

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Arnou Aghamalian

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

Mr. Aghamalian was convicted on December 17, 1999, in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, for the crime of accessory after the fact. He was sentenced to three years of probation. He was discharged on December 17, 2002, having completed his sentence.

Mr. Aghamalian has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities, and apply for a pardon. On September 7, 2017, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles granted Mr. Aghamalian a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Aghamalian's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Aghamalian be granted a full pardon.

Mr. Aghamalian has presented evidence that a collateral consequence of his conviction, namely, his impending deportation and permanent separation from his family and removal from his community, further justifies this exercise of executive clemency.

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, Mr. Aghamalian merits this pardon.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Aghamalian a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of October 2019.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

PARDON

Victor Ayala

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

Mr. Ayala was convicted on August 11, 1999, of the crime of misdemeanor theft. He was sentenced to three years of probation. On September 28, 1999, Mr. Ayala was convicted for the crime of misdemeanor petty theft with a prior. He was sentenced to two years of probation. On February 22, 2000, Mr. Ayala was convicted of the crime of misdemeanor petty theft with a prior. He was sentenced to three years of probation. On April 26, 2001, Mr. Ayala was convicted of the crime of misdemeanor hit and run. He was sentenced to two years of probation. Mr. Ayala was convicted on March 5, 2002, of the crime of felony robbery. He was sentenced to three years of probation. He was discharged on March 5, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Mr. Ayala has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities, and apply for a pardon. On May 9, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles granted Mr. Ayala a Certificate of Rehabilitation for felony robbery on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Ayala's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Ayala be granted a full pardon.


Mr. Ayala has submitted a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has presented evidence that a collateral consequence of his felony and misdemeanor convictions, namely, his impending deportation and permanent separation from his family and removal from his community, further justifies this exercise of executive clemency.

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, Mr. Ayala merits this pardon.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Ayala a full and unconditional pardon for the above cases.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of October 2019.



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PARDON

Curtis Reynolds

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

Mr. Reynolds was convicted on March 10, 1999 of possession of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance for sale. He was sentenced to four years of probation and 120 days in jail. On August 25, 1999, Mr. Reynolds was convicted of possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to eight months in prison and four years of probation. On September 1, 1999, Mr. Reynolds was convicted of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He was sentenced to two years and eight months in prison. On May 16, 2003, Mr. Reynolds was convicted of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He was sentenced to six years of probation and 180 days in jail. Mr. Reynolds was discharged from probation on December 5, 2006, having completed his sentences.

Mr. Reynolds has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities, and apply for a pardon. On June 20, 2018, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento granted Mr. Reynolds a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Reynolds's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Reynolds be granted a full pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings received and reviewed Mr. Reynolds's pardon application and related materials, and on July 16, 2019, recommended him for a pardon, a step required by California Penal Code section 4813 for clemency applicants convicted of more than one felony. On October 9, 2019, Mr. Reynolds's pardon application received a recommendation from the California Supreme Court for the Governor to grant a pardon, a step required by article V, section 8 of the California Constitution for clemency applicants convicted of more than one felony.

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, Mr. Reynolds merits this pardon.



THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Reynolds a full and unconditional pardon for the above cases.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of October 2019.



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PARDON

Thear Sam

Thear Sam, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

Mr. Sam was convicted on August 22, 1996, of robbery. He was sentenced to three years of probation. On April 1, 1998, Mr. Sam was convicted of accessory to a felony with a prior felony conviction. He was sentenced to two years and eight months in prison. Mr. Sam was discharged from parole on March 3, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Mr. Sam has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has demonstrated that he is living an upright life and has demonstrated his fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. Mr. Sam has also presented evidence that a collateral consequence of his conviction, namely, possible deportation and permanent separation from his family and removal from his community, further justifies this exercise of executive clemency.

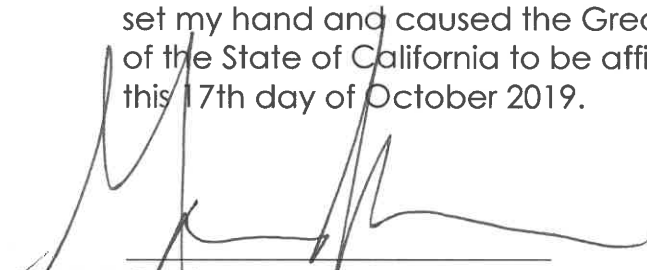
The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Sam's pardon application, and on July 16, 2019, recommended him for a pardon, a step required by California Penal Code section 4813 for clemency applicants convicted of more than one felony. On September 18, 2019, Mr. Sam's pardon application received a recommendation from the California Supreme Court, a step required by article V, section 8 of the California Constitution for clemency applicants convicted of more than one felony.

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, Mr. Sam merits this pardon.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Sam a full and unconditional pardon for the above cases.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of October 2019.




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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Esdvin Flores

In 1999, 23-year-old Mr. Flores and a fellow gang member robbed a woman of her necklace at gunpoint. Mr. Flores had two prior robbery convictions at the time of this crime. On July 6, 1999, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Flores to 25 years to life for robbery as a third strike, 10 years for a firearm enhancement, and 10 years for two prior felony convictions—a total term of 45 years to life.

Mr. Flores is now 44 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 21 years. Throughout his incarceration, he has demonstrated exemplary conduct. In over two decades, Mr. Flores has never been disciplined for misconduct. In 2013, he earned his GED and in 2015, he earned two associate degrees. Mr. Flores has also completed vocational training and participated in extensive self-help programming. Mr. Flores earned exceptional work ratings and garnered staff support. In 2019, two correctional officers commended Mr. Flores for his personal growth and participation in rehabilitative programs.

Mr. Flores's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a clemency grant. The California Supreme Court also made a recommendation for a clemency grant, a process required by the California Constitution for cases in which the applicant has been convicted of more than one felony.

Mr. Flores committed a serious crime when he was a young man. He has taken responsibility for his actions and demonstrated his desire to become a productive community member. I have carefully considered and weighed his conduct in prison. I have concluded that Mr. Flores merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings now so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Flores does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Esdvin Flores to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon a grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of October, 2019.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jensen Ramos

In 2002, following a fight at a party, 17-year-old Jensen Ramos shot multiple times at people who were leaving in a vehicle. No one was injured. On March 10, 2003, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Ramos to 14 years to life for two counts of attempted murder and 50 years for firearm and gang enhancements—a total term of 64 years to life.

Mr. Ramos is now 35 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 17 years. Over the course of his incarceration, Mr. Ramos has demonstrated his commitment to his rehabilitation and has earned the respect and support of correctional staff. Mr. Ramos has distinguished himself through his work as a Paws for Life dog trainer, rising to become a lead trainer and team leader. In 2019, Paws for Life staff and an associate warden commended Mr. Ramos on his dedication to the program, writing that, "In addition to the normal responsibilities of being a member of the dog program, Inmate Ramos has gone above and beyond in assuming a leadership role among the men in the program." Also in 2019, a correctional officer praised Mr. Ramos for "displaying the commendable attributes of self-motivation, adaptability, reliability, and maintenance of a positive attitude under difficult circumstances." The officer commended Mr. Ramos for mentoring other inmates in the Paws for Life program and for employing his communication and leadership skills to work "tirelessly" with the program and prison staff. In 2018, a public information officer at Mr. Ramos's prison praised Mr. Ramos's "accomplished prosocial and rehabilitative efforts," noting "the remarkable sustained effort that Inmate Ramos has employed to have a positive impact within the community."

Mr. Ramos committed a serious crime when he was a teenager. Since then, Mr. Ramos has made a genuine commitment to his rehabilitation while encouraging others to do the same. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Ramos's conduct in prison and concluded that he merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings now so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Ramos does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jensen Ramos to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon a grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of October, 2019.


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