

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**PARDON**

**Gabriel Garcia**

Gabriel Garcia, a resident of California, has submitted an application for executive clemency.

On April 15, 1987, Mr. Garcia was convicted of selling a controlled substance and taking a vehicle without the owner's consent. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 66 days in jail. On July 12, 1988, Mr. Garcia was convicted of selling a controlled substance. He was sentenced to 16 months in prison.

Mr. Garcia 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. On June 29, 2018, the Superior Court of California, County of Placer granted Mr. Garcia a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Garcia's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Garcia be granted a full pardon.

Mr. Garcia's pardon 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.

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. Garcia 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. Garcia 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 27th day of March 2020.



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**PARDON**

**Brenda Ibanez**

Brenda Ibanez, a resident of California, has submitted an application for executive clemency.

On August 28, 2000, Ms. Ibanez was convicted of robbery. She was sentenced to a five-year prison term, which was suspended, and five years of probation. On May 25, 2006, Ms. Ibanez was convicted of obtaining money by false pretenses and forging an official seal. She was sentenced to five years and four months in prison.

Ms. Ibanez 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. On February 8, 2018, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles granted Ms. Ibanez a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Ibanez's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Ibanez be granted a full pardon.

Ms. Ibanez's pardon 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.

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, Ms. Ibanez 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 Ms. Ibanez a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Tri Thai**

Tri Thai, a resident of California, has submitted an application for executive clemency.

On July 7, 1994, Mr. Thai was convicted of receipt of stolen property. He was sentenced to three years of probation and four months in jail. On March 4, 2002, Mr. Thai was convicted of assault with a firearm, second-degree burglary, and attempting to dissuade a witness.

Mr. Thai submitted 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. Thai has also 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.

Mr. Thai's pardon 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.

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. Thai 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. Thai a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Shannon Thomas-Bland**

Shannon Thomas-Bland, a resident of California, has submitted an application for executive clemency.

On September 13, 1991, Ms. Thomas-Bland was convicted of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She was sentenced to three years of probation and 180 days in jail. On March 10, 1993, Ms. Thomas-Bland was convicted of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She was sentenced to three years in prison.


Ms. Thomas-Bland 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. On October 4, 2012, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles granted Ms. Thomas-Bland a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Thomas-Bland's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Thomas-Bland be granted a full pardon.

Ms. Thomas-Bland's pardon 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.

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, Ms. Thomas-Bland 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 Ms. Thomas-Bland a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Munsuru Tijani**

Munsuru Tijani, a resident of California, has submitted an application for executive clemency.

On August 1, 1986, Mr. Tijani was convicted of perjury and grand theft of property. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 100 days in jail. On January 27, 1987, Mr. Tijani was convicted of insufficient funds. He was sentenced to 16 months in prison. On December 23, 1991, Mr. Tijani was convicted of false financial statements. He was sentenced to two years and four months in prison. On July 13, 1999, Mr. Tijani was convicted of false financial statements. He was sentenced to nine years in prison.

Mr. Tijani 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. On August 21, 2015, the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa granted Mr. Tijani a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Tijani's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Tijani be granted a full pardon.

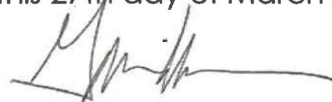
Mr. Tijani has presented evidence that a collateral consequence of his conviction, namely, his impending deportation and permanent separation from his family and removal from his community, further justifies this exercise of executive clemency.

Mr. Tijani's pardon 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.

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. Tijani 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. Tijani a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

**Kristopher Blehm**

In 2006, Kristopher Blehm and his crime partner confronted Kenneth Sosa, a romantic rival of Mr. Blehm's crime partner. Mr. Blehm's crime partner shot Mr. Sosa several times, killing him. On December 3, 2009, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, sentenced Mr. Blehm to 25 years to life for murder.

Mr. Blehm was 22 years old at the time of the crime. He is now 35 and has been incarcerated for 12 years. Since entering prison, Mr. Blehm has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Blehm has maintained a perfect disciplinary record in prison. He earned his GED and participated in extensive self-help programming. He has resided in the Progressive Programming Facility. Mr. Blehm currently participates in New Life K9s, a service dog training program. Mr. Blehm was commended for his work by a correctional lieutenant.

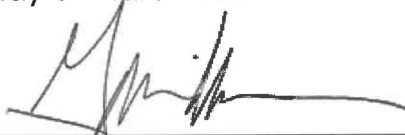
Mr. Blehm's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a clemency grant. The California Supreme Court also made a recommendation for a clemency grant, a process required by the California Constitution for cases in which the applicant has been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

Mr. Blehm participated in a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Sosa. Since then, Mr. Blehm has committed himself to his rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Blehm's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I concluded that Mr. Blehm is ready to be released on parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Blehm 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 Kristopher Blehm to release him on parole.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Steven Bradley**

In 1987, Steven Bradley killed Claude Baker, a gas station employee, during a robbery. On September 12, 1988, the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, sentenced Mr. Bradley to life without the possibility of parole for murder with a two-year sentence enhancement.

Mr. Bradley was 24 years old at the time of the crime and is now 56. He has been incarcerated for 32 years. Mr. Bradley has expressed sincere remorse for his crime.

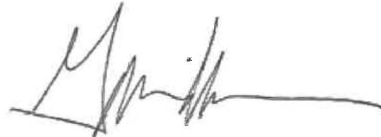
While serving a sentence without hope of release from prison, Mr. Bradley devoted himself to his rehabilitation. He has participated in self-help programming and completed vocational training. Mr. Bradley has been commended by prison staff for his good work ethic and diligence. According to the investigation conducted by the Board of Parole Hearings, various institutional staff described Mr. Bradley as respectful, trustworthy, and a hard worker who requires little supervision. A correctional officer who supervised Mr. Bradley wrote, "[H]e has shown great integrity and displays a high degree of competence, dependability, and trustworthiness." The officer commended him for his "helpful demeanor as he continues to be a positive influence on those around him." Other work supervisors have described Mr. Bradley as a trusted, willing, and able worker, who leads by example.

Mr. Bradley committed a serious crime that ended the life of Mr. Baker. Over the last three decades, Mr. Bradley has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Bradley's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Bradley merits an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Bradley 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 Steven Bradley to 32 years to life.

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**COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

**Jason Bryant**

In 1999, Jason Bryant and his crime partners committed several armed robberies that culminated in the shooting death of the victim, Vincent Fontecchio. Mr. Bryant was not the shooter. On April 18, 2000, the Superior Court of California, County of Shasta, sentenced Mr. Bryant to 26 years to life for murder with a sentence enhancement.

Mr. Bryant was 20 years old at the time of the crime and is now 40. He has been incarcerated for 20 years. While incarcerated, Mr. Bryant has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Bryant has earned a master's degree, two bachelor's degrees, an associate degree, a paralegal certificate, and has become a certified alcohol and drug counselor. He has participated in extensive self-help programming.

A warden recommended Mr. Bryant for a commutation. Mr. Bryant's rehabilitation efforts also have been recognized by numerous prison staff. Two correctional educators praised Mr. Bryant for his commitment to programming. One educator wrote, "Mr. Bryant's personal commitment to building a better community inside and outside of the walls is obvious and pervasive in his life." A self-help facilitator commended Mr. Bryant for his work as a mentor in anger management and criminal thinking classes. Another self-help facilitator commended Mr. Bryant on his commitment to a leadership program, noting that "he has become one of my most reliable and effective inmate trainees and supports me regularly as an inmate co-facilitator." Additionally, numerous correctional officers, an academic instructor, and an office technician praised Mr. Bryant for his positive attitude, work ethic, and ability to work well with staff and inmates.

Mr. Bryant committed a series of serious crimes, including the one that took the life of Mr. Fontecchio. Since then, Mr. Bryant has worked to transform himself into a law-abiding and productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Bryant's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Bryant is ready to be released on parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Bryant 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 Jason Bryant to release him on parole.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Michael Dean**

In 2001, Michael Dean committed a string of armed robberies. No one was injured during the crimes. On June 12, 2002, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Dean to 11 years for multiple counts of robbery plus 30 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 41 years.

Mr. Dean is now 50 years old and has been incarcerated for 18 years. Mr. Dean wrote in his application for clemency, "I truly understand as to why I had to be removed from society, with the choices and dangerous lifestyle that I was living; I truly believe that prison was the right thing, saved my life and regretfully saying, possibly the [lives] of others. I take 100% responsibility on who I was, who I am now and who I can be in society."

While incarcerated, Mr. Dean has demonstrated a strong commitment to his rehabilitation and has maintained an excellent disciplinary record. Mr. Dean has completed extensive vocational training, participated in self-help programming, and received exceptional work ratings from his supervisors. A supervisor commended Mr. Dean for his strong work ethic, writing, "Mr. Dean takes initiative and is always ready to help out anyone that needs help. His leadership qualities are evident, and he's focused and dedicated to the task at hand. If given the chance he will succeed anywhere he goes."

Mr. Dean committed serious crimes. Since then, he has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Dean's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Dean merits an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Dean 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 Michael Dean 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 27th day of March 2020.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Rosemary Dyer**

In 1985, Rosemary Dyer shot and killed her husband David Lichty. On October 20, 1988, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Ms. Dyer to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a two-year sentence enhancement.

Ms. Dyer was 33 years old at the time of the crime. She is now 67 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 33 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Ms. Dyer has demonstrated commitment to rehabilitation and self-improvement. She has regularly received exceptional work ratings. A supervisor praised Ms. Dyer, writing, "She is always willing to go beyond her responsibilities. She is very precise in her work, responsible, diligent, creative, and dependable." A correctional lieutenant commended Ms. Dyer for her positive behavior and attitude, noting that "[Ms. Dyer] has been an asset to the prison community and I believe she would be an asset to any community she might reside in if she were granted her freedom. She has much to share." An educator praised Ms. Dyer for her "exceptional clerical duties" and wrote that she "has always provided excellent service to our staff and has ensured our assignments are to the highest level. She is always very courteous, helpful and very pleasant." In addition, Ms. Dyer has received commendations by a correctional sergeant and two correctional officers. Ms. Dyer has participated in a rescue kitten program since 2017 and cared for cats through the prison Cat Care Program.

Ms. Dyer committed a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Lichty. Since then, Ms. Dyer has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Ms. Dyer's positive conduct in prison and her good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Ms. Dyer is ready to be released on parole.

This act of clemency for Ms. Dyer does not minimize or forgive her conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work she has done since to transform herself.

**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 Rosemary Dyer to release her on parole.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Samuel Eldredge**

In 1994, Samuel Eldredge shot and killed Robert Bennett. On December 1, 1995, the Superior Court of California, County of Humboldt, sentenced Mr. Eldredge to life without the possibility of parole for murder with a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Eldredge is now 61 years old and has been incarcerated more than 25 years. He has expressed sincere remorse for Mr. Bennett's death and wrote in his application for clemency, "I accept responsibility for my actions, ill-conceived life choices and decisions."

While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Eldredge dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Eldredge has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record while in prison. He has completed self-help programming and lived on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard, for almost a decade. Mr. Eldredge also participated in the Paws for Life service dog training program.

Mr. Eldredge has earned the commendation of prison staff. A correctional officer praised Mr. Eldredge on his work as a housing unit tutor, writing, "I have observed [Mr. Eldredge] undertake and complete his job assignment with a high degree of knowledge and skill. [Mr. Eldredge's] work as a tutor has had a positive impact not only upon [the unit] but the Progressive Programming Facility as a whole." A second correctional officer commended Mr. Eldredge for his work ethic, noting that he "complete[s] job assignments with a high degree of knowledge and skill."

Mr. Eldredge committed a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Bennett. Since then, Mr. Eldredge has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Eldredge merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Eldredge 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 Samuel Eldredge to 30 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Fanon Figgers**

In 1996, Fanon Figgers and his crime partner robbed a fast food restaurant at gunpoint. On July 2, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. Figgers to 75 years to life for multiple counts of robbery and 75 years to life for multiple counts of false imprisonment, plus an additional 60 years for sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 210 years to life.

Mr. Figgers was 26 years old at the time of the crime and is now 49. He has been incarcerated for nearly 24 years. Since entering prison, Mr. Figgers has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. He is a co-founder of a re-entry program, has participated in significant self-help programming, and completed vocational training. Mr. Figgers has earned commendations from several staff members for his efforts in rehabilitation. A correctional officer wrote that he found Mr. Figgers "to be an individual of high moral character and standards." The officer continued, "I truly feel Mr. Figgers who has been away from society now 22 years with a sentence of 210 years to life has gained the knowledge it takes to return back to society and become a law-abiding citizen." A chaplain commended Mr. Figgers and wrote, "[Mr. Figgers] stood out as someone deeply devoted to his inner growth. Mr. Figgers is an authentic and solid human being who has done his time, analyzed his crime, and now, is ready to serve others." A correctional officer praised Mr. Figgers and wrote, "His hard work ethic, positive attitude, and dedication to change are not only commensurate with the best ideals but also demonstrate that he is a reformed man. In fact, I believe that he can effectively translate the leadership qualities he's exhibited here in San Quentin to free society upon release."

Mr. Figgers's commutation 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. Figgers committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Figgers has demonstrated a sincere commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Figgers positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Figgers is ready to be released on parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Figgers 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 Fanon Figgers to release him on parole.

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**COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

**Richard Flowers**

In 1994, Richard Flowers killed Mary Garcia during a burglary and robbery. On November 1, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Tulare, sentenced Mr. Flowers to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Flowers is now 64 years old and has been incarcerated for 25 years. While serving a sentence that allowed no hope of release from prison, Mr. Flowers has committed to his rehabilitation. He has maintained a good disciplinary record and has resided on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard. Mr. Flowers participated in self-help programming and maintained consistent employment throughout his incarceration, routinely receiving exceptional work ratings from his supervisors.

Mr. Flowers's rehabilitation efforts have been recognized by prison staff. A work supervisor commended Mr. Flowers for "show[ing] great leadership skills amongst his peers" and "work[ing] well with others." A correctional counselor commended Mr. Flowers for his positive attitude: "[Mr. Flowers's] behavior is indicative of a positive orientation and should be considered when evaluating his eligibility for participation in future programming opportunities." A correctional officer praised Mr. Flowers for his "positive attitude and work ethic," noting that he "has a good working relationship with staff and his peers. . . and has demonstrated skill and knowledge, genuine interest and effort in his work, teamwork and participation."

Mr. Flowers's commutation 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. Flowers committed a serious crime that took the life of Ms. Garcia. Since then, Mr. Flowers has turned his life around. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Flowers's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I believe that Mr. Flowers has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Flowers 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 Richard Flowers to 25 years to life.

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**COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

**Robert Glass**

In 1992, Robert Glass and his crime partner broke into Joe Moreno's home and tied up Mr. Moreno and his girlfriend, Elena Mendoza. Mr. Glass struck Ms. Mendoza and his crime partner fatally stabbed Mr. Moreno. On September 27, 1994, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Glass to life without the possibility of parole for murder and attempted murder plus an additional five years of sentence enhancements.

Mr. Glass was 21 years old at the time of the crime and is now 48. He has been incarcerated for nearly 27 years. Mr. Glass has expressed deep remorse for his crime. While serving a sentence that allowed no hope of release from prison, Mr. Glass has demonstrated a commitment to turning his life around. Mr. Glass has lived on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard. Mr. Glass has been an active participant in many self-help programs. A correctional officer praised Mr. Glass for his rehabilitation and wrote, "I have seen his willingness to work hard on his rehabilitation efforts, by taking advantage of the different self-help programs that are available on the Progressive Programming Facility on Facility A. [Mr. Glass] has shown good judgment, and a very good and positive attitude with both inmates and staff... It is my belief that [Mr. Glass] would be an asset to any employer, as well as being a positive and productive member of the community, as he reintegrates back into society." A group sponsor wrote, "[Mr. Glass] demonstrated excellent insight, willingness and effort to educate himself, and help others in their rehabilitative efforts. He has shown excellent improvement in his communication skills, and his commitment to effect positive changes in his life and the lives of other upon re-entry to society."

Mr. Glass's commutation 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. Glass committed a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Moreno and injured Ms. Mendoza. Since then, Mr. Glass has worked to improve himself. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Glass's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Glass merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Glass 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 Robert Glass to 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 27th day of March 2020.



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**COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

**James Harris**

In 1988, James Harris and his crime partner shot and killed Alvin Crockett and Karen Lee during a drug-related kidnapping. On December 14, 1994, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Harris to two consecutive terms of life without the possibility of parole for two counts of murder.

Mr. Harris was 25 years old at the time of the crime and is now 57. He has been incarcerated for more than 30 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Harris acknowledged his past mistakes and wrote, "Over the past 28 years in prison, I have been able to reflect on the life I once lived. I've realized that I was not living as a civil human being. My lawlessness and lack of concern for others were selfish choices triggered by greed. Now through God's grace and mercy, through self-help classes and higher education, I have developed a true respect for all life."

While serving a sentence that allowed no hope of release from prison, Mr. Harris has committed himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Harris has maintained an excellent disciplinary record. He has resided on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard. A correctional officer commended Mr. Harris for his positive attitude and wrote that he "exhibits the qualities of what is considered a model inmate," "takes personal responsibility for his actions," and "displays good conduct and emotional intelligence." Another correctional officer wrote that Mr. Harris "interacts well with others and displays consistent leadership qualities." Mr. Harris has participated in self-help programming, is currently working as a peer mentor, and is enrolled in vocational training.

Mr. Harris's commutation 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. Harris committed a serious crime that took the lives of Mr. Crockett and Ms. Lee. Since then, Mr. Harris has committed himself to self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Harris's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Harris merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Harris 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 James Harris to 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 27th day of March 2020.



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David Jassy

In 2008, David Jassy punched John Osnes during an altercation, then unintentionally struck him with his car when was leaving, resulting in his death. On March 4, 2010, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Jassy to 15 years to life for murder.

Mr. Jassy is now 45 years old and has been incarcerated for 11 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Jassy expressed deep remorse for this crime, writing, "I realize that the night I took Mr. Osnes's life I forfeited my right to freedom, and that there is no way anything I do going forward will make up for my actions."

While in prison, Mr. Jassy has demonstrated a genuine commitment to his rehabilitation. He participated in self-help programming and is currently enrolled in college courses. Mr. Jassy has been involved in San Quentin's media program and has earned the respect of correctional staff. A sponsor of the music program praised Mr. Jassy for his positive contributions to the program and his work with youthful offenders, writing, "During this time, [Mr. Jassy] has shown continued devotion, commitment, and dedication to the music program through his attendance, participation and contributions. . . He is a valued member of the music program among his fellow inmates and continues to support and encourage those around him whether through his music or personal conduct."

Mr. Jassy committed a serious crime that ended the life of Mr. Osnes. Since then, he has committed himself to his rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Jassy's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Jassy is ready to be released on parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Jassy 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 David Jassy 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 27th day of March 2020.



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**Dominic Johnson**

In 1999, Dominic Johnson shot and injured Hosie Houston during a gang-related shooting. On September 15, 2000, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Mr. Johnson to three years for shooting at an occupied vehicle, plus 26 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 29 years to life.

Mr. Johnson was 21 years old at the time of the crime and he is now 41. He has been incarcerated for 20 years. While in prison, Mr. Johnson has demonstrated a commitment to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. He has consistently participated in self-help programming. In 2016, Mr. Johnson received the Leadership and Insight Award through his Criminals and Gang Members Anonymous class. Mr. Johnson has been commended by many prison staff members for being respectful and dependable, his leadership skills, his positive attitude, and his strong work ethic. Mr. Johnson also contributed to a book aimed at helping young people avoid the juvenile justice system. He has completed vocational training in janitorial services and is currently enrolled in vocational training for electronics.

Due to a sentence calculation error, Mr. Johnson was called before the Board of Parole Hearings and was found suitable for parole four years before he was eligible for release.

Mr. Johnson committed a serious crime that injured Mr. Houston. Since then, Mr. Johnson has committed himself to his rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Johnson's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Johnson is ready to be released on parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Johnson 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 Dominic Johnson 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 27th day of March 2020.



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**Suzanne Johnson**

In 1997, Suzanne Johnson was arrested for the shaking death of a young child that was in her care. Ms. Johnson maintains her innocence. On April 30, 1999, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, sentenced Ms. Johnson to 25 years to life for assault on a child causing death.

Ms. Johnson is now 75 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 22 years. While in prison, Ms. Johnson has committed to her rehabilitation. Ms. Johnson has maintained an excellent disciplinary record. She has participated in significant self-help programming and has facilitated many classes. Ms. Johnson has resided on an honor yard for several years. A correctional officer praised Ms. Johnson for her positive behavior, writing, "[Ms. Johnson] has always been helpful, and consistent with her attitude and behavior. Along with being helpful, she practices her integrity and aside from her good deeds, [Ms. Johnson] stays focused and committed to being herself. . . [Ms. Johnson] should be commended for having a good outlook on life and for her behavior and the progress she has attained regarding her personal growth."

Ms. Johnson was convicted of a serious crime that took the life of a young child. Since then, Ms. Johnson has demonstrated a sincere commitment to her rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Ms. Johnson's positive conduct in prison and her good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Ms. Johnson is ready to be released on parole.

This act of clemency for Ms. Johnson does not minimize or forgive her conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work she has done since to transform herself.

**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 Suzanne Johnson to release her on parole.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 27th day of March 2020.



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**Ed Knox**

In 2006, Ed Knox shot and injured Anthony Thompson, who was burglarizing Mr. Knox's apartment. On June 1, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, sentenced Mr. Knox to seven years to life for attempted murder and a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 32 years to life.

Mr. Knox was 20 years old at the time of the crime and is now 34. He has been incarcerated for 14 years. He has expressed sincere remorse for his crime. Mr. Knox wrote in his commutation application, "I hope it brings the victims some comfort to hear that during my incarceration I took advantage of every opportunity available to better myself."

Over the past decade, Mr. Knox has demonstrated a commitment to self-improvement and his rehabilitation. He has maintained a perfect disciplinary record in prison. Mr. Knox completed vocational training in masonry, electronics, office services, and construction technology. Mr. Knox also participated in many self-help programs. A vocational instructor praised Mr. Knox for "his willingness to mentor others. . . [Mr. Knox's] example and leadership in the class was respected by the students. His enthusiasm for his job, the students, and the subject made him well suited to be in a leadership position."

Mr. Knox committed a serious crime that injured Mr. Thompson. Since then, Mr. Knox has worked hard to better himself. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Knox's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Knox merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Knox does not minimize or forgive his conduct and 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 Ed Knox to make him eligible for parole consideration during his 15<sup>th</sup> year of incarceration 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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 2020.



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**Shyrl Lamar**

In 1986, Shyrl Lamar and her crime partner planned to rob their neighbors, Barbara Brien and William Glover. Ms. Lamar and her crime partner broke into their home while they were sleeping. During the robbery, Ms. Lamar's crime partner stabbed Ms. Brien and Mr. Glover to death. On December 12, 1990, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Ms. Lamar to two consecutive terms of life without the possibility of parole for two counts of murder.

Ms. Lamar is now 69 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 33 years. Ms. Lamar has expressed sincere remorse for her role in this crime. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Ms. Lamar dedicated herself to her rehabilitation. Ms. Lamar has distinguished herself by her exemplary conduct and her commitment to her rehabilitation. Ms. Lamar has maintained a perfect disciplinary record. She has participated in extensive self-help programming and completed vocational training. Ms. Lamar has resided in an honor dorm for more than two decades. A correctional officer in the honor dorm praised Ms. Lamar for her "excellent [rapport] with staff as well as her peers. [Ms. Lamar] is prompt, ready, and willing to do what is needed from her. She has learned many skills since her incarceration that would make her be a valued employee once released." Another correctional officer commended Ms. Lamar on her contributions to the honor dorm, writing that she "dedicated her time in a variety of ways" and "helped foster a spirit of community and unity."

Ms. Lamar committed a serious crime that took the lives of Ms. Brien and Mr. Glover. Since then, Ms. Lamar has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Ms. Lamar's positive conduct in prison and her good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Ms. Lamar merits an opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Ms. Lamar does not minimize or forgive her conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work she has done since to transform herself.

**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 Shyrl Lamar to 33 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 27th day of March 2020.



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**Jose Ledesma**

In 2003, Jose Ledesma shot into an occupied vehicle during a gang-related crime, injuring Johnny Nunez. On October 4, 2004, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Ledesma to seven years for attempted murder with a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement, plus one year for assault with a firearm on a person, a total prison term of 33 years to life.

Mr. Ledesma was 25 years old at the time of the crime and is now 42. He has been incarcerated for nearly 17 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Ledesma expressed deep remorse for this crime and wrote, "I am ashamed and I am sorry for my actions and the destructive decisions I have made over my lifetime. I am ashamed of who I was. I have matured a great deal over the years, striving to be a better person each and every day."

While in prison, Mr. Ledesma has worked hard to better himself. He has a good disciplinary record and has participated in self-help programming. He has completed certifications in computer programming and is currently enrolled in vocational training. Mr. Ledesma has been praised by several staff members for his positive conduct and efforts at his rehabilitation. An instructor wrote that Mr. Ledesma "demonstrates a respectful and positive attitude. He stays busy on his assignments and is not a disciplinary problem. He has used his time in prison to better himself by taking college courses and various self-help courses. Inmate Ledesma 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. Ledesma's commutation 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. Ledesma committed a serious crime that injured Mr. Nunez. Since then, he has committed himself to his rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Ledesma's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Ledesma merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Ledesma 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 Jose Ledesma 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 27th day of March 2020.



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**Rodney McNeal**

In 1997, Rodney McNeal was arrested for the stabbing death of his pregnant wife, Debra McNeal. Mr. McNeal has maintained his innocence. On May 3, 2000, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. McNeal to two consecutive terms of 15 years to life for each murder, a total prison term of 30 years to life.

Mr. McNeal was 27 years old at the time of the crime and he is now 50. He has been incarcerated for 22 years. While in prison, Mr. McNeal has demonstrated a commitment to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. A correctional officer commended Mr. McNeal for having an outstanding attitude, writing, "I believe [Mr. McNeal] is ready to become a productive member of society." A sponsor noted Mr. McNeal's positive attitude, good behavior, and sincerity, and a social worker praised Mr. McNeal for coming to his aid during a medical emergency. A staff psychologist commended Mr. McNeal for being an asset to the prison and stated "that [Mr. McNeal] is able, capable, and willing to show the same in the community if given the opportunity." A licensed clinical social worker praised Mr. McNeal for his positive behavior and wrote: "[Mr. McNeal] is ready, in my opinion, for reentry into society and very capable [of becoming a] productive member of society upon his release." Two nurses commended Mr. McNeal for being an asset in the prison clinic and both wrote that they believed Mr. McNeal would continue to be an asset to the community if released.

Mr. McNeal was convicted of a serious crime that took the life of Debra McNeal, who was pregnant at the time. Since then, Mr. McNeal has committed himself to his self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. McNeal's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. McNeal merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. McNeal 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 Rodney McNeal 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 27th day of March 2020.



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**Jarad Nava**

In 2012, Jarad Nava and his crime partners followed a car they believed was carrying rival gang members, and Mr. Nava fired several shots at the passengers, injuring Yesenia Castro and Marlene Castro. On May 6, 2014, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Nava to 60 years to life for multiple counts of attempted murder, two years for possession of a shotgun, plus an additional 100 years in sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 162 years to life.

Mr. Nava was 17 years old at the time of the crime and is now 24. He has served more than seven years in prison. While incarcerated, Mr. Nava has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Nava has maintained an excellent disciplinary record. He earned his GED, obtained a certificate in information technology literacy, and is currently enrolled in college courses. Mr. Nava has participated in numerous self-help programs and is a certified Master Inmate Peer Educator.

Mr. Nava committed a serious crime that injured Ms. Castro and Ms. Castro. Since then, Mr. Nava has committed himself to his rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Nava's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Nava merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Nava 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 Jarad Nava to 10 years to life. Mr. Nava remains subject to all statutory authorities applicable to the parole consideration hearing process.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 27th day of March 2020.



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**Joann Parks**

Joann Parks was convicted for setting a fire in her home that resulted in the deaths of her three young children in 1989. Ms. Parks maintains her innocence. On February 26, 1993, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Ms. Parks to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Ms. Parks is now 54 years old and has been incarcerated for 28 years. While serving a sentence with no expectation of release from prison, Ms. Parks dedicated herself to self-improvement efforts. Ms. Parks earned a GED, an associate degree, and two vocational certificates in computer literacy and dental industries. She has maintained an excellent disciplinary record, has resided on an honor yard since 2014, and has participated in considerable self-help programming. A staff member commended Ms. Parks for her positive work performance. A correctional officer praised Ms. Parks on her positive programming. Ms. Parks currently works to provide assistance to inmates with disabilities.

Ms. Parks was convicted of a serious crime that took the lives of her three young children. Since then, Ms. Parks has taken the necessary steps toward self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Ms. Parks's positive conduct in prison and her good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Ms. Parks merits the opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Ms. Parks does not minimize or forgive her conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work she has done since to transform herself.

**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 Joann Parks to 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 27th day of March 2020.



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**Cedric Pierce**

In 1998, Cedric Pierce and his crime partner robbed Ellis Brown and Tommy Phillips at gunpoint. On January 3, 2000, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced Mr. Pierce to 25 years to life for robbery plus 15 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Pierce was 24 years old when he committed this crime. He is now 45 and has been incarcerated for almost 22 years. Mr. Pierce has expressed sincere remorse for his crimes. He wrote in his clemency application, "Due to the evolution of aging and maturing, in retrospect, I clearly understand the error and dysfunction with my criminal behavior. I'm aware that substance abuse and environmental influences assisted in my unacceptable, self-imposed decisions, however, there is no justification and no excusable reasoning I can offer for my priors."

While incarcerated, Mr. Pierce has devoted himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Pierce earned a paralegal certificate, completed two vocational training programs, and has participated in many self-help courses. Mr. Pierce works as a braille transcriber for the visually impaired program at his prison. A correctional officer praised Mr. Pierce for his efforts at rehabilitation, writing "[Mr. Pierce] exhibited positive behavior that speaks to his change and progressive [programming]."

Mr. Pierce'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. Pierce committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Pierce has taken responsibility for his actions and has devoted himself to his rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Pierce's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Pierce merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Pierce 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 Cedric Pierce 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 27th day of March 2020.



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**Ramon Rodriguez**

In 1997, Ramon Rodriguez's crime partner paid Mr. Rodriguez to kill the victim, 15-year-old Israel Sirodia. Mr. Rodriguez then shot and killed Mr. Sirodia. On July 9, 1999, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Rodriguez to life without the possibility of parole for murder with a 10-year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Rodriguez is now 49 years old and has been incarcerated for 22 years. Mr. Rodriguez expressed deep remorse for this crime. While serving a sentence with no expectation of release from prison, Mr. Rodriguez dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Rodriguez earned an associate degree and has participated in many self-help programs. He has received commendations from staff. A correctional sergeant praised Mr. Rodriguez on his work ethic, professionalism, and good conduct, noting that he "has taken advantage of this time to rehabilitate himself" through continuing education courses and self-help programs. Another correctional officer wrote that Mr. Rodriguez has "maintained the highest level of respect towards staff and inmates" and has been a "role model to others promoting positive behavior."

Mr. Rodriguez's commutation 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. Rodriguez committed a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Sirodia. Since then, Mr. Rodriguez has dedicated himself to self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Rodriguez's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Rodriguez merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Rodriguez 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 Ramon Rodriguez to 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 27th day of March 2020.



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