Fidel Alvarez, a resident of Mexico and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On January 9, 1997, Mr. Alvarez was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, for importing, selling, and distributing a controlled substance. He was sentenced to two years in prison.

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

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

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. Alvarez 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 Fidel Alvarez 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Mirvais Aminy

Mirvais Aminy, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On April 3, 1998, 18-year-old Mr. Aminy was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, of attempted murder and participating in a criminal street gang. During a drive-by shooting, Mr. Aminy shot toward three victims, injuring one. He was sentenced to 18 years in prison.

Mr. Aminy has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has provided evidence that he is living an upright life and has demonstrated his fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. Mr. Aminy 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.

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

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. Aminy 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 Mirvais Aminy 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
PARDON

Estelita Bober

Estelita Bober, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On March 17, 2008, Ms. Bober was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, of the crime of misdemeanor petty theft. She was sentenced to two years of probation. On October 6, 2009, Ms. Bober was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, of the crime of misdemeanor petty theft with priors. She was sentenced to three years of probation.

Ms. Bober has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has provided evidence that she is living an upright life and has demonstrated her fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. Ms. Bober has also presented evidence that a collateral consequence of her conviction, namely, her impending deportation and permanent separation from her family and removal from her community, further justifies this exercise of executive clemency.

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

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. Bober 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 Estelita Bober 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
Scotty Bowman

Scotty Bowman, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On November 5, 1996, Mr. Bowman was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma, of possession of a controlled substance and burglary. He was sentenced to three years of probation and ten months in jail.

Mr. Bowman 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 10, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Mendocino, granted Mr. Bowman a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Bowman’s petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Bowman be granted a full pardon.

Mr. Bowman’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.

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

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. Bowman 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 Scotty Bowman 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
Samath Duong, a resident of New Mexico and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On June 3, 2002, Mr. Duong was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, of second degree robbery. He was sentenced to five years in prison. Prior to his 2002 conviction, Mr. Duong was convicted of conspiracy to commit auto burglary.

Mr. Duong has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has provided evidence that he is living an upright life and has demonstrated his fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. Mr. Duong 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. Duong’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.

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

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. Duong 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 Samath Duong 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Julian Galaz

Julian Galaz, a resident of Missouri and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On October 11, 2000, 18-year-old Mr. Galaz was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, of grand theft. He was sentenced to three years of probation.

Mr. Galaz has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has provided evidence that he is living an upright life and has demonstrated his fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities.

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

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. Galaz 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 Julian Galaz 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
Joseph Giddings, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 26, 1997, Mr. Giddings was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, of possession or manufacture of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to four years in prison. On September 4, 1997, Mr. Giddings was convicted in the same court, of grand theft. He was sentenced to 16 months in prison, concurrent with his first conviction.

Mr. Giddings 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 March 21, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Giddings a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Giddings's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Giddings be granted a full pardon.

Mr. Giddings'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.

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

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. Giddings 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 Joseph Giddings 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
PARDON

Lawrence Johnsen, III

Lawrence Johnsen, III, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On March 29, 1991, Mr. Johnsen was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Cruz, of transport or sell of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to three years in prison.

Mr. Johnsen 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 December 13, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, granted Mr. Johnsen a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Johnsen’s petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Johnsen be granted a full pardon.

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

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. Johnsen 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 Lawrence Johnsen, III 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
Robert Kroo

Robert Kroo, a resident of Nevada and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On December 1, 1998, 18-year-old Mr. Kroo was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, of second degree robbery. He was sentenced to four years in prison.

Mr. Kroo 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 9, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Kroo a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Kroo’s petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Kroo be granted a full pardon.

Mr. Kroo 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.

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

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. Kroo 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 Robert Kroo 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
PARDON

Christopher Lake

Christopher Lake, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On October 3, 2003, Mr. Lake was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, for planting or cultivating marijuana. He was sentenced to two years of probation and eight days in jail. Mr. Lake was 26 years old at the time of the crime.

Mr. Lake 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 July 27, 2018, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, granted Mr. Lake a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Lake’s petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Lake be granted a full pardon.

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

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. Lake 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 Christopher Lake 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
Qi Li, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On December 21, 2009, Mr. Li was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, for transporting a controlled substance. He was sentenced to three years of probation. Mr. Li was 22 years old at the time of the crime.

Mr. Li 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 7, 2020, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Li a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Li's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Li be granted a full pardon.

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

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. Li 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 Qi Li 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
Zhuo Liu, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On December 18, 1998, Mr. Liu was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, of first degree robbery in concert and aiding or abetting rape and assault with intent to commit a sex offense. Sixteen-year-old Mr. Liu and his crime partners committed a home invasion robbery. During the robbery, one of Mr. Liu's crime partners went to another part of the home and sexually assaulted a victim. Mr. Liu was not present for, or aware of, the commission of the sexual assault. Mr. Liu was tried as an adult and sentenced to 26 years in prison.

In 2016, the Board of Parole Hearings found him suitable for parole and he was released after serving 17 years and nine months in prison. While in prison, Mr. Liu learned how to read and write in English, and completed his GED and other training courses. Mr. Liu successfully completed his parole term and was discharged from parole in 2019.

Mr. Liu 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. Liu 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. Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge LaDoris H. Cordell (ret.), the judge who presided over Mr. Liu's case, wrote in support of Mr. Liu's pardon application.

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

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. Liu 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 Zhuo Liu 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
PARDON

Christopher Mastin

Christopher Mastin, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On March 30, 2011, Mr. Mastin was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, of possession or purchase of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 120 days in jail.

Mr. Mastin 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 March 19, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, granted Mr. Mastin a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Mastin's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Mastin be granted a full pardon.

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

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. Mastin 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 Christopher Mastin 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Rodney Montiel

Rodney Montiel, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On November 30, 1995, Mr. Montiel was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, of conspiracy to possess a controlled substance for sale. He was sentenced to three years in prison.

Mr. Montiel 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 21, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Montiel a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Montiel’s petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Montiel be granted a full pardon.

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

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. Montiel 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 Rodney Montiel 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
PARDON

Truc Nguyen

Truc Nguyen, a resident of Colorado and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On October 21, 1996, Mr. Nguyen was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, of attempted second degree murder. Eighteen-year-old Mr. Nguyen was driving friends in his vehicle. A passenger fired shots at two rival gang members. They were not injured. Mr. Nguyen was sentenced to 11 years in prison.

Mr. Nguyen has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has submitted evidence that he is living an upright life and has demonstrated his fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. Mr. Nguyen 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.

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

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. Nguyen 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 Truc Nguyen 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 13th day of January 2022.

[Signature]
GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Ryan O'Neill

Ryan O'Neill, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On March 29, 1999, Mr. O'Neill was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 360 days in jail.

Mr. O'Neill 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 May 31, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, granted Mr. O'Neill a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. O'Neill's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. O'Neill be granted a full pardon.

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

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. O'Neill 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 Ryan O'Neill 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
PARDON

Will Powers

Will Powers, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On November 20, 1991, Mr. Powers was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, of second degree robbery and assault with a firearm. Mr. Powers robbed a restaurant at gunpoint and then pointed his gun at two victims who chased after him. He was sentenced to two years in prison.

Mr. Powers 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 January 4, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Powers a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Powers's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Powers be granted a full pardon.

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

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. Powers 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 Will Powers 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
Romarilyn Ralston, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On May 2, 1989, Ms. Ralston was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, of first degree murder. On March 14, 1991, Ms. Ralston was resentenced to second degree murder. Ms. Ralston fatally shot the victim over a drug debt. Ms. Ralston was sentenced to a term of 17 years to life in prison. Ms. Ralston committed this crime when she was 24 years old.

Ms. Ralston 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 March 19, 2021, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, granted Ms. Ralston a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Ralston's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Ralston be granted a full pardon.

Ms. Ralston committed a crime that took the life of the victim. Since then, Ms. Ralston has taken responsibility for her conduct, transformed her life, and dedicated herself to supporting and advocating for her community. This act of clemency for Ms. Ralston does not minimize or forgive her conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work she has done since to transform herself.

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. Ralston 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 Romarilyn Ralston 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
PARDON

Freddie Ramirez

Freddie Ramirez, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On July 10, 2003, Mr. Ramirez was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 142 days in jail.

Mr. Ramirez 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 7, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Ramirez a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Ramirez's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Ramirez be granted a full pardon.

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

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. Ramirez 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 Freddie Ramirez 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
Ivan Rangel, a resident of Arizona and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On June 14, 2002, 20-year-old Mr. Rangel was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, of possession of marijuana for sale. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 47 days in jail.

Mr. Rangel has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has provided evidence that he is living an upright life and has demonstrated his fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities.

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

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. Rangel 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 Ivan Rangel 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
PARDON

Dany Tap

Dany Tap, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On May 9, 2007, 24-year-old Ms. Tap was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, of second degree burglary. She was sentenced to three years in prison.

Ms. Tap 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 March 27, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Ms. Tap a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Tap's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Tap be granted a full pardon.

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

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

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. Tap 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 Dany Tap 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 13th day of January 2022.

GA VIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
Robert Trussell, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On April 11, 1979, 21-year-old Mr. Trussell was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Shasta, of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He was sentenced to two years of probation and 180 days in jail.

Mr. Trussell 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 May 20, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Trussell a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Trussell’s petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Trussell be granted a full pardon.

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

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. Trussell 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 Robert Trussell 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
Jerry VanMeeteren, a resident of Montana and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 22, 1995, Mr. VanMeeteren was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, of receiving known stolen property. He was sentenced to five years of probation and 90 days in jail.

Mr. VanMeeteren has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has provided evidence that he is living an upright life and has demonstrated his fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities.

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

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. VanMeeteren 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 Jerry VanMeeteren 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
Hector Venegas, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On December 20, 1989, Mr. Venegas was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, of second degree robbery. He was sentenced to four years in prison. Mr. Venegas was 19 years old at the time of the crime.

Mr. Venegas 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 December 12, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Venegas a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Venegas’s petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Venegas be granted a full pardon.

Mr. Venegas 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.

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

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. Venegas 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 Hector Venegas 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
In 2012, Suzanne Bishop participated in two robberies with crime partners. She stole a car and served as the getaway driver. On March 1, 2013, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, sentenced Ms. Bishop to 175 years to life for seven counts of robbery, eight years for vehicle theft as a repeat offender, plus seven years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 190 years to life.

Ms. Bishop was 36 years old at the time of the crimes and is now 45. She has been incarcerated for nine years. While in prison, Ms. Bishop has devoted herself to her rehabilitation. Ms. Bishop has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record and lives in an honor dorm. Ms. Bishop has participated in self-help programming and completed vocational training. She has received commendations from correctional staff for her positive attitude and helpfulness. Ms. Bishop has expressed sincere remorse for her crimes.

Ms. Bishop’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.

Ms. Bishop participated in serious crimes. Since then, Ms. Bishop has demonstrated a commitment to her rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Ms. Bishop’s positive conduct in prison and her good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Ms. Bishop merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Ms. Bishop 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 Bishop to make her 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Douglas Carson

In 2004, Douglas Carson committed two bank robberies. On March 23, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Carson to 25 years to life for robbery plus ten years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 35 years to life.

Mr. Carson was 49 years old at the time of the crimes and is now 66. He has been incarcerated for 17 years. Mr. Carson has expressed remorse for his crimes. While in prison, Mr. Carson has devoted himself to his rehabilitation and maintained a perfect disciplinary record. Mr. Carson earned his GED, completed vocational training, and has engaged in self-help programming.

Mr. Carson’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. Carson committed serious crimes. Since then, Mr. Carson has dedicated himself to his self-improvement and becoming a productive individual. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Carson’s positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Carson merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Carson 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 Douglas Carson 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
In 2008, Yvette Cooper committed a series of burglaries. On April 22, 2009, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, sentenced Ms. Cooper to 17 years and four months for three counts of burglary with a person present plus a five-year sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 22 years and four months.

Ms. Cooper was 42 years old at the time of the crimes and is now 55. She has been incarcerated for 13 years. Ms. Cooper has expressed sincere remorse for her crimes. While in prison, Ms. Cooper has worked hard to better herself. Ms. Cooper has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. She has engaged in self-help programming and is currently enrolled in educational coursework.

Ms. Cooper'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.

Ms. Cooper committed serious crimes. Since then, Ms. Cooper has demonstrated a commitment to her rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Ms. Cooper's positive conduct in prison and her good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Ms. Cooper merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Ms. Cooper 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 Yvette Cooper to make her 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
In 2004, Gary Elerick committed a robbery. On March 7, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced Mr. Elerick to 28 years to life for robbery plus a 25-year sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 53 years to life. On July 22, 2016, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, resentenced Mr. Elerick to 25 years to life for robbery plus 20 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 45 years to life.

Mr. Elerick was 51 years old at the time of the crime and is now 67. He has been incarcerated for 16 years. While in prison, Mr. Elerick has devoted himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Elerick has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. He has engaged in self-help programming and completed vocational training. Mr. Elerick has been commended by prison staff for his positive attitude and setting a good example for his peers.

Mr. Elerick'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. Elerick committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Elerick has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Elerick's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Elerick merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Elerick 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 Gary Elerick 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
In 2001, Robert Escareño robbed several businesses. On June 25, 2002 and November 8, 2002, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Escareño to 100 years to life for four counts of robbery, 25 years to life for carjacking, plus 60 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 185 years to life.

Mr. Escareño was 27 years old at the time of the crimes and is now 47. He has been incarcerated for 20 years. Since entering prison, Mr. Escareño has devoted himself to his self-development. Mr. Escareño has an exemplary disciplinary record. He earned a vocation, has participated in self-help programming, and is enrolled in college courses. Mr. Escareño has been commended by prison staff for his positive behavior and strong work ethic.

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

This act of clemency for Mr. Escareño 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 Escareño 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Gregory Fletcher

In 2002, Gregory Fletcher robbed one victim and attempted to rob two others. On August 13, 2003, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Fletcher to 25 years to life for robbery, 25 years to life for attempted robbery, plus 18 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 68 years to life.

Mr. Fletcher was 42 years old at the time of the crimes and is now 61. He has been incarcerated for 19 years. Mr. Fletcher has expressed sincere remorse for his crimes.

While in prison, Mr. Fletcher has devoted himself to his self-improvement. He has earned his GED, engaged in self-help programming, and enrolled in educational coursework. Mr. Fletcher has been commended for his leadership and efforts in rehabilitation.

Mr. Fletcher'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. Fletcher committed serious crimes. Since then, Mr. Fletcher has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Fletcher's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Fletcher merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Fletcher 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 Gregory Fletcher 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Anthony Freeman

In 1979, Anthony Freeman fatally strangled the victim during a burglary. On May 21, 1981, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Freeman to life without the possibility of parole for murder and two years for burglary, plus a one-year sentence enhancement.

Mr. Freeman was 18 years old at the time of the crime and is now 60. He has been incarcerated for 42 years. Mr. Freeman has expressed sincere remorse for his crime.

While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Freeman has devoted himself to his self-improvement. Mr. Freeman has maintained a good disciplinary record. He earned his GED and has engaged in self-help programming. Mr. Freeman is actively involved in the prison’s service dog training program.

Mr. Freeman committed a serious crime that took the victim’s life. Since then, Mr. Freeman has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive individual. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Freeman’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. Freeman merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Freeman 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 Anthony Freeman to 42 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
In 2005, Carlos Guerrero shot at his neighbor during a confrontation. No one was injured. On May 22, 2008, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, sentenced Mr. Guerrero to seven years to life for attempted murder plus a 20-years-to-life sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 27 years to life.

Mr. Guerrero was 26 years old at the time of the crime and is now 43. He has been incarcerated for 16 years. Mr. Guerrero has expressed sincere remorse for his crime. Since entering prison, Mr. Guerrero has devoted himself to his self-improvement. Mr. Guerrero has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record in prison. He earned his GED, three associate degrees, and has engaged in significant self-help programming. Mr. Guerrero has been commended by prison staff for his outstanding work ethic and efforts in rehabilitation.

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

This act of clemency for Mr. Guerrero 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 Carlos Guerrero 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

George Hughes

In 1980 and 1981, George Hughes committed a series of armed robberies. During one of the robberies, Mr. Hughes fatally shot a victim. On December 27, 1982, the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa, sentenced Mr. Hughes to life without the possibility of parole for murder, five years for three counts of robbery, plus two years and eight months of sentence enhancements.

Mr. Hughes was 24 years old at the time of the crimes and is now 65. He has been incarcerated for 40 years. Mr. Hughes has expressed sincere remorse for his conduct.

While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Hughes has worked hard to better himself. Mr. Hughes has engaged in significant self-help programming. He currently works as an aide for inmates with disabilities and has been commended by correctional staff for his positive attitude and work ethic.

Mr. Hughes’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. Hughes committed serious crimes that took a victim’s life. Since then, Mr. Hughes has taken responsibility for his actions and has devoted himself to his self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Hughes’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. Hughes merits an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Hughes 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 George Hughes to 40 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jerry Killedjian

In 1992, Jerry Killedjian shot and killed the victim during a robbery. On November 16, 1993, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Killedjian to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a one-year sentence enhancement.

Mr. Killedjian was 24 years old at the time of the crime and is now 54. He has been incarcerated for 29 years. Mr. Killedjian has expressed sincere remorse for his crime. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Killedjian committed himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Killedjian has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. He earned his GED, five associate degrees, and has engaged in significant self-help programming. Nine correctional staff commended Mr. Killedjian for his work ethic and positive attitude.

Mr. Killedjian committed a serious crime that took the life of the victim. Since then, Mr. Killedjian has devoted himself to his self-improvement and becoming a productive individual. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his 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. Killedjian merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Killedjian 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, hereby commute the sentence of Jerry Killedjian to 29 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Johnathan McNair

In 1999, Johnathan McNair argued with the victim, then shot at the victim's home. The victim survived his injuries. On August 17, 2000, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. McNair to three years for shooting at an inhabited dwelling plus a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 28 years to life.

Mr. McNair was 24 years old at the time of the crime and is now 46. He has been incarcerated for 22 years. While in prison, Mr. McNair has worked hard to better himself. Mr. McNair has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. He earned his GED, has engaged in self-help programming, and completed vocational training. Mr. McNair has been commended by prison staff for his positive behavior and work ethic.

Mr. McNair committed a serious crime that injured the victim. Since then, Mr. McNair has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive individual. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. McNair'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. McNair merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. McNair 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 Johnathan McNair 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Byron Mendizaval

In 1986, Byron Mendizaval and his crime partners kidnapped two victims who owed them money, held them for ransom, and beat them. On April 26, 1988, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Mendizaval to life without the possibility of parole for kidnapping for ransom plus a one-year sentence enhancement.

Mr. Mendizaval was 23 years old at the time of the crime and is now 58. He has been incarcerated for 35 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Mendizaval has devoted himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Mendizaval has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record in prison. He earned his GED, completed vocational training, and has engaged in extensive self-help programming. Mr. Mendizaval has been commended by correctional staff for his positive behavior and rehabilitative efforts.

Mr. Mendizaval committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Mendizaval has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Mendizaval'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. Mendizaval merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Mendizaval 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 Byron Mendizaval to 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Gabino Rosales

In 2014, Gabino Rosales shot the victim during an argument. The victim survived his injuries. On August 10, 2016, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Rosales to nine years for attempted murder plus a ten-year sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 19 years.

Mr. Rosales was 15 years old at the time of the crime and is now 22. He has been incarcerated for seven years. Since entering prison, Mr. Rosales has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. Mr. Rosales earned his high school diploma and is enrolled in college courses. He has engaged in comprehensive self-help programming and is currently enrolled in vocational training. Mr. Rosales has been commended by correctional staff for his active participation in educational opportunities and his sincere commitment to recovery.

Mr. Rosales committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Rosales has demonstrated a commitment to his self-improvement and becoming a productive individual. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Rosales’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. Rosales merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Rosales 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 Gabino Rosales to make him eligible for parole consideration in December 2022 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
In 2006, Julio Santos fatally shot a rival gang member and injured another during a drive-by shooting. On November 19, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Santos to 15 years to life for second degree murder plus a 20-year sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 35 years to life.

Mr. Santos was 25 years old at the time of the crime and is now 40. He has been incarcerated for 15 years. Mr. Santos has expressed sincere remorse for his crime.

While in prison, Mr. Santos has worked hard to better himself. Mr. Santos has an exemplary disciplinary record in prison. He has participated in extensive self-help programming, earned a vocation, and has maintained consistent employment. Mr. Santos has been commended by correctional staff for his positive attitude, maturity, and his efforts in rehabilitation while working as a substance abuse prevention mentor.

Mr. Santos committed a serious crime that took the victim's life and injured another. Since then, Mr. Santos has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive individual. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Santos'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. Santos merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Santos 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 Julio Santos 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Rahsaan Thomas

In 2000, Rahsaan Thomas fatally shot one victim and injured another during a drug deal. On June 17, 2003, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Thomas to 15 years to life for second degree murder, five years and six months for attempted voluntary manslaughter, plus 35 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 55 years and six months to life.

Mr. Thomas was 29 years old at the time of the crime and is now 51. He has been incarcerated for 21 years. While in prison, Mr. Thomas has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has completed college courses and has participated in self-help programming. Mr. Thomas is a regular contributor to the San Quentin News and a co-producer and co-host of the podcast Ear Hustle.

Mr. Thomas’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. Thomas committed a serious crime that took the life of one victim and injured another. Since then, Mr. Thomas has demonstrated a commitment to his self-improvement and becoming a productive individual. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Thomas’s positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Thomas merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Thomas 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 Rahsaan Thomas 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Thanh Tran

In 2011, Thanh Tran and his two crime partners attempted to rob the victim. During the robbery, one of Mr. Tran’s crime partners shot the victim. The victim survived his injuries. On April 10, 2014, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced Mr. Tran to seven years for attempted murder plus a 10-year sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 17 years.

Mr. Tran was 18 years old at the time of the crime and is now 28. He has been incarcerated for nine years. Since entering prison, Mr. Tran has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Tran earned an associate degree and has engaged in extensive self-help programming. He is a co-host and co-creator of the podcast Uncuffed. Mr. Tran has received commendations from correctional staff for his work ethic and rehabilitative efforts.

Mr. Tran committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Tran has demonstrated a commitment to his self-improvement and becoming a productive individual. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Tran’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. Tran merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Tran 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 Thanh Tran 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 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM  
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Secretary of State
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Felix Valdovinos

In 1998, Felix Valdovinos was arrested for fatally shooting the victim during an argument. On January 8, 1999, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced Mr. Valdovinos to 25 years to life for first degree murder plus a 25-year sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 50 years to life.

Mr. Valdovinos was 26 years old at the time of the crime and is now 50. He has been incarcerated for 23 years. While in prison, Mr. Valdovinos has maintained a good disciplinary record, has participated in self-help programming, and has been consistently enrolled in educational coursework.

Mr. Valdovinos was convicted of a serious crime that took the victim’s life. Since then, Mr. Valdovinos has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Valdovinos’s positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Valdovinos merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Valdovinos 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 Felix Valdovinos 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 13th day of January 2022.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Dara Yin

In 2001, Dara Yin and his crime partners committed a gang-related drive-by shooting. One of Mr. Yin’s crime partners fatally shot one victim and injured another. On October 15, 2003, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Yin to life without the possibility of parole for murder and 14 years to life for two counts of attempted murder, plus 75 years to life of sentence enhancements.

Mr. Yin was 18 years old at the time of the crime and is now 39. He has been incarcerated for 18 years. Mr. Yin has expressed sincere remorse for his crime.

While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Yin has devoted himself to his self-improvement. Mr. Yin has lived on an honor yard since 2015. He earned his GED, three associate degrees, and a bachelor’s degree. Mr. Yin has participated in self-help programming and has been involved in the prison’s service dog training program for many years. He has received commendations from correctional staff for his exemplary behavior and his efforts at rehabilitation.

Mr. Yin participated in a serious crime that took the life of the victim and injured another. Since then, Mr. Yin has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive individual. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Yin’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. Yin merits an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Yin 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 Dara Yin to 18 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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Secretary of State
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

MEDICAL REPRIEVE OF SENTENCE

William Averhart

On April 30, 1999, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, sentenced William Averhart to 25 years to life for burglary plus ten years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 35 years to life.

Mr. Averhart is now 68 years old and has been incarcerated for 25 years. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) medical staff have determined that Mr. Averhart is a high medical risk. On December 29, 2021, the Board of Parole Hearings conducted a parole suitability hearing for Mr. Averhart and found him suitable for parole. That decision is now pending review, a process that could take up to 150 days.

I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Averhart’s medical condition, his advanced age, and other relevant case factors. I have concluded that Mr. Averhart’s temporary transfer to an appropriate alternative placement in the community to continue serving his sentence is consistent with public safety and public health.

This temporary medical reprieve of sentence does not minimize or forgive Mr. Averhart’s past conduct or the harm it caused.

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 a reprieve to William Averhart to make him immediately eligible to be transferred to an alternative custody placement in the community approved by the Division of Adult Parole Operations. This reprieve allowing Mr. Averhart to continue serving his sentence in the community under the supervision of CDCR is temporary and may be nullified at any time for any reason, resulting in Mr. Averhart’s immediate return to CDCR custody.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of January 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
MEDICAL REPRIEVE OF SENTENCE

Aaron Edwards

On January 12, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Aaron Edwards to 27 years to life for carjacking plus 15 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 42 years to life.

Mr. Edwards is now 58 years old and has been incarcerated for 26 years. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) medical staff have determined that Mr. Edwards is a high medical risk.

I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Edwards’s medical condition and other relevant case factors. I have concluded that Mr. Edwards’s temporary transfer to an appropriate alternative placement in the community to continue serving his sentence is consistent with public safety and public health.

This temporary medical reprieve of sentence does not minimize or forgive Mr. Edwards’s past conduct or the harm it caused.

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 a reprieve to Aaron Edwards to make him immediately eligible to be transferred to an alternative custody placement in the community approved by the Division of Adult Parole Operations. This reprieve allowing Mr. Edwards to continue serving his sentence in the community under the supervision of CDCR is temporary and may be nullified at any time for any reason, resulting in Mr. Edwards’s immediate return to CDCR custody.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of January 2022.

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GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
REPRIEVE OF SENTENCE

Rodney Henderson

On June 23, 1997, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Henderson to 25 years to life for robbery plus 15 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Henderson was 30 years old at the time of the crime and is now 55. He has been incarcerated for 25 years. Mr. Henderson has expressed sincere remorse for his crime. While in prison, Mr. Henderson has devoted himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Henderson has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. He earned his GED, three associate degrees, and three vocations. He has participated in extensive self-help programming. He currently works as an offender mentor and has received excellent work reviews.

Mr. Henderson’s application for clemency 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. On December 1, 2021, the Board of Parole Hearings conducted a parole suitability hearing for Mr. Henderson and found him suitable for parole. That decision is now pending review, a process that could take up to 150 days.

I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Henderson’s good conduct in prison, his age, his lengthy incarceration, and other relevant case factors. I have concluded that Mr. Henderson’s transfer to an appropriate alternative placement in the community to continue serving his sentence until the parole grant review process is completed is consistent with public safety and in the interests of justice.

This reprieve of sentence does not minimize or forgive Mr. Henderson’s past conduct or the harm it caused.
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 a reprieve to Rodney Henderson to make him immediately eligible to be transferred to an alternative custody placement in the community approved by the Division of Adult Parole Operations. This reprieve allowing Mr. Henderson to continue serving his sentence in the community under the supervision of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) is temporary and may be nullified at any time for any reason, resulting in Mr. Henderson’s immediate return to CDCR custody.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of January 2022.

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Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
MEDICAL REPRIEVE OF SENTENCE

David Moreland

On May 8, 2002, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced David Moreland to seven years to life for kidnapping to commit robbery and five years for carjacking, plus 21 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 33 years to life.

Mr. Moreland is now 65 years old and has been incarcerated for 21 years. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) medical staff have determined that Mr. Moreland is a high medical risk.

I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Moreland's medical condition, his advanced age, and other relevant case factors. I have concluded that Mr. Moreland's temporary transfer to an appropriate alternative placement in the community to continue serving his sentence is consistent with public safety and public health.

This temporary medical reprieve of sentence does not minimize or forgive Mr. Moreland's past conduct or the harm it caused.

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 a reprieve to David Moreland to make him immediately eligible to be transferred to an alternative custody placement in the community approved by the Division of Adult Parole Operations. This reprieve allowing Mr. Moreland to continue serving his sentence in the community under the supervision of the CDCR is temporary and may be nullified at any time for any reason, resulting in Mr. Moreland's immediate return to CDCR custody.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of January 2022.

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Governor of California

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State
MEDICAL REPRIEVE OF SENTENCE

Jeffrey Tyson

On April 16, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Jeffrey Tyson to 25 years to life for burglary.

Mr. Tyson is now 52 years old and has been incarcerated for 24 years. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) medical staff have determined that Mr. Tyson is a high medical risk.

I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Tyson’s medical condition, his mobility restriction, and other relevant case factors. I have concluded that Mr. Tyson’s temporary transfer to an appropriate alternative placement in the community to continue serving his sentence is consistent with public safety and public health.

This temporary medical reprieve of sentence does not minimize or forgive Mr. Tyson’s past conduct or the harm it caused.

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 a reprieve to Jeffrey Tyson to make him immediately eligible to be transferred to an alternative custody placement in the community approved by the Division of Adult Parole Operations. This reprieve allowing Mr. Tyson to continue serving his sentence in the community under the supervision of CDCR is temporary and may be nullified at any time for any reason, resulting in Mr. Tyson’s immediate return to CDCR custody.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 13th day of January 2022.

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