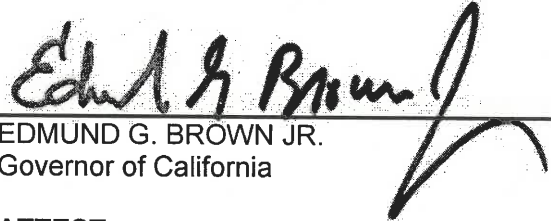
Mr. Chung is now 28 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 12 years. In his application for clemency, he expressed sincere remorse for his actions and emphasized the transformation he has made in prison. Mr. Chung wrote, "I am not the same 16-year-old boy who came into the prison system. Today, I am a 28-year-old young man who understand[s] that I needed to go to prison for what I did...Prison not only put an end to my self-destructive behavior, it spared countless others from my immature and reckless conduct."

While in prison, Mr. Chung has maintained a spotless record and has shown a true commitment to his rehabilitation. He has never been disciplined for misconduct in prison. Mr. Chung has participated in multiple self-help classes including Celebrate Recovery, Victim Awareness, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. He has also participated in several groups for youthful offenders, including a juvenile crime deterrence program. Mr. Chung has furthered his education by earning his GED and several Bible college degrees. He routinely receives positive work records, and is respected by staff members who work with him. In 2018, a senior librarian commended Mr. Chung for his work skills and willingness to learn, and wrote, "He is able to adapt to change, and is effective at communicating with patrons of all backgrounds/affiliations. Most importantly, he has the patience, ability to teach, and the demeanor to be a positive role model to those around him." Mr. Chung's family supports his commutation, and has pledged to provide him with housing, help to find work, and other support in the event that he is released from prison.

Mr. Chung committed a very serious crime as a teenager. Since coming to prison, he rejected the influence of gangs, refrained from violence, and has instead dedicated himself to rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe he deserves an earlier 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 Justin Chung to a total of 15 years to life.

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Clinton Colon

In June 2006, 18-year-old Clinton Colon was participating in a drag race, going more than 100 miles per hour on a surface street when he collided with another car. There were three passengers in the other car; Anthony Mondragon was killed on impact, and two others suffered significant injuries. Mr. Colon and his two passengers were also seriously injured. On October 17, 2008, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Colon to 15 years and 8 months in prison for vehicular manslaughter, reckless driving, and 3 great bodily injury enhancements.

Mr. Colon seems to have turned his life around during his incarceration. In his application for commutation, he wrote, "When I was 18, I thought I could control all situations, but had I known what I know now about how quickly those situations can get out of hand and end tragically, I would have never made those choices and could have spared everyone who has been touched by this terrible situation." He explained that he has matured and that he now thinks "about the future and how my actions today will translate into consequences." He expressed sincere remorse and empathy for his victims and their families and said, "No matter what I will always live with this, and no matter what... I will never let this happen again."

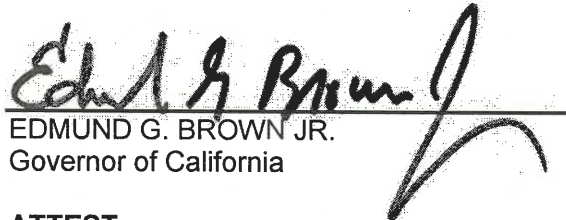
Despite the significant pressures of prison, he never got involved with gangs, drugs, or alcohol. He has never been disciplined for any serious misconduct and routinely received satisfactory to exceptional work ratings. Mr. Colon participates in self-help programs, earned a vocational certification, and volunteers as a GED and literacy tutor. Mr. Colon's family and religious community have pledged to help support him when he is released.

In 2015, Harriet Salarno, the Chair and Co-Founder of Crime Victims United of California, personally delivered his commutation application to my office and wrote to me supporting Mr. Colon's release from prison. She said, "After reviewing the case and speaking to the Colon family, I believe Clinton has been justly punished and has served a fair amount of time."

Mr. Colon's reckless and careless conduct as a teenager had tragic results that have had a lasting impact on his victims and their families. However, I am convinced by his statements to the Board's investigators and conduct in prison that he is deeply remorseful for his action and has matured in his thinking. In light of his exemplary record and his deep contrition, I don't believe he needs to be incarcerated any longer.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State 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 Clinton Colon to release him on parole.

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Amy Davis

In 2005, Amy Davis participated in the murder of Theodore Salanti, a man she had met years earlier in an internet chat room. Mr. Salanti was killed and his home was ransacked for drugs and money. The San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Davis to life without the possibility of parole for murder on January 11, 2008. After sentencing, two jurors wrote to the judge expressing their opinion that the sentence was too severe given the evidence they had considered at trial.

Ms. Davis claims that two men were sent to commit the crime by her abusive pimp, Marvin Pope. An attorney for the Coalition to Abolish Slavery and Trafficking opined that "Amy was under the direction and control of Marvin at the time of Theodore "Rocky" Salanti's murder and that she would never have directly or indirectly played a role in such a crime if not for her victimization and exploitation at the hands of Marvin." A psychologist found that Mr. Pope was "severely physically and sexually abusive to Amy, including situations where he tortured her physically and sexually. . . . She believed he would kill her if she did not submit to his control." The psychologist opined that "except for the exceptional level of coercive control by Marvin Pope over Amy, her behavior could have been totally different. Without Pope's control, Amy would not have been in a position where he could use her vulnerability and fear to cause her participation in any of these events." An investigation completed by the Board of Parole Hearings also yielded evidence supporting Ms. Davis' claims that she suffered from intimate partner battery at the time of the crime.

Ms. Davis' commitment to rehabilitation in the face of a life sentence without the possibility of parole has been exemplary. She has dedicated herself to understanding her drug addiction and overcoming the trauma caused by years spent as a prostitute under the control of her abusive pimp. Ms. Davis has never been disciplined for misconduct in prison, has remained sober, and lives in the honor dorm. She earned an Associate of Arts degree and has worked as a substance abuse counselor for other inmates. She has routinely received exceptional work ratings. In 2016, a correctional lieutenant commended her for her excellent work ethic, good behavior, and positive attitude, saying, "I have witnessed Inmate Davis evolve into a confident and balanced individual who has successfully used the resources available to her at [the prison] to improve herself." A social worker who worked with Ms. Davis in individual and group therapy noted that she has "confronted the sexual and mental abuse she experienced at the hands of her pimp." A community resources manager wrote, "Because of her commitment and inspiring attitude, Inmate Davis should be acknowledged as a role model and congratulated for her hard work." Ms. Davis has participated in an impressive array of self-help courses including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, Self-Esteem, and Healthy Relationships. She created and facilitates a self-help group to help other victims of human trafficking. Senator Cathleen Galgiani and San Joaquin Superior Court Judge Richard Vlavianos each awarded Ms. Davis a Certificate of Appreciation in 2015 for her involvement on a Beyond Incarceration panel to help at-risk youth. Similarly, then-Stockton Councilmember, now Mayor, Michael Tubbs commended her in 2015 for her "dedicated services towards restoring the youth in San Joaquin County by participating in Choices and Consequences and youth diversion efforts."

Ms. Davis participated in a serious and violent crime, but has made serious efforts not only to turn her own life around, but also to help others do the same. As such, 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 Amy Davis to a total of 20 years to life.

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Abel Delcid

In 2009, Abel Delcid agreed to help his father recover a debt from Joe Ibarzabal. He and his father, brother, and friend of his father's held Mr. Ibarzabal at gunpoint, tied him up, and drove him to a remote location, where his father shot and killed Mr. Ibarzabal. On November 29, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Delcid to 15 years to life for murder.

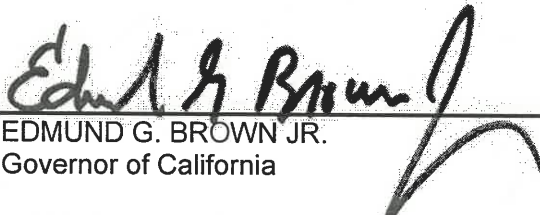
In his application for clemency, Mr. Delcid described the progress he has made toward his rehabilitation. He has dedicated himself to making amends for his participation in this crime, and wrote, "I hope that through my conduct and sharing of insight and experiences with others here and beyond these walls, I can be a positive influence on those who are still on a path of destruction but still within reach." Mr. Delcid has maintained a spotless record during his incarceration. He had no criminal history before this crime, and has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. Mr. Delcid is a peer health educator. He has not only been dedicated to improving his own education and is close to finishing four A.A. degrees, but he is also committed to getting other inmates interested, involved, and enrolled in the college program at the prison. He has participated in self-help groups including Alcoholics Anonymous, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Anger Management, and Victims Impact.

Mr. Delcid has also earned outstanding commendations from the staff members who know him well. A correctional lieutenant praised Mr. Delcid's hard work and dedication, and wrote, "He has shown himself to be trustworthy in a work environment where honesty is required. . . . Inmate Delcid possesses many skills and abilities that allow him to be an asset to any job assigned to him, allowing him to move forward in his rehabilitation and eventual re-integration into society." He holds "one of the highest trusted positions in the prison working in medical." Another correctional lieutenant wrote, "Inmate Delcid has been exemplary to other inmates working around him in his conduct and has demonstrated his rehabilitation over the years." A correctional counselor supported Mr. Delcid's commutation and praised him for committing to a positive path despite his lengthy sentence. She wrote, "When he was received into prison he could have easily taken the road most inmates go down. Rebel against the system, get tattoos, look for support in gangs, and let go emotionally and mentally, as he was given a life sentence. To most, a life sentence at a young age means they can give up." She continued, "I have no hesitation or doubt in my mind that if he were to walk out of prison today, that he would be nothing but a productive member in society, with a good job, a stable family with great respect for the law and fellow mankind." And she concluded, "Not only [do I] speak for myself, but on behalf of the staff who have worked around Delcid; we are all in agreement that he should be released from prison."

Mr. Delcid participated in a very serious crime, but has shown that he has left violence behind and is truly dedicated to improving himself. I believe that he has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that they 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 Abel Delcid to a total of 10 years to life.

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Manuel Delgado

On October 5, 1997, while under the influence of heroin, Manuel Delgado noticed a bicycle in Paul Knapp's open garage and stole it. A neighbor immediately informed Mr. Knapp, who was subsequently able to locate and detain Mr. Delgado until the police arrived. The bicycle was given back to Mr. Knapp at the scene. On June 22, 1999, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Delgado to 25 years to life for burglary plus two years for prior prison terms.

Mr. Delgado started using heroin at 17 years old and became addicted – injecting the drug twice a day. He would sell marijuana and commit burglaries to support his drug habit. He is now 45 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 21 years. In his application for clemency, he wrote, “I have been in prison now more than 19 years [and] have used the time to improve myself. . . . [I] have remained free from drugs and alcohol for more than 19 years and [am] simply no longer the same person who entered the prison system.”

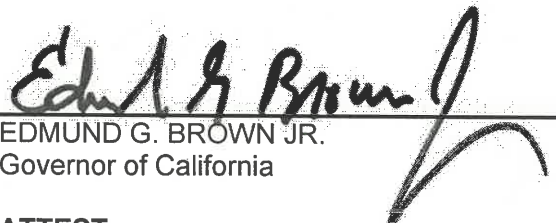
During more than two decades in prison, Mr. Delgado has rejected drugs and alcohol. He has focused on improving himself through self-help programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Impact, Criminal and Addictive Thinking, and Anger Management. In 2012, an academic instructor wrote that “his attitude toward education has matured and interpersonal skills are excellent.” Mr. Delgado earned his GED, has sought to enroll in college courses, and routinely receives positive work ratings from his supervisors. He has maintained strong family ties and plans to live with family if granted 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. Delgado.

I do not discount the community impact of the numerous property crimes that Mr. Delgado committed, but it is clear that his acts were driven by his heroin addiction. He has since committed to sobriety, education, and rehabilitation. For all of the foregoing reasons, I conclude that it is appropriate to mitigate his sentence so that he can 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 Manuel Delgado 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 21st day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
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Executive Department

State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Andre Edmund

In January 1992, Andre Edmund attempted to commit a robbery of a local fish market and shot and killed the store owner. On March 15, 1993, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Edmund to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a four-year firearm enhancement. At sentencing, Judge Neidorf stated, "It's real sad. I don't feel great about this. Hopefully some governor in the future will have some mercy on you and allow you to be paroled."

Mr. Edmund has now been incarcerated for more than 25 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Edmund wrote that he has done a considerable amount of work and now looks at life through a different lens. Mr. Edmund wrote that he "has adjusted his attitude and behavior, and wants a second chance at life with his wife and his freedom," adding, "people make mistakes and people can change." He also noted that he "would like to work with at-risk youth who are headed down the wrong path and do not even realize it."

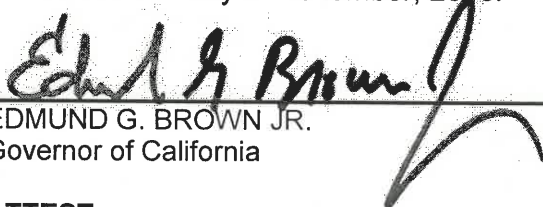
During over two decades in prison without any possibility of parole, Mr. Edmund has been dedicated to transforming his life. He earned his GED and is enrolled in classes to obtain an A.A. degree. Mr. Edmund has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Celebrate Recovery, Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Victim Awareness, and Path to Peace. He has facilitated Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous.

Notably, Mr. Edmund was commended while working as a Literacy Tutor by his instructor, who noted that Mr. Edmund "willingly tutors and teaches students in any academic areas needed" and "has been an immense asset to this program." In 2018, Mr. Edmund was also commended by a chaplain who noted that Mr. Edmund "continues to demonstrate a good commitment in assisting the programs while keeping good manner and respect for staff and inmates." He has been a role model for other inmates and helped them achieve positive goals in an extremely challenging environment. In the event of his release, Mr. Edmund plans to live in a transitional housing facility, where he has been offered assistance finding employment in plumbing and electrical work and would also receive assistance with with life skills and his transition into society.

Mr. Edmund 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 that Mr. Edmund 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 Andre Edmund 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 21st day of November, 2018.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Rita Ennis

In 1994, Reza Dadrass owed Rita Ennis a debt for drugs. Ms. Ennis and her husband, Gregory Ennis, confronted Mr. Dadrass on March 8, 1994. Mr. Ennis took Mr. Dadrass' wallet and car keys, tied him up with duct tape, and put him in the back of a pickup truck. While Ms. Ennis stayed home, Mr. Ennis drove the truck to a remote location, killed Mr. Dadrass, and disposed of his body. On October 20, 1999, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Ennis to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus eight years for kidnapping.

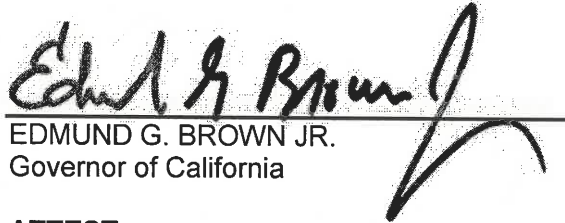
Ms. Ennis is now 61 years old and has been incarcerated for over 23 years. In her application for clemency, she expressed remorse for her participation in this crime. She wrote, "I knew right from wrong, I chose to do wrong, to act based on my defects instead of my conscience. I am deeply sorry for my part in this crime and [am] deeply ashamed of myself." She continued, "My remorse is what lets me know that I am no longer that person, that I am strong enough to live a peaceful and proper life should you decide to grant me commutation of my current sentence."

Ms. Ennis has shown a genuine commitment to turning her life around. She has only been disciplined twice during more than two decades in prison, and has never been involved with drugs or violence. Ms. Ennis earned two A.A. degrees from Feather River College, and completed a paralegal certificate from Blackstone Career Institute. She has participated in self-help programs including Beyond Violence, Restorative Justice, and Women's Empowerment. Ms. Ennis has lived in an honor dorm for several years and has mentored other women through self-help groups and volunteer efforts. She has also maintained a positive work record and completed a vocational training program. A correctional officer who supervised Ms. Ennis commended her for her hard work to help others, and wrote, "Inmate Ennis has grown in maturity and insight over the years and this is reflected in her positive attitude and demeanor. I believe inmate Ennis deserves the chance to re-enter society and gain her life back again." Ms. Ennis' commutation is supported by many members of her family, who have offered her housing, financial assistance, and help to transition back into the community in the event of her release.

Although she participated in a very serious crime, Ms. Ennis has worked hard to show that she is a changed woman. She has been dedicated to self-improvement and helping others for many years now. For these reasons, I believe Ms. Ennis should have the opportunity to make her case before 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 Rita Ennis to a total of 25 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Willie Erwin

On November 15, 2001, Willie Erwin entered Esther Lugo's home while she and her grandson were sleeping, intending to burglarize it. Mr. Erwin left the house with several small items. On August 8, 2002, the Fresno County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Erwin to 25 years to life for burglary and 5 years for a prior felony enhancement – a total term of 30 years to life.

Mr. Erwin is 58 years old and has now been incarcerated for more than 17 years for this crime. In his application for clemency, Mr. Erwin wrote that at the time of the crime he struggled with a substance abuse problem. He wrote, "Afforded the chance to reform and address my addiction over the 17 years in prison, [I have been] disciplinary free over 11 years, and [have] renewed [my] relationship with God."

During almost two decades in prison, Mr. Erwin has worked to transform his life. Mr. Erwin has only been disciplined twice for misconduct over the course of his incarceration. He completed electrical, office services, and substance abuse counselor vocational training. Mr. Erwin has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Substance Abuse, Personal Growth and Development, Anger Management, and Getting Out by Going In. In 2009, a director for the Substance Abuse Program said regarding Mr. Erwin, "He has demonstrated an outstanding will, and has shown great motivation in learning the curriculum." In 2008, Mr. Erwin was assigned as a lead tutor for the Independent Study Program at the Pleasant Valley Adult School to help other inmates improve their academic skills in order to obtain their GED.

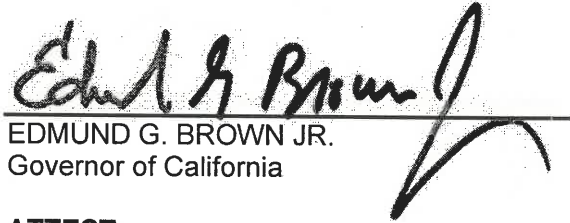
In addition to Mr. Erwin's rehabilitative efforts in prison, I am moved by Mr. Erwin's significant health issues. Mr. Erwin struggles with Meniere's disease, hearing impairment, and limited mobility. Mr. Erwin also has the support of numerous family members, friends, and pastors upon his release.

Additionally, the Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Erwin's case at an *en banc* meeting and recommended him for a commutation of sentence. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Erwin.

Mr. Erwin has remained dedicated to and focused on his rehabilitation throughout his incarceration. For all the foregoing reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Erwin's sentence so that he can 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 Willie Erwin to release him on parole.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Marco Antonio Flores

On June 16, 1997, 16-year-old Marco Flores, Jesse Silva, and other gang members attempted to enter a house party. Prior to entering, Albert Molina requested to search the group for weapons. Mr. Flores, Mr. Silva, and the others refused to be searched and started yelling their gang affiliations. Mr. Silva pulled out a gun and shot Mr. Molina in the chest, killing him. On January 11, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Flores to 22 years for voluntary manslaughter and 10 years for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 32 years.

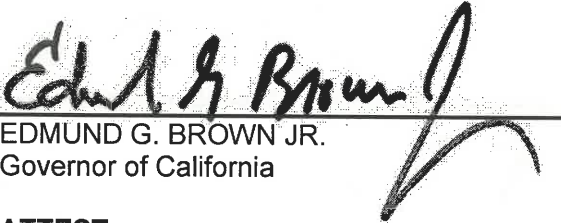
Mr. Flores has been incarcerated for 10 years. During that time, he dropped out of his gang and has dedicated himself to self-improvement. In his application for clemency, Mr. Flores wrote, "I am no longer that immature, irresponsible, angry and impulsive 16-year-old teenager that was once lost in a false warp belief system, susceptible to gangs and violence. I made the choice to disassociate myself from any gang, drugs or criminal behavior and began my journey of self-discovery and rehabilitation." He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he is ready to give back to the community he has taken so much from by sharing his experiences during his incarceration and possibly changing the minds of at-risk youth.

Since his incarceration, Mr. Flores has been disciplined for misconduct only twice. He earned his GED and is currently enrolled in college classes. Mr. Flores completed vocational training in office services and electronics. He participated in self-help programs including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. A sponsor of his Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous group wrote that Mr. Flores's "continuous work at recovery is helping him to gain insight on the physical and emotional consequences that addiction has had on his life," and that he "has become a positive role model for his peers in the group." In the event of his release, Mr. Flores has been accepted into transitional housing, and he has the support of his family.

I acknowledge that Mr. Flores participated in a very serious crime. However, based on his age at the time of the crime and his commitment to rehabilitation, I believe Mr. Flores has earned an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it 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 Marco Flores to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Tammy Rochelle Garvin

Tammy Garvin had been acting as a prostitute since the age of 18 when she met Herman Lemelle, who became her boyfriend and pimp. Ms. Garvin and Mr. Lemelle decided to rob Rolf Neumeister, a restaurant owner and former boyfriend of Ms. Garvin. On February 25, 1991, Mr. Neumeister let Ms. Garvin into the restaurant, and Mr. Lemelle stabbed Mr. Neumeister to death. Afterward, Ms. Garvin and Mr. Lemelle robbed Mr. Neumeister. On December 22, 1995, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Garvin to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

An investigation conducted by the Board of Parole Hearings concluded that Ms. Garvin was suffering from the effects of intimate partner battery at the time of the crime, as a result of prior abusive relationships and abuse from Mr. Lemelle. In a 2007 declaration, Mr. Lemelle admitted that he was "physically violent and threatening" towards Ms. Garvin, including threatening her with knives at times. He stated that he wanted Ms. Garvin to pressure Mr. Neumeister for more money, noting that Ms. Garvin was justifiably scared of him. Ms. Garvin was set to testify against Mr. Lemelle, but after he threatened her in jail, she was too afraid to carry through, resulting in the rescission of a plea offer that would have resulted in a sentence less than life without the possibility of parole. In her application, Ms. Garvin acknowledged the effect that intimate partner battery had on her actions at the time of the crime and how she has worked to address her history while incarcerated. She wrote, "I am responsible for murdering Rolf as it was my choice to stay in a dangerous relationship. At the time I didn't understand that I was making bad choices, or that I had much choice at all, but after years of therapy I have insight into my mental and emotional condition at the time as well as the conditions of abuse I was living with and why."

Ms. Garvin is now 59 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 28 years. In her commutation application, she wrote that she requested a commutation "because it is my prayer to show accountability, maturity, and rehabilitation to earn a second chance outside of prison." She continued, "I am a changed person who values life and healthy relationships and I am always striving to be the best person within my community that I can be." Ms. Garvin told a Board investigator, "I can show that people can change given the right tools." In prison, Ms. Garvin has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation. She has received only four rules violations over the course of her incarceration and has not been disciplined in over 12 years. Ms. Garvin has resided on an honor yard since 2014 and served on the Inmate Advisory Council, including as Chairperson. She has participated in myriad self-help classes, including co-dependency, alternatives to violence, substance abuse, and healing trauma. She has also served as chairperson of the long-termers organization and facilitator for the domestic violence and beyond violence groups.

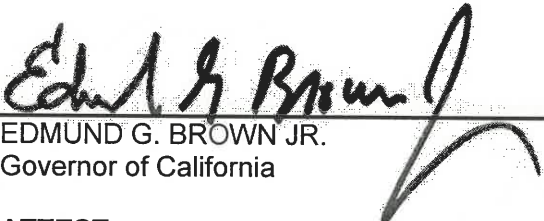
Ms. Garvin's commitment to self-improvement and helping others has also earned her the respect and praise of staff. In 2015, a lieutenant wrote that Ms. Garvin is "an avid voice for the people who sometimes don't have one" and commended her for "her determination to make a positive difference in the lives of those around her." In 2018, a staff sponsor commended Garvin on putting others before herself and wrote, "She always thought of what was best for her community." A licensed clinical social worker who has worked with Ms. Garvin since 2009 wrote, "I have found her to be a stellar woman with a great deal of integrity." She continued, "I know that Ms. Garvin is an upstanding, honest, and forthright individual who will go forth in the free community and continue as a positive citizen role model." A correctional officer wrote in 2017 that Ms. Garvin's "desire for growth and how she has become a better person not only for herself but also for others as an example of how rehabilitation should play."

Additionally, her 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. Garvin.

Mr. Neumeister's family has expressed opposition to Ms. Garvin's release. While the profound impact of Ms. Garvin's crime cannot be erased, I have weighed the evidence and given to Ms. Garvin's exemplary conduct in prison and her efforts to put the impacts of her prior abuse behind her through programming, I believe she 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 Tammy Rochelle Garvin 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Tyren Gillison

Between November 4 and November 27, 2007, Tyren Gillison committed a string of armed robberies. On March 13, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Gillison to 10 years for six counts of robbery plus an additional 10-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Gillison has now been incarcerated for almost 11 years. In his clemency application, he expressed remorse these robberies, writing, "My incarceration has granted me the ability to delve inside myself to grasp the devastating harm my past actions have caused my victims. The disgraceful crimes I committed are unforgettable, but if forgiven the person I've become would like to begin some type of restorative efforts to earn back the trust of society that was broken."

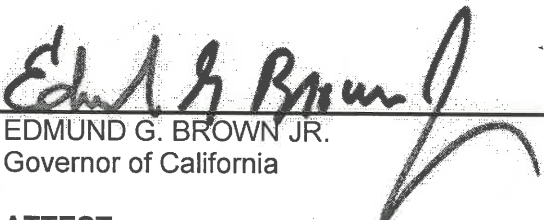
During over a decade in prison, Mr. Gillison has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has never been disciplined for any violent misconduct. He is working towards his GED and has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Alternatives to Violence, Cage Your Rage, Narcotics Anonymous, Self-Awareness and Improvement, and Getting Out by Going In. Mr. Gillison also serves as Chairman of the Men's Advisory Council at the Correctional Training Facility. Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Gillison has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who see him on a regular basis.

Mr. Gillison routinely received satisfactory to exceptional work ratings. In 2018, a correctional sergeant wrote that Mr. Gillison has "maintained a positive attitude and has remained disciplinary free. He has proven to be a model inmate by his willingness to help the facility by volunteering his time and assisting with new projects for the general population." Also in 2018, Mr. Gillison's work supervisor noted that he "has proven to be a mature and responsible individual," adding that Mr. Gillison "will be a positive role model and a productive member of society upon his release."

I believe Mr. Gillison has earned an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it 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 Tyren Gillison to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Bobby Gonzales

In December 2003, Bobby Gonzales was 16 years old and wanted to prove himself to fellow gang members, James Lopez and Malik Alaybue. The three men drove through rival gang territory and spotted Nelson Mayorga and his girlfriend walking to their apartment. Mr. Lopez told Mr. Gonzales to “handle your business.” Mr. Gonzales shot Mr. Mayorga six times in the back. Mr. Mayorga died the next day. On November 3, 2008, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Gonzales to 15 years to life for murder plus a 10-year firearm enhancement – a total term of 25 years to life.

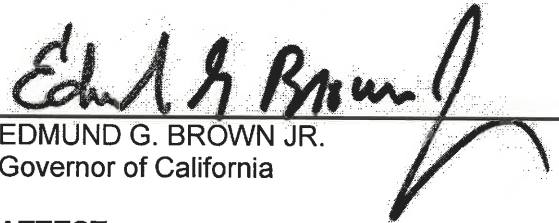
Mr. Gonzales has been incarcerated for almost 15 years – nearly half his life – and is deeply remorseful for committing this crime. When submitting his request for commutation, Mr. Gonzales expressed, “I believe I have obtained the insight and maturity required to not only be granted parole, but to succeed on parole and to thrive as an asset to society. I believe this wholeheartedly because it is who I have already become while here in prison and is a direct result of my remorse and dedication to making a living amends.”

While in prison, he has dedicated himself to rehabilitation and has devoted his time to self-improvement. Mr. Gonzales earned his GED in 2011, completed a vocational training program, and has participated in self-help programs including Alcoholics Anonymous, Criminal Thining, Anger Management, and Victim Awareness. He routinely received above average work ratings. Mr. Gonzales has not been disciplined for a serious rule violation in nearly a decade. Mr. Gonzales has been commended by many correctional staff members for his positive and productive behavior. He contributed stories and poems for a prison newsletter, Word on the Yard. He has also facilitated Away With Words, an art, music, and poetry group dedicated to sharing artistic works with inmates via video. Mr. Gonzales organized chapel talent shows and participated in several music performances related to his music therapy group. In October 2018, Mr. Gonzales was given the opportunity to share his story and rehabilitative efforts with a group that included music artist Common, who noted that Mr. Gonzales was “one of the most insightful, enlightened individuals he had ever met” and a “living example of a transformed individual who can go on to do good in society.”

I have taken into consideration not only the serious crime Mr. Gonzales committed, but also his age at the time, the difficult circumstances of his upbringing, his conduct in prison, and his substantial efforts to turn his life around. Mr. Gonzales chose a different path while incarcerated and has become an example to other inmates. I find that he deserves an earlier chance to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it 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 Bobby Gonzales 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ezequiel Gonzalez


In 2007, 15-year-old Ezequiel Gonzalez was at a party with fellow gang members. He got into a fight and shot John Santana in the chest. Mr. Santana survived, but suffered several broken ribs and a punctured lung. On October 25, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Gonzalez to 23 years for attempted murder with a firearm, great bodily injury, and gang enhancements.

Mr. Gonzalez is now 26 years old and has spent 10 years in prison. During that time, he has dramatically turned his life around. Mr. Gonzalez got sober, stopped associating with gangs, and turned away from violence while incarcerated. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct while in prison – a significant accomplishment. In his application for clemency, Mr. Gonzalez wrote, “I have matured and changed my lifestyle...I have the tools needed to become a contributing member of society; tools I can use to help at-risk youth avoid making horrible choices that victimize society.” He earned his GED and is currently taking college classes. He has participated in numerous self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Moving Beyond Violence, and Victim Offenders Education. Mr. Gonzalez is active in an arts in corrections program, through which he mentors younger inmates. A correctional officer who worked with Mr. Gonzalez on the arts program commended him for his leadership and wrote, “He is the reason our Arts in Corrections class is so successful. Inmate Gonzalez E. is professional and is interested in seeing inmates learn to succeed when or if they get out of prison. . . . [He] really has a heart to see others succeed.” Mr. Gonzalez has received positive work ratings, chaired a writer’s group, and currently serves as a literacy tutor for other inmates. Mr. Gonzalez has also developed a strong plan to support himself following his release from prison.

Despite the serious pressures in prison and the lure of gangs and drugs, Mr. Gonzalez has rejected negative influences and demonstrated a commitment to rehabilitating himself. He is dedicated to self-improvement and helping those around him. For all of these reasons, I conclude that it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Gonzalez’s sentence so he has an earlier opportunity to make 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 Ezequiel Gonzalez to make him eligible for a parole hearing by July 18, 2020.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 21st Day of November, 2018.


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Andrew Granger

In March 1980, Judith Barnett wanted to have her ex-husband, Howard Witkin, killed so that she could have full custody of their children. Andrew Granger, then 20 years old, was one of the men recruited to drive to California to kill Mr. Witkin. On March 20, 1980, Mr. Granger went to Mr. Witkin's door and shot him several times, killing him. On September 25, 1981, the Santa Clara County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Granger to life without the possibility of parole plus a four-year firearm enhancement.

Notably, Mr. Granger confessed to his role in this crime when he was interviewed by detectives. He said he was racked with guilt, and felt a moral obligation to testify against his co-defendants and did so. A prosecuting attorney in one of his crime partner's cases wrote a letter in support of Mr. Granger. He wrote, "In my 28 years as a prosecutor, I have never written a letter on behalf of a convicted murderer. Until now." The former prosecutor explained that Mr. Granger was an "extremely immature youth," who "truly regretted what he had done as a youth, and wanted to do whatever he could do make things right." He emphasized that Mr. Granger has now served almost 40 years in prison for this crime. And he urged clemency, saying, "I believe that justice has been served by the time he has spent in prison, and that further incarceration will serve no benefit or purpose."

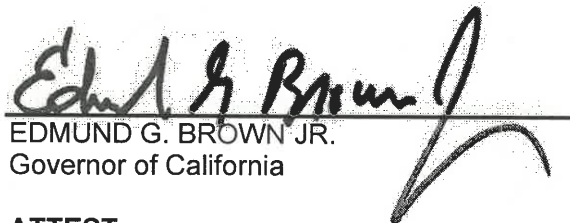
Mr. Granger is now 58 years old and has been incarcerated for over 38 years. Despite serving all of these years without any possibility of parole, Mr. Granger has been dedicated to rehabilitation. He has only been disciplined for misconduct four times in nearly four decades. Mr. Granger has completed vocational training in sewing machine repair and carpentry. He has also participated in Alcoholics Anonymous, assisted with the start-up and coordination of the Electronics program at his prison, and participated in Arts in Corrections. He has also received exceptional work ratings and has earned praise from his supervisors.

A correctional officer who supervised Mr. Granger wrote, "Inmate Granger consistently aspires to a higher degree of job performance, and serves as an example to his fellow inmate workers. Inmate Granger has been utilized as a critical worker during periods of lockdowns and modified program, and has proven himself repeatedly to be a team player. I would strongly recommend inmate Granger to any future supervisor for any position within the institutional environment, or in any career he may pursue on the streets."

Mr. Granger committed a serious, violent crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his concerted efforts toward rehabilitation in prison. As a result, I believe that Mr. Granger 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 Andrew Granger to 27 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Charles Tyree Green

Charles Green was convicted of killing his coworker Harold Golden in a parking garage in 1982. On February 10, 1987, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Green to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one-year deadly weapon enhancement.

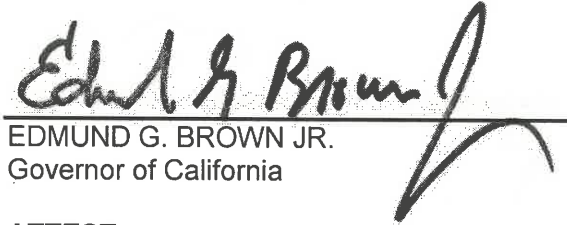
Mr. Green is now 64 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 36 years. During that time, he has maintained an excellent record and has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or violence. He has only been disciplined five times during nearly four decades in prison. Mr. Green has participated in self-help programs including Victim Awareness, Relapse Prevention, and Denial Management. He has maintained a positive work record, and routinely receives exceptional work ratings from his supervisors. In the event of his release, Mr. Green's family is prepared to help him transition back into the community and provide him with the resources he needs. Additionally, two public defenders who have worked with Mr. Green support his application for clemency.

Additionally, Mr. Green's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. At the Board's meeting, a representative from the Alameda County District Attorney's Office opined that it would be appropriate to commute Mr. Green's sentence to allow him a chance at parole. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Green.

For all of these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Green's sentence so that he can make 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 Charles Tyree Green 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 21st day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA
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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jose Green

On January 31, 2013, armed with a handgun, Jose Green drove himself and a friend into rival gang territory where Mr. Green's friend fatally shot Farrell Smith. The pair had incorrectly identified Mr. Smith as a rival gang member. On October 26, 2015, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Green to 15 years to life.


Mr. Green was 17 years old when he participated in this murder. In his application for executive clemency, he expressed remorse for his crime stating, "I can only imagine the pain Farrell, his fiancée, family, and the community went through." Mr. Green said, "I am no longer that 17 year old that I was back then. . . I made a horrible, disgusting mistake that absolutely, without any doubt, will not happen again by my hands, by my leave, or with my participation."

Mr. Green demonstrated his desire and willingness to put his life on a productive path by quickly embracing opportunities for self-improvement and rehabilitation. He dropped out of his gang and earned his high school diploma in 2013. In 2016, Mr. Green enrolled in college courses at Palo Verde College. He has completed computer-related vocational training and is now enrolled in a vocational masonry program. He has never been disciplined for violence in prison. Mr. Green has participated in self-help groups, including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Gang Awareness and Recovery, and Inside Out Writers' Group. He also participated in the Life's Too Short Youth Diversion Program. Mr. Green has the support of his immediate family, and a plan to live in transitional housing and utilize his trade skills upon his release.

Mr. Green was just 17 when he was involved in this senseless crime. In light of his efforts to change and his positive conduct in prison, Mr. Green has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that it 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 Jose Green 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Steven Green

On January 26, 1992, Steven Green and Frankie Aragon picked up 16-year-old Elizabeth Lozano and 13-year-old Tayde Vasquez. At some point during the evening, Ms. Lozano became upset with Ms. Vasquez and told Mr. Green that she wanted to assault Ms. Vasquez, steal her jewelry, and shoot her. Ms. Lozano asked Mr. Green for a gun, which Mr. Green provided. Ms. Lozano initiated a fight with Ms. Vasquez, then shot her twice, killing her. On August 7, 1992, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Green to life without the possibility of parole for first-degree murder plus a one-year firearm enhancement.

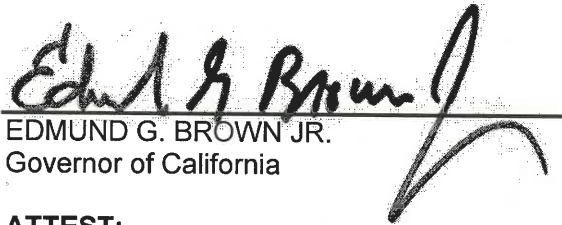
Mr. Green has been incarcerated for over 26 years and is now 45 years old. Without minimizing the significance of his crime, Mr. Green told a Board investigator that he is seeking a commutation because he believes he has changed his life for the better. Mr. Green was 18 years old at the time of this crime and admits that he was actively involved with gangs. However, he has since demonstrated a sincere desire to turn his life around. Since being incarcerated, Mr. Green has dropped out of the gang and has never been disciplined for violence. He has earned his GED, six A.A. degrees, and a certificate in small business management. Mr. Green has also participated in self-help programming, including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Tools for Positive Decision Making, and Victim Awareness. He currently serves as Chairman on the Men's Advisory Committee.

Mr. Green has also earned the respect of staff members who interact with him on a daily basis. In 2018, an academic teacher commended Mr. Green on his "dedication to achieving educational goals and demonstrating tremendous personal change and growth through rehabilitation and education." Also, in 2018, a correctional officer commended Mr. Green on his leadership qualities, noting that he "has also shown a maturity that does not define criminal behavior." In 2013, the warden at Calipatria State Prison commended Mr. Green on his positive attitude towards staff and inmates and his role in creating the Institutional Athletic Organization. The warden wrote, "I have known Inmate Green, for approximately 13 years, and believe that he has not only worked hard to successfully rehabilitate himself through his own efforts, but also has assisted others in completing the mandatory stress and anger management course required to participate in this group." In 2009, a correctional officer commended Mr. Green on his participation in self-help programs and positive influence on other inmates, noting, "Although Inmate Green was a former gang member he has since relinquished all ties and affiliations, and has made a one hundred and eighty degree turn in his life style." Mr. Green has strong family and community support, including from his wife, friends, and non-profit organizations. More than 3,000 citizens have signed a petition supporting his release from prison.

Despite serving a sentence that offered him no hope of future release, Mr. Green has demonstrated a commitment to self improvement through education, rehabilitation, and community service. He is considered a model for other inmates by those who have seen his growth and maturity first hand. For these reasons, I believe Mr. Green has earned the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he 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 Steven Green 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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Arturo Guerrero

In January 2008, Arturo Guerrero robbed a gas station and fled. On April 14, 2011, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Guerrero to 10 years for robbery plus 5 years each for two prior felony enhancements – a total of 20 years.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Guerrero wrote that he has “dramatically changed for the better . . . for once I am acknowledging and accepting responsibility for my actions. Denying nothing found in the details/circumstances of this case. Only admitting everything and truly saying I’m sorry for having victimized the community.” Mr. Guerrero further wrote that religion has changed “my thinking, my heart, and my way of living.”

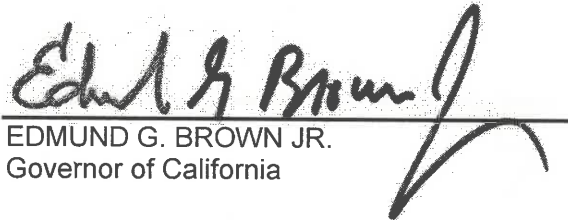
Mr. Guerrero has been incarcerated for close to 11 years and is now 42 years old. He has obtained three vocational training certificates. Mr. Guerrero has been housed in the Progressive Programming Facility since 2017, and has participated in self-help courses, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Domestic Violence Awareness. Mr. Guerrero’s rehabilitation has been noted by correctional staff and sponsors. In June 2018, an Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor commended Mr. Guerrero for being a positive influence. In March 2018, a correctional officer commended Mr. Guerrero for his positive attitude, respect, and being a positive influence, writing that he was “always willing to help me and other building officers.” In February 2018, a chaplain wrote “[Mr.] Guerrero is my clerk in the chapel. I hired him because of his good character. He has shown that he can be relied upon. He is a leader in our church and also a member of the choir. It is my professional opinion that these programs have and will be a tremendous help to him in his rehabilitation.” Mr. Guerrero has the support of his wife and family. He aspires to become a drug counselor once released.

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. Guerrero.

It is clear that Mr. Guerrero has dedicated his years in prison to becoming a better citizen, husband, and father. He has worked hard to gain the skills necessary to lead a productive life when released from prison. 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 release.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State 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 Arturo Guerrero 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

McNeece Ham

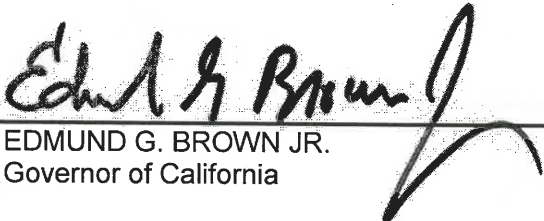
On August 16, 1992, McNeece Ham participated in an armed robbery with four others at the house of Saray Chhoeuth. During the robbery, one of Mr. Ham's friends shot Mr. Chhoeuth several times, killing him. On November 8, 1993, the Placer County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ham to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 1 year for a firearm enhancement.

While this was a very serious crime, Mr. Ham was not the shooter and was not involved in the struggle that led to Mr. Chhoeuth's death. Mr. Ham has now been incarcerated for more than 26 years. Remarkably, he has never been disciplined in prison. He has resided on an honor yard for 17 years. He has completed self-help classes, including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Anger Management, and Victim Awareness. Mr. Ham has also completed vocational training in office services. An instructor in the program noted that "Mr. Ham is able to work independently and maintains high productivity," commenting that Mr. Ham was "meticulous" in completing his assignments.

Many people sentenced to life without the possibility of parole give up hope and lose themselves in drugs, gangs, and violence. While serving that same sentence, Mr. Ham exhibited a commitment to rehabilitating himself. I understand that this crime was devastating to Mr. Chhoeuth's family members. I have read and considered the letter from his family expressing the pain caused by this heartbreaking loss and asking me to carefully weigh whether or not to give Mr. Ham an opportunity for parole. After serious consideration, I believe that Mr. Ham has transformed his life. Mr. Ham has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct in prison, and I believe that he 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 McNeece Ham to a total of 26 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Todd Hess

In 1986, Todd Hess and his crime partner planned to rob a gas station. Mr. Hess went into the store and, during the robbery, shot gas station cashier Scott James, killing him. On November 24, 1987, the Ventura County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hess to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

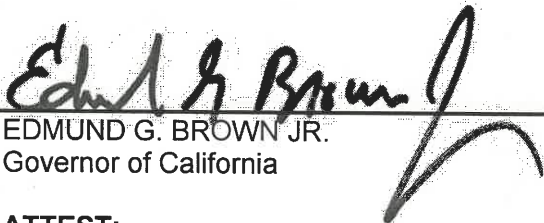
When Mr. Hess applied for a commutation, he detailed the efforts he has undertaken to turn his life around and rehabilitate himself. He wrote, "I believe that after 32 years in prison, I have matured and have learned from my mistakes."

Mr. Hess is now 53 years old and has been incarcerated for over three decades. During that time, he has shown a remarkable commitment to living a productive life despite serving a sentence that offers him no hope of release. Mr. Hess earned his GED and took college classes. He has not been disciplined for misconduct in almost ten years, and has never been involved with gangs in prison. Mr. Hess routinely receives positive work ratings, and his supervisors have consistently commended him for his strong work ethic, positive attitude, and motivation. In 2018, a Prison Industry Authority supervisor wrote that Mr. Hess was an "exceptional worker" and was "conscientious, hardworking, diligent, and self-motivated." Another supervisor praised Mr. Hess and said, "As a result of his demonstrated work ethic, accumulated knowledge, and willingness to take on more responsibility Inmate Hess is currently assigned as a mechanic." In 2013, another supervisor recommended Mr. Hess for future work assignments and wrote, "He is a positive influence to those around him and an asset to this enterprise."

In light of Mr. Hess's transformation in prison and his commitment to rehabilitation, I believe he deserves an opportunity 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 Todd Hess to a total of 32 years to life.

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Jacob Wayne Hutchins

On May 16, 1998, Jacob Hutchins and fellow gang members decided to retaliate against a rival gang member, whose car they had been told was broken down with a flat tire. As the car in which Mr. Hutchins was riding drove by a group surrounding the other car, Mr. Hutchins shot multiple times into the group, hitting and killing Michael Arreguin. On July 12 and July 27, 2000, the Napa County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hutchins to 15 years to life for murder plus 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

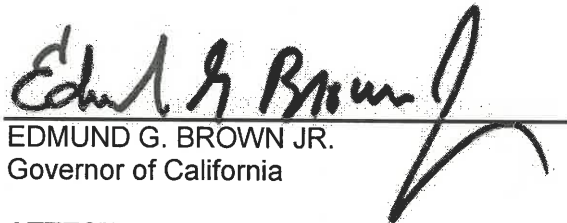
Mr. Hutchins was 18 at the time of the crime and has now been incarcerated for over 20 years. In his clemency application, Mr. Hutchins wrote regarding the crime, "At the time, I was a teenage runaway, highly intoxicated on drugs and alcohol, and as a new member of this gang, I was willing to do anything to prove myself and be accepted." Mr. Hutchins told an investigator that he truly believes prison has served its purpose to make him see what he has done to his victims and the community. He stated that he is deeply sorry and has worked tirelessly to change as a person. He wants to reenter society and contribute to his family and the community.

In prison, Mr. Hutchins has disavowed any gang affiliation and dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Hutchins participated in various self-help classes, including Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Awareness, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Criminal & Addictive Thinking. He has completed vocational training programs in office services and auto mechanics. Mr. Hutchins also received career preparation certificates in business literacy, management information systems, and information technology literacy. A vocational instructor wrote in 2017 regarding Mr. Hutchins, "I feel these groups have helped change his life and attitude to become a highly motivated and productive individual. . . . Mr. Hutchins has shown by his behavior and the manner in which he interacts with others, that he is committed to maintaining a positive change in his life, along with encouraging others to do the same and remain crime free." An instructor praised Mr. Hutchins's efforts in vocational auto mechanics, noting Mr. Hutchins "showed a sincere interest in learning as much as he could," and that Mr. Hutchins's attitude encouraged other students. The instructor noted that Mr. Hutchins "was always quick to offer assistance and helped other students when they had difficulties understanding," and that he "would be an asset to any work force."

Mr. Hutchins committed a very serious crime, but he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Hutchins 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 Jacob Wayne Hutchins to a total of 20 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Alvaro Ibarra

On January 20, 2006, Alvaro Ibarra, a gang member, and his crime partner were returning from a drug deal when they saw a rival gang member across the street. The two ran up to the victim and confronted him. Mr. Ibarra punched the victim, then instructed his crime partner to shoot. The victim was shot once in the hip, but he survived. On August 3, 2007, the Monterey County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ibarra to 15 years to life for attempted murder plus a 25 year to life firearm enhancement.


Mr. Ibarra has now been incarcerated for over 12 years and is 31 years old. He has committed himself to his rehabilitation through his immediate disassociation from gangs and his dedication to self-improvement. In his application for clemency, Mr. Ibarra wrote, "I have changed in every aspect of my life (behaviorally, mentally, emotionally, spiritually, and educationally) and I sincerely regret all the harm that I have caused."

Indeed, in over a decade in prison, Mr. Ibarra has transformed his life. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. He earned his GED and completed vocational training in office services and computer literacy. Mr. Ibarra has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Anger Management, Criminal and Gang Members Anonymous, and Victim Awareness. He is currently a facilitator for Careless Youth Corrected by Lifer's Experiences. Mr. Ibarra's positive attitude and behavior have earned him praise from instructors, who wrote that he was "cooperative and motivated to learn" and "very eager to learn and very respectable."

Mr. Ibarra was an active participant in a very serious crime. However, since that time, Mr. Ibarra has disavowed any gang association and focused on his rehabilitation. As a result, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it 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 Alvaro Ibarra to a total of 17 years to life.

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Scott William Johnson

In May 1988, Scott Johnson, Devon Otte, and Ron Morton planned to rob John Johnston by setting up a fake drug deal. Mr. Otte drove Mr. Johnston to a remote area where Mr. Johnson and Mr. Morton were waiting. When Mr. Johnston arrived, Mr. Morton shot Mr. Johnston five times in the chest, killing him. On July 17, 1991, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Johnson to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one year firearm enhancement.

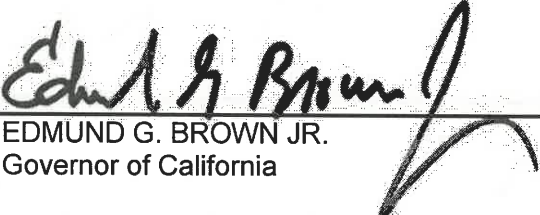
Mr. Johnson is now 48 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 30 years – all of his adult life. He applied for a commutation of sentence based on his rehabilitation during his incarceration. In his application, he wrote, "During my incarceration I have sought every opportunity to rehabilitate myself, to get an education, and to give back to the community. I have left the scared, self-absorbed teenager behind and matured into a man who is disciplined, goal-oriented, and connected with the feelings and needs of others. I now have the tools that will enable me to be a productive member of society." In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Johnson stated that he does not want his life to be defined by this terrible crime; he hopes to be a productive member of society.

Mr. Johnson has only been disciplined two times during more than three decades of incarceration, and has never been involved in gangs or participated in violence in prison. He is currently working toward an A.A. degree in business administration. He has participated in self-help classes, including Anger Management, Conflict Resolution, and Turning Point. Mr. Johnson worked as a trainer for the POOCH program, in which inmates train service dogs for adoption. A manager for the POOCH program commended him for his work ethic and wrote, "Inmate Johnson is a knowledgeable, thoughtful dog trainer. . . . When he teaches our volunteers, he is patient and gives clear instructions that help them learn quickly." If he were to be released from prison, Mr. Johnson plans to live in transitional housing, and he will also receive support from his wife and mother.

Although he is serving a sentence that gave him no hope of release from prison, Mr. Johnson has dedicated himself to rehabilitation and has worked hard to turn his life around. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Johnson 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 Scott Johnson 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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Kenneth Jordan

Between January and February 1980, Kenneth Jordan and his crime partner committed a string of robberies. During the commission of these robberies, Mr. Jordan shot and killed John Martin and Dwight Cousins. On June 5, 1981, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Jordan to two terms of life without the possibility of parole for murder, ten years for robbery, six years for firearm enhancements, and one year prior felony enhancement.

Mr. Jordan has now been incarcerated for close to 39 years and is 65 years old. In his application for clemency, Mr. Jordan wrote, "I am not the same person I was when I committed [these] crime[s] long ago. I know in my heart that I would never hurt or harm anyone again." Mr. Jordan has been housed on the Honor Yard since 2002 and has been discipline free for over a decade. For the past five years, Mr. Jordan has been employed as a disability program aide, routinely receiving above average work ratings. Mr. Jordan has also participated in self-help courses, including Victim Awareness, Alternatives to Violence, and Anger Management.

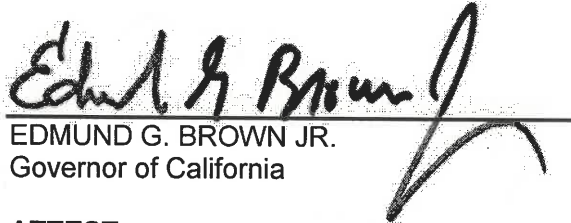
It is clear that during his incarceration, Mr. Jordan has improved himself and his remarkable transformation has been repeatedly noted by correctional staff. In 2018, a correctional lieutenant, who has known Mr. Jordan since 2001, commended him for his work with disabled and elderly inmates, writing, "[Mr.] Jordan has [made known] his continuing effort to rebuild his life and character to be accepted back into society as a hardworking and intelligent young man. I believe if ever released back to the community, [Mr.] Jordan has the work ethic and a skill set to keep him employed, ensuring that he would have something to offer society." In 2018, a correctional officer commended Mr. Jordan for his dedication to the success of the Progressive Programming Facility, writing, "[Mr. Jordan] leads by example and appears to be remorseful as well as genuine in his wanting to change. . . . Accordingly, I expect that [Mr.] Jordan would be able to transition successfully if released from custody." Another correctional officer acknowledged Mr. Jordan for his positive attitude and willingness to help others, writing, "It is my opinion that [Mr.] Jordan will be successful as he integrates back into society, and will have a positive impact on the community." Mr. Jordan also has the support of his brother and daughter, with whom he plans to live upon release.

Additionally, Mr. Jordan'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. Jordan.

Since committing these very cruel and senseless crimes, Mr. Jordan has become a role model for other inmates and has achieved positive goals in an extremely challenging environment, while serving a sentence that offers no life outside of prison. For these reasons, I believe is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that he can make 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 Kenneth Jordan to a total of 38 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Shawn Khalifa

On January 27, 2004, 15-year-old Shawn Khalifa agreed to participate with Mark Gardner, Juan Pena, and Fernando Rivera in what he thought would be the burglary of Hubert Love's house. Mr. Gardner and Mr. Khalifa initially waited outside, while Mr. Pena and Mr. Rivera went inside the house. Mr. Khalifa eventually entered the home and took some candy. It was then that he realized that Mr. Pena and Mr. Rivera had beaten Mr. Love severely, later resulting in his death. On December 21, 2007, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Khalifa to 25 years to life for murder.

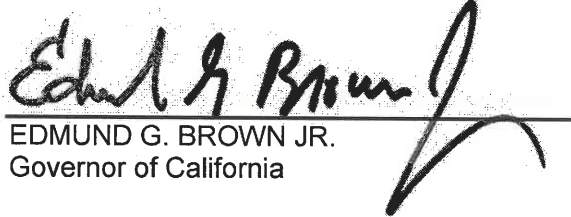
While this was a very serious crime, Mr. Khalifa's role was limited to entering the house and stealing candy. Mr. Khalifa did not participate in the beating that resulted in Mr. Love's death and there is no indication that he anticipated that his crime partners would injure and kill Mr. Love. Mr. Khalifa was only 15 years old when he participated in this crime, and he had no prior criminal history. He is seeking a commutation based on his excessive sentence in relation to his culpability in this crime, his support in the community, and his positive programming in prison. Mr. Khalifa wrote in his application, "While incarcerated, I live as a positive example for others and if released I will do the same for the community."

Now 30, Mr. Khalifa has been incarcerated for half his life. During that time, he has earned a high school diploma and completed self-help classes, including Celebrate Recovery, Living With Others, Managing Anger, Changing Your Thinking, and Substance Abuse. Mr. Khalifa earned an achievement certificate in Alzheimer's Care and participated in vocational training programs for welding and office services. Mr. Khalifa composed a one-act play as part of the the Arts in Corrections class and was commended in 2017 by a program sponsor for his participation as a playwright in the program. In 2015, a correctional officer commended Mr. Khalifa for saving the life of an inmate who was attempting suicide.

While Mr. Love's death was tragic and senseless, I believe that based on Mr. Khalifa's limited role in the crime, his age at the time, and his rehabilitation, that Mr. Khalifa 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 Shawn Khalifa to a total of 15 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Chan Lam

In December 2003, 17-year-old Chan Lam's girlfriend told him that Matthew Seivert had made racial comments about her and her father, and said that she wanted someone to beat him up. Mr. Lam and several friends went to a park to confront Mr. Seivert and blocked his car in. One of Mr. Lam's friends shot Mr. Seivert multiple times, killing him. On March 24, 2006, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lam to 26 years to life for murder and a firearm enhancement.

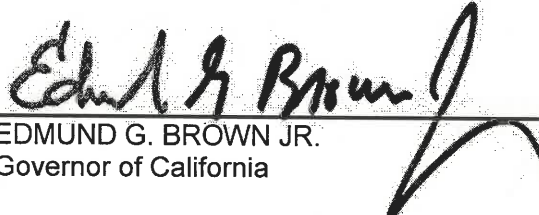
In Mr. Lam's application for clemency, he wrote, "I am deeply ashamed of my actions, and I accept full responsibility for the pain and devastation I have caused. I will be forever remorseful not only to my victim, Matthew Seivert, but to his family and the community for the irreversible consequences of my conduct." Mr. Lam described the changes he has made in his life since coming to prison, and his desire to make amends for this crime. He wrote, "If given the chance, I will do whatever it takes to be an outstanding member of society and a positive influence in my community. I owe it to Matthew Seivert, his family, and friends. I owe it to everybody affected by my actions. I owe it to the community."

There is no doubt that Mr. Lam has made a significant transformation while in prison. He has been incarcerated for nearly 15 years and is now 32 years old. He dropped out of the gang, has never been involved with drugs or violence in prison, and notably, has never been disciplined for misconduct. Mr. Lam has instead participated in many rehabilitation programs. He has taken self-help classes including Victim Offender Education Group, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Violence Prevention, and also facilitates groups for his peers. Mr. Lam earned multiple A.A. and A.S. degrees, as well as a business certificate and several vocational certifications. He writes for the San Quentin News and currently works as a certified substance abuse counselor in the Addiction Recovery Counseling program at San Quentin. The director of that program supported Mr. Lam's commutation, and wrote, "I have found him to have extremely clear insight into what brought him into the system and how he plans to focus his life in the future. He continues to serve not only as an advocate of the recovery process, but as a role model to other male inmates as to what they can achieve. . . . He has my full support." A correctional officer who has worked for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation for 21 years commended Mr. Lam for his work ethic and wrote, "I believe Inmate Lam to be reliable and he will be a responsible member of any community when he is given opportunity to parole." Numerous other correctional officers, staff members, and volunteers have praised Mr. Lam for his positive behavior and attitude. Mr. Lam has been offered an internship as an addiction counselor at a recovery program in Berkeley.

Mr. Lam participated in a senseless and tragic crime when he was just 17 years old. In the years since, he has demonstrated sincere remorse for his actions and dedicated himself to living without violence and serving others. 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 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 Chan Lam 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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Travis Larimer

In 2001, Travis Larimer and his friends started following a car they suspected was occupied by rival gang members. Someone in Mr. Larimer's car opened fire at the car, killing Henry Gomez. During the shooting, Mr. Gomez's passengers fled. Melvin Cornejo was shot multiple times as he ran, Raul Guzman broke his arm, and Alberto Herrera sprained his ankle. On July 30, 2004, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Larimer to 42 years to life for murder, attempted murder, and a gang enhancement.

When Mr. Larimer applied for clemency, he emphasized his transformation in prison. He wrote, "I am not the same person who was arrested in 2001." He described reflecting on his past decisions and continued, "The classes I've taken have helped me to gain insights into my crimes, myself, and others. I am a new person and know that I will be a valuable asset to society."

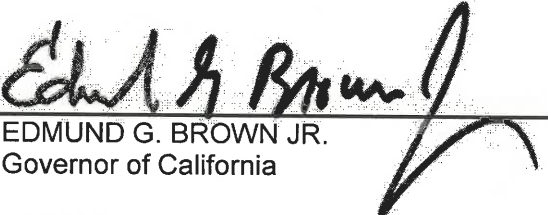
Mr. Larimer is now 38 years old and has been in prison for almost 17 years. During that time, he has only been disciplined four times for misconduct. He reported that he got sober and has not been involved with any gang activity during his incarceration. Rather than falling prey to gangs and drugs in prison as so many others do, Mr. Larimer focused on participating in positive activities and turning his life around. He earned several A.A. degrees from Coastline Community College, and made the President's List in 2017 due to his excellent grades. Mr. Larimer also completed vocational training. He has participated in many self-help programs including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Overcoming Addiction, Alternatives to Violence, and Anger Management.

Mr. Larimer has also received praise from many staff members who know him well. A clinical social worker who taught Mr. Larimer in a sociology class praised his work and wrote, "In my class Travis was a leader, an excellent student, and a person who demonstrated maturity and a true interest in learning." A professor reported, "Mr. Larimer is a very respectful and humble personality that always participates in classroom discussions and exemplifies all of the ideal traits of a student taking a junior college course. . . . I am optimistic he will continue his success in anything related to academics and personal growth." In 2018, a correctional officer commended Mr. Larimer for his positive behavior and wrote, "My observations have led me to believe he is motivated and committed to the hard work needed to reform himself."

When Mr. Larimer was a young man, he was wrapped up in gang activity and recklessly participated in this tragic crime. However, since then, he has turned away from his former negative life and has instead worked hard to become a mature, educated, responsible man. I believe Mr. Larimer has earned an earlier 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 Travis Larimer to a total of 20 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jason Lee

In late September 1982, Jason Lee unsuccessfully attempted to rob Sie Dourk Kim, a gas station attendant. Several days later, Mr. Lee returned to the gas station and shot Mr. Kim in the back of the neck, killing him. He then removed approximately \$400 from the cash register and another \$100 from the back room. On July 1, 1985, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lee to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus four years for the attempted robbery and a firearm enhancement.

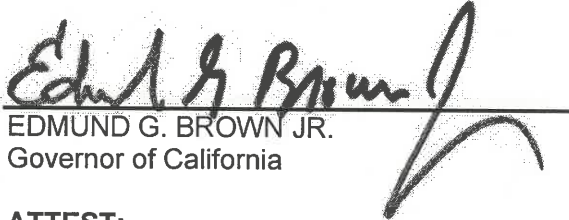
Mr. Lee has been incarcerated for nearly 36 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Lee wrote, "I was 23 when I committed this utterly senseless crime, and appeal to you that I am not the same person that I was more than three decades ago." Mr. Lee explained that he committed this crime because he felt like a failure and saw an easy way to get money for his alcohol and gambling addictions.

Mr. Lee is now 59 years old and has demonstrated a desire to "help society rather than subtracting" because "he wants to do something good before he goes." Over the years, his work ethic has been commended and rated excellent. In his current role as an adult caregiver to elderly and disabled inmates, Mr. Lee states "he does whatever he can to help out." He has also provided clerical support to facilitate several Men for Honor programs, including Helping Youth Offenders Understand Their Harm; Victim Sensitivity Awareness; and New Choices, Different Directions. Mr. Lee has also worked to better himself. He completed a vocational drafting program and lived on a positive programming facility for seven years. Mr. Lee participated in rehabilitative programs such as Celebrate Recovery, Houses of Healing, and Victim Awareness. He has avoided gangs entirely, has never been disciplined for alcohol or drugs, and has not been violent in more than 25 years. Recently, a volunteer lauded Mr. Lee, writing, "I have witnessed his profound growth and the positive growth he promotes in others."

Mr. Lee committed a very serious crime, which undoubtedly devastated Mr. Kim's family and community. However, over the last several decades, he has shown remorse for his crime, sought to give back to his community, and worked to rehabilitate himself. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Lee 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 Jason Lee to a total of 35 years to life.

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Fernando Lizarraga

In 1993, Fernando Lizarraga and his crime partner went near rival gang territory and asked Eileen Fuentes and Celia Luquin if they belonged to a rival gang. They said no. Mr. Lizarraga yelled out the name of his gang, and someone outside yelled the name of a rival gang. Mr. Lizarraga pulled out a gun and started firing. He shot Ms. Fuentes and Ms. Luquin, killing them. On June 27, 1995, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lizarraga to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

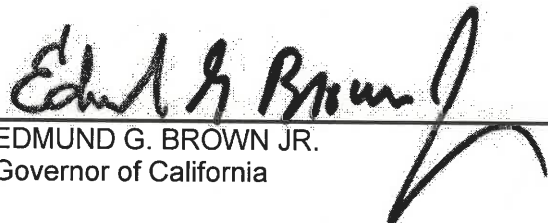
In his application for clemency, Mr. Lizarraga emphasized how much he has changed since his conviction, and showed sincere regret for his actions. Mr. Lizarraga wrote, "At twenty, I believed I was a man but through much self-reflection I now notice all the childish and irresponsible choices I made to show me otherwise." He continued, "I am deeply ashamed by my actions and am truly sorry for the harm and pain I inflicted [on] Celia, Eileen, their families, my community and all of society." Mr. Lizarraga applied for a commutation seeking the opportunity to appear before the parole board and "demonstrate my sincere desire to change and serve the communities I caused so much harm to."

Mr. Lizarraga is now 45 years old and has been in prison for more than 25 years. Despite serving a sentence that gave him no hope of being released in the future, he has demonstrated a commitment to turning his life around. Mr. Lizarraga stopped associating with gang members and has only been disciplined once in the past two decades in prison. He is pursuing self-help programs including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. Mr. Lizarraga has maintained a positive work record and routinely receives above average work ratings from his supervisors. Mr. Lizarraga has a plan in place in the event of his release – he will live in a transitional housing facility and find a job to support himself. Mr. Lizarraga's parents and brother have also offered him housing, financial support, and help adjusting to life outside prison.

As a young man, Mr. Lizarraga was immersed in the gang lifestyle and committed this tragic crime as a result. Since coming to prison, he has left gangs and violence behind and has dedicated himself to rehabilitation. For these reasons, Mr. Lizarraga 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 Fernando Lizarraga to a total of 25 years to life.

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Eric Lockhart

On May 15, 2000, Eric Lockhart participated in the robbery and murder of Gerald Brown. Mr. Lockhart's crime partner lured Mr. Brown out of his home at which point Mr. Lockhart and another crime partner robbed and shot Mr. Brown in the chest and forearm, killing him. Mr. Lockhart was arrested eight days later. On December 12, 2003, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lockhart to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder.

Mr. Lockhart is now 56 years old and has been incarcerated for over 18 years. He is seeking a commutation based on his rehabilitation. During an interview with the Board, Mr. Lockhart stated, "I believe I can be a great help to society . . . to my family. I know I made a bad choice. I feel I deserve another chance . . . by proving myself as a model inmate."

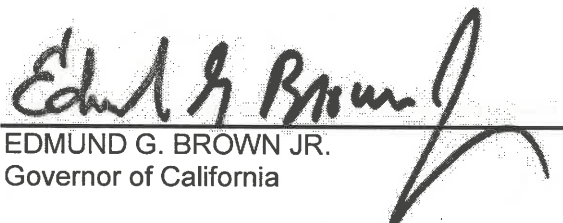
Despite his lengthy incarceration, Mr. Lockhart has never been disciplined for misconduct and has avoided substance abuse and gangs in prison. He has participated in self-help programming including Narcotics Anonymous, Getting Out by Going In, and Anger Management. In 2016, an anger management sponsor commended Mr. Lockhart on his diligence, professionalism, and dedication to self-help programming. Mr. Lockhart has also taken steps to improve educationally and has earned his GED and an A.A. in Biblical Studies from Summit Bible College. He has been commended for his dedication to his work and for his commitment to vocational training. He has completed vocational training programs and is certified as an Engine Technician by the Engine Training Council, a Network Cable Technician by C-Tech Associates, and as a Customer Service Specialist by the Electronics Technicians Association International. Also in 2016, a carpentry shop supervisor wrote that Mr. Lockhart "has proven to be honest, professional, and diligent in his work duties. . . . He is respectful to both staff and inmates and will help in any capacity without being asked to do so." In 2014, a vocational instructor commended Mr. Lockhart on his professionalism and participation in his vocational building maintenance class.

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. Lockhart.

I believe that Mr. Lockhart has taken the necessary steps toward self-improvement and has shown dedication through positive efforts in his rehabilitation and is no longer the man he was when he committed this crime. 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 Eric Lockhart to a total of 22 years to life.

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Hung Thieu Ly

In December 2003, 19-year-old Hung Ly's friend recruited him and several others to help beat up Matthew Seivert. They believed that Mr. Seivert had made racial comments about a mutual friend and her father. Mr. Ly and his friends went to a park, confronted Mr. Seivert, and blocked his car in. Mr. Ly pulled out a gun and fired multiple shots, killing Mr. Seivert. On March 24, 2006, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ly to life without the possibility of parole for murder, plus a 25 years to life firearm enhancement.

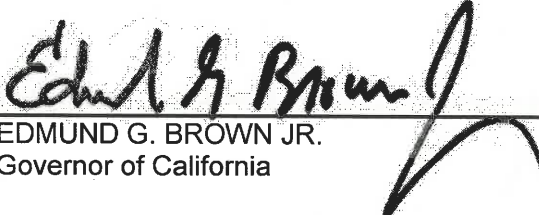
In his application for clemency, Mr. Ly described the remorse he feels for participating in this crime and his determination to turn his life around. He wrote, "I came into prison lost, careless, and hopeless. I have since awoken and have accepted full responsibility for unjustly murdering Matthew Seivert. I have been diligently working on restoring my life and addressing all my unresolved issues that caused me to be so unpredictable in the past." Mr. Ly continued, "If ever given a second chance at freedom, I plan on dedicating my life to serving my community."

During his incarceration, Mr. Ly has demonstrated a sincere dedication to rehabilitation. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct in nearly 15 years in prison, and has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or violence. He participated in multiple self-help programs including Anger Management, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Victim Awareness, and Getting Out by Going In. Mr. Ly has also worked hard to further his education by earning his GED, as well as a career readiness certificate from Baylor University. Staff members who have closely supervised Mr. Ly have commended him for his positive behavior and attitude. In 2016, a correctional officer wrote, "In my opinion, when Ly is granted parole, he will become a productive law-abiding citizen who would not have trouble reintegrating back into society." Another correctional officer praised Mr. Ly's work ethic and wrote, "Ly has attended numerous [groups] offered at this facility on a regular basis for self-improvement and rehabilitation. In my opinion, Ly would be a successful member of society if released. He is to be commended for his efforts of becoming an honest, responsible, and law-abiding individual." Yet another officer described Mr. Ly as a "model inmate" and wrote that his good behavior "assures me that Inmate Ly is in the process of becoming an honest and responsible individual." Mr. Ly has a solid plan in place in the event of his release, and his family members have offered him housing, help finding a job, and support as he adjusts to life outside prison.

When he was a young man, Mr. Ly participated in a very serious crime that left a lasting impact on Mr. Seivert's loved ones. However, when Mr. Ly came to prison, he turned away from negative influences and instead dedicated himself to making amends and becoming a productive member of society. For these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole in the years ahead.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State 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 Thieu Ly to a total of 20 years to life.

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Kevion Lyman

On March 31, 1997, Kevion Lyman and James Russel invited James Davis and Anthony Nash to Mr. Russel's home under the pretense of selling the pair some marijuana. Mr. Lyman pulled out a gun and ordered Mr. Davis and Mr. Nash to the ground while Mr. Russel searched the men for cash. A struggle ensued between Mr. Russel and Mr. Davis, who was armed. Mr. Lyman then shot Mr. Davis, killing him. On March 13, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Lyman to life without the possibility of parole for first-degree murder plus a one-year firearm enhancement.

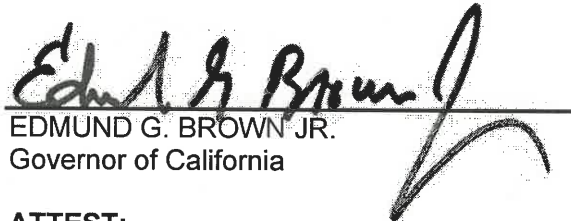
Mr. Lyman has been incarcerated for 21 years and is now 48 years old. During his investigation by the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Lyman said, "I am trying to give back and do things in a positive and more productive way . . . I am not the same person who I was then." Mr. Lyman also stated, "I don't deserve a commutation because of the crime I committed, but I would like a chance to prove that I can do better." He has shown a determination to change for the better. In over two decades of incarceration, Mr. Lyman has never been disciplined for gangs, drugs, or violence. Even before he had any reason to believe that he had a chance for release, he began participating in self-help programs. Mr. Lyman has actively participated in groups such as Victim Awareness, Positive Decision Making, New Choices/ Different Directions, Houses of Healing, and Men for Honor. He lived on the Progressive Programming Facility for several years, and routinely receives positive work ratings. Just this year, he was commended by a correctional staff member who described Mr. Lyman as "hard-working, resourceful, motivated, and a self-starter." The supervisor wrote, "I believe that if given the opportunity, he would become a productive and law-abiding citizen to any community outside of prison."

Mr. Lyman has also worked to contribute to the well-being of others. He regularly supports charitable causes, including by donating funds to a class for students with special needs, and organizations supporting survivors of crime. Mr. Lyman also writes letters to struggling and at-risk youth. If released, he plans to continue his work with troubled youth. Mr. Lyman will be supported by a network of family and friends. He has already been offered immediate access to employment via a non-profit organization that teaches community members life management skills such as computer training and financial literacy.

Mr. Lyman's crime was undeniably senseless. But I believe that his efforts to change and make amends support his request for 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 Kevion Lyman to a total of 25 years to life.

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Larry Martinez

In 1981, Larry Martinez tried to rob a liquor store where Carlos Braga worked. During a struggle, Mr. Braga shot Mr. Martinez, and Mr. Martinez stabbed Mr. Braga multiple times, killing him. On February 28, 1986, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Martinez to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Martinez requested an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings based on his rehabilitation. He wrote, "I am so ashamed and remorseful for taking the life of Mr. Braga. I cannot even begin to imagine the heartache and suffering . . . the loved ones of Mr. Braga endured." In an interview with a Board investigator, Mr. Martinez reported that he started using drugs at age 14. At 17, he began using heroin, and quickly became a daily user. Mr. Martinez explained that he was looking for money to support his drug addiction when he committed this crime.


Mr. Martinez has now been incarcerated for over 37 years and is 70 years old. During nearly four decades, he has never been disciplined for misconduct in prison and has shown an admirable commitment to turning his life around. He reported that he has been sober since coming to prison. Mr. Martinez has participated in self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alternatives to Violence. He has lived on an honor yard since 2010. Mr. Martinez has maintained a positive work record and regularly receives above average ratings from his supervisors, who have commended him for his hard work and good attitude.

Most importantly, the warden of the prison where Mr. Martinez has been housed for many years has personally recommended him for commutation. 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. Martinez.

I do not discount the seriousness of the crime that Mr. Martinez committed, and the ongoing pain that Mr. Braga's family has experienced as a result of his senseless death. But I cannot overlook Mr. Martinez's many years of good behavior and his dedication to sobriety. I believe he should have the opportunity 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 Larry Martinez to a total of 37 years to life.

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Esequiel Melgoza

In 2001, Esequiel Melgoza and his friend got into a gang-related confrontation with Esteban Arias. Later that day, Mr. Melgoza drove up to Mr. Arias and his friend fired multiple shots at him. Mr. Arias was shot in the forearm and was grazed on his shoulder by another shot, but survived. On April 9, 2004, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Melgoza to 15 years to life for attempted murder, plus an additional 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life in prison.

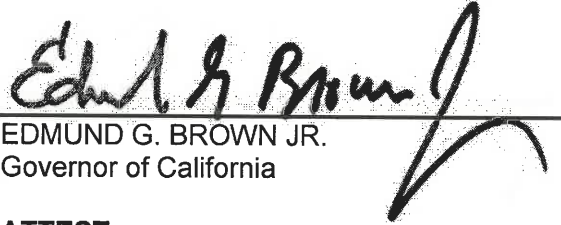
Mr. Melgoza applied for clemency based on his rehabilitation. In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, he reported that he started hanging out with gang members, fighting, and using drugs and alcohol as a teenager. He explained that when he came to prison, he began to understand the impact of his actions, and realized that he needed to make a serious change in his life.

Mr. Melgoza is now 38 years old and has been incarcerated for 17 years. He dropped out of his gang, got sober, and has not been involved in violence since committing this crime. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct during nearly two decades in prison. Mr. Melgoza has instead dedicated himself to self-improvement and serving others. He earned his GED and is currently pursuing his A.A. degree. He has participated in numerous self-help classes including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Anger Management, Malachi Dads, and Barrios Unidos. Mr. Melgoza currently works as an aide for disabled inmates and hospice patients, and routinely receives exceptional work ratings from his supervisors. In 2018, a correctional officer who has supervised Mr. Melgoza for five years praised him for going above and beyond when caring for sick and terminally ill inmates. The officer wrote, "Melgoza often spends time just talking with these inmate patients as they are often alone and bed ridden. It is clear that he does this with no alternative motives other than just genuine kindness and respect for others. . . . It is in my opinion that given the chance to parole, Melgoza will have a positive effect on society, the ability to give back to the community and continue to help others." A social worker commended Mr. Melgoza for his work as a caretaker and wrote, "Mr. Melgoza is a positive role model and leader on the Medical Unit. He maintains a humble attitude, a good sense of humor, and is empathic with everyone. It has been a pleasure to know Esequiel Melgoza." A nursing assistant reported that Mr. Melgoza "takes great strides to improve himself and stands out among other inmates. He is a role model to fellow inmates as to what it takes to be a contributing positive person in society."

In the investigator's interview, Mr. Melgoza reported that he had seen other men like him come to prison and continue their involvement in gangs, drugs, and violence. He said, "I thank God that He opened my eyes and my heart to see that you can have a better life, and even start while you're in prison." Mr. Melgoza has demonstrated a clear commitment to transforming himself and helping those around him. He has earned an earlier 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 Esequiel Melgoza to a total of 15 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jose Nampula

On May 1, 2008, 18-year-old Jose Nampula waited outside of Esteban Aispuro's home to confront him about a gang-related shooting. Mr. Aispuro arrived home along with Robert Alvarran and Carl Vandusen and approached Mr. Nampula. Mr. Nampula pulled out his gun and fired multiple rounds. Mr. Aispuro was hit in the wrist and abdomen, and Mr. Alvarran was struck in the back. Both survived their injuries. On January 12, 2012, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Nampula to 15 years to life for each attempted murder plus 50 years to life for two firearm enhancements – a total of 80 years to life.

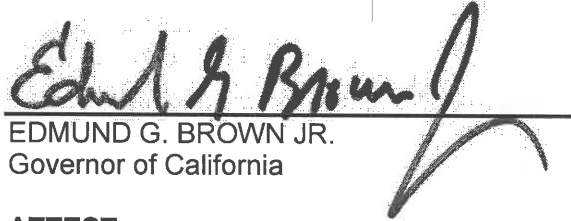
Mr. Nampula has been incarcerated for 10 years. He has committed himself to his rehabilitation through his disassociation from gangs and his dedication to self-improvement. Mr. Nampula seeks a commutation based on his age at the time of the crime and his subsequent rehabilitation. In his application, he wrote, "I'm sorry that it has taken me to enter self-help groups to learn the amount of pain and hatred that I've bestowed in my community when I committed this crime. . . . I am requesting commutation because I have matured, I sought to better myself almost immediately after my arrest, [and] I've made steady progress to learn about myself."

Mr. Nampula has never been disciplined for any misconduct during his incarceration. He earned his GED and is currently taking college classes. Mr. Nampula also completed vocational training in office services, and has obtained multiple certifications in Microsoft. In 2018, one of his vocational instructors wrote, "Inmate Nampula demonstrates a respectful and positive attitude. He is an intelligent individual who has used his time in prison to better himself. In my opinion, inmate Nampula has the knowledge, skills, and the ability to excel in his community upon release and will be a productive member of society and an excellent employee." Mr. Nampula has participated in self-help programs, including Alternatives to Violence, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Anger Management. He plans to live in transitional housing, and his family is ready to help him upon his release from prison.

I acknowledge Mr. Nampula committed a very serious crime. However, he has set himself apart through his exceptional conduct in prison and his willingness to separate himself from gangs. 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 Nampula 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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State of California

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

David Negrete

In 2008, 16-year-old David Negrete and several fellow gang members confronted Deryon Williams and Kevin Carr about their gang status. Later, Mr. Negrete and his crime partners returned to the scene with a gun and Mr. Negrete opened fire, hitting Mr. Williams, who survived. On October 20, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Negrete to 14 years to life for two counts of attempted murder plus an additional 45 years to life in firearm enhancements – a total of 59 years to life.

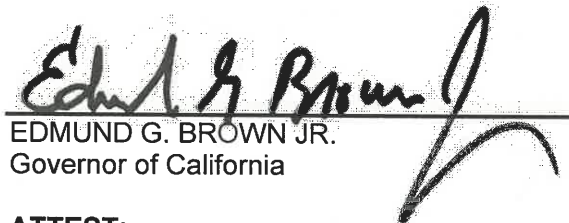
Mr. Negrete applied for a commutation of sentence based on his age at the time of the crime and his subsequent rehabilitation. He is now 26 years old and has been incarcerated for 10 years. In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Negrete reported that he started using drugs when he was just nine years old. When he was 12 years old, his friend was murdered by a rival gang, and Mr. Negrete responded by dedicating himself to his gang and increasing his drug use. After he was incarcerated for this crime, Mr. Negrete realized that he needed to profoundly change his life. He dropped out of the gang, stopped using drugs, and has never been violent in prison.

Instead, Mr. Negrete has focused on rehabilitation and self-improvement. He earned his GED and has maintained a positive work record. He has participated in multiple self-help courses including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Victim Impact, Cage Your Rage, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Negrete currently participates in and facilitates a juvenile diversion program that prepares inmates to reach out to at-risk youth in the community to share their stories and discourage them from making the same mistakes. In 2017, the program's sponsor wrote, "Mr. Negrete is to be commended for standing out and participating in a program designed to help with rehabilitation. It is a pleasure to have him in the group." Mr. Negrete's commutation is supported by the Loyola Law School's Juvenile Innocence and Fair Sentencing Clinic, which has pledged to help Mr. Negrete transition back into the community if he is released. Mr. Negrete also has the support of his fiancée, and plans to continue working with juvenile offenders and helping them steer clear of gangs and criminal activity.

Based on his conduct in prison and his dedication to self-improvement, I believe Mr. Negrete has earned an earlier 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 David Negrete to a total of 17 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Joanna Neidiffer

In September 1983, Joanna Neidiffer conspired with Richard Cruz, with whom she had begun an affair, to kill her husband, Walter Neidiffer. While the Neidiffers were jogging in the park, Mr. Cruz jumped from the bushes and shot Mr. Neidiffer in the back. On December 6, 1988, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Neidiffer to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one year firearm enhancement.

Ms. Neidiffer is now 57 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 34 years. In her application for clemency, Ms. Neidiffer states that she was a selfish, impulsive, and rash person. She wrote, "I gave no thought to the consequences of my behavior or how it could affect others around me. Today I live my life the exact opposite."


During more than three decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Ms. Neidiffer has been dedicated to transforming her life. She has been disciplined only once. She earned two vocational training certifications and receives exceptional work ratings. She states that her passion is serving as a hospice volunteer, where she provides support to fellow inmates who are diagnosed with serious and terminal illnesses. Ms. Neidiffer has also taken advantage of multiple self-help programs, including Beyond Violence, Picking up the Pieces, The Purpose Driven Life, and Life Scripting.

Through her positive attitude and behavior, Ms. Neidiffer has earned the respect of the staff members and volunteers who interact with her on a regular basis. In 2018, a hospice volunteer wrote, "[Ms. Neidiffer] is caring, compassionate, and reliable. I feel her experience has prepared her to be a valuable member of society when released." In 2012, a chaplain who has known Ms. Neidiffer for over a decade commended her for her rehabilitation and wrote, "Ms. Neidiffer is held in high esteem for her consistent interest and inclination toward the welfare of those around her... [She] preserves a positive attitude and, I feel, would be an asset in whatever community she re-enters."

Ms. Neidiffer played a significant role in a very serious 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. Neidiffer has earned the 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 Joanna Neidiffer 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Curtis Norris

In 2008, upset about a previous argument in county jail, 19-year-old Curtis Norris shot Edward Dismukes multiple times, killing him. On April 29, 2011, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Norris to 15 years to life for murder plus a 25-to-life firearm enhancement, a total term of 40 years to life in prison.

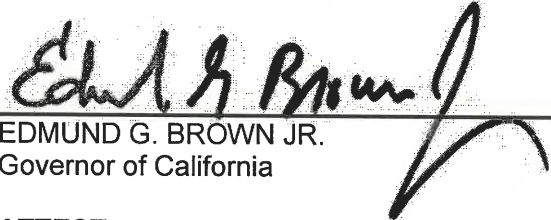
Mr. Norris applied for a commutation of sentence based on his rehabilitation. In his application, he described how he has learned new skills during his time in prison and has gained an understanding of his responsibilities to his community. Mr. Norris wrote, "I don't expect anyone to forget about what I've done. But I am asking for a second chance to do things right." He continued, "I am a rehabilitated, mature, young man and secure in who I am. With my second chance, I will put my all into doing things right." Mr. Norris had a hard time in his youth after his father died in a car accident when he was 3 and after he was essentially abandoned by his drug-addicted mother. He struggled in school and started using drugs at a very young age. Since entering prison, Mr. Norris has made drastic changes. He said, "I've made it a point to educate myself in every way possible." He told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, "My mindset has changed dramatically," and explained that he now thinks of others, recognizes the importance of family and helping others, and now sees the world in a different way. He said, "I feel like I am more than what I did to get into prison. At the time of my crime, I wasn't in the right mind. Now, I'm in a better mind state; I'm more determined and focused."

Mr. Norris is now 29 years old and has made admirable strides to turning his life around. He has only been disciplined twice during more than a decade in prison, and has not been involved in gangs, drugs, or violence. He earned his GED in 2018. Mr. Norris has taken advantage of many self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Anger Management, Victim Awareness, and Alternatives to Violence. Since 2015, Mr. Norris has been involved with the Delancey Street Project, where he is focused on sobriety and where he and a group of inmates help each other work to transform their lives. Mr. Norris has a solid plan in place in the event of his release. He wants to commit to the intensive residential program at Delancey Street to ensure he has the skills necessary to succeed in the community before going to live with his grandmother and seek employment in construction.

It is clear that Mr. Norris has made a commitment to becoming a productive member of the community. I believe that he should have an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so that they 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 Curtis Norris to a total of 15 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Zina Pacheco

Zina Pacheco and Jesse Morales had been dating the same woman and got into several fights over the course of a few days. On October 20, 1998, Ms. Pacheco and a friend approached Mr. Morales at a trailer. Ms. Pacheco's friend opened fire, killing Mr. Morales and injuring another man. On October 22, 1999, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Pacheco to 26 years to life for murder and a firearm enhancement.

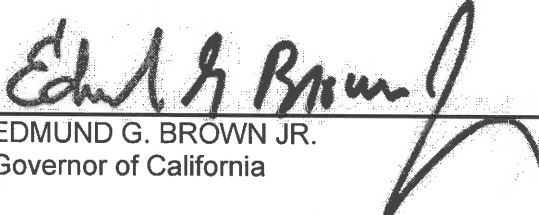
Since committing this crime, Ms. Pacheco has demonstrated a commitment to transforming herself and leaving violence behind. In her application for clemency, she wrote, "I am requesting a commutation because I am not the same person today that committed this heinous murder twenty years ago." She continued, "I believe I can make a positive difference if allowed a second chance. My passion is sobriety and I demonstrate that daily to the ladies still struggling in addiction." Ms. Pacheco is now 57 years old and has only been disciplined once during her lengthy incarceration. She has gotten sober and participated in numerous self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Relapse Prevention, Restorative Justice, and Anger Management. Ms. Pacheco has maintained a positive work record and routinely receives above average ratings from her supervisors, who have commended her work ethic and dedication.

Ms. Pacheco has also earned praise from correctional staff members. In 2018, a correctional officer who has known Ms. Pacheco for five years wrote, "I have observed Ms. Pacheco's growth and development as she continues her participation in self-help groups. She is trustworthy and reliable. . . . It is my opinion Ms. Pacheco will be a productive member of society upon release." Another correctional officer praised Ms. Pacheco's cooperative attitude and reported, "I have seen her continued growth and determination to be a role model to others. I believe that Pacheco would be very successful upon release." Ms. Pacheco has participated in charitable events and lived in an honor unit since 2016. She has a solid plan in place for her release from prison, including transitional housing, a relapse prevention plan, and a support system of family members and friends who have pledged to help her adjust to life back in the community.

Before coming to prison, Ms. Pacheco was mired in drugs, which ultimately led to her participation in this senseless crime. But since then, she has shown an admirable commitment to sobriety and self-improvement. It is clear that she has worked hard to turn her life around and become a role model for others. For these reasons, Ms. Pacheco has earned an earlier opportunity to make her case before 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 Zina Pacheco to a total of 20 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Claude Earl Palmer

On October 22, 1981, Claude Palmer and James Earl Smith robbed a vacuum store, and Mr. Smith shot and injured Geertuida Porter, the owner of the store. On October 25, 1981, Mr. Palmer and Mr. Smith attempted to rob a gas station, and the station attendant Miguel Ramirez was killed. On August 30, 1983, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Palmer to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Palmer is now 63 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 37 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Palmer explained how he came to commit this crime and expressed hope for his future. He wrote, "I chose a destructive path for myself and others." He continued, "I am a very different man today. I want another chance to clean up what I can with my wife, children, grandchildren and family. The things of the past and that old behavior has died to me."

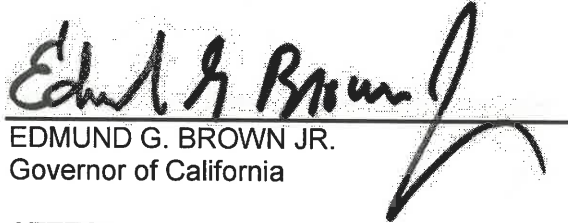
Mr. Palmer has been incarcerated for almost four decades with no hope for parole. Rather than succumbing to gangs, drugs, or violence in his decades in prison, he has been committed to changing his life. Mr. Palmer has only been disciplined three times for misconduct, and has not had a rules violation in over 20 years. He resided on an honor yard for ten years and completed self-help classes in Substance Abuse, Alcoholics Anonymous, Veterans Group, and Anger Management. Mr. Palmer worked for the California Prison Industry Authority laundry department for many years, completed vocational training in industrial health and safety, and received good work ratings from his supervisors. In 2014, two supervisors commended Mr. Palmer on his work ethic and noted that he "has worked at various positions making every effort to learn all aspects of the industry."

I note that Mr. Palmer suffered a stroke three years ago and currently has several serious health conditions, including a seizure disorder, an enlarged heart, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and a partially paralyzed foot. Mr. Palmer also has family he hopes to return to. In the event of his release, Mr. Palmer plans to live with his sister and reunite with his wife of 39 years, three children, and two step-children. Mr. Palmer wrote in his application regarding his rehabilitation and plans for the future, "Time and education have both played a huge part in my transformation. I know I'd go home, help my family, live quietly, and make the best out of my remaining years."

Mr. Palmer committed two very serious crimes, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself through his exemplary conduct in prison. For this reason, I believe that Mr. Palmer 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 Claude Earl Palmer to a total of 37 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Alfredo Perez, Jr.

On March 18, 1994, Mr. Perez and a friend stole merchandise from an auto parts store. As they began to drive away from the area, store employee Fred Sanchez reached into the vehicle Mr. Perez was driving to retrieve the stolen item. Mr. Perez put the vehicle into reverse, then drove forward. Mr. Sanchez eventually pulled his arm free and thankfully suffered only minor injuries. On May 4, 1995, the Fresno County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Perez to 25 years to life for assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury and two years for prior prison terms – a total term of 27 years to life. In 2014, Mr. Perez was resentenced to 10 years and released from prison. At the time of his release, the Fresno County Superior Court found that Mr. Perez did not pose an unreasonable risk to public safety. Four years later, Mr. Perez was ordered to return to prison to serve the remainder of his sentence following a California Supreme Court finding that Mr. Perez was ineligible for the relief he was granted.

Mr. Perez seeks a commutation of sentence based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "Upon release, I went to work, remarried my wife, and cared for my terminally ill father." Mr. Perez continued, "I took the granting of my petition for release seriously. I have maintained gainful employment, rebuilt my family and provided for them. I have also been a productive, law-abiding citizen. I have proven that I am neither a burden nor a risk to society and hope to continue as such through your good graces."

Indeed, Mr. Perez had no subsequent arrests, held a job, and supported his wife and family following his original release from prison. Several family members and community members wrote letters in support of his clemency application, noting Mr. Perez's turnaround and commitment to his family. Prior to his return to prison, Mr. Perez gave up his full-time employment to serve as primary caregiver for his terminally ill daughter, who is in hospice care. Mr. Perez's wife wrote, "Upon his release four years ago, [my husband] has been an amazing contributor. . . . He has changed his life around with the grace of God and family by his side." Mr. Perez's son wrote, "My father has become a better man and has exceeded our expectations of becoming a better father and a wonderful grandfather, as well as a great husband to my mother." Mr. Perez's youngest daughter wrote, "My dad continues to be a hard worker, a great family man, an awesome provider, and does everything to help his wife, children, and grandchildren with our every need." The Superior Court Judge who presided over Mr. Perez's case told a Board investigator that Mr. Perez has done well in the community and does not appear to represent a danger to the public.

Additionally, Mr. Perez's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. At the *en banc* meeting, 12 people, including Mr. Perez's wife and children, spoke in support of clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Perez.

Upon his release in 2014, Mr. Perez demonstrated that he had turned his life around. I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Perez's sentence so that he can 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 Alfredo Perez, Jr. to release him on parole.

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Dominic Rodriguez

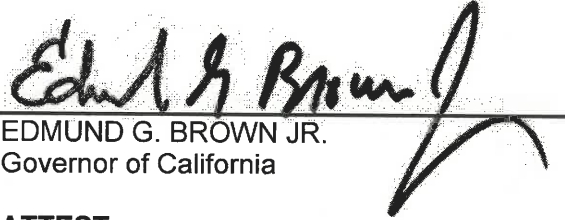
In 2004, 18-year-old Dominic Rodriguez was driving when his friend opened fire on several members of a rival gang, hitting Roeth Korm. Mr. Korm survived his injuries. On July 25, 2005, the San Joaquin County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Rodriguez to 5 years for shooting from a vehicle plus an additional 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 30 years to life in prison.

Mr. Rodriguez is now 32 years old and has been incarcerated for 14 years. In that time, he has made strides toward transforming his life. He reported that he joined his gang when he was just 11 years old, and dropped out after his conviction for this crime. Since then, he has avoided gang activity and steered clear of drugs and alcohol. Mr. Rodriguez earned his GED and a certificate of career readiness from Baylor University, and is currently taking college classes. He has a positive work record and routinely receives above average to exceptional ratings from his supervisors. Mr. Rodriguez has participated in many self-help programs including Pathways to Freedom, Insight, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, and Victims Workshop, and has facilitated several classes. He has also received accolades from staff members, including a youth offender resource officer who commended Mr. Rodriguez for his “exemplary conduct” and wrote, “It is my opinion that Rodriguez has successfully rehabilitated himself and would prove to be a productive member in his community if granted a commutation.”

In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Rodriguez spoke movingly about how experiencing loss in his own life helped him understand the impact that his actions had on those he targeted for the gang. He reiterated that since dropping out of his gang, he has changed his priorities and worked hard to show those changes through his actions. During his incarceration, Mr. Rodriguez has demonstrated that he is committed to his new path forward. I believe he deserves 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 Dominic Rodriguez to a total of 15 years to life.

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Lorenzo Ross

On July 15, 2008, Lorenzo Ross acted as a lookout while Tyshawn Lewis and Joel Arnold robbed Rosa Hernandez of \$1000 at gunpoint in her apartment. Ms. Hernandez, her boyfriend Christopher Torres, and her brother Gerald Hernandez were all assaulted during the course of the robbery. On June 25, 2010, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Ross to 30 years to life for two counts of robbery plus an additional 20 years to life for firearm enhancements.


Mr. Ross has been incarcerated for 10 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Ross wrote, "I want an opportunity to go out into society and contribute something positive to my community. [A]t the time of my incarceration, I was a lost teenager. . . . I had no grasp of how detrimental the choices I made could be." He wrote that he applied for a commutation because "my actions at 19 years old on July 15, 2008, is a reflection of who I was then but not who I am today, nor who I will be for the next 50 years."

During the decade Mr. Ross has spent in prison, he has been dedicated to transforming his life. He earned his GED and completed vocational training in office services and auto body repair. An instructor in vocational auto body wrote in 2014 that Mr. Ross was an "outstanding student, applied his time well, asked a lot of questions, and inspired others." Mr. Ross has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Criminals & Gang Members Anonymous, and Victim Awareness. Mr. Ross also participated in a Youth Offender Mentoring Program in 2018 and was commended by the Anti-Recidivism Coalition for his active participation and "willingness to learn how to become an effective mentor, and making a positive contribution to his environment." A group sponsor noted in 2017 that Mr. Ross "has been an enthusiastic participant while working through issues in anger management classes, freely expressing himself during group discussions, and contributing positive criticism toward personal development topics."

Given Mr. Ross's efforts at rehabilitation in prison, 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 Lorenzo Ross to a total of 15 years to life.

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Sem Saephanh

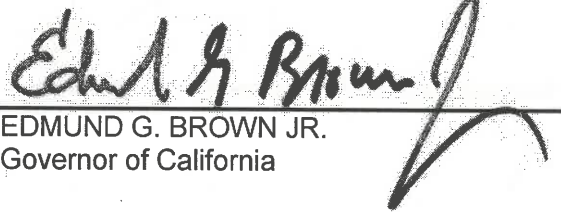
In 2009, Sem Saephanh and his brother got into a fight with Kwame Cunningham and another man. After the fight, Mr. Saephanh drove by and fired shots from a car, hitting Mr. Cunningham and bystander Britney Rudolph. Both victims survived their injuries. On January 4, 2010, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Saephanh to 6 years and 8 months for discharging a firearm plus an additional 50 years to life for firearm enhancements.

Mr. Saephanh has now been incarcerated for 9 years. In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Saephanh reported that during that time, he has matured, maintained his sobriety, and focused on being a good role model for his daughter. Indeed, Mr. Saephanh has maintained an excellent record in prison. He has only been disciplined once for misconduct. He stopped associating with gangs and has participated in self-help programs, including Getting Out by Going In, Alternatives to Violence and Nonviolent Conflict Resolution. Mr. Saephanh completed a vocational program in computer literacy and plans to start taking college classes. In 2018, Mr. Saephanh's correctional counselor reported that he is hard-working, avoids trouble, and has been rehabilitated. A correctional officer who has worked in Mr. Saephanh's housing unit for several years reported that he stays out of trouble and shows good character. Both staff members believed that Mr. Saephanh was a good candidate for a commutation of sentence. If released, Mr. Saephanh plans to live with his parents, and has job opportunities in construction and landscaping.

Despite his very lengthy sentence, Mr. Saephanh came to prison and turned his life around – he stopped associating with gang members, stayed away from drugs and alcohol, and dedicated himself to rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe he has earned an earlier opportunity to make 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 Sem Saepanh to a total of 15 years to life.

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Ernesto Sandoval

Ernesto Sandoval was in an on-again, off-again relationship with Lorraine Venegas when they devised a plan in the summer of 1992 to kill her abusive husband, Conrado Venegas. While Mr. Venegas was sleeping in his bedroom, Mr. Sandoval approached him and shot him in the chest and head, killing him. On October 10, 1995, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Sandoval to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Sandoval has now been incarcerated for more than 26 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Sandoval wrote, "I am no longer the same person that committed that horrendous crime, since I have been in prison, I have worked on my rehabilitation." Mr. Sandoval continued, "I believe in the human spirit, and that I have matured and grown responsibly and I am an example that positive change and redemption are possible."

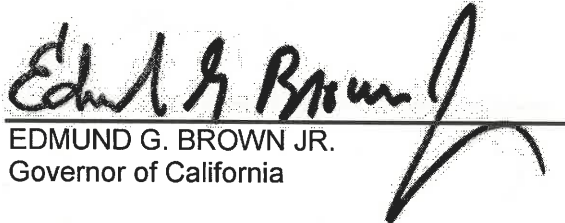
During over a quarter century in prison with no possibility of parole, Mr. Sandoval has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned his GED and multiple certificates of proficiency from the California Prison Industry Authority. Mr. Sandoval has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Victim Awareness, Houses of Healing, Men For Honor, and Surviving and Thriving. Mr. Sandoval has participated in the Lifers Support Group and Bible Study. He has lived on an honor yard since 2009.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Sandoval has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who see him on a regular basis. In 2017, a chaplain commended Mr. Sandoval for his work with the Protestant program. The chaplain wrote, "He has been a leader and teacher in our Spanish chapel program for 11 years. He has led men in our chapel program in the path of rehabilitation through word and example." In 2013, 2014, and 2016, superintendents with the Prison Industry Authority wrote, "[Mr.] Sandoval has worked at various positions making every effort to learn all aspects of the industry." In 2012, a PIA supervisor commended Mr. Sandoval for his good attitude and work habits. While working towards earning his GED, an instructor noted that Mr. Sandoval "has excellent work habits and skills. He is a hard worker who strives toward academic perfection. Inmate Sandoval relates well to his peers and is a peacemaker. The goals which he sets for himself are remarkable."

Although he is serving a sentence that gave him no hope of release from prison, Mr. Sandoval has dedicated himself to rehabilitation and has worked hard to set a positive example for his peers. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Sandoval 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 Ernesto Sandoval 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA
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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Robert Sandoval

On September 23, 2006, Robert Sandoval was at a restaurant with his cousin when a fight broke out. When Mr. Sandoval saw that his friend was involved in the fight, he retrieved a weapon from his truck and fired into the air, then into the crowd. Christopher Inouye was shot in the neck and killed; Clair Chang was wounded, but survived. On January 9, 2008, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Sandoval to 15 years to life for murder, 4 years for mayhem plus an additional 50 years to life for firearm enhancements.

Mr. Sandoval has now been incarcerated for 12 years. Mr. Sandoval wrote in his application for clemency, "Prison has transformed my life. It actually saved me from self-destruction and a distorted belief system. It was here where I admitted I was an alcoholic. I have been sober since the night of my crime. I have disassociated from all forms [of] deviant and anti-social behavior. I have been disciplinary-free during my time in prison." He continued, "My remorse has fostered a desire to give back to the community I took so much from."

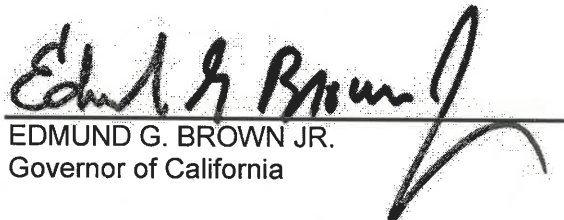
Mr. Sandoval has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned three A.A. degrees and completed vocational training in computer literacy. Mr. Sandoval has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Anger Management, Alternatives to Violence, Breaking Barriers, and Victim Awareness. From 2016-2017, Mr. Sandoval participated in the Reaching Out Challenging Kids Youth Diversion Program.

Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Sandoval has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who see him on a regular basis. In 2018, an academic instructor commended Mr. Sandoval on his work tutoring other inmates for their GEDs. The instructor wrote, "He's been instrumental in being able to assist me with tutoring and motivating the students in the classroom. [Mr.] Sandoval is self-motivated, professional, and his persistence is reflected by his tenacity to work. . . . His positive attitude and desire to see the students succeed is appreciated. I do not doubt that he will be successful in the future." In 2017, a college coordinator wrote, "Mr. Sandoval has a reputation for excellent work, dependability, and honest service. . . . His fluent language skills in both English and Spanish have allowed him to serve a diverse population of inmate students and guide them to success. He has also been instrumental in starting our English as a Second Language (ESL) program on B yard." In 2017, a correctional counselor praised Mr. Sandoval's work in the Youth Offender program and noted, "Mr. Sandoval has demonstrated the qualities of genuine change. He [should] be commended for his positive programming and efforts in giving back to his community." In 2016, a correctional officer wrote regarding Mr. Sandoval's work, "[H]e has always displayed a strong work ethic, communication and problem solving skills. This position of trust has proven him trustworthy, diligent, professional, and courteous while performing his job duties." The officer continued, "His transparency is reflective of the change CDCR offers through rehabilitation. He consistently motivates and encourages others to pursue vocational and educational achievement." In 2016, a correctional sergeant wrote, "Mr. Sandoval has demonstrated a consistent pattern of change that epitomizes the objectives of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. Mr. Sandoval should be commended for this positive programming and desire to give back."

Mr. Sandoval committed a reckless and callous 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. Sandoval 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 Sandoval to a total of 15 years to life.

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Gilbert Scott

In 1997, 18-year-old Gilbert Scott and his brother robbed their acquaintance Eva Lopyan at gunpoint in her home. Mr. Scott tied Ms. Lopyan up and stole money and drugs from her. Several days later, Mr. Scott went into a convenience store and shot the clerk, Bhoj Gurong. Mr. Scott took money from the register, and Mr. Gurong died from his injuries. On March 17, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Scott to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 14 years for robbery and two firearm enhancements.

Mr. Scott seeks a commutation based on his rehabilitation. In his application for clemency and an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Scott described his tumultuous upbringing. His home life was marred by physical abuse and drug use. By age 14, he had joined a gang and was abusing drugs and alcohol. Mr. Scott explained that after coming to prison, he realized that he needed to make a serious change in his life. He wrote, "One I started this journey, my goals were sobriety, separation from gang, education, rehabilitation, and freedom."

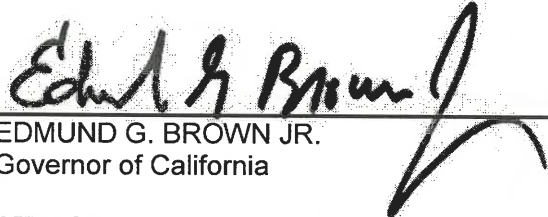
Mr. Scott is now 40 years old and has shown an admirable commitment to turning his life around during more than two decades in prison. He got out of the gang and has never been disciplined for drug or alcohol use. Mr. Scott earned four A.A. degrees from Palo Verde College, and made the Dean's List. He participated in numerous self-help programs including Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous, Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Anger Management, and Alternatives to Violence. Mr. Scott participates in a program that counsels young offenders who come to prison. In 2017, the coordinator of the program commended Mr. Scott for his hard work, and wrote, "Scott has demonstrated his ability to not only connect with those with addiction/anger issues, but is able to provide them a method to understand their problem(s)....He has proven that he is vital not only in the day-to-day operations of the Youthful Offender [Program, but also to] the growth of this program." Mr. Scott also works for a Braille transcription program, where his supervisor has praised his "exceptional skill" and the quality of his work.

Mr. Scott has a solid plan in place in the event of his release; he plans to live in transitional housing and continue building stronger relationships with his family members. He reported that he hopes to be able to continue to give back to the community if released.

Based on his dedication to self-improvement, I believe that Mr. Scott has earned an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so that they 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 Gilbert Scott 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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David Maurice Smith

From 2000-2001, David Smith defrauded 12 people of a total of approximately \$16,000. On February 27, 2015, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Smith to 250 years to life for 10 counts of grand theft of personal property over \$400.

Mr. Smith is now 58 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 17 years. He has received only one rule violation, almost 15 years ago. He applied for a commutation of sentence based on the non-violent nature of his crimes and the drug addiction underlying his criminal behavior, which he has worked to address in prison. Mr. Smith has been commended for his active participation in Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous. In 2017, an Alcoholics Anonymous sponsor praised Mr. Smith for his "insight and effort," writing that Mr. Smith "has shown attentiveness to the program and has displayed a commitment to his recovery." Two sponsors wrote in 2016, "In all aspects, David is to be commended for his unbroken and active involvement in this program, and his quest for redemption."

Mr. Smith has also earned the support of correctional staff, who commended him for his attitude and work ethic. In 2014, a correctional officer wrote, "He is highly motivated and an intelligent individual. He is willing and ready to do any task without complaint. I would recommend him to anyone as a very good worker." The officer continued, "I have always found him to interact exceptionally with staff and inmates alike. . . . He is unique in that he truly has a desire to improve himself through the betterment of others. His lengthy imprisonment and rehabilitation accomplishments have provided him with the tools he needs for a successful transition back into society." Another correctional officer wrote in 2014, "Through the course of his incarceration, Mr. Smith has readily attempted to improve and rehabilitate himself and assisted others through every means available in becoming a law-abiding citizen." The officer continued, "I find a sincere and positive individual who is adamant in his programming and rehabilitative efforts. I believe he possesses all the necessary tools to function productively in society."

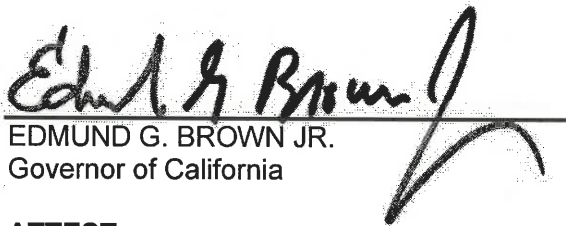
Mr. Smith also has received support from elected officials, including former Senator Carol Liu and Assemblymember Chris Holden, who wrote, "Given the facts of Mr. Smith's case, his continuous efforts in rehabilitating, and the level of support demonstrated from his community, we believe his request for a commutation of sentence is reasonable." In April 2018, Assemblymember Holden wrote again in support of clemency for Mr. Smith in light of his ongoing serious medical issues. He wrote, "Mr. Smith is terminally ill, suffering from pulmonary adenocarcinoma, or lung cancer. We pray that Mr. Smith will not endure this alone." Assemblymember Holden also emphasized that "Mr. Smith has no record of physical violence in his criminal history and continues to be a model inmate while serving his time."

Additionally, Mr. Smith's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. At the meeting, Mr. Smith's brother, a retired lieutenant with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, spoke in support of clemency. He stated that the family is committed to providing care for Mr. Smith, including employment and housing upon his release. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith's crimes were serious; however, based on his conduct in prison, his dedication to self-improvement, and his cancer diagnosis, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Smith's sentence so that he can 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 David Maurice Smith 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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William Lewis Smith, Jr.

On November 17, 1990, William Smith and Kenneth White robbed Ronald Burton, then Mr. White shot Mr. Burton several times, killing him. On November 22, 1991, the San Diego County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Smith to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus two years for prior prison term enhancements.

In his application for commutation, Mr. White expressed deep regret for his actions. He wrote that through his programming in prison, "I have gain[ed] [an] understanding and [am] finally able to see the impact I had on the victim, his family, and [o]n the community." He emphasized that he is a different person today at 53 years old than he was when he committed this crime at the age of 25. He wrote, "I am in continuous therapy and rehabilitation, finally I am gaining my humanity I lost many years ago."

Mr. Smith has been incarcerated for nearly 28 years, and there is no doubt that Mr. Smith has made a serious transformation within prison. Mr. Smith has resided on the honor yard for over 10 years and earned his GED in 2014. Mr. Smith routinely receives exceptional work ratings and participated in self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Anger Management, Creative Conflict Resolution, and Victim Sensitivity.

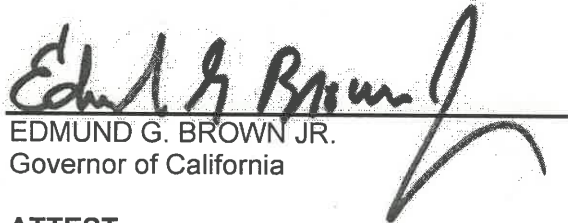
Mr. Smith has earned the recognition of institutional staff, many of whom have commended him for his positive rehabilitation and were supportive of release. Debbie Asuncion, the former warden at the prison in Lancaster, recommended a commutation of sentence for Mr. Smith. In 2017, two correctional officers and a supervisor wrote to commend Mr. Smith on his work ethic, respect towards staff, and positive attitude. In 2017, a correctional officer wrote that Mr. Smith "has shown a great deal of self-reliance ...on a continuous path of change." A cook who has supervised Mr. Smith for 13 years wrote in 2017 that Mr. Smith "has displayed great effort and knowledge on his assigned duties at all times" and "expresses a positive attitude towards all CDCR staff and is respectful at all times." The supervisor stated, "I strongly believe due to my observation of Smith's work ethics and attitude, that in the event he is released back to society, Smith will abide by the law and be a model citizen."

Additionally, Mr. Smith'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. Smith.

For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Smith has earned the opportunity 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 William Lewis Smith, Jr. 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 21st day of November, 2018.


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Brandita Taliano

In 1991, Brandita Taliano was working as a prostitute when Dennis Dawley asked her to come to his house to stage a burglary in exchange for drugs or money. When she arrived, Ms. Taliano ransacked the house and saw Mr. Dawley's wife laying on the ground. Mr. Dawley held his wife down and ordered Ms. Taliano to hit her in the head. Ms. Taliano complied and later fled in the victim's car. Ms. Taliano has admitted hitting her once. On June 6, 1997, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Taliano to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder.

Ms. Taliano is now 63 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 23 years. Her conduct in prison has been exemplary and she has expressed deep remorse for her crime. Ms. Taliano has only been disciplined twice for misconduct and has never been involved in drugs or violence. She has earned a GED and four A.A. degrees – in General Studies, American Studies, Social and Behavioral Science, and Business. Ms. Taliano has also participated in several self-help programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Celebrate Recovery, Anger Management, and Helping Others With Life Skills. In 2017, a professor emerita from California State University Fresno supported Ms. Taliano's commutation and wrote that she "has shown tremendous initiative in developing programs and activities that serve the entire [prison] community as she has traveled her own path to rehabilitation."


Ms. Taliano has also received numerous commendations from correctional staff who noted her positive behavior and attitude. In 2016, a correctional lieutenant who had known Ms. Taliano for six years praised her positive attitude and wrote, "I have seen positive behavior changes take place and she has exceeded the requirements by CDCR as documented in her file. . . . Inmate Taliano has shown she is capable of handling any obstacle that may come her way, and she is to be commended for her accomplishments." Also in 2016, a correctional captain wrote, "I have known Inmate Taliano for approximately 18 years now. . . . Taliano is conscientious about her own rehabilitation and is always will[ing] to help teach other inmates. . . . Inmate Taliano is to be commended for her dedication in helping others and in her personal growth." In 2017, a correctional counselor stated that Ms. Taliano is trustworthy, cooperative, and polite."

Additionally, Ms. Taliano'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. Taliano.

Ms. Taliano has made significant efforts over the last 23 years to improve herself and has proven that she has changed her life from the person who committed this vicious crime and used drugs to solve her problems. For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce her sentence to allow her to make her case before 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 Brandita Taliano to a total of 25 years to life.

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Billy Ray Talk

On November 3, 1977, 18-year-old Billy Ray Talk, his wife Karen Parsons, her sister, and Karen's step-father planned to rob Karen's father, Floyd Smith. Mr. Talk wanted money to support Karen's infant son and attacked Mr. Smith with the handle of a hammer, killing him. He then stole approximately \$500 from Mr. Smith. On May 18, 1978, the Butte County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Talk to life without the possibility of parole.

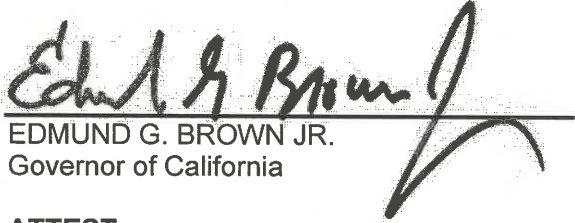
Mr. Talk has been incarcerated for 41 years. In prison, Mr. Talk has distinguished himself through his positive programming and work record. Mr. Talk has only been disciplined twice in over forty years of incarceration, and has never committed any violence while incarcerated. Mr. Talk has participated in various self-help groups, including Non-Violent Conflict Resolution, Anger Management, and Victim Impact.

Mr. Talk's commitment to his work has earned him the respect and praise of institutional staff. In 2018, a supervisor commended Mr. Talk on his work with the California Prison Industry Authority (Cal PIA), noting that he was recognized as employee of the month on three separate occasions. She wrote, "Inmate Talk is an organized, self-motivated, and responsible worker who is able to resolve production problems in a timely manner. These attributes have served Cal PIA well and will positively serve any future employer, Cal PIA or otherwise." She concluded, "If given an opportunity to parole, Inmate Talk would be an asset to society and I am willing to wholeheartedly endorse any consideration for his parole." In 2017, a supervisor commended Mr. Talk on his lack of disciplinary history, positive programming, and work ethic. He wrote, "I have observed inmate Talk to be a hard worker and respectful to all Cal PIA staff and fellow offender workers. He demonstrates a positive attitude at all times. Inmate Talk is a program success story and is an asset to the facility [a]nd Cal PIA." In 2018, a supervisor commended Mr. Talk on his work ethic and leadership skills. He noted, "Mr. Talk always handled himself in a very professional manner dealing with all inmates and all staff. He never shied away from leadership positions or labor intensive jobs." In 2018, a correctional officer who has worked with Mr. Talk daily wrote that he "handles his responsibilities and duties in an exemplary manner. He consistently meets deadlines, is very organized, works extremely hard, and is always on task." The officer wrote, "Among his peers, Mr. Talk has a positive attitude, is always willing to offer assistance, and shows strong leadership skills." The officer concluded, "If given the opportunity, I would hire/supervise him again and would recommend him in any job position."

Mr. Talk came to prison for committing a terrible crime when he was 18 years old, over four decades ago. Since that time, he has demonstrated a sincere commitment to his rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Talk 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 Billy Ray Talk to a total of 41 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 21st day of November, 2018.


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Dominique Tanks

On December 2, 2004, 16-year-old Dominique Tanks planned to rob a grocery store. Mr. Tanks and security guard Noe Fernandez exchanged gunfire. Mr. Tanks struck Mr. Fernandez multiple times, killing him. On January 12, 2007, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Tanks to 25 years to life for first degree murder plus a 25 years to life firearm enhancement, a total term of 50 years to life.

He is now 30 years old and has been incarcerated for over 13 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Tanks stated he felt unwanted and abandoned by his family and looked to gangs for acceptance. He wrote, "I became dangerously selfish and was only concerned with myself and my gang. I gave little to no thought to how much my actions would affect others . . . I allowed my unchecked anger to create a violent person." Mr. Tanks acknowledged, however, "the man I am today is a stark contrast to the immature and impulsive 16-year-old teenager I was once . . . [and] I intend to continue to be of service to others."

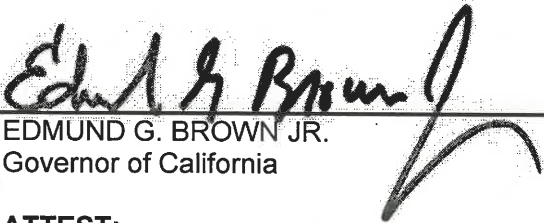
In prison, Mr. Tanks has demonstrated his commitment to transforming his life. He has never been disciplined for violence. Mr. Tanks earned his high school diploma in juvenile hall while awaiting his trial, and is currently enrolled in community college courses. Mr. Tanks has worked as a braille transcriber since 2015. He was commended by a braille coordinator who wrote, "Mr. Tanks comes to work every day with a good attitude, ready to work, [and] is always respectful and considerate with others." He has also taken advantage of many self-help programs, including Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous, Addiction Counseling Program, Alternatives to Violence, and Victim Awareness. He serves as a mentor for youth offenders, an Addiction Counselor, and has tutored other inmates in the education program in the prison. He has a plan for re-entry, including transitional housing, transportation, and continuing to improve his education.

Mr. Tanks has earned the respect of staff members through his behavior and mentorship of other inmates. In 2018, a support group sponsor wrote that Mr. Tanks "displays many great leadership traits . . . is passionate about the classes he teaches . . . and is sincere with his efforts when trying to help fellow inmates better themselves." That same year, an Education Officer commended him for his exemplary conduct and wrote, "The nature in which he enthusiastically fulfills his roles is encouraging to other inmates with their pursuit of a positive transformation. . . . It is my opinion that Mr. Tanks has achieved rehabilitation."

Mr. Tanks committed a senseless crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation. For all of these reasons, I believe Mr. Tanks deserves an earlier opportunity to make 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 Dominique Tanks to a total of 15 years to life.

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Ismael Ray Tarazon

On November 22, 1983, Ismael Tarazon confronted Robert Serna about money Mr. Serna owed him for drugs, and the two fought. Later in the day, Mr. Tarazon saw Mr. Serna walking with Clemente Sanchez. Mr. Tarazon asked Mr. Serna if he had the money he owed him for drugs, then opened fire on Mr. Serna and Mr. Sanchez, killing them both. On December 7, 1984, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Tarazon to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

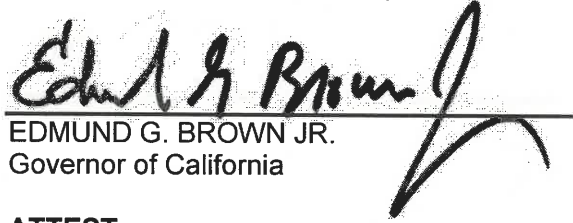
Mr. Tarazon has now been incarcerated for almost 35 years. During over three decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Tarazon has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has not been disciplined for misconduct in over 23 years, and has never been disciplined for any violence in prison. Mr. Tarazon has resided on an honor yard since 2011. An associate warden wrote in 2018 that, "Mr. Tarazon has never received any serious rules violations while residing on the [honor yard] and has taken every opportunity to change for the better." Mr. Tarazon has participated in the Progressive Arts Program since its inception and has donated artwork to various charitable organizations through the program. Mr. Tarazon is also a military veteran and took the initiative to reestablish the Veterans Embracing Troops Group at his prison in Lancaster. Through the group, Mr. Tarazon has worked to raise money for donations for troops overseas, local homeless veterans, and other organizations. As a correctional sergeant wrote in 2018, Mr. Tarazon "has been the driving force behind countless fundraisers."

Mr. Tarazon receives excellent work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. In 2018, an associate warden who supervises Mr. Tarazon's work as a clerk wrote that Mr. Tarazon "has gained a reputation of being responsible and diligent. He is very dedicated to his job and is called upon often to assist [other] inmate workers." A correctional sergeant who supervised Mr. Tarazon noted, "He has integrity, is reliable, responsible, and dependable." The sergeant stated, "I would recommend Tarazon for any future job as well as any inside or outside employment. Tarazon also demonstrated great character skills and sound demeanor." In 2018, a correctional lieutenant wrote that Mr. Tarazon "has made it known of his continuing effort to rebuild his life and character to be accepted back into society as a hardworking and intelligent man. Tarazon always performs his work with a great attitude and he is extremely proficient from the time he starts his job until it is completed." In 2018, a Muslim chaplain who has known Mr. Tarazon for over a decade wrote, "Mr. Tarazon stands out as an individual who takes pride in himself, his work, and as an adviser to other students. Mr. Tarazon strives to find ways to give back to the local community and his fellow veterans within the prison setting, as well as those in the outside community who are in need."

Mr. Tarazon 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. Tarazon has earned the opportunity to present 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 Ismael Ray Tarazon 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Timothy Thompson

In 1996, 21-year-old Timothy Thompson approached Salvador Espinoza on the street. Mr. Thompson pretended to have a gun and demanded money. Mr. Espinoza handed over \$2.00, and Mr. Thompson fled. On November 4, 1998, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Thompson to 25 years to life for robbery, plus a 5-year prior felony enhancement – a total term of 30 years to life in prison.

Mr. Thompson is now 44 years old and has been incarcerated for over 22 years. In that time, he has developed an impressive record of rehabilitation. He has advanced his education, earning both an A.A. degree and an A.S. degree. He is currently enrolled in a vocational certification program, and has participated in self-help groups. Mr. Thompson also completed the Last Mile program, which provides inmates with career and entrepreneurial training, as well as mentorship and job placement when they are released. The co-founder of the program supported Mr. Thompson's application for clemency and described him as a "top performer in the program" with "an excellent work ethic." He pledged to give Mr. Thompson his full support upon release, and wrote, "I strongly believe that given the opportunity for release, Tim Thompson will become a contributing member of our business community." Mr. Thompson has also received commendations from numerous people involved in San Quentin's education programs. A UC Berkeley instructor who volunteers with the Prison University Project supported Mr. Thompson's commutation and wrote, "I have every confidence that he will not only not reoffend, but will follow through on his plans to give back to his community and be a force for good in the lives he touches." A college preparatory instructor wrote, "From all the time I have spent with Tim, I have experienced him to be kind, compassionate, hard-working, and driven to succeed. I can say with full certainty that Tim's presence would benefit any community and that he deserves to offer his gifts to society at large."

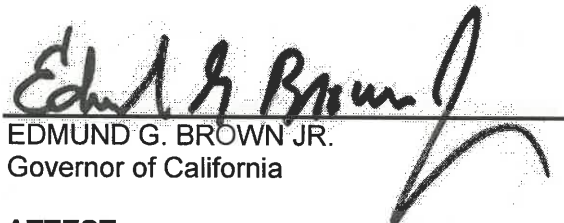
In 2018, a judge from the Los Angeles County Superior Court supported Mr. Thompson's commutation, writing that Mr. Thompson "appears to be an excellent candidate for commutation," explaining, "He appears to be a different man than the perhaps drug-fueled street robber of his youth. He has bettered himself. He has gotten an education. He has demonstrated his concern for and caring for others. To me, that seems to be the goal we all say we are seeking when we talk about rehabilitation, and when we say that rehabilitation is an important objective of our system." The judge also noted that if this crime were committed today, "it is likely that the District Attorney would strike one of the prior convictions in the interests of justice, and offer to resolve this case for something less – perhaps significantly less – than the 22 years that Mr. Thompson has served." He concluded that Mr. Thompson "seems as likely as any who I have encountered to continue the positive trajectory he has established in over two decades in prison, and to contribute in a positive way to his community. If this man is not deserving of a commutation, and another chance in life, who is?"

Additionally, Mr. Thompson'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. Thompson.

For all of these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Thompson's sentence so that he can 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 Timothy Thompson 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Alberto Torres

On February 5, 1999, Alberto Torres shot and killed Juan Atrisco, who was on Mr. Torres' property causing a disturbance in the middle of the night. On November 19, 1999, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Torres to 15 years to life for second degree murder, plus a consecutive 25 years to life term for personally discharging a firearm. Mr. Torres' sentence enhancement for personally discharging a firearm has been commuted from an indeterminate term of 25 years to life in prison to a determinate term of 10 years.

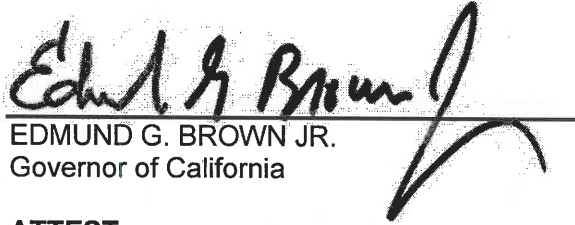
Mr. Torres is now 64 years old and has been incarcerated for over 19 years. He reported that he grew up in the village of Santa Ines in Michoacán, Mexico, where he slept on a dirt floor and lived without electricity. Mr. Torres came to the United States in 1971, where he found work on a ranch in Sonoma picking grapes, cherries, and apples. He worked 8 to 10 hours a day and even on weekends for just \$.90 an hour. He eventually became a U.S. citizen in 1996, and saved enough money to buy property in Courtland. He reported that he was in fear of his and his family's lives when he shot at and killed Mr. Atrisco near his property.

Mr. Torres has made significant strides while in prison. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct, has never associated with gangs, and has avoided drugs and alcohol. Mr. Torres earned a vocational certification in landscape maintenance and worked as a landscaper and computer literacy clerk. He took advantage of self-help programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and Project Reach for Education Achievement and Change with Help. In 2016, a volunteer program instructor wrote, "Mr. Torres has evolved in prison," and is "accepting of his responsibility and accountability, and has empathy." In 2014, an instructor wrote that Mr. Torres was "diligent, productive, and motivated." The Sacramento County District Attorney wrote that Mr. Torres "appears to have fully embraced the educational, vocational, and rehabilitative opportunities available to him over the years." Mr. Torres reported that upon his release, he plans to live with his family and has a job offer.

For all the foregoing reasons, I believe Mr. Torres has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that they 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 Alberto Torres 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Thomas Wheelock

In 1997, Thomas Wheelock worked as a guard for an armored truck company. In late November, while working second shift, Mr. Wheelock shot and killed his colleague, Rodrigo Cortez, before stealing approximately \$300,000 from the truck. Mr. Wheelock was apprehended in Utah a few days later. On November 1, 2001, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Wheelock to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Wheelock has been incarcerated for nearly 21 years and is now 41 years old. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "I am no longer the lost twenty year old kid who committed a horrible crime. At the time I was uneducated, immature, filled with self-hate and loathing. I could never take responsibility for any of my actions." He explained that he is seeking a commutation because, "I have spent my prison sentence changing who I was and working to become a better person. . . . I will continue to spend the rest of my life atoning for what I did."

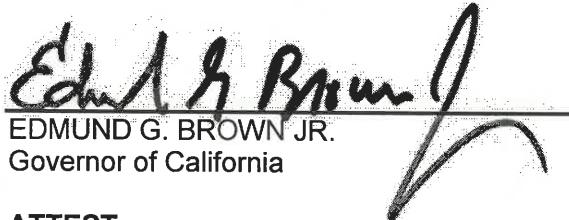
Indeed, over the past two decades, Mr. Wheelock has never been violent, and has been disciplined for misconduct only twice. He has avoided gangs and drugs, and instead focused on furthering his education. Mr. Wheelock has earned three A.A. degrees and is one of very few prisoners enrolled in a bachelor's degree program at California State University, Los Angeles. He made and donated hats, scarves, and booties for the Women's Clinic of Antelope Valley, Keep Them Warm, and Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk-A-Thon, and pet clothing and toys for Karma Rescue. Mr. Wheelock also actively participates in self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Paws for Life, and Turning Point.

Over the years, Mr. Wheelock's efforts to better himself have been lauded by numerous staff. In 2004, a supervisor wrote that he "excels in problem solving." Later, a supervisor reported that Mr. Wheelock donated his time to solicit, collect, organize, and file books for the library, and encouraged other inmates to use the library. He was also commended for his volunteer work refurbishing a housing unit, stating, "Wheelock displayed an outstanding work ethic, a very positive attitude, and a willingness to work alongside other inmates and staff in a helpful and cooperative manner." In 2017, a supervising cook wrote, "What I observed of Wheelock was exemplary behavior . . . he has proven himself to be conscientious and diligent in his assigned tasks. . . . I would not mind if Wheelock moved in next door to me." In 2018, a correctional lieutenant stated, "with Wheelock's work ethic and dedication I feel that he will be an asset once being granted parole."

Given Mr. Wheelock's commitment to his rehabilitation despite having no incentive of possible release, I believe that he has earned the opportunity to make 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 Thomas Wheelock 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Walter "Earlone" Woods

In 1997, Walter Woods and several other men tried to rob Noel Castley-Wright outside his home. Mr. Woods pointed a gun at Mr. Castley-Wright, and one of his crime partners sprayed him with pepper spray. On March 30, 1999, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Woods to 31 years to life for attempted robbery, and prior felony and firearm enhancements.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Woods described his dedication to rehabilitation and wrote, "I have made profound changes in the way I think and behave. Now, instead of being a threat to public safety, I have become an asset." He continued, "[M]y life going forward will be dedicated to working with young people to ensure that they do not pursue a criminal lifestyle as I did."

Mr. Woods is now 47 years old and has been incarcerated for 20 years. In that time, he has demonstrated his commitment to turning his life around and leaving violence behind. He has only been disciplined three times during more than two decades of incarceration. Mr. Woods earned his GED and completed several vocational training programs. He has participated in self-help groups including Narcotics Anonymous, Restorative Justice, and Creative Conflict Resolution. Mr. Woods has worked in the San Quentin media program for several years, and co-produces Ear Hustle, a widely-distributed podcast about life inside San Quentin.


Mr. Woods has earned accolades from members of the correctional staff and many volunteers for his positive attitude and behavior. He has been commended for being a strong leader who has made significant contributions to self-help groups. In 2017, a staff psychologist supported a commutation for Mr. Woods, writing, "Mr. Woods is a poster child for the efficacy of prison reform." His podcast co-producer Nigel Poor is a professor at CSU-Sacramento. She supported Mr. Woods' commutation and wrote, "I have absolutely no doubt that, were Mr. Woods [released], he not only would not reoffend, but would lead a very productive life and he would use his skills to the betterment of the community." Another podcast producer supported Mr. Woods' commutation and wrote, "From both a personal and professional perspective, I believe Earlone will continue to educate, enlighten and enrich the lives of his peers at San Quentin, and the many, many people who listen faithfully to Ear Hustle." A correctional officer wrote, "I believe Inmate Woods possesses the necessary quality to be a responsible citizen in society." And a correctional lieutenant praised Mr. Woods' transformation and wrote, "The man who committed these unfortunate crimes against his community is not the same man that is coming before you today for consideration. Mr. Woods has matured in prison and gained valuable relevant skills and confidence that will serve him well in life beyond the walls of a prison."

Additionally, Mr. Woods' 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. Woods. His commutation is also supported by members of his family, who have offered him housing, financial support, and help readjusting to life in the community.

Mr. Woods has clearly shown that he is no longer the man he was when he committed this crime. Instead of remaining mired in criminal activity, he worked hard to improve himself and contribute to the community around him. He has set a positive example for his peers and, through his podcast, has shared meaningful stories from those inside prison. For all of these reasons, I believe that Mr. Woods 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 Walter "Earlone" Woods 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jose Francisco Zapata

In December 2009, Jose Zapata arranged to sell a gun to Jonathan Gonzales and Julio Serrano. During the sale, Mr. Zapata shot and killed Mr. Gonzales and injured Mr. Serrano. On December 3, 2013, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Zapata to 25 years to life for murder and 15 years to life for attempted murder, plus 50 years to life for firearm enhancements – a total term of 90 years to life.

Mr. Zapata was 17 years old when he committed this crime and he has now been incarcerated for close to 9 years. In his application, he recognized, "I made a serious mistake that landed me in prison for 90 years to life, this terrible wrong has affected the victim's family, my family, society, and my future. There [are] truly no words I can say to express my sincere, godly remorse."

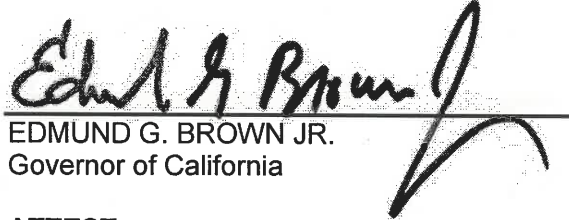
Despite being given such a lengthy sentence, Mr. Zapata has never been disciplined in prison and dissociated from gangs early in his incarceration. In addition to his spotless behavioral record, he earned his GED and a certificate in Paralegal Studies. He has resided on the Progressive Programming Facility since 2017 and has taken self-help courses, including Getting Out by Going In, Reform Anonymous, Helping Youth, and Victim Sensitivity Awareness. Of his rehabilitation, Mr. Zapata wrote, "During my incarceration I have learned about self-help, theology, the law, and business, completing various...for the first time I was able to see and admit my wrongs and failures something I could not do in the past. I knew then I had a purpose in life to serve, beyond my current circumstances." Mr. Zapata plans to pursue his education and focus on mentoring youth in the community. He has been accepted to transitional housing and has strong family support.

Mr. Zapata's rehabilitation has been noticed by prison staff. A former instructor wrote, "[Mr. Zapata] is purposeful, trustworthy, and compassionate. [He] is well-rounded physically, academically, and spiritually. He has learned self-discipline, how to take correction, and how to be supportive from a variety of activities in school and out, at work, on campus, in after school activities, and in church work. It is difficult to find anything negative to share, for he handles stress well and pours his heart into everything he does." A sponsor from his victim sensitivity class wrote, "Mr. Zapata has made every effort possible to correct his action and prove himself worthy of a second chance."

There is no doubt that Mr. Zapata committed a senseless crime at a very young age. Since that time, he has made a credible commitment to changing his life and has taken full responsibility for his crime. 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 Zapata 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 21st Day of November, 2018.


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