# EXECUTIVE REPORT ON PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS OF SENTENCE, AND REPRIEVES

DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022



BY GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM



#### OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

#### MESSAGE CONCERNING CLEMENCY

To the Members of the Senate and Assembly of the State of California:

In accordance with article V, section 8 of the California Constitution, Penal Code section 4807, and Government Code section 12017, I submit to you a report on the pardons, commutations of sentence, and reprieves I issued in 2022. I pardoned 52 people, granted commutations of sentences to 32 people, and granted reprieves to 6 people.

This report includes the pardon, commutation, and reprieve certificates, and the pardon and commutation application forms submitted for each.

My constitutional authority to grant clemency in criminal cases in the form of pardons, commutations of sentence, and reprieves is an important part of California's criminal justice system that can promote accountability, rehabilitation, public safety, make jails and prisons safer, and correct unjust results in the legal system.

The report may be found at <a href="www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a>, or, for a printed copy, contact the Governor's Office at 916-445-2841. Crime victims and survivors who would like information about parole and clemency notification, restitution, and referral and support services can call 1-877-256-6877, email <a href="wictimservices@cdcr.ca.gov">wictimservices@cdcr.ca.gov</a>, or visit <a href="www.cdcr.ca.gov/victim-services">www.cdcr.ca.gov/victim-services</a>. Californians who would like information about how to apply for clemency can visit <a href="www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a>.

I look forward to our continued partnership in ensuring a fair criminal justice system for all Californians.

Sincerely

Governor Gavin Newsom

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#### **PARDON**

#### **Fidel Alvarez**

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





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#### **APPLICATION FOR PARDON**

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Alv	arez Fidel Piedra		
Date of Birth:	55 Social Sec	curity Number:	
Residence Address:			Mexico
Mailing Address (if different):			
Home/Cell Phone:	_ Work Phone: S	ame Email:	
1. Conviction Summary (Note:	The Governor's Office will review a	complete copy of your criminal histo	ry report.)
	List conviction(s) for which	you are requesting a pardon.	
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<u></u>		h you are seeking a pardon?   YES  Yother state or country, or in federal	
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	Location of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
None			

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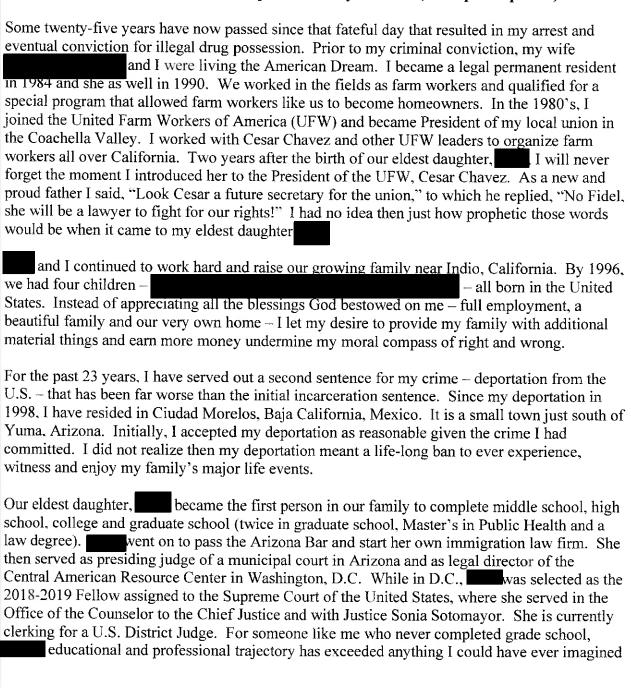
2.	Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).
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3.	Describe how a pardon may impact your life (e.g., immigration consequences, employment opportunities, impact on family members, civic participation).
<u>P</u>	lease see attached statement.
4.	Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs, professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, arrests, and new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals).
P	ease see attached statement.
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	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.  Please see attached statement.
	APPLICANT DECLARATION  Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.
	, Fidel P. Alvarez  (Print Applicant Full Name), declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
Ca	difornia that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
de	livered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of Riverside
	(Name of County or Counties)
	Eddl Pale March 9, 2021
	Applicant Signature Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a pardon.

#### 2. Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).

On January 9, 1997, I entered prison for the first and only time in my life to serve out a two-year sentence for unlawful possession of methamphetamine with intent to transport, sell, furnish, administer, import or give away. My sentence was the result of a plea agreement I voluntarily and intelligently signed. As a result of my good conduct in prison, I was released after 18 months.

3. Describe how a pardon may impact your life (e.g., immigration consequences, employment opportunities, impact on family members, civic participation).



or comprehended. Painfully because of my mistake, I am only able to experience and celebrate her many accomplishments by phone or when she is able to visit. Our second daughter, , graduated from high school, attended Arizona Western College, and then joined the United States Army. She proudly served as a 92Y (Army Unity Supply Specialist) in South Korea, Iraq, Afghanistan and Fort Hood. She was honorably discharged in 2008. After her military service, Catalina enrolled at Central Texas College where she received her Associates degree in General Studies. She then went on to Baylor University where she graduated with her Master's in Psychology. As a minister myself, I was deeply moved to find out that she now serves as a Minister at her local church - "True Light House Of Prayer" in Killeen, Texas. During my incarceration, our two youngest sons, were both in elementary school in the United States and were completely fluent in English. As our family situation changed, they joined me in Mexico, where I enrolled them in school. Without any formal Spanish instruction in the United States, they both struggled to learn how to read, write and is now a homeowner in Phoenix, Arizona, and works in the communicate in Spanish. health care sector providing guidance and support to individuals in need of health care insurance. eventually moved to Phoenix as well and enrolled in community college. He transferred to Arizona State University where he earned his bachelor's degree in Criminology and Criminal Justice. Given the paths our children chose to pursue, I can see how my criminal conviction and work as a farm worker impacted, inspired and shaped the career choices of all four of our children. Throughout these years of hardship, our family remained close. Together, we have endured years of health, financial and personal challenges due to my wife's relentless dedication and commitment to the well being of our relationship and our family. My decision to seek out this pardon now is the direct result of the global corona virus pandemic. In December 2020, both and I, experienced symptoms, which we initially thought were flu related. After a week of bed rest, neither of us felt well. Upon hearing of our illness all our children rushed in to help. What we thought was the flu turned out to be COVID-19. With the relentless presence and support of all four of our children, over a three-week period of time, I barely survived. My wife did not. On December 24, 2020, her body, weathered and broken from working 40 years in the fields, succumbed to the deadly corona virus. passing has been the most tragic and heartbreaking loss for us all. When she passed I was in the very next room, bedridden on an oxygen concentrator machine, extremely weakened by the virus, and unable to be by her side. It is only now that I am able to mourn her death and honor and celebrate all that she gave to our family and me over the past 40 years. Although COVID-19 did not take my life, it did permanently damage my lungs. I no longer have the ability to work the type of hours I used to or have the strength to lift and move the heavy appliances I work with every day. My family continues to experience the extreme hardship that being separated brings. If something else were to happen to me, medically,

physically or mentally, my children fear they would not be able to readily care for me. They all reside in the United States and I have no other family in Mexico.

For individuals in my circumstances, immigration relief is available through the filing of a motion to reopen. See 8 U.S.C. §§ 1229(a)(c)(7) and (6) (formerly codified in 8 U.S.C. §§ 1229(a)(c)(6) and (5)). As of this year, I have exhausted all possible legal remedies through the courts, including an appeal to the Ninth Circuit. A gubernatorial pardon would make me eligible to file a motion to reopen my case based on a change in my circumstances since the time of the original hearing. See 8 U.S.C. § 1229(a)(c)(7)(B) (removal proceedings); 8 C.F.R. § 1003.2(c). See Socop-Gonzalez v. INS, 272 F.3d 1176, 1180 (9th Cir. 2001) (en banc) ("[A] prima facie case for relief is sufficient to justify reopening, . . . and a prima facie case is established when 'the evidence reveals a reasonable likelihood that the statutory requirements for relief have been satisfied.'").

In other words, a gubernatorial pardon would open the door for me to seek immigration relief and be reunited with my family in the United States. It would mean for the first time in 23 years that I would be able to cross the border and visit with my family without any fear of being deported and without breaking any laws. It would allow me the opportunity to move back to our home in Coachella, California – a home, which my wife and I built together through a special federal program called Farmers Homes, created to help farm workers become homeowners. A pardon, coupled with the reinstatement of my green card, would also make me eligible to access social security benefits from my time employed as an agricultural worker from March 7, 1984 (when I became a lawful permanent resident) to January 26, 1998 (when I was deported).

4. Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs, professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, arrests, and new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals).

During my time in Mexico, I have devoted my life to my family and public service as an ordained minister in my community. I have not been arrested or convicted of any crime and I have not made any attempt to illegally re-enter the United States. As a small business owner, electrician and general handyman, I use the patio in the front of my home to refurbish old washing machines and resell to customers. This employment afforded me the opportunity to generate income to support my wife and children.

Blinded by my desire to earn what appeared to be fast and easy money to provide more material things for my family, I made the biggest mistake of my entire life. My plea agreement not only sentenced me to prison time, but it also sentenced by wife and four children to 18 months of long three and a half hour trips each way to visit me at the corrections facility in Tehachapi, California. Following my deportation, my mistake consequently uprooted my children from their schools, friends and community and forced them to relocate to a border town in Baja California, Mexico, just south of Yuma, Arizona. For the past 23 years, my children (now adults) have been forced to take extraordinary measures to visit me in Mexico. My time in prison, the loss of my green card and my deportation, fundamentally changed the trajectory of my life and that of my wife and children. From the schools my children attended to the work my

wife pursued, my conviction deeply impacted the opportunities I ultimately wanted for my family. I am deeply sorry for the pain and suffering I caused my wife and children as a result of the poor choice I made, which led to my arrest and conviction.

5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.

I have not paid any money or given and gift to anyone to assist me in preparing this application. I am blessed to have the assistance of my four children and my son-in-law, who helped me complete and submit my pardon application.

# 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.

GAVINNEWSOM
Governor of California

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

ATTEST:



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#### **APPLICATION FOR PARDON**

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary)

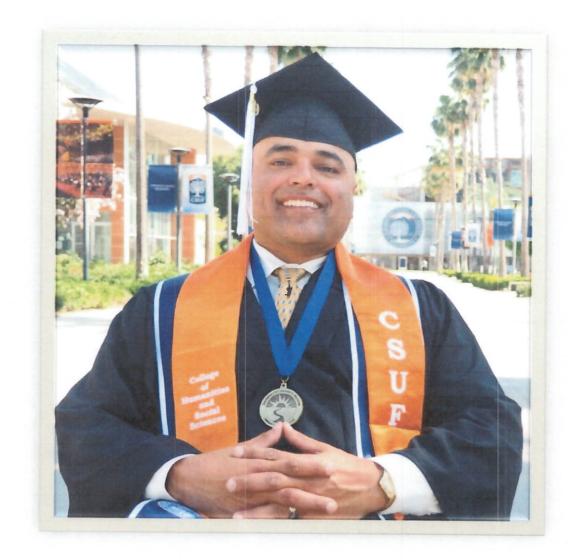
Aminy, Mirvais

Date of Birth: 1979	Social Se	curity Number:	
esidence Address:			
Mailing Address (if different):			
ome/Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	Email:	
. Conviction Summary (Note: The Gov	ernor's Office will review o	complete copy of your criminal histo	ry report.)
	List conviction(s) for which	you are requesting a pardon.	
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
(3 counts) attempt murder	April 3, 1998	Orange County	18 years
Criminal Street Gang	April 3, 1998	Orange County	concurrent
Vere you under 26 years of age at the ti			
List all prior co	nviction(s) in California, ar	y other state or country, or in federa	l court:
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	Location of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
None			

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2. Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).	
Please see my personal statement for details	
<ol> <li>Describe how a pardon may impact your life (e.g., important important participation).</li> </ol>	nigration consequences, employment opportunities, impact on fami
A pardon will open up the opportunity for me to	reopen my immigration case, eliminate the deportation
order currently against me and lead me on a patl	h to citizenship.
<ol> <li>Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in seprofessional and educational achievement; any set-backs goals).</li> </ol>	elf-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs s, arrests, and new convictions; insight about past conduct; and futur
Please see my personal statement for details	
<ol> <li>If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone t their name, address, phone number, email address, the r none</li> </ol>	to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.
	ANT DECLARATION have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.
I, Mirvais Aminy (Print Applicant Full Name)	, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State o
California that the information I have provided on this applic	ration is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed o
delivered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the Di	istrict Attorney of the County of Orange County
	(Name of County or Counties)
Maria A	February 9, 2020
Applicant Signature	Date
Submit this completed 2-page form to the <b>Office of the Govern</b> You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant do	nor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814 cuments that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievemen
photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original do	ocuments, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update

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## PERSONAL STATEMENT

Application for a Governor's Pardon

Aminy, Mirvais

My name is Mirvais "Mir" Aminy and I am applying for a direct governor's pardon. I write this personal statement in the hopes of providing the reader with a brief background of my life and the reasons I am seeking a pardon. In 1997, I was arrested and convicted of a serious

crime. I was involved in a gang-related shooting and I am forever regretful for my actions. I am ashamed, remorseful and sorry for inflicting pain on these individuals, their families and my community as a whole. I have no excuse for my actions, and I take full accountability. Since being released from prison, it has been my mission to make amends for my wrongdoings and be a positive contributor to my community rather than harming it. It is the only time I have ever been arrested



Me at 4-years-old living a happy life in New York, 1983.

in my life. Unfortunately, 23 years later, I am still feeling the repercussions of that one horrible action. I have been ordered deported by an immigration judge to a nation I hardly know, and a



Marrying my wife in 2017

governor's pardon is my only remedy. I will be a father in a few weeks, and this has compelled me to file for a pardon. I am doing this for not only my future, but also the future of my family.

I am filing for a governor's pardon regarding a felony conviction from 23 years ago. Because of that

conviction, I am currently in deportation proceedings with ICE. I fear that I will be deported to Afghanistan, a country I left 39 years ago where I have no family or any type of connection whatsoever.

My family immigrated to the U.S.

from Afghanistan when I was a one-yearold to escape the war against the Russians.

We settled in New York City and despite
living in a cramped, one-bedroom
apartment, and being diagnosed with polio at a
very young age which left me confined to a



My wife and I with our daughters:
and our third daughter,
who will be arriving in February
of 2020.

wheelchair, I had a happy childhood. I had plenty of friends and did well in school. All of this changed at the age of 16, when my family relocated to California. Readjusting to a new high school and resettling in a gang-infested neighborhood made it difficult to acclimate to my new



Me in the center with my cohort in the Masters of College Counseling Program at CSU Long Beach, 2019.

environment. As a
way to protect
myself from
bullies, I started
hanging out with
the wrong crowd. I
became distant

from my family as I

friends. I went from being a
happy, loving teenager in New
York to a rebellious, depressed
youth who struggled with his
self-image. Although these are
not valid excuses for
participating in a street gang,
these were factors that led me down
the wrong path. Having a physical
disability from a very young age, I



Receiving a scholarship as the Vice President of the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society at Golden West College in Huntington Beach, 2015.

was always of conscious of my self-image. I was never insecure about myself until I entered high school. This insecurity caused me to gravitate towards individuals who I thought genuinely liked



Myself on the right receiving an award at CSU Fullerton for my community engagement work at Higher Ground Youth and Family Services, 2019.

me for who I was. I was very wrong.

Unfortunately, one year
after moving to California, I was
involved in a gang-related
shooting. I am deeply ashamed of
my role in the crime. I served 16
years of an eighteen-year sentence.

While I was incarcerated, I looked for ways to improve myself and

prepare me to be a better person upon my release. I got involved in many self-help groups and even became a teacher's aide in prison and assisted other inmates in obtaining their G.E.D.s. I



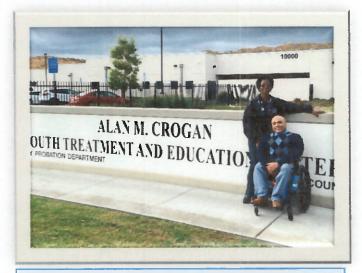
Myself with kids from Higher Ground Youth and Family Services, 2019.

found this role fulfilling and fell in love with education. It was this reason that I chose to pursue higher education upon my release.

I am not the same
person I was when I was
18 years old. I am a
current graduate student at
CSU Long Beach. I am

pursuing a master's degree in counseling with an emphasis in student development in higher

education. I now visit juvenile detention facilities, prisons and jails where I speak to incarcerated men, women and youth about the dangers of gangs and the importance of education. I try to be a ray of hope for individuals who's shoes I used



Speaking to youth at a juvenile hall facility in Riverside, CA about the importance of a college degree, 2019.



Providing a tour of Cal State Fullerton to incarcerated youth from Orange County Juvenile Hall, 2019.

to be in. Since my mission of reaching out to these individuals, numerous men and women have come home and visited me in my office and are now pursuing a college degree. With a little bit of guidance from myself, these individuals will go on to do great things in society.

I also volunteer at an after-school

program
called Higher
Ground Youth

and Family Services, where I mentor children from underrepresented populations and underserved communities. I try to be a role model for these children and show them that despite their circumstances, they can rise above their environment and be a contributing member of society. I received numerous awards for my community service and had a short video done about my work which I have included with this pardon packet. (Please see attached DVD).

I recently graduated from CSU Fullerton with a bachelor's in arts in the sociology of deviance and crime. I chose this field because it is my aspiration to extend the same



Pushing my own physical limitations in the Mojave Desert, 2016. I strive to be an inspiration to people with disabilities.



Working at the Dayle McIntosh Center for the Disabled allowed me to advocate for people with disabilities, 2016.

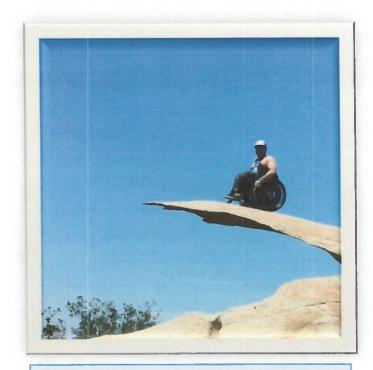
largest public university system in the United States.

I am now working fulltime as an enrollment specialist
for Project Rebound, a support
program for formerly
incarcerated individuals. I
assist formerly incarcerated
students in the enrollment
process and help them in their
transition onto a college campus

opportunities offered to me upon my release from
prison to other individuals in similar circumstances. As
a student at Cal State Long Beach who is pursuing a
master's degree in counseling, I have the unwavering
support of numerous faculty and staff members at the
school. President Virjee of Cal State Fullerton, as well
as President Jane Conoley from Cal State Long Beach
are well aware of my situation and have written me
letters of support (Please see their letters under letters
of recommendation section). I have also received
support from Chancellor Timothy White's office who
oversees the entire California State University system, the



Myself with students from the Workforce Development Program at the Illumination Foundation, an organization where I volunteered and worked with homeless men and women, 2014.



Reaching the peak of Potato Chip Rock after a 7-mile uphill climb in San Diego, 2015.

and pursue higher education as their transformative tool. It is my mission to end recidivism by making post-secondary education more accessible to individuals who have been historically underrepresented. I regularly attend and speak at national conferences and conduct presentations to raise awareness about the benefits of a college education to end the cycle of recidivism.

I am happily married and have two stepdaughters as well as a baby daughter on

the way. My baby, will be arriving within 2 weeks. I am now a family man who has been

rehabilitated and is giving back to his community. Being able to help others provides me with a tremendous amount of gratification and opens up other opportunities for me to be able to give back.

I am seeking this

pardon because if I am deported,

I fear for my life if I were to return



Graduating cohort of 2019 at a Project Rebound banquet with the President of Cal State Fullerton.



Third from the left, I was a presenter at the National Conference of Higher Education in Prison in St. Louis in September of 2019.

to Afghanistan.

My father,
brother and two
sisters worked
for the
Department of
Defense as
linguists for
the United

States military. I fear that I would be targeted for persecution if I were deported back to a country that is hostile to Americans. If I am deported my daughters will grow up without a father and my wife without a husband.

I am a bit embarrassed as I type out this letter because I feel as if I am coming off as a braggart. That is far from the truth. I only list my accomplishments so that I can provide with a better picture of who I was, the circumstances that led me to prison and the man that I am today.

I sincerely hope that I am granted this pardon. The future of my family rests on this decision. I acknowledge that I did commit a crime, but I do not believe that my entire life needs to be defined by a single action that was committed using poor judgement. I am more than my worst decision in life. I respectfully ask you, Honorable Governor Newsom to grant me a gubernatorial pardon.

# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **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

SHIPLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

ATTEST:



Governor Gavin Newsom · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

#### RE-APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION AND PARDON

Complete this form if in the last three years, you submitted a commutation or pardon application to a past administration, or obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, and wish Governor Newsom to consider your application. Do not submit any additional documents about your case until requested to do so by the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings. If you submitted an application to Governor Newsom after January 7, 2019, your application is pending; do not submit this form. Learn more about the commutation and pardon process at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (Last/First/Middle): Bob	er, Estelita	Prior Application (if different):
Date of Birth: 197	Social Security	
CDCR Number: N/A	Name of Facility/Prisor	NI/A
Residence Address:		
Mailing Address (if different):		
Home/Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	Email:
I previously submitted:	☐ Application for Commi ☐ Certificate of Rehabilit ☐ Application for Pardon	itation
	or any correspondence from the you been interviewed regarding pondence from Governor Brown' Of	the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings your application? If yes, please describe:  Office nor your office.
Applicant Signature	Balen	06-17-19 Date
	SUBMIT COMPLETED F	FORM TO: 128961 K

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE CAPITOL, ATTN: LEGAL AFFAIRS/CLEMENCY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.

DO NOT SUBMIT ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AT THIS TIME.

# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **PARDON**

#### **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

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFURNIA

#### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

SCOTTY WAYNE BOWMAN

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

1974

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

CII Number

A10478710

Criminal Case Number(s) MCR-278513-1 / MCR-283221-1 List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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### CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

1	Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13	
The petition of	SCOTTY WAYNE BOWMAN Type Applicant's Full Name - First' Mildle Last and Suffix, if applic	, presently residing
at	ype Applicants Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code	, heretofore filed, praying for
a Certificate of Rehabilitat	ion pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3	3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
of the State of California,	came on regularly for hearing on this	10TH day
of	OCTOBER 2019  Month, Year	and proof having been made to the
satisfaction of the Court that	at notice of the time of hearing has been re	gularly given as required by law; and
from satisfactory proof take	n at said hearing the Court finds that all alle	egations of said petition are true, and
that the required period of	rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's	s date of discharge from custody due
to completion of the term to	which the petitioner was sentenced, or up	oon the release on par-
ole or probation on	MAY 27, 1998 , 1	that, where appropriate, petitioner has
obtained relief pursuant to	Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petition	oner has demonstrated by the course
of conduct his/her rehabilit	ation and fitness to exercise all the civil and	d political rights of citizenship
(except as provided in Pe	nal Code Section 4852.15); and that petition	oner has been3
time(s) convicted of a felor	y;	
decree the petitioner has b (except as provided in Pen	dered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this co een rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the al Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue the alifornia grant a full pardon to said petitions	e civil and political rights of citizenship ereof, this court recommends that the
Done in open court (	his 10TH day of Day of the Month	OCTOBER 2019  Month, Year
Judge of said	Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED	Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE
FORM 3 (Revised 7/8/2005)	This form was prepared by the Investigations Division of the Board of Parole Hearing	igs pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.18,

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# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **PARDON**

#### Samath Duong

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.

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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 Jahuary 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Sécretary of State



#### Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

#### APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

		APPLICANT II	NFORMATION		I'm currently detained by Immigration. Attorney's email address:
Name:	Samath Duong	Date of Birth:	1974	E-mail Address:	
					I'm currently detained by Immigration. Attorney's phone number is:
Address	s: <u>'</u>			_ Phone Number:	
1.	Conviction Summary:				
	List all prior convictions, inc	luding any in other state	es or countrie	s. <u>Attach additi</u>	onal pages if necessary.
	Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	•	conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Second	Degree Robbery, CPC Section 211	September 9, 2001	Los Angel	es	5 years (served 80%)
2.	Briefly describe the circumstance	es of the crime(s) for whic	h you are reque	esting a pardon (a	ttach additional pages as
necessa	ary):				. •
After wo	orking two weeks for an individual wh	en it came time to getting pa	id I was not paid	l. The individual ski	pped out and I couldn't contact him
or find h	nim anywhere. Being young, despera	ate, and stupid I obtained a b	b/pellet gun and	used it to hold up a	store. There was no excuse to do
what I d	did and it was not right and I will nev	er ever do anything like that a	again. I did not ir	ntend to hurt, injure	or harm anyone and nobody was
	jured or harmed.				
3.	Explain why you are requesting	a nardon (attach additiona	l nages as nece	eccary).	
			. •	••	Sierra Blanca Texas and in the process
of being	deported. If this pardon is granted I	may be able to stay here in t	he U.S. (the only	y home I've ever kn	own for over 35 years) with my family
in .	. Currently my sister is t	ne only one caring for our eld	erly mother. My	sister desperately r	needs my help to care for our mother.
She ca	n barely walk.				
4. it has	Provide a brief statement expla				al pages if necessary): ouble and have had no legal issues
since i	my release over 11 years ago. I am	currently a Teppan Chef and	have been work	ing and providing fo	or my family ever since.
5.	If you have paid any money or g				application, list their name,
John Ad	am Chavez, Immigration Attorney, A	Mabama (Bar# 4730-B65F) 2	05 20th St. N. S	uite 1020 Birmingha	am AL 35203 \$0.00

#### STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I,Sarnath Duong	declare under penalty of periur	y under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)		, and and an
have served the District Attorney of the County of $\_$	Los Angeles	with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon.
	(Name of County*)	

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature

\*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

# 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 Jahuary 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, H.D. Secretary of State



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#### **APPLICATION FOR PARDON**

Complete this application to request a gubernatorial (governor's) pardon. This application is for a direct pardon; do not complete this form if you have been granted a Certificate of Rehabilitation. If you have submitted a pardon application in the last three years or if you have obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, please complete a re-application form. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to your application. If the Governor grants you a pardon, some information from your application will appear in a public report about clemency submitted to the California Legislature each year. Learn more about the pardon application process at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Galaz,	Julian		
Date of Birth:	2 Social Se	curity Number	
Residence Address:			
Mailing Address (if different):			
Home/Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	Email:	
1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Go	overnor's Office will review o	complete copy of your criminal histor	ry report.)
	List conviction(s) for which	you are requesting a pardon.	
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Grand Theft (CS153004)	2000	San Diego	3 yrs Probation
Disr	missed 06/17/14		
Were you under 26 years of age at the	time of the crime(s) for which	ch you are seeking a pardon? ■YES	□NO
List all prior o	onviction(s) in California, an	y other state or country, or in federal	court:
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	Location of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
N/A			

2. Describe the circumstances of yo	ur crime(s).
In the year 2000, at the age of 1	8, I stole money/merchandise from my employer (Sears). The total was just over
	0 and paid my court fees the day of my conviction. I was young, immature, and
made a terrible decision to st	
<ol><li>Describe how a pardon may im members, civic participation).</li></ol>	pact your life (e.g., immigration consequences, employment opportunities, impact on family
I currently serve on active duty in the A	army as a health care specialist. After I retire from the service I plan to continue my medical career.
I would like to continue to work for the	government. Without a pardon I may not be eligible to continue to serve my country as a civilian
or I may be unable to secure a job in a career field	that requires licenses and certifications for many positions. I would also like to be able to perform civic duties in my community.
<ol> <li>Describe your life since your con- professional and educational ach goals).</li> </ol>	viction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs, ievement; any set-backs, arrests, and new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future
Since my conviction I have lived my life to the highest standard. I joine	d the Army in 2005 as a combat medic and have been serving on active duty for 14.5 years. I have completed three combat tours to Iraq and Afghanistan and currently in Korea.
I am in charge of leading other medics and have always led by ensuring	ng I set the example of how an honorable Soldier, man, and father lives and serves. I have been awarded many decorations to include the Bronze Star for my actions in combat.
I always seek self-improvement and professional development to set	an example for my son, my family, and my Soldiers. I have completed a Bachelor Degree in Health Administration to continue a career in healthcare leadership after the Army.
N/A  Complete the following	APPLICANT DECLARATION  ng statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.
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<sub>I,</sub> <mark>Julian Galaz</mark> (Print Applican	t Full Name) , declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
California that the information I have	provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
delivered) my notice of intent to appl	y for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of San Diego
	(Name of County or Counties)
Applicant Signature	09 August 2019
Applicant bignature	Date
Submit this completed 2-page form to	the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.
You may, but are not required to, inclu	de copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement,

photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to

the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a pardon.

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# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **PARDON**

#### **Joseph Giddings**

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.

ALOF STATE OF 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 Jahuary 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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

#### IN THE SUPER, ROURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFOR

#### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

Joseph Giddings

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth

1968

CII Number A08655657

Certificate Case Number VA043850

Criminal Case Number(s) VA043850 YA030298

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LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

MAR 21 2019

Sherri R. Carter, Elecutive Officer/Clerk

B. Perez

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of JosephGiddings presently residing at

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on March 21, 2019

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled October 26, 1999

Paroled October 26, 1999

Granted Probation December 24, 1987

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 3 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 21 day of hards 2019

Day of the Month

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

SIGNATURE

erior Court -



#### **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

ATTEST:

Governor of California

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF Monterey	Applicant's County of Residence
In the Matter of the Application of	Typesaria sorely of recorded
Lawrence Will iam Johnsen III	Court use only states on a
Certificate Number ,	Superior Court of California,
Date of Birth	County of Monterey
Cll Number A 096/05/2	On 12/13/2019
Criminal Case Number(s) CR 4231  List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)	By Deputy: Flores, Christina
CERTIFICATE OF REHABIL	
Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852  The petition of <u>Lawrence William Johnse</u>	
At Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code	, heretofore filed, praying for
a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter	3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this	Thirteenth day
of December 2019	and proof having been made to the
satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has be	en regularly given as required by law;
and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds	that all allegations of said petition are
true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed sir	nce petitioner's date of discharge from
custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was se	entenced, or upon the release on par-
ole or probation on November 24, 1993	that, where appropriate, petitioner has
obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that	t petitioner has demonstrated by the
course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all th	e civil and political rights of citizenship
(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petiti	oner has been Once Total Number of Felony Convictions
time(s) convicted of a felony;	2
WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And it and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercitizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.1 recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full	rcise all the civil and political rights of 5), and by virtue thereof, this court
Done in open court this 13th day of Day of the Month	December 2019 Month, Year
Maria O, Anderson  Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED	Judge of sald Superior Court - SIGNATURE
FORM 3 (Ravised 12/5/01) This form was propared by the Investigations Division of the Board of Prison Terms	s pursuant to Penal Code Saction 4852.18.

#### **PARDON**

#### **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 NEWSÓM Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIPLEY N. WEBER, PH.D. Secretary of State

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

RUBERT KROO

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

FILED Superior Court of California County of the Angeles

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Date of Birth:

CII Number:

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Certificate Case Number: BA 168382

Criminal Case Number(s): 13 A ) 68 38 2

### CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Dan 2005.

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been \_\_\_\_\_ time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said

Done in open court this

day of

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

SIGNATURE

#### **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 Jamuary 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State



Governor Gavin Newsom · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

#### **RE-APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION AND PARDON**

Complete this form if in the last three years, you submitted a commutation or pardon application to a past administration, or obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, and wish Governor Newsom to consider your application. Do not submit any additional documents about your case until requested to do so by the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings. If you submitted an application to Governor Newsom after January 7, 2019, your application is pending; do not submit this form. Learn more about the commutation and pardon process at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Prior Application (if different): 11/a
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SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO:
THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE CAPITOL, ATTN: LEGAL AFFAIRS/CLEMENCY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.
DO NOT SUBMIT ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AT THIS TIME.

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA

In the Matter of the Application of

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### CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13	
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WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, and this court does I decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to s	civil and political rights of
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#### **PARDON**

#### Qi Li

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

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

OCT 07 2020

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

People v. Qi Li ("Tony Li")

Date of Birth:

CII Number:

A287858860 A28785860

Certificate Case Number: KA087759

Criminal Case Number(s); KA08775901

Sherri R. Cayler, Expective Officer/Clerk of Court deal amera

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:

Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on October 6, 2020 (10/06/2020).

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on May 20, 2015 (05/20/2015).

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been one (1) time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Judge of the Superior Court Hunty

Done in open court this 7 day of DC TOPEN , 2020

Superior Court - Signature

#### **PARDON**

#### Zhuo Liu

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 Jønuary 2022.

GAVIN NEWSÓM Governor of California

ATTEST:

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



Governor Gavin Newsom · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

#### **APPLICATION FOR PARDON**

Complete this application to request a gubernatorial (governor's) pardon. This application is for a direct pardon; do not complete this form if you have been granted a Certificate of Rehabilitation. If you have submitted a pardon application in the last three years or if you have obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, please complete a re-application form. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to your application. If the Governor grants you a pardon, some information from your application will appear in a public report about clemency submitted to the California Legislature each year. Learn more about the pardon application process at <a href="www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary)

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1. Conviction Summary (Note:	The Governor's Office will review	a complete copy of your criminal his	tory report.)	
	List conviction(s) for which	ch you are requesting a pardon.		
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Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a pardon? ■YES □NO				
List all prior conviction(s) in California, any other state or country, or in federal court:				
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	Location of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):	
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2.	Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).
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3.	Describe how a pardon may impact your life (e.g., immigration consequences, employment opportunities, impact on family members, civic participation).
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4.	Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs, professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, arrests, and new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals).
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	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.
	APPLICANT DECLARATION  Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.
	I, Liu, Zhou Yuan  (Print Applicant Full Name), declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
Ca	lifornia that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
de	livered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of Santa Clara.
	(Name of County or Counties)
	Mr. flo 10/15/2019
	Applicant Signature Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. ou may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a pardon.

### 2. Briefly Describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a Pardon:

Twenty-two years ago, on May 14th, 1997, I participated in a home invasion robbery. I was 16 and had been in the United States for only a year before committing my crime. An older man orchestrated five other teenagers and myself to commit the robbery. One of the teens sexually assaulted a woman in the house. I did not know he had done this until my trial. As a result of my participation, I was convicted of robbery and convicted for the crimes my co-defendant committed. As a minor, I was sentenced 26 years in prison, and upon my release, labeled as a sex offender though I did not commit a sexual offence. I am deeply remorseful for my crimes and understand the lasting impacts my crime has.

#### 3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon:

There are three major reasons I am requesting a pardon.

First, a pardon would allow me to stay in the United States with my family. Without a pardon, I face imminent deportation. I was born in China and immigrated here when I was a child. I came to the United States with my parents at the age of 15. My family and I were petitioned to come here by my uncle in hopes of improving our lives in America.

Because of my convictions, the Department of Homeland Security has determined that I am deportable, and a pardon is the only thing that can help assure that I remain here without the fear of deportation. California is where I grew up, it is where my remaining immediate family lives, and it is the only home I have ever known.

I cannot understate the tremendous impact a pardon will have on my family. A pardon will allow me to remain with my parents. During my time in prison, my mother and father were going through tough financial burdens and my mother, due to the stressors of making money, had to undergo brain surgery. My sister carried the burden of taking care of my parents and myself until I was released from prison. My parents and my sister are my only support I still in my life and I am now their only means of financial support. I stayed in touch with my sister while I was in prison, and since my release we have become a regular part of each other's lives and jointly take care of my parents.

I picked up coding in prison, earned a scholarship into a rigorous coding academy, graduated the highest in my class, became a software engineer and now work for a major tech company where I earn enough to assist my parents living in the United States and assist myself in my transition into the free world. Having been released from prison, I want to be there for my family now.

Second, a pardon would remove me from the sex offender registry. Being on the sex offender registry has hindered my ability to bring about positive change in my community to the fullest. I

understand that I am responsible for the crime I committed and the crimes of my codefendants. For that I will forever remain remorseful. I also would like the chance to bring about the most positive change I can within my community. Being on the sex offender registry subjects me to compliance checks by local law enforcement and asks me to explain myself to my neighbors everywhere I live. I would love the opportunity to present myself to my neighbors and my community as a positive role model and that I am more than just my crime.

Third, a pardon will allow me to continue on the positive path that I started while I was in prison, which has resulted in me becoming a contributor to society and a role model and advocate for other prisoners coming out of prison. During my incarceration, I sought every opportunity to better myself. I did this by continuing my education, surrounding myself with positive influences, and taking self-help courses that helped me reflect on my upbringing and the role that the traumas caused by the immigration to a country that I was unfamiliar with. This self-reflection allowed me to better empathize with others, and while inside, I committed to being the best version of myself as I could be. I received my GED, which sparked my thirst for learning and knowledge, and I joined The Last Mile, a program that teaches coding to prisoners so they can live self-sustaining lives once they are released.

My own experience made me strongly appreciate the power of rehabilitation, and I want to make sure that others are afforded the same opportunity for positive change.

Because of that, since my release from prison, I was a Chinatown ambassador in Oakland Chinatown where I did conflict resolution with business owners and the houseless population, I cleaned up the streets of Chinatown, and I delivered food and materials to houseless people so their lives can be a little better, all while I was going to Hack Reactor, a rigorous coding academy.

Since my release, I have actively sought out ways to improve myself along with my community. I have been an Oakland Chinatown Ambassador, I am an active volunteer with Asian Prisoner Support Committee and assist prisoners coming out with their reentry process, I became a software engineer, and work for a tech company in San Francisco where I assist the CTO in bringing about positive change to our criminal justice system. I would not be able to continue this work in China, a place that I do not call home. I am committed to devoting my life to advocacy for positive change, and—in addition to keeping me together with my family—a pardon will allow me to continue this work here.

#### 4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon:

I will always carry the pain and suffering my actions caused and my experience has taught me that I am more than my crime and the bad choice I've made. I have changed and, although I cannot change the past and will forever be indebted to my victims and their families, I can do the work to ensure a brighter future for other people in my community. Because of my experience, I feel it is my responsibility to be a positive influence in my city and my community, and if I am granted a pardon I will continue my community work for as long as I can.

#### **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

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER PH.D. Secretary of State

ATTEST:

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

In the Matter of the Application of	}	Case Number:
	}	CII No: A31074
CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM MASTIN	}	Date of Birth:

For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

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Criminal Case No. 10F02709

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

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By Lindsay Anderson, Deputy CI

The petition of CHRISTOPHER WILLIAM MASTIN, presently residing at

, heretofore filed. praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 19th day of March, and proof having been made to the

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his release on parole or probation on March 29, 2014, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 19th day of March

Jaime R. Roman JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the 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

### IN THE STATE OF CAL' RNIA

#### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

Rodney Giovanni Montiel

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth

Cll Number A11096291

Certificate Case Number BA121003-03

Criminal Case Number(s) BA121003-03

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

FEB 21 2019

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk

Deputy

#### CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of RodneyGiovanniMontiel presently residing at

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on February 21, 2019

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled April 28, 1997

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 21 day of PEBRUA

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Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

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#### **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.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State



ATTEST:



Governor Gavin Newsom · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

#### APPLICATION FOR PARDON

Complete this application to request a gubernatorial (governor's) pardon. This application is for a direct pardon; do not complete this form if you have been granted a Certificate of Rehabilitation. If you have submitted a pardon application in the last three years or if you have obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, please complete a re-application form. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to your application. If the Governor grants you a pardon, some information from your application will appear in a public report about clemency submitted to the California Legislature each year. Learn more about the pardon application process at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Truc Tru	ng Nguyen	*	,	
Date of Birth:		rity Number:		40000000
Residence Address:				
Mailing Address (if different):				
Home/Cell Phone:	Work Phone:		Email:	
1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Gove	ernor's Office will review a co	omplete copy of y	our criminal history repo	rt.)
L	ist conviction(s) for which yo	ou are requesting	a pardon.	
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of con	viction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 664/187 Attempted Murd	ler(2nd degree) 10/2	21/1996	Riverside	9 years
PC 664/187 Attempted Mui	rder(2nd degree)10	0/21/1996	Riverside	7 years
Were you under 26 years of age at the tin	ne of the crime(s) for which	you are seeking a	pardon? TYES NO	
List all prior con	nviction(s) in California, any o	other state or cou	intry, or in federal court:	
Crime(s): D	Date(s) of conviction:	Location of cor	nviction(s):	Sentence(s):
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2. Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).	
I was driving my two high school friends when unbeknown to me, the fi	riend in the back seat shot at another car and two people were injured.
I turned myself in and after a hung jury, i plead guilty	
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<ol><li>Describe how a pardon may impact your life (e.g., immigra members, civic participation).</li></ol>	ation consequences, employment opportunities, impact on family
I currently have a deportation order and could be deported at any time	ne. I am married with three daughter. I own a landscaping business.
I want to remain in the U.S. because i am the sole p	rovider for my family.
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	evelopment, including identifying and addressing treatment needs rests, and new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future
Since being released from prison, i have gotten married, have the	nree young daughters and currently own a landscaping business.
I work hard to support my family and have completely stayed away from a	ny bad friends or any situations that could get me into trouble with the law.
After this conviction, i have not been arrested by the police. My days consist of working, take	ng care of my daughters, and when the opportunity arises, helping my friends and neighbors.
their name, address, phone number, email address, the natu	sist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list re of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given. 91367; tanla@phamimmigrationlaw.com; 818-334-4313; amount paid: \$3500
	DECLARATION served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.
I, Truc Trung Nguyen (Print Applicant Full Name)	declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State o
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California that the information I have provided on this application	n is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
delivered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the Distric	t Attorney of the County ofRiverside
	(Name of County or Counties)
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Applicant Signature	Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a pardon.

#### **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 Jahuary 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

ATTEST:

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POST OFFICE BOX 22024 SANTA ANA, CA 92702-2024	CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER	SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER
In the Matter of the Application of	DAVID H. YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court	MAY 3 1 2019
Ryan Matthew Oneill		
Petitioner's full name – First Middle Last and Date of Birth: 1978 CII Number: A12459758 Criminal Case Number(s): 98HF0957; 03H		MONICA JOHNSON BY:
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required by law; and from satisfactory proof	taken at said hearing the Court finds that all a	allegations of said petition are true
and that the required period of rehabilitation h	nas elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge	from custody due to completion of
the term to which the petitioner was sentence	ed, or upon the release on parole or probation o	on
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Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petition	er has demonstrated by the course of conduct	his/her rehabilitation and fitness to
exercise all the civil and political rights of citiz	enship (except as provided in Penal Code sect	ion 4852.15); and that the
hat petitioner has been Seven  Total Number of Felony C	time(s) convicted of a felony;	
The Certificate of Rehabilitation is grante all the civil and political rights of citizenship (what the Governor of the State of California granted:    Saled:   Sale	ed. This Court declares the petitioner has been except as provided in Penal Code section 485 ant a full pardon to seid potitioner.	n rehabilitated and is fit to exercise 2.15), and this Court recommends
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I his form was prepared under the	direction of the Office of the Attorney General o	of the State of California

**CERTIFICATE OF REHABILIATION** 

Optional Use Form: L-410.2 [Rev. July 15, 2011]

#### **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

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, FH.D.

Secretary of State

**ATTEST:** 

2019-100706

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### FILED

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

JAN 04 2019 Will Power IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF: er, Executive Officer/Cierk Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable Date of Birth: CII Number: A098593V Certificate Case Number: POMKA00929901 Criminal Case Number(s): Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13 The petitioner is presently residing at: Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on 114114 And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been time(s) convicted of a Felony; WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner. \_\_\_day of <u>January</u>, <del>2017</del> 2 Done in open court this SAM OHTA

Judge of the Superior Cour

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

#### **PARDON**

#### Romarilyn Ralston

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

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

ATTEST:

POST OFFICE BOX 22024	ERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER	
In the Matter of the Application of	MAR 1 9 2021	
Romarilyn Ralston (oka Romarilyn Baker)	DH YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court	
Petitioner's full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable	STO MANAGARI, CHERKOI [He COUIT	
Date of Birth: 1964 CII Number: A08812769 Criminal Case Number(s): C25427	D. IBARRA DEPUTY	
CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION (Penal Code § 4852.13)	CERTIFICATE NUMBER: M - M-1 8 8 9	
The petition of Romarilyn Ralston  Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, If applicable  at Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code	, presently residing , requesting a	
a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the F	Penal Code	
of the State of California, was heard on March 19 2021		
and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of heari	ing has been regularly given as	
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and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from	om custody due to completion of	
the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on		
May 13, 2016 , that, where appropriate, petitioner has obta	ined relief pursuant to Penal	
Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his	s/her rehabilitation and fitness to	
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That petitioner has been	d d	
The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares the petitioner has been all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852, that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.	rehabilitated and is fit to exercise 15), and this Court recommends	
Dated: 3 19 21	*stope.	
JONATHAN FIGH	without 80%	
Judicial Officer - TYPED or PRINTED	Judicial Officer - SIGNATURE	

This form was prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California

#### **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:

SHIRKEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

#### IN THE SUPER. COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFOR

#### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

Freddie Jesus Ramirez

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth

1981

Cll Number A12135932

Certificate Case Number TA070850

Criminal Case Number(s) TA070850

BMV: B9123439

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Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of FreddicJesusRamirez presently residing at

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on February 7, 2019

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Granted Probation July 24, 2003

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 7 day of FEBRUARY 3819

Day of the Month Month, Year

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

SIGNATURE

Judge of sald Superior C

#### **PARDON**

#### Ivan Rangel

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

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ATTEST:

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



#### Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

#### APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Renabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

		APPLICANT IN	FORMATION	
Name:	Ivan Rangel	Date of Birth:	1981 E-mail Addı	ress:
Address	5:		Phone Num	ber:
1,	Conviction Summary:			
FEE	List all prior conviction	s, including any in other states	s or countries. <u>Attach ad</u>	ditional pages if necessary.
	Offense(s): Drug Smuggling	Date of offense(s): June, 2002	County of conviction(s): San Diego	Sentence(s): 40 Day in jail-3 years probation
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#### STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney <u>before</u> submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

, Ivan Rangel	declare under penalty of perjury	under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name) have served the District Attorney of the County of	San Diego, CA	with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon.
	(Name of County*)	

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

			4.7.2019
Applicant's Signature		Date	

<sup>\*</sup>If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

#### **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.

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

**ATTEST:** 

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Sécretary of State

### IN THE SUL LIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable

DANY LISA TAP

Date of Birth:

CII Number: A21216215

Certificate Case Number:

NA074205

Criminal Case Number(s): NA 074 205

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

MAR 27 2019

Sherri R. Cayter, Procurive/Officer/Clerk

#### CERTIFICATE OF REHABII

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:

Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the 

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 2-20-201(\_.

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been \_\_\_\_\_t \_\_\_time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 27th day of March

. 2019

f the Superior Wurt - SIGNATURE

#### **PARDON**

#### **Robert Trussell**

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

## IN THE SU PRIOR COURT OF THE STATE G. CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

Type Applicant's Full Name – First,	Middle, Last and Suffix, if applicable
	applicable

ROBERT WILLIAM TRUSSELL

Date of Birth:

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CII Number:

A05633716

Certificate Case Number:

Criminal Case Number(s): BA464631

LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

MAY 20 2019

Sherri R. Caster, Esecutive Officer/Clerk

By Deputy

B. Perez

### CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:

Heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California came on regularly for hearing on 5/30/3019.

And proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on 4/11/1979.

That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been \_\_\_\_\_\_ time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this

)\_\_\_day of

\_\_\_, 2019

Judge of the Superior Court – TYPED or Printed

Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE

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### **PARDON**

### Jerry VanMeeteren

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, H.D. Secretary of State



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### **RE-APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION AND PARDON**

Complete this form if in the last three years, you submitted a commutation or pardon application to a past administration, or obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, and wish Governor Newsom to consider your application. Do not submit any additional documents about your case until requested to do so by the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings. If you submitted an application to Governor Newsom after January 7, 2019, your application is pending; do not submit this form. Learn more about the commutation and pardon process at <a href="www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

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Applicant Signature			2019

**SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO:** 

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE CAPITOL, ATTN: LEGAL AFFAIRS/CLEMENCY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.

DO NOT SUBMIT ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AT THIS TIME.

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### **APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON**

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION** 

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### STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney <u>before</u> submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

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have served the District Attorney of the County of	Los Hngeles	with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon.
	(Name of County*)	

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature

\*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

### **B – Circumstances of the Crime**

In 1991 my wife (twin 3 yr old children) and I divorced. As a result I began making poor life choices. I was drinking quite a bit and began trying meth. Soon I was associating with people who were all doing the same thing and I began a spiral of addiction. For the next 4 years I was using meth almost every day and although I wanted to quit I was unable to break the cycle. Because of our addictions we traded money or property for the meth and visa versa. On the night of the crime of my felony a friend came to the house I was living in with some truck tires and dropped them off in the backyard. We proceeded to use meth and shortly after the person left the police arrived and I was arrested. I take full responsibility for my actions while also understanding that being under the influence of meth led me to make many of the poor choices I made in life over a 4 year span.

### C - Why I am Requesting a Pardon

23 years have now passed since my felony conviction. It is also the same amount of time since I last drank alcohol, did drugs or committed any type of a crime including traffic offence. I have established a good life with a wife of 19 yrs and 2 new children ages 16 and 13 along with 5 grandchildren from my twins of my first marriage.

Since being released from jail in April 1995 I completed a full year in rehabilitation and continued on to work extensively both inside and outside of the USA with Teen Challenge and Youth With a Mission organizations helping drug addicts and alcoholics learn to change their lives.

On Oct 21, 1997 I stood before the judge who convicted me. He looked at me and listened to my story and believed I had changed my life in an amazing way. He proceeded to release me from probation and set aside and dismissed my conviction.

My family and I are currently living on the Flathead Indian reservation in Polson Montana. We are working with Youth with a Mission and also volunteering with Teen Challenge to help educate the area youth in drug and suicide prevention across the state.

My main reason for requesting this pardon is to be able to show my family, co workers and especially the young men and women I work with that our society and leadership is capable of forgiveness and redemption no matter what life choices we have made while under the influence of things we could not control. Also with hard work and listening to quality people anyone and everyone is capable of change and restoration and able to live productive lives free from addictions. In my situation with some of the international scenarios we work in it is getting tougher to obtain visas in certain countries having a felony conviction given the current political climate worldwide. This would also be a great relief for me.

Thank you for considering my application,

Jerry Van Meeteren

### D - Why I Should be Granted a Pardon

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I would like to start by saying that every day since my release from jail in April of 1995 has been a day of grace, rehabilitation, forgiveness and restoration. I have lived, volunteered and worked 100% of my time since that day to better myself and help others with life controlling problems overcome them.

Within days of my release from jail in April 1995 I voluntarily entered <u>Teen Challenge of So California in Shafter CA</u>. I gratefully graduated from Riverside TC after completing one full yr of in house living coming out a changed man.

Following my completion of the 1 yr Teen Challenge program I volunteered as an intern for 6 months with <u>TC of Santa Ana CA</u>. Upon finishing 6 months of intern service I entered the 1 full yr <u>Teen Challenge Ministry Institute in South Gate CA</u> where I studied counseling and service while volunteering and working in the inner cities of the greater Los Angeles area helping the poor, homeless and addicted.

Upon completion of the 1 yr ministry school in June of 1997 I went before the judge who sentenced me to a felony conviction. He immediately recognized the changes I had made in my life and proceeded to release me early from my probation and also to set aside and dismiss my conviction.

In September of 1997 I went to Honolulu HI with the backing of So Cal Teen Challenge to help restart a struggling Teen Challenge program there. While working with Teen Challenge I was approached by another world wide non profit called Youth With A Mission asking if I would join their work. In 1998 I joined Youth With a Mission (YWAM) and began training to do relief projects around the world.

In Dec 1998 I married my wife of 19 yrs married in Hawaii and together we began taking one or two 3 month working trips per year to locations such as Samoa in 1999. In Samoa we worked with local farmers and villagers. 6 months later we spent 3 months in East Timor where we worked with refugees in camps across the island nation following war with Indonesia. Over the next few years we worked with Tibeten refugees in Northern India and Bhutanese refugees in northern Thailand along with many others in inner cities across the mainland US and Hawaii.

In 2002 we moved to Bishkek Kyrgyzstan in Central Asia to continue our work with Youth With A Mission. Over the next 7 yrs while living in Kyrgyzstan we helped to start a Teen Challenge center in a nearby village in 2004. In 2005 we founded an NGO called Talent Resources which helped TC graduates and others who had been rehabilitated study and train to do specific jobs. Upon completing training we would place them in stable working environments with embassy staff, UN staff and other foreign workers where they would make a better wage and be treated

better than working in most local jobs. We saw many hundreds of people set free from addictions and move on to flourishing lives. During our time we also did many clean water and health projects in small villages across the country helping the poorest of the poor live a little better and healthier life.

In 2009 we relocated to Hawaii for 3 yrs to allow our children to go to school while we did some further studies to help our relief work.

At the end of 2012 we once again relocated with Youth With A mission, this time to Split Croatia where we began working with a local NGO called Staro Za Novo (Old to New). For the next 3 ½ yrs we worked with recovering drug and alcohol addicts as well as working on reconciliation projects between the Serbian, Bosniak and Croatian communities torn apart by the Yugoslav wars.

In May of 2016 we returned to the US to allow our children to attend school he and begin to prepare for university. We moved to Montana to live and work on the Flathead Indian Reservation where we continue to work with Youth With A Mission and volunteer time with the local women's Teen Challenge center. We regularly do suicide and drug prevention programs in the schools and communities on all 7 reservations across the state of state of Montana and hope to continue doing the same until the end of our days.

So to summarize my story once again has been a 100% commitment to seeing people with life controlling problems be set free, restored and rehabilitated just as I have and I believe that a pardon from my home state would be a great testament to the power of rehabilitation and restoration over incarceration especially to young Native Americans we currently live with who believe they have no hope and no reason to live once they have been incarcerated.

Thank you for your consideration of my application,

Jerry Lee Van Meeteren

### **PARDON**

### **Hector Venegas**

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.

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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 THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

A FASSHECTOR RAYMUNDO NAVORTO HECTOR VENEGAS NAVORTO HECTOR VENEGAS

Hector Raymundo Venegas

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth

1969

CII Number A08993209

Certificate Case Number A982900-03

Criminal Case Number(s) A982900-03

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Superior Court of California County of Los Angeles

DEC 12 2019

By Deputy

Jessico Castellingo

### CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

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Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of HectorRaymundoVenegas presently residing at

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on December 12, 2019

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled November 16, 1991

that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a Felony;

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Done in open court this 12

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Judge of said Superior Court

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

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#### **PARDON**

#### **Avner Ben-Porat**

Avner Ben-Porat, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On January 5, 1990, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Ben-Porat to three years of probation for first degree burglary. On February 21, 1997, the same court sentenced Mr. Ben-Porat to one year of probation for misdemeanor theft.

Mr. Ben-Porat 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. Ben-Porat has also presented evidence that a collateral consequence of his conviction, namely, his immigration status, further justifies this exercise of executive clemency.

This act of clemency for Mr. Ben-Porat 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. Ben-Porat, 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 Avner Ben-Porat 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVINNEWSOM
Governor of California

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

ATTEST:

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Governor Gavin Newsom · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

### APPLICATION FOR PARDON

Complete this application to request a gubernatorial (governor's) pardon. This application is for a direct pardon; do not complete this form if you have been granted a Certificate of Rehabilitation. If you have submitted a pardon application in the last three years or if you have obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, please complete a re-application form. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to your application. If the Governor grants you a pardon, some information from your application will appear in a public report about clemency submitted to the California Legislature each year. Learn more about the pardon application process at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary)

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2. Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).
I broke into a house and took an item of little Value.
3. Describe how a pardon may impact your life (e.g., immigration consequences, employment opportunities, impact on family members, civic participation).
A pardon will effect my life a great deal in regard to Immigration, as well as employment opportunities.
4. Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs,
professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, arrests, and new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals).
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I have had no atrests of convictions ever since I have mared on with my life
and have become a responsible citizen, thank you very much for your consideration in This matter.
5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list
their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.
APPLICANT DECLARATION
Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.
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I, DEN PORT HUNGS, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of (Print Applicant Full Name)
California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
delivered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES
(Name of County or Counties)
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Applicant Signature / Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a pardon.

#### **PARDON**

#### Kelli Burrell

Kelli Burrell, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On March 27, 1987, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles sentenced Ms. Burrell to three years of probation and 365 days in jail for robbery. Ms. Burrell was 23 years old at the time of the crime.

Ms. Burrell has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On June 14, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Ms. Burrell a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Burrell's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Burrell be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Ms. Burrell 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. Burrell 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 Kelli Burrell a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

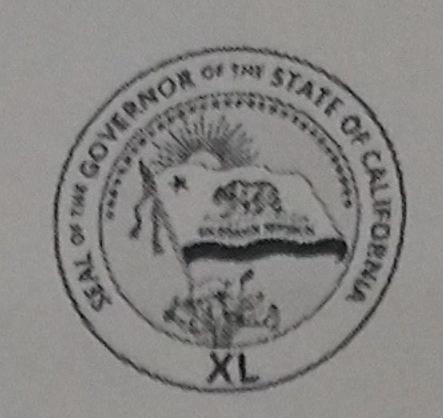
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 1st day of July 2022.

GAVINNEWSOM Governor of California

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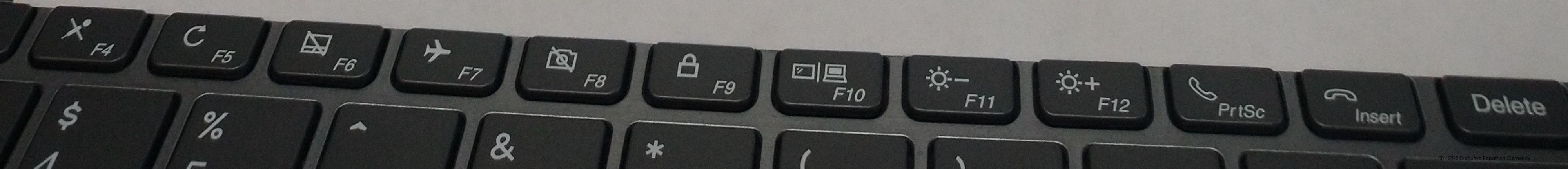
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### IN THE SU COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIF

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Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Kelli Elleen Burrell presently residing at

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on June 14, 2007

and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of sold petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on periole or probation on Granted Probation March 27, 1987

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#### **PARDON**

### **Dissary Chairez**

Dissary Chairez, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On December 17, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, sentenced Ms. Chairez to one year and four months in prison for possessing a controlled substance for sale. Ms. Chairez was 23 years old at the time of the crime.

Ms. Chairez 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 November 13, 2018, the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, granted Ms. Chairez a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Chairez's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Chairez be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Ms. Chairez 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. Chairez 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 Dissary Chairez 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM Governor of California

SHIPLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

ATTEST:

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### **RE-APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION AND PARDON**

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#### **PARDON**

### Gwen Cruickshank

Gwen Cruickshank, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On October 20, 1997, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Ms. Cruickshank to three years of probation and 10 days in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale. On October 30, 1997, the same court sentenced Ms. Cruickshank to three years of probation and 5 days in jail for fraud to obtain aid.

Ms. Cruickshank 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 April 15, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, granted Ms. Cruickshank a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Cruickshank's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Cruickshank be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Ms. Cruickshank 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. Cruikshank 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 Gwen Cruickshank 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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SHIPLEY N. WEBER, PH.D. Secretary of State

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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#### **PARDON**

### **Burton King**

Burton King, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On January 14, 1991, the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno, sentenced Mr. King to two years in prison for possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Mr. King has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On June 28, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno, granted Mr. King a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. King's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. King be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. King 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. King 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 Burton King 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIKLEY N. WEBER, PH.D Secretary of State

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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#### **PARDON**

#### **Steve Kirkendoll**

Steve Kirkendoll, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On October 14 and 17, 1977, in the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo, and on May 3, 1978, in the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, Mr. Kirkendoll was sentenced to three concurrent terms of five years to life for two counts of first degree robbery and one count of second degree robbery. Mr. Kirkendoll was 20 years old at the time of his crimes.

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

Mr. Kirkendoll'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 clemency applicants who have been convicted of more than one felony.

This act of clemency for Mr. Kirkendoll 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. Kirkendoll 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 Steve Kirkendoll 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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

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#### **PARDON**

#### Sara Kruzan

Sara Kruzan, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On September 28, 1995, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, sentenced Ms. Kruzan to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder plus a four-year consecutive firearm enhancement. On December 31, 2010, Governor Schwarzenegger commuted her sentence to 25 years to life. On January 18, 2013, Ms. Kruzan was resentenced to 15 years to life for second degree murder plus a four-year firearm enhancement, a total term of 19 years to life. Ms. Kruzan was released after serving 18 years in prison. When Ms. Kruzan was 16 years old, she fatally shot the man who had abused her and trafficked her for sex.

Ms. Kruzan 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. Kruzan committed a crime that took the life of the victim. Since then, Ms. Kruzan has transformed her life and dedicated herself to community service. This act of clemency for Ms. Kruzan 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. Kruzan 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 Sara Kruzan 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM Governor of California

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### **APPLICATION FOR PARDON**

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APPLICANT INFORMATION
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(Attach additional pages as necessary)						
Name (Last/First/Middle):	KRUZAN S	SARA JESSIN	ny			
Date of Birth: _	1978 Social Se	ecurity Number:				
Residence Address: _						
Mailing Address (if different):						
Home/Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	Email:				
1. Conviction Summary ( <i>Note</i>	1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.)					
List conviction(s) for which you are requesting a pardon.						
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List all prior conviction(s) in California, any other state or country, or in federal court:						
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2. Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).
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5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to lis their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.
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APPLICANT DECLARATION
Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.
I, Oavra J. MZaa, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State o
California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
delivered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of Name of County or Cou
(Name of County of Counties)
Applicant Signature Date
Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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#### **PARDON**

#### Raxana Lamos

Raxana Lamos, a resident of New York and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On April 24, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Ms. Lamos to three years of probation and 15 days in jail for transporting or selling a controlled substance.

Ms. Lamos has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has demonstrated that she is living an upright life and has demonstrated her fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. Ms. Lamos 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. Lamos 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. Lamos, 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 Raxana Lamos 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 1st day of July, 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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### APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Ra	xana Lamos	OX	8
Date of Birth:	Social Se	curity Number:	
Residence Address:			
Mailing Address (if different):	·		
Home/Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	Er	mail:
1. Conviction Summary (Note	: The Governor's Office will review o	a complete copy of your criminal	history report.)
	List conviction(s) for which	you are requesting a pardon.	
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2. [	Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).
On	or about March 25, 1996 I made a hand to hand sale of cocaine base to a member of law enforcement.
At t	he time of this offense, I was 26 years old and I accept full responsibility for my conduct.
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	Describe how a pardon may impact your life (e.g., immigration consequences, employment opportunities, impact on family members, civic participation).
lam	presently in a removal proceeding in Immigration Court in the City of Buffalo, New York. I entered this country unlawfully in 1988.
l am	hopeful that a pardon would help reduce the possibility of being deported back to El Salvador and further break up my family.
I ha	ave 5 children who are all US citizens. Please see Exhibit B for my personal statement and Exhibit
Ci	for a letter from Eileen Martin, attorney.
4. [	Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs, professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, arrests, and new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals).
Sinc	ee 2006 I have been a volunteer and Associate Missionary at St. Luke's Mission of Mercy,
I vo	lunteer approximately 8 hours every day in the kitchen, Mission Mall and at the school. Please see Exhibit <b>b</b> for
cha	racter reference letters from family, missionaries and friends.
5. n/a	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.
	APPLICANT DECLARATION
	Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.
	Raxana Lamos declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of (Print Applicant Full Name)
	fornia that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
deli	vered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles  (Name of County or Counties)
E	Applicant Signature U/29/2020 Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a pardon.

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### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CASE NO. BA128914 COMELES U

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. Plaintiff.

v.

02 RAXANA LAMOS

INFORMATIO NEDWARD WINE AMAN, CLEPK

Defendant(s).

Held To Answer

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Date: 04/24/1996

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Department: CEN 131

INFORMATION SUMMARY

Charge Special Ct. Alleg. Allegation No. Charge Range Defendant Effect LAMOS, RAXANA PC 1203.073(B)(7) HS 11352(A) 03-04-05 **PSP** 

The District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles, by this Information alleges that:

### COUNT 2

On or about March 5, 1996, in the County of Los Angeles, the crime of SALE/TRANSPORTATION/OFFER TO SELL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, in violation of HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 11352(A), a Felony, was committed by RAXANA LAMOS, who did willfully and unlawfully transport, import into the State of California, sell, furnish, administer, and give away, and offer to transport, import into the State of California, sell, furnish, administer, and give away, and attempt to import into the State of California and transport a controlled substance, to wit, COCAINE BASE.

"NOTICE: Conviction of this offense will require you to register pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11590. Failure to do so is a crime pursuant to Health and Safety Code section 11594."

It is further alleged that the defendant(s) is/are ineligible for probation pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.073(b)(7), to wit: selling or offering to sell cocaine base.

### THIS INFORMATION CONSISTS OF 1 COUNT(S).

GIL GARCETTI
DISTRICT ATTORNEY
County of Los Angeles,
State of California

BY:	Michael	Willen	4	1/23/96
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MICHAEL VILLALOBOS

DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY Filed in Superior Court,

County of Los Angeles

/GBG DATED:

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 1054.5(b), the People are hereby informally requesting that defense counsel provide discovery to the People as required by Penal Code Section 1054.3.

#### Roxana Lamos (Roxana Lonez)

April 27, 2020 Governor Gavin Newsom 1303 10th Street, Suite 1173 Sacramento, CA 95814

### Dear Governor Newsom:

In 1996 at the age of 26, I pled guilty to a felony drug charge in Los Angeles County. I deeply regret my involvement on that day, and must now live with the burden of knowing that my actions may negatively impacted the lives of people close to me.

Since my conviction, I have managed to start my life over. I thank God everyday for giving me a second chance to turn my life around and to be around my children. I've worked very hard my entire life to provide for my children, and give them the things I was not able to have growing up. I am very blessed to be involved with St. Luke's Mission of Mercy Church, who have given me the opportunity to give back to the community. The Mission took us in and provided food and shelter for us, and so many great opportunities for my children and me.

For over 15 years now, I have been volunteering my time everyday with the church in various ways. I began my time with them by spending my days in their soup kitchen. My daily tasks included preparing and serving multiple meals each day for those in our community who are less fortunate. I did that for a few years before being reassigned to the donations section of the church. Here, I have spent many years receiving and sorting donations that people donate daily. I am here all day, 6 days a week, rain or shine. It is my way of saying thank you and giving back to St. Luke's for all that they have done for my family and me.

I feel that I have been an essential member of the church, as well as the Buffalo community since my arrival here. I have stayed clear of trouble and illegal activities since my drug felony charge in 1996, and have spent my time since then raising 5 amazing children. My youngest son is about to start high school at St Joseph's Collegiate Institute, and two of my daughters now teach at St. Luke's Home School, which they also attended when they were younger. My eldest, Alvaro and Tracey have also had various jobs over the years, making an honest living and being model citizens. None of my children have criminal records and are proof that I have provided them with love, care, and guidance that only a mother can provide. I have taught the right morals to my children so that they can, in the future, raise their children right.

I now face the risk of deportation because of my conduct many years ago – conduct I never, ever have repeated. I now face being taken away from my children, the community I love, and the people I have had the privilege to serve on a daily basis for over 15 years. My son who is faces the risk that he will be without a parent in his home as he begins high school. I feel shame and sorrow that my actions at the age of 26 could put my children at risk in this way after so many years. I ask you, humbly, to do what you can to keep that from happening. I ask for your mercy and compassion by considering me for a pardon. I am now 50 years old and have a wonderful life- no drugs, good friends and a strong family.

Tiffany Velado- Daughters cell phone-



50 Fountain Plaza Suite 1700 Buffato, NY 14202 **Phone:** 716.853.5100 **Fax:** 716.853.5199

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Michael Taheri, Esq. Taheri & Todoro PC 388 Evans St Williamsville, NY 14221

March 17, 2020

Dear Attorney Taheri:

My name is Eileen Martin. I am a lawyer admitted to the bar in the state of New York. After working for what was then the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service for several years at various ports of entry and the Buffalo District Office, and after a year as a Visa Officer at the now closed Canadian Consulate General in Buffalo, I entered into private practice. For 25 years, the entire focus of my law practice has been U.S. immigration law.

I am writing to you about the pardon application of Roxana Aracly LOPEZ CHICAS. Ms. Lopez Chicas has a conviction for a drug offense. A pardon of that drug offense may permit her to avoid deportation.

Pursuant to the Immigration and Nationality Act §237(a)(2)(B)(i), titled Offense "Relating to" a Controlled Substance, an alien who "has been convicted of a violation of (or a conspiracy or attempt to violate) any law or regulation of a State, the United States, or a foreign country relation to a controlled substance (as defined in section 102 of the Controlled Substances Act (21.U.S.C 802), other than a single offense involving possession for one's own use of thirty grams or less of marijuana is deportable".

Because of Ms. Lopez Chicas' conviction, she is subject to deportation. A pardon that vacates the conviction will eliminate the ground of deportation that applies to her under INA Section §237(a)(2)(B)(i).

Very truly yours,

LIPPES MATHIAS WEXLER FRIEDMAN LLP

Eileen M. Martin, Esq.

Partner

#### **PARDON**

#### Dana McCarroll

Dana McCarroll, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On July 18, 2001, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced Ms. McCarroll to six years in prison for second degree burglary, receiving stolen property, and issuing false checks.

Ms. McCarroll 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 September 6, 2018, the Superior Court of California, County of Mariposa, granted Ms. McCarroll a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. McCarroll's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. McCarroll be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Ms. McCarroll 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. McCarroll 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 Dana McCarroll 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM Governor of California

SHIPLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

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#### **RE-APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION AND PARDON**

Complete this form if in the last three years, you submitted a commutation or pardon application to a past administration, or obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, and wish Governor Newsom to consider your application. Do not submit any additional documents about your case until requested to do so by the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings. If you submitted an application to Governor Newsom after January 7, 2019, your application is pending; do not submit this form. Learn more about the commutation and pardon process at www.gov.ca.gov/clemency or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name (Last/First/Middle): McControl 1970 Date of Birth: W090936	76 Social Sec	urity Number:	recent): Kelsay Dana Marker  nbow CCC
Residence Address:	Manie of Facility)	113011.	
Mailing Address (if different):	ame		
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Applicant Signature		Date	

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO:

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE CAPITOL, ATTN: LEGAL AFFAIRS/CLEMENCY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814. DO NOT SUBMIT ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AT THIS TIME.

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MARIPOSA COUNTY
Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

DANA KELSAY

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth Cll Number

Month Day, Year A11183060

Criminal Case Number(s)

EE117794, 15370

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

Court use only MARIPOSA SUPERIOR COURT SEP 96 2018

COURT CLERK

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition ofDANA	KELSAY	, presently residing	ng
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	by the investigations Division of the Board of Prison Terms		

#### **PARDON**

#### Henry Pachnowski

Henry Pachnowski, a resident of Maryland and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On August 24, 1967, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, sentenced Mr. Pachnowski to three years of probation and 10 days in jail for misdemeanor solicit lewd act.

Mr. Pachnowski was convicted and sentenced pursuant to a charge commonly used, and used in this case, to punish men for engaging in consensual adult sexual conduct with other men, criminalizing them based on stigma, bias, and ignorance. With this act of executive clemency, I acknowledge the inherent injustice of the conviction.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that Mr. Pachnowski 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 Henry Pachnowski 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 1st day of July 2022.

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### APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Pach	nowski/Henry					
Date of Birth: 1940	<u>, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , </u>	Social Secu	rity Number:			
Residence Address:						
Mailing Address (if different):						
Home/Cell Phone:	Wor	k Phone:	N/A	Email	:N/A	
1. Conviction Summary (Note: The	e Governor's Office	will review a co	omplete copy of	your criminal hist	ory report.)	
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Were you under 26 years of age at t	the time of the crim	e(s) for which y	you are seeking	a pardon? □YES	■NO	
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Describe the circumstances of your crime(s). I engaged with consensual intimacy with a male partner in a deserted industrial area in his car and was caught by a security guard who said we had gone against "God and nature". He turned us in to the police and I plead guilty to a lewdness charge in exchange for the dropping of a "sex perversion" charge. I recently found out from my attorney that I would have likely been found innocent of lewdness under modern law, but Orange County has destroyed all court records from that year, making it impossible for me to challenge my case. 3. Describe how a pardon may impact your life (e.g., immigration consequences, employment opportunities, impact on family members, civic participation). A pardon would not only recognize and remedy the injustice that I suffered from being targeted and convicted because of my sexuality; it would also ensure that I do not face any future obstacles, such as employment and housing-related ones, stemming from this conviction. 4. Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs, professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, arrests, and new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals). I have turned my life around significantly since the 1960's, and have not been convicted of a crime since. Despite my statelessness, I was able to work a career of jobs ranging from selling antiques to repairing plumbing, whose income I was able to use to sustain my family. My goal is to retire peacefully and to not be a burden to those who I am forced to rely on for support. 5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given. N/A APPLICANT DECLARATION Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency. , Henry Pachnowski declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or delivered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of Orange County

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a pardon.

12/16/2021

#### **PARDON**

#### **Royal Ramey**

Royal Ramey, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On April 30, 2008, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. Ramey to five years of probation for second degree robbery and false imprisonment. He was 17 years old at the time of this crime. On June 4, 2010, the same court sentenced Mr. Ramey to six years in prison for first degree burglary. He was 20 years old at the time of this crime.

Mr. Ramey submitted 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. Ramey'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 clemency applicants who have been convicted of more than one felony.

This act of clemency for Mr. Ramey 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. Ramey 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 Royal Ramey 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 1st day of July 20/22.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

SHIRLEY N. WEBER PH.D. Secretary of State

secretary of state



Governor Gavin Newsom · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

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#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (Last/First/Middle):	JermaineName on Prior Application	(if different): N/A
Date of Birth: 1989	Social Security Number:	
CDCR Number: AD6610	Name of Facility/Prison: Bautist	a Conservation Camp
Residence Address:		
Mailing Address (if different): Same	e as above	
Home/Cell Phone:	Work Phone: N/A	rameyroyal@gmial.com
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Applicant Signature	Date	

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO:

THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE CAPITOL, ATTN: LEGAL AFFAIRS/CLEMENCY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.

DO NOT SUBMIT ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AT THIS TIME.



### Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

### APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON

Complete this application to request a pardon from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION** 

Name:	Royal Ramey	Date of Birth:	1989 E-mail Address:	
Addres	ss:		Phone Number:	
1.	<b>Conviction Summary:</b>			
	List all prior convictions, in	ncluding any in other states	or countries. Attach addition	
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	PC 236	1/2/2007	San Bernardino	Month term and 1 strike
	PC 459	1/21/2010	San Bernardino	72 Month term
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4.	Provide a brief statement expla See Attachmer	nining why you should be gran nt Application for Guberi	ted a pardon (attach additional natorial Pardon Question	pages if necessary): s number 4
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# Application for Gubernatorial Pardon Questions

- 1. Conviction Summary is attached with this packet. Immediate behind the Application for Gubernatorial Pardon.
- 2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon? I grew up in a single parent home in San Fernando, CA with my mother and two siblings. During my adolescent years, my mother had to work a lot to make ends meet and I felt lost without the guidance of a father figure. I became vulnerable to outside influences. In 2007, to be accepted by a group of boys who understood my struggles and frustrations, I made the very poor decision to participate in the robbery of a store. I was seventeen years old and did not understand the full impact of my actions. Fortunately, no one was harmed. I spent 6 months in Juvenile Hall and 7 months in County jail.

Upon release, I felt discouraged by the criminal record and worried that I had ruined my life for good. Without adequate guidance to help me to change my mindset and the control of my emotions, I continued to associate with the same type of young men and in 2010, participated in a burglary. I am grateful no one was harmed, but deeply regret this decision and take full responsibility for my actions.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon?

I am requesting a pardon for the opportunity to obtain an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) license to provide the best possible care for the people of State of California while working with Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE). As a firefighter with CAL FIRE, it is imperative that I serve the people of California with the upmost respect, professionalism, and integrity in the public and behind close doors. We are called upon when the citizens of the state have reached a point where they need assistance from individuals who are trained for medical aids, wildland fires, structural fires, hazmat incidents, mudslides situations, water rescues, and the list goes on. When I get on scene to an incident, I want to be able to implement the best possible medical care to a victim who is experiencing probably one of the worst days of their life. If you knew that I could save your love one with my proper training, but I did not have the law right to utilize my training, how would you feel if they passed away?

To continue to pursue my personal and professional goals, it is essential that I become certified as an Emergency Medical Technician. I will use the knowledge and skills of an EMT to provide comprehensive services as a first responder to my community. I am fully committed to the duties, obligations and moral code of an EMT and look forward to serving in this capacity for many years to come. I want to be the best firefighter I can be, if only I could provide the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) that I received forgiveness from the State of California of my crimes. With this pardon, it would give me the opportunity to practice as a license EMT and not be limited to helping a citizen of California.

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a pardon?

During confinement, I matured considerably and was recommended to serve as a wildland firefighter with a CAL FIRE conservation camp. This opportunity permitted me

## **Application for Gubernatorial Pardon Questions**

the ability to find a sense of purpose through a series of assignments fighting wildland fires. I learned the skills and tools required not only to be a firefighter; but also, the truths that professionalism, integrity, and commitment are needed to become a productive member of society.

Since my release in 2014, I have successfully obtained 23 certifications, attended two fire academies and graduated from Crafton Hills College with an Associate Science degree in Fire Technology; all while working three seasons for the United States Forest Service. I worked on making a different in my community by collaborating with a few colleagues on a non-profit organization called Forestry and Fire Recruitment Program (FFRP). FFRP's goal is to inspire those whom would typically be unaware of the career opportunities available to them in the forestry and fire fields. We are committed to support and advocate for these persons; providing a three-tiered program model that promotes the personal and professional growth of each participant. The model allows participants to explore how they can contribute and flourish in these spaces while facilitating a growing desire to transition into a successful career. The program provides mentorship, training, and other resources to California's youth, urban, and military communities. In forming partnerships with local agencies and resources, the program is dedicated to outreaching and assisting quality individuals from nontraditionally represented communities; transition into a forestry or first responder related career.

My circumstances have changed entirely, and I feel that I have proven myself to my family, mentors, colleagues, and to the State of California. I look forward to continuing my service and being commitment to the United States of America.

#### **PARDON**

#### Tyrece Richardson

Tyrece Richardson, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On September 28, 2000, the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, sentenced Mr. Richardson to three years of probation and 180 days in jail for possession or purchase of cocaine base for sale. He was 20 years old at the time of the crime.

Mr. Richardson 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 5, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, granted Mr. Richardson a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Richardson's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Richardson be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Richardson 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. Richardson 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 Tyrece Richardson 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM Governor of California

ATTEST:

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SHIPLEY N. WEBER, PH.D. Secretary of State

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SOLANO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

#### TYRECE BOYD RICHARDSON

Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

1980

Cll Number A20105717

Criminal Case Number(s) VCR

DMU: B813859

VCR149712

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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### **CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION**

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of TYRECE BOYD RICHARDSON , presently residing				
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at, heretofore filed, praying for type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code, heretofore filed, praying for, heretofore filed, praying for				
a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code				
of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 5th day				
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satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law;				
and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are				
true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from				
custody due to completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on par-				
ole or probation on APRIL 6, 2001 , that, where appropriate, petitioner has				
obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the				
course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship				
(except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been ONE  Total Number of Felony Convictions				
time(s) convicted of a felony;				
WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.				

Done in open court this 5th day of MARCH, 2019

HON. JUDGE BOWERS

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTE

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

ROBERT S. BOWERS

FORM 3 (Revised 7/6/2005)

This form was prepared by the Investigations Division of the Board of Parole Hearings pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.1

#### **PARDON**

#### Kenneth Rodriguez

Kenneth Rodriguez, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 14, 1980, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced Mr. Rodriguez to three years of probation and six months in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale. Mr. Rodriguez was 18 years old at the time of crime.

Mr. Rodriguez 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 3, 2018, the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, granted Mr. Rodriguez a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Rodriguez's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Rodriguez be granted a full pardon.

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

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. Rodriguez 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 Kenneth Rodriguez a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

SHIPLEY N. WEBER, PH.D. Secretary of State

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#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Date of Birth:	Social Security Nun	mber:	
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THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE CAPITOL, ATTN: LEGAL AFFAIRS/CLEMENCY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.

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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN JOAQUIN

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In the Matter of the Application of

Case No: 73649

Kenneth A. Rodriguez

CII No: A06582346

73649

For A Certificate of Rehabilitation and Pardon

Date of Birth:

1960

#### COURT ORDER CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 5/3/6, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to the completion of the 3 year probation term to which Kenneth A. Rodriguez was sentenced, that where appropriate petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that Kenneth A. Rodriguez has demonstrated rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15).

WHEREFORE, it is ordered, adjudged, and decreed that Kenneth A. Rodriguez has been rehabilitated. Kenneth A. Rodriguez now lives an honest and upright life, conducts himself or herself with sobriety and industry, exhibits a good moral character, and obeys all laws of the land. Kenneth A. Rodriguez is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof this court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to Kenneth A. Rodriguez.

Done in open court this  $3^{(2)}$  day of  $3^{(2)}$ ,  $3^{(2)}$ ,  $3^{(2)}$ 

THE ANNEXED INSTRUMENT IS A CORRECT COPY OF THE ORIGINAL ON FILE IN MY OFFICE.

CAUTION: SEAL MUST BE IN PURPLE.

ATTEST

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Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the County of San Joaquin State of California

Judge of the Superior Court

Deputy

#### **PARDON**

#### **Tanya Torres**

Tanya Torres, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On October 3, 1994, the Superior Court of California, County of Napa, sentenced Ms. Torres to three years of probation for possession of a controlled substance and the transport of a controlled substance.

Ms. Torres 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 19, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Napa, granted Ms. Torres's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Torres's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Torres be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Ms. Torres 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. Torres 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 Tanya Torres 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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SHIPLEY N. WEBER, PH.D Secretary of State LAW OFFICES OF JEFFREY E. HAMMOND JEFFREY E. HAMMOND, SBN 185282 845 JEFFERSON STREET NAPA, CA 94559 707-226-6987



FEB 19 2019

Clerk of the Napa Superior Court

### SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NAPA

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, Plaintiff.

VS.

TANYA E. TORRES.

Defendant.

NSC NO: 18CR003385 NDA NO: 199200208-05

ORDER AFTER HEARING ON **DEFENDANT'S REQUEST** FOR CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

DATE:

February 19, 2019

TIME:

8:30 A.M.

DEPT:

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The motion having been heard by the court, and all evidence having been considered, it is hereby ordered that the Petition filed by Tanya E. Torres, requesting a Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted, and accordingly:

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: February 19, 2019

I hereby certify the document herein to be a true and correct copy of the original on file with this court.

Clerk of the Napa Superior Court

Hon, Mark S. Boessenecker Judge, Napa Superior Court

#### **PARDON**

#### Manuel Vasquez

Manuel Vasquez, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On November 24, 2008, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, sentenced Mr. Vasquez to five years in prison for attempted murder and assault with a deadly weapon. Mr. Vasquez picked up his crime partner and drove him from the crime scene after his crime partner shot and injured two victims.

Mr. Vasquez has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On June 12, 2020, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego granted Mr. Vasquez a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Vasquez's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Vasquez be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Vasquez 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. Vasquez 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 Manuel Vasquez 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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

### IN THE SUPLICIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF L. LIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF San Diego

Applicant's County of Residence

#### In the Matter of the Application of

Manuel Vasquez

Type Applicant's Full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

SRD1923

Certificate Number

Date of Birth

1981

Cll Number

Criminal Case Number(s)

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List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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By: T. Cruz

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

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This form was prepared by the Investigators Division of the Board of Prison Terms pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.18

#### **PARDON**

#### **Jorge Carrillo**

Jorge Carrillo, a resident of Mexico and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On November 25, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Carrillo to three years of probation and one day in jail for selling marijuana.

Mr. Carrillo 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 18, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Carrillo a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Carrillo's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Carrillo be granted a full pardon.

Mr. Carrillo has presented evidence that a collateral consequence of his conviction, namely, his deportation to Mexico resulting in the separation of his family, further justifies this exercise of executive clemency.

This act of clemency for Mr. Carrillo 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. Carrillo 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 Jorge Carrillo 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 11th day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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



Governor Gavin Newsom - State Capitol - Sacramento, California 95814

#### **APPLICATION FOR PARDON**

Complete this application to request a gubernatorial (governor's) pardon. This application is for a direct pardon; do not complete this form if you have been granted a Certificate of Rehabilitation. If you have submitted a pardon application in the last three years or if you have obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, please complete a re-application form. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to your application. If the Governor grants you a pardon, some information from your application will appear in a public report about clemency submitted to the California Legislature each year. Learn more about the pardon application process at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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2.	Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).
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3.	Describe how a pardon may impact your life (e.g., immigration consequences, employment opportunities, impact on family members, civic participation).
<del></del>	I was deported to Mexico 8 years later. I didn't even know that
	I need the Paralon so that I can return to my wife & 4 kirls.
4.	Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs, professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, arrests, and new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals).
_	I have been doing my best to take care of my family. I have not
	been convicted of any other crime.
5.	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.
	APPLICANT DECLARATION  Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.
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Са	lifornia that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
	livered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of
	Applicant Signature Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a pardon.

Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address)  Mesrop G. Khoudagoulian, (SBN 229645)  130 North Brand Blvd. Suite 202  Glendale, CA 91203  Attorney for (Name): Petitioner Jorge Carrillo	Telephone No: 818.507.6666	For Court Use Only  FILED Los Angeles Superior Court				
Clara Shortridge Foltz Criminal Justice Center 210 West Temple Str. Los Angeles, California 90012  PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA vs.  In re the Application of JORGE CARRILLO AKA JOR  (Print or type your name legibly)  For a Certificate of Rehabilitation and Pardon	JORGE CARRILLO (Name of criminal case)	JAN 1 8 2006  John A. Clarke, Executive Officer/Clerk  By July Deputy  JOSEPH M. PULIDO, S.C.C. 233219				
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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION (Criminal)

Penal Code §4852.01, 4852.13

#### **PARDON**

#### John Isaac Richards

John Isaac Richards, a resident of Alaska and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On December 6, 1994, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Richards to seven years in prison for second degree robbery. He was 18 years old at the time of the crime.

Mr. Richards 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. Richards 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. Richards 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 John Isaac Richards 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 11th day of July 2022,

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

**ATTEST:** 

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D

Secretary of State



Governor Gavin Newsom - State Capitol - Sacramento, California 95814

#### APPLICATION FOR PARDON

Complete this application to request a gubernatorial (governor's) pardon. This application is for a direct pardon; do not complete this form if you have been granted a Certificate of Rehabilitation. If you have submitted a pardon application in the last three years or if you have obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, please complete a re-application form. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to your application. If the Governor grants you a pardon, some information from your application will appear in a public report about clemency submitted to the California Legislature each year. Learn more about the pardon application process at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Richa	rds, Emiliano Lau	ıreano	
Date of Birth: 1976		Security Number:	
Residence Address:			
Mailing Address (if different): Sa	me as above		
Home/Cell Phone:	Work Phone:	En	nail:
Conviction Summary (Note: The	Governor's Office will revie	w a complete copy of your criminal i	history report.)
	List conviction(s) for wh	ich you are requesting a pardon.	
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Robbery, 2nd degree	12/06/1994	Los Angeles	Prison-7 years
Robbery, 2nd degree	12/06/1994	Los Angeles	same as above
Robbery	9/10/1993	Los Angeles	Juvenile hall-6 months
Were you under 26 years of age at t	he time of the crime(s) for v	which you are seeking a pardon? 🗏	YES 🗀 NO
List all pric	or conviction(s) in California	, any other state or country, or in fe	deral court:
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	Location of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Possession of weapon/illegal	knife 9/7/1994 Los	Angeles 180 days-concurre	nt with above sentence in 1994

2. Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).
Please see attached letters of explanation. I was 17 and 18 years old when I committed these crimes. My entire criminal history
took place in the months of September of 1993 and September of 1994. I take full responsibility for what I did and served time
in jail for my actions and paid my debt to society. This was almost 30 years ago. I am now a professional firefighter and medic licensed in 3 states.
<ol> <li>Describe how a pardon may impact your life (e.g., immigration consequences, employment opportunities, impact on family members, civic participation).</li> </ol>
Please see attached letters of explanation. It is deeply humiliating to have a life-long record for things I did as a dumb teenager. I have worked tirelessly to pay my debt
to society, not only through restitution, but also through public service as a professional firefighter and medic. It would be my greatest joy to one day have these past
mistakes pardoned as a personal goal of overcoming the past, and being rid of the stigma and moniker of "convicted felon" which in no way represents who I am as a person.
<ol> <li>Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, arrests, and new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals).</li> </ol>
Please see attached letters of explanation. I am a husband and father of 9 children; a pastor and president of a Bible college and missionary society;
the director of overseas missions in Africa and Asia; a business owner of a property management company owning properties in 4 states; as well as a
professional firefighter and medic licensed in 3 states, currently employed by the State of Alaska Division of Forestry as an Engine Captain.
<ol> <li>If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to lis their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.</li> <li>N/A</li> </ol>
APPLICANT DECLARATION
Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.
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(Name of County or Counties)
A- land 1/25/2021
Applicant Signature Date

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#### J. Isaac Richards

AKA: Emiliano L. Richards

Email:

Office of the Governor
Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency

State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

January 25, 2021

#### To The Governor of the State of California, Gavin Newsom:

This cover letter is submitted along with my attached affidavit and explanation of prior criminal convictions.

My name is John Isaac Richards ("Isaac" for short – please see attached court-ordered name change form); I am a 44 year-old married man, property and home owner, business owner, and father of 9 children. I am also a pastor and director of a Bible college and registered mission society overseas. On the stateside, I am a professional firefighter currently employed by the State of Alaska Division of Forestry as an Engine Captain, and currently hold active medical licenses in the States of Montana, Washington, and Alaska as an Advanced EMT with medication and Lead Instructor endorsements. I have been active and involved in the Fire and EMS services for the past 9 years since 2012. I am also a certified AHA BLS/Heartsaver Instructor and ASHI/Medic First Aid Instructor and am an active volunteer on 3 different fire-rescue departments in the 3 states listed above. My previous Fire and EMS experience includes being a Wilderness First Responder; volunteering and training with a local QRU (Quick Response Unit) in Helmville, Montana; working as an EMT on the Powell County Ambulance Service in Deer Lodge, Montana; working as an AEMT and Training Officer for the Plains Community Ambulance in Plains, MT; and serving as a volunteer firefighter on the Ovando VFD in Ovando, MT; St Regis VFD and QRU in St Regis, MT; and Plains City FD in Plains, MT. I am also still an active and rostered member on the following fire departments: Firefighter/AEMT for Pend Oreille Fire District 4 in Newport, WA; Firefighter/AEMT for Hot Springs Ambulance and FD in Hot Springs, MT; and EMS Captain/Firefighter for Gakona Fire-Rescue in Gakona, AK. I am also a Single Resource AEMT, Incident Medical Specialist, and Medical Unit Leader with the State of Alaska Division of Forestry as a fire-line qualified Advanced Emergency Medical Technician, Advanced Wildland Firefighter (FFT1), Engine Boss, Heavy Equipment Boss, Helicopter Crewmember, Strike Team/Taskforce Leader, and Incident Commander Type 4. I am also rostered as a member of Fisher River Valley Fire Rescue in Fisher River, MT, as an Engine Captain for the wildland fire season, and have both structure and wildland fire experience.

I am submitting this application for clemency and seeking a pardon of my previous criminal convictions that I committed when I was a teenager due to the fact that my past in no way represents who I am as a person any longer. This is my second attempt at applying for a pardon in the State of California. My first application was submitted over 8 years ago in 2012-2013, prior to applying for an EMT license in the State of Montana. I never received a response. So instead I went forward with giving public service a shot in the hopes that my past wouldn't be held against me. I am very grateful that since that time I have been able to go on to public service as a professional and to work hard to put that past far behind me. However, it is still my greatest hope and desire to finally have a pardon in acknowledgement that my past is indeed that: the past. Words cannot express the depth of regret that I have in being an idiotic teenager that did things to hurt others and screw up my life. But I have worked hard to pay my debt

to society, both through paying personal restitution to the places I stole from, as well as to dedicate my life in public service to help those in need. In addition to these things, since 1998, after experiencing my own life change, I have donated tens of thousands of dollars to churches and community-based organizations, including the U.S. Dream Academy, which helps inner-city at-risk youth to gain an education and learn to avoid behaviors that would lead them to a destructive pattern of drug use and incarceration. Visit the following link to learn more (front cover of 2008 US Dream Academy Annual Report also attached):

https://www.usdreamacademy.org/uploads/annual-reports/2008%20annual%20report.pdf

https://exergamingevangelist.blogspot.com/2008/05/dc-trip-part-2-us-dream-academy-gala.html

Being the son of a Vietnam Army veteran, grandson of a WWII Navy veteran, the nephew of a Korea Marine Corps veteran, and having multiple other relatives in the Armed Services, I grew up with a sense of patriotism, loyalty, and community service which I have found fulfilled in my life calling as a Fireman/EMT where I am able to put "service before self" "so that others may live". There is no greater regret I have than to have committed crimes that have given me a life-long record and a sense of shame, making it difficult and challenging to explain to my own children the choices I made as a kid.

It is my sincere hope that you will consider this application for clemency as evidence that a person truly can turn their life around and redeem their past mistakes in service to others.

In addition to public service here in the United States, I also own and operate a Bible school in East Africa and oversee multiple churches that I have helped plant or organize in several countries, including: Kenya, Tanzania, South Sudan, and the Philippines. To date, I have had the wonderful opportunity and privilege to have traveled to over 26 countries on 5 continents engaging in humanitarian, medical, and Christian missionary work. I have attached copies of our mission society registration and certificate of community based organization from Kenya. I also teach medical education in Africa as well as here in the USA. You may research our organizations on the following websites:

www.sutherlandbiblecollege.com www.isdba.org www.ems-trauma-solutions.com

I also own a property management company here in Western Montana, Rocky Mountain Properties, which helps to provide housing for low-income families. We currently own 12 rental properties in 3 states, as well as a primary home in Alaska. I have worked very hard over the years to provide all of this for my family and am proud of what I have accomplished with God's help. A governor's pardon would help to solidify the consciousness of right-doing and that the new life I have lived for the past 23 years is validated by the state and government that I transgressed against and by which I was prosecuted and convicted. It would be a true blessing to have this same government also recognize that I am no longer that same person from 27 years ago.

Attached with this application you will find the following documents:

- Cover letter and Introduction
- Affidavit/Explanation of Prior Criminal Convictions
- Court-ordered name change
- Photocopy of Montana Driver License/Photo ID
- Copy of Passport/Proof of US citizenship
- US Dream Academy 2008 Annual Report
- Business registration for Rocky Mountain Properties
- Business registration for EMS Trauma Solutions

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- > Business registration for Restoring the Old Paths Ministries
- Business registration for Isaac and Sons Construction
- Certificate of Community Based Organization for RTOP in Kenya
- Certificate of Registration as Mission Society for RTOP in Kenya
- Current Montana AEMT License
- Current Washington AEMT License
- Current Alaska EMT-2 License
- Letter of Recommendation from USFS supervisor for IMS Program
- > Letter of Recommendation from Board Member of Plains Community Ambulance
- Copies of NREMT card, AHA BLS and Heartsaver Instructor cards, BLS Provider card, ABLS Provider card, PCA ID card, PVFD ID card, DNRC qualification card
- Medical DOT card
- Letter of authorization from current Medical Director
- Incident Medical Specialist Certificate of Completion
- Incident Medical Specialist Refresher Letter
- > Certified Emergency Vehicle Operations (CEVO) Certificate of Completion
- HAZMAT Awareness/ Hazardous Materials Response Certificate of Completion
- > FEMA IS-200b Certificate of Achievement
- > FEMA IS-800b Certificate of Achievement
- ➤ S-131 Advanced Firefighter Type 1 Certificate of Completion
- S-133 Advanced Firefighter Certificate of Completion
- S-215 Pump Operations Certificate of Completion
- S-230 Crew Boss Certificate of Completion
- S-270 Basic Air Operations Certificate of Completion
- S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior Certificate of Completion
- S-330 Taskforce Leader Certificate of Completion
- L-380 Fireline Leadership Certificate of Completion
- S-270 Basic Air Operations Certificate of Completion
- > Firefighter 1/Incident Commander Type 5 Task Book Verification
- Engine Boss Task Book Verification
- Medical Unit Leader Task Book sign-off
- Heavy Equipment Boss taskbook
- ICT4 taskbook
- Striketeam Leader/Taskforce taskbook
- Helicopter Crewmember taskbook
- Incident Dispatch Recorder taskbook
- Intermediate Faller taskbook
- FEMA I-100 Certificate of Training
- > FEMA IS-700a Certificate of Achievement
- S-110, S-130, L-180, S-190 Basic Wildland Firefighter Certificate of Completion
- I-100, S-110, S-130, S-190, L-180 Wildland Firefighter Type 2 Certificate of Completion

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or to request further documentation or information. My contact information may be found at the top of this letter as well as in my application.
Thank you for your time and consideration.
Sincerely,
J. Kaac Richards
AEMT, W-EMT, NREMT, EMT Lead Instructor, Incident Medical Specialist (IMST), Medical Unit Leader (MEDL), FFT1 Wildland Firefighter (FFT1), Engine Boss (ENGB), Incident Commander Type 4 (ICT4), HEQB/STEN/TFLD(t)
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AKA: Emiliano L. Richards

Email:

Office of the Governor
Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency

State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

January 25, 2021

Re: Follow-up Letter of Explanation for Prior Criminal Conviction(s)

#### To The Governor of the State of California, Gavin Newsom:

This is a follow-up letter to explain and/or detail arrests and convictions on my permanent record. I have also included a more detailed affidavit which you can read below that gives more background and history about my life and the decisions and circumstances leading up to these events. Each offense on my record for which I received a conviction was committed when I was a teenager at the ages of 17 and 18. There were basically two months in my life – September of 1993 and September of 1994 – over a quarter century ago, that have given me a life-long record which no longer in any way whatsoever reflects upon the person I am today 27 years later. I accept full responsibility for the actions and decisions I made those many years ago and regret them sincerely. In fact, I detest having to dredge them up and explain them with each job application I fill out, and yet have found some solace in the fact that time and consistency of life and example does lessen their impact over time – especially in my decision to serve as a first responder (qualified firefighter and medical professional/Advanced EMT) in protecting the lives and property of the public and the communities I serve.

I will detail each offense and conviction below that appears on my record in their order:

#### 9/10/1993

Felony - Robbery (strong arm/without a weapon)

#### **Convicted in Court**

Details: I, along with two friends, stole beer from a convenience store in Redondo Beach, CA. While running out of the store each loaded down with an armload of beer bottles, we threw bottles at the man behind the counter injuring him. We were later arrested and charged with robbery. I went to a sober-living home and began attending AA meetings and the judge was willing to give me probation with no jail time since it was my first offense and because I wanted to go to the Army. Due to family problems at home and general discouragement with getting a record, I requested to go to jail. My public defender protested in court but related my request to the judge. The judge disagreed with my request and asked me to reconsider. I told him I wanted to go to jail. I was sentenced to 6 months in juvenile hall. Many years later I contacted the Redondo Beach PD and with the help of one of the Sergeants was able to send the man I injured an apology card and a personal reimbursement check for the medical costs he had incurred from the incident those many years before, which helped to bring him closure. I was unable to enlist in the Army due to having a felony record.

#### 9/20/1993

Misdemeanor - Malicious Mischief/Vandalism

#### **Arrested with no Conviction**

**Details:** I honestly have no recollection of this since I was never taken to court over it and there is no record of any court disposition or result. The only thing I can think of is perhaps throwing a rock at a car and getting a ticket for it. But I have no recollection of ever going to court and the details of the event are extremely murky given that this took place nearly 27 years ago and I was probably under the influence of alcohol at the time.

The above two incidents detail the extent of my juvenile record that I am aware of. In requesting records for the juvenile conviction from the court, I was informed that those records are sealed to the public and that California state law bars them from releasing those records.

You will notice in the dates below that September of 1994 is the month that I was either arrested or cited for the charges listed below, while December 6, 1994, is the date I was convicted of the offenses listed:

#### 9/7/1994 Misdemeanor – Possession of Weapon to Commit Assault

Arrested and Convicted in Court (see date below)

Details: I was pulled over in Torrance, CA, for a traffic infraction (did not come to a complete stop at a stop sign in a residential district). The officers requested to search my vehicle and discovered a knife (not concealed) in my vehicle that had a blade over 4 inches long. This knife was a gift that my mother purchased for me at the age of 15 while on vacation in Tijuana, Mexico. I never at any time hurt an individual with that knife and to this day disagree with the charge.

#### 9/22/1994 Felony - Armed Robbery

Felony - Conspiracy to Commit Crime

Details: I, along with another individual, went into two convenience stores to steal beer and chips. In one case the individual I was with decided to go behind the counter and assault the man working there and proceeded to steal the money out of the cash register. On the other occasion this same individual pulled out a gun and robbed the store. We were both later arrested and charged with armed robbery for both accounts, myself being an accomplice to the crimes committed although I never hurt anyone. Bottom line is that I was an idiot hanging out with the wrong crowd and choosing to do the wrong thing and I got caught and sent to jail for it.

#### 12/6/1994 Misdemeanor - Possession of Weapon to Commit Assault (same charge and case as above)

Felony - Armed Robbery (same charge and case as above)

Felony – Armed Robbery (same case as above based on the same charge but upgraded)

Convicted in Court

Details: These are the same cases as above. I was sentenced at 18 years old to 7 years in prison for the felony counts (since I had a prior criminal record as a juvenile) and 18 I days for the misdemeanor charge which was credited as time served. I did 7 years in prison and was released at the age of 25 years old. I later went back to those same places and paid personal restitution to the individuals I had wronged and also paid back the stores for what was stolen. I was not ordered by the court to do this, but rather made a personal choice to try to redeem my past wrongs.

The background to this story is that I got involved in underage drinking and drug use at a young age and made some pretty terrible choices between the ages of 17-18 years old which has marred my life record. There are no words to describe my mortification and regret for the things I did. I feel like an absolute, complete, and utter idiot for this stuff. It is a total embarrassment for me even have to bring this up, talk about it, and write an explanation for it. There is really no way to truly explain it. How do you explain being a dumbass and then getting the moniker of "convicted felon" for the rest of your life? I hate it to my very core. This is why I changed my name and tried to put my past behind me. It has been a constant source of shame for me in my life and a difficult subject to explain to my children. I thank God, however, that everyone I have met either has absolutely no idea about my past; or with those who do, they understand that the mistakes I made when I was a lost and confused teenager has no bearing whatsoever on my integrity and character as a husband, father, pastor, firefighter, EMT, and public servant today. Perhaps it is part of my desire to continuously put the past behind me and to prove to myself that I am no longer the kid who drank beer, got into fights, and stole stuff, that I do the work I do today and why I strive to be the best first responder I can be as a firefighter and EMT. I understand that there are certain occupations that I cannot qualify for because of my past, such as law enforcement and certain security jobs (although now I have several police officers and others with security clearances that I count as friends); but I think the validation of being a currently licensed Advanced EMT, EMT Lead Instructor, AHA BLS Instructor, qualified firefighter, and Incident Medical Specialist for the States of Montana, Washington, and Alaska, helps to give me the assurance that I am, indeed, involved in bettering the communities in which I live and helping and serving my fellow man.

Affidavit of Truth/Letter of Explanation for Prior Criminal Conviction(s)

#### To Whom It May Concern:

It is extremely embarrassing to write this letter even though I know that it is completely necessary in order to consider me for clemency and a governor's pardon. Before beginning with any background history and attempt at an explanation, please understand first and foremost that I take full responsibility for the actions I took nearly 27 years ago that landed me in jail and eventually woke me up to go down a different path of redemption and service rather than of selfishness and taking advantage of others.

I am the son of a Vietnam veteran who struggled with drug addiction after he came home from the war in 1968. He met my mother in the mid-1970's and left my mother when I was only a few weeks old. There are three of us (myself and two half sisters) all from the same father but through different mothers, thus making me the only child of my mother. I was raised as an only child by my mother and did very well scholastically in school; however, being raised without a father and being bi-racial (I am half Hispanic and half white) was very difficult for me where I grew up. In my teenage years I began to experiment with drinking alcohol which led to a series of poor decisions between the ages of 17-18 where I accrued all of my criminal convictions. In the summer of 1993 I went to my local Army recruiter to sign up with a parental waiver and to follow in the footsteps of my father as a United States soldier. I passed my ASVAB test and interview and was sent home to get my mother's signature (which she agreed to) and was told that a date would be scheduled for my physical exam and immunizations and to be taken to boot camp. During this waiting period, in the late summer/early fall of 1993, some friends and I thought it would be a grand idea to do some beer runs in a few liquor stores in Redondo Beach, California, and in the process of stealing beer as an underage kid two store workers got injured when we threw beer bottles at them. We were later arrested and charged with strong-arm robbery because we stole items from the store along with people being injured. I was convicted and went to juvenile hall for 6 months and got out when I was 18 years old a few days after my birthday in 1994. Incidentally, my Army recruiter stayed in touch with me during this whole time hoping that my juvenile record could be sealed and that I could still be recruited. Unfortunately, this was not possible and I was told the Army could not accept me with a record. My recruiter instead told me to try the Marine Corps since they were known for taking recruits with prior records. I then proceeded to try signing up for the United States Marine Corps at the Marine Corps recruiter in Redondo Beach, California, still hoping to follow in my family members' footsteps and to make my life an honorable one (my uncle was a Marine in Korea, my grandfather was an aerial gunner on the USS Lexington II in the US Navy in WWII, and numerous other family members were also in the Navy). This was in the summer of 1994. Unfortunately, due to the end of the first Gulf War and the downsizing of the military which began early in the Clinton Administration, the Marine Corps recruiter told me that they could no longer accept recruits with a felony conviction - even if it was on one's juvenile record – due to stricter recruiting standards being passed down from the Pentagon and Department of Defense. I was able, however, to at least register for the Selective Service and was given the assurance that in case of a declared war by Congress and a registered draft that the recruiting standards would be lowered and I would be allowed to serve. But of course that did nothing for my current plight of being unemployed as an 18 year old kid without a place to go and a criminal record.

After leaving the Marine Corps recruiting station I decided to start drinking again (bad decision) and to hang out with some old friends (even worse decision). This of course led to the old beer runs since we didn't have any money and couldn't legally purchase alcohol anyway. I was also doing drugs during the 6 weeks I was out of juvenile hall prior to getting arrested again. In the course of these beer runs, instead of throwing beer bottles at the store workers (so that they wouldn't chase us) this time one of my friends decided to go behind the counter, beat up the worker there, and steal the money out of the cash register. He ran out of the store with cash in his hands while I ran out with a bag of chips in mine. This later led to charges of robbery in the second degree, and because I already had a juvenile record, I was given a jail sentence. It was a harsh wake up call for me being a kid of 18 years. I had just had my 18th birthday 2 months before I went to jail. Yet, looking back on it all, not only did I fully deserve the punishment for my crimes, but it was the catalyst for change that led me on the path to sobriety, spiritual healing, and redemption from my past. I was also pulled over and given a ticket during the time prior to me being arrested and sentenced to jail for having a knife in my car over 4 inches (California law) and charged with Possession of a Weapon, a misdemeanor offense. I was given a ticket, not arrested, and later pled no contest to the misdemeanor charge. It was a knife my mom bought me in Tijuana, Mexico, when we went on a family trip down there when I was 15 years old. It is on my permanent record, and, for the life of me, I still do not understand that charge.

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My story of rehabilitation: In 1998, at the age of 21, and while still incarcerated, I gave my heart and life to Jesus Christ and never looked back. My mother committed suicide around that same time and my faith in God became my beacon of hope and assurance of a better, cleaner life. While in jail I became a tutor for other inmates seeking to receive their GED's, and completed multiple course certificates in counseling, family life, and conflict resolution. To this day I still have over 20 years clean and sober and have not touched a drink of alcohol, tobacco, or anything else in that entire time period. I hardly take an aspirin! I have served as a missionary in my church for the past 20 years, traveling to over 26 countries on 5 different continents doing medical missionary work and teaching health principles to people from all walks of life. Our family owns properties in both Kenya and Tanzania where we run a Bible school, employ local workers, teach agriculture, and formerly owned and operated a vegetarian restaurant. We also employed 6 full time employees/workers who were native Kenyans and have built a church in Tanzania on another property we own there. We finance all of this through private donations and from my income as a professional firefighter/EMT. We own our own home and property, as well as a property management company here in Montana and have 12 other rentals across Montana, Idaho, and Washington states that we all own debt free. I have pastored 6 churches over the past 15 years in 4 different states. I also own a construction company here in Montana. I am a former board member and Training Officer for our local ambulance, a member of three different fire departments in three states, and a member of our community in good standing. I am a married man with 9 children, we are tax payers, and live morally upright lives. We are friends and neighbors and regular church members. In short, my past life as a teenager is as far from who I am today as day is from night. I am a middle-aged, 44 year old man who loves my family, loves God, and loves helping others.

Although I cannot change the past, I hope that you will be able to see that I am in no way whatsoever the young, dumb, and reckless teenager that I once was. All that I have wanted to do since making those mistakes of the past was to make a difference in people's lives and to heal instead of hurt; to help others instead of selfishly seek my own way; and to build up rather than to tear down and destroy. When my mother died she left me an inheritance of over \$200,000. I have none of that today. Zero. Not because I was reckless, but because I donated the vast majority to charity (for which I was rewarded and recognized in Washington D.C. by Dr. Wintley Phipps, Director of U.S. Dream Academy, for being the first large donor to his organization which establishes learning centers for at-risk youth in the large cities of America). I spent all of my material wealth giving to others and also reimbursing the very places I stole from. I went back and apologized to store owners, paid four-fold for what I stole, and even went to candy stores to pay back and reimburse for candy that I stole when I was just a small kid that I never got caught for. I wrote letters of apology to family and friends and gave offerings in church for those things I couldn't pay back and for the people I couldn't locate; not because a court ordered me to do so, but because as a changed man I wanted to try and make things right. But my greatest joy in giving back has been in public service. Saving lives; protecting my community, my neighbors and their property; serving my state and protecting its natural resources and citizens; and laying down my life so that others may live. Serving as a firefighter and medic has given me the fulfillment that I so desired when I went down to my recruiter as a young kid to enlist to serve in the military. This is my way of serving and giving back to my country.

I want nothing more than to have the clear conscience of having been pardoned for the past mistakes I made. I want to continue to prove to others that change is possible. I want to show my wife and children and all with whom I come into contact that we do not have to be judged by our past mistakes, but rather we can prove, with God's help, that we are placed on this earth for a higher purpose than self-serving; that our greatest joy is in doing others good and being good. Today I am a completely different and completely new person and I hope that you can see that.

If you need any further information or have further questions please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Yours,

J. Kaac Richards,
Firefighter/AEMT, W-EMT, Incident Medical Specialist, FFT1 Wildland Firefighter, Engine Boss, AHA BLS Instructor

#### **PARDON**

#### **Laura Miner**

Laura Miner, a courageous provider of reproductive health care services in California from 1934 to 1948, has been designated for executive clemency.

The State of California criminalized abortion at its founding in 1850, a punitive restriction that for more than a century forced people to seek unregulated and often medically risky abortions. Economically disadvantaged girls and women were at particular risk for financial exploitation, injury, and death in the illegal abortion market. Reputable health care practitioners who provided safe abortions risked losing their professional licenses, prosecution, and imprisonment.

Despite these risks, Ms. Miner dedicated herself to providing safe and accessible abortions to people in California. Ms. Miner was respected in the medical community as a highly skilled and proficient practitioner. She also sought to make her health care accessible by serving patients on a sliding scale.

Ms. Miner experienced firsthand many of the harmful intergenerational consequences of reproductive health restrictions. As a young child, Ms. Miner witnessed her mother nearly die from a botched illegal abortion. Her mother later died when Ms. Miner was nine years old, and Ms. Miner and her seven siblings experienced significant instability. Ms. Miner had four children, two of whom died in infancy from illness. She experienced persistent social and legal challenges to her own reproductive health and autonomy. For many years, Ms. Miner raised her children as a single mother. She drew on these experiences to serve others who faced similar challenges.

In 1948, Ms. Miner was arrested for providing abortion services to clients. On or about April 27, 1949, in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, 50-year-old Ms. Miner was convicted of the felony crimes of abortion and conspiracy to commit abortion. The court sentenced her to four years in prison for each charge, to run concurrently. Ms. Miner served one year and seven months in prison and two years and three months on parole. While in prison, Ms. Miner wrote, "I can still hold my head up, and I respect myself because my conscience is clear. I have helped humanity – someday it will be legal for a doctor to help a woman who will then have a right to decide for herself how many children she shall have, and when." Ms. Miner died in 1976.

California now protects and regulates safe reproductive health care for all and continues to enact laws and policies that make reproductive health care services more affordable and accessible. Ms. Miner was criminalized for her work before California recognized and supported reproductive freedom.

With this act of clemency, I acknowledge the inherent injustice of Ms. Miner's conviction, and honor her important contributions to the people of California.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that Ms. Miner merits this posthumous pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ms. Miner a full and unconditional posthumous 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 4th day of November 2022.

GAVIN NEWSON

Governor of California

**ATTEST:** 

SHIRLEY N WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

#### **PARDON**

#### Lucas Beltran Dominguez

Lucas Beltran Dominguez, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On September 17, 2008, the Superior Court of California, County of Tulare, sentenced Mr. Dominguez to three years of probation for transporting or selling marijuana and possession of marijuana for sale.

Mr. Dominguez 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. Dominguez 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. Dominguez 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. Dominguez, 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 Lucas Beltran Dominguez 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 23rd day of December 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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#### **APPLICATION FOR PARDON**

Complete this application to request a gubernatorial (governor's) pardon. This application is for a direct pardon; do not complete this form if you have been granted a Certificate of Rehabilitation. If you have submitted a pardon application in the last three years or if you have obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, please complete a re-application form. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to your application. If the Governor grants you a pardon, some information from your application will appear in a public report about clemency submitted to the California Legislature each year. Learn more about the pardon application process at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary)

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Mailing Address (if different):			
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<ol> <li>Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-d professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, ar goals).</li> </ol>	levelopment, including identifying and addressing treatment needs, rests, and new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future
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5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to as their name, address, phone number, email address, the natu PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT 5.	ssist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list are of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.
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Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a pardon.

### APPLICATION FOR GUBERNATORIAL PARDON Lucas S. Beltran Dominguez

#### **ATTACHMENT 1:**

Offense(s)	Date of Offense(s)	County of Conviction(s)	Sentences
CA H&S § 11359	2007	Tulare on 08/06/2008	Jail, fines probation
CA H&S § 11359	2007	Tulare on 08/06/2008	Jail, fines, probation
CA H&S § 113560(A)	2007	Tulare on 08/06/2008	Jail, fines, probation

#### **ATTACHMENT 2:**

Up to the time I made this horrible mistake in 2007, I was completely crime free. I take full responsibility for the crimes I committed in this case. I was younger and feeling desperate and I did not think of the consequences this mistake would cause me and my family. If I had to do it all over again, I would go back and would never have made this horrible mistake. I regret my mistake and regret the pain and unnecessary suffering my mistake has caused my family and my community. I am remorseful for what I did, and have had no further trouble with the law whatsoever since my one and only conviction.

#### **ATTACHMENT 3**:

I am requesting a pardon in this case because I believe I have paid my debt to society and my community for the crimes I committed, and have demonstrated my rehabilitation by remaining 100% crime free since my conviction date, without so much as even a traffic citation. I have truly learned from my mistake and am requesting this pardon so that I can be an example of rehabilitation for my family and the members of my community. If pardoned, I plan also to seek citizenship in this country as a peaceful, law abiding, productive member and citizen of this great and mighty country.

#### **ATTACHMENT 4:**

I believe I should be granted a pardon because I have truly demonstrated rehabilitation from my crimes by complying with all court directives when sentenced, complying with all terms and conditions of my probation, having terminated said probation with no violations whatsoever; by paying all of my restitution in this matter in full, and also by remaining 100% crime free since my conviction over 10 years ago, not even having so much as a traffic citation in all of that time. I waited until the 10 year mark to make this formal push for the pardon because I wanted to show his Honor the Governor, my family and my community that I have remained committed, rehabilitated and problem free for over a full decade now. I have been continuously employed with the same company for over 20 years; I am a homeowner and have lived in the same home for over 18 years; I have been with the mother of my children for over 32 years, and we have seven (7) wonderful, beautiful children together ages 32, 27, 26, 24, 22, 15 and 12. I have always done my best to be a

good example to my children and show them how to live an honest and upright life. I believe this pardon will help to show them that there are people in this world who deserve a second chance, but to deserve it they must work hard for it remaining committed, crime free and completely rehabilitated as I believe I can say that I am now. This pardon would be a life changing event for me and for my family, and I thank his Honor the Governor for taking the time to consider my Petition for Gubernatorial Pardon.

#### **ATTACHMENT 5**:

Kyle J. Howard, Esq., 744 P. Street, Suite 130, Fresno, California 93721, \$2,500.00.

#### **PARDON**

#### **John Berger**

John Berger, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On June 2, 1995, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Mr. Berger to four years of probation and 60 days in jail for transporting a controlled substance.

Mr. Berger has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On June 18, 2020, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, granted Mr. Berger a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Berger's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Berger be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Berger 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. Berger 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 John Berger 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 23rd day of December 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D Secretary of State

### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

In the Matter of the Application of	}	Case Number: 20FE001339 CII No: A07739532
JOHN HAROLD BERGER, JR.	} }	Date of Birth: 1955 Criminal Case No. 94F03866
For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon	}	

#### CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

The petition of John Berger, presently residing at the provision of John Berger, presently residing at the provision of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 18th of June 2020, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to his completion of the term to which he was sentenced, or upon his release on parole or probation on the 1st of June 1999, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct his rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 18th day of June 2020

Patrick Marlette, JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.

#### **PARDON**

#### **Michael Farrier**

Michael Farrier, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On March 5, 1990, the Superior Court of California, County of Placer, sentenced 21-year-old Mr. Farrier to five years of probation and 45 days in jail for first degree burglary and second degree robbery.

Mr. Farrier 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 28, 2018, the Superior Court of California, County of Placer, granted Mr. Farrier a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Farrier's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Farrier be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Farrier 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. Farrier 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 Michael Farrier 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 23rd day of December 2022.

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#### **RE-APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION AND PARDON**

Complete this form if in the last three years, you submitted a commutation or pardon application to a past administration, or obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, and wish Governor Newsom to consider your application. Do not submit any additional documents about your case until requested to do so by the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings. If you submitted an application to Governor Newsom after January 7, 2019, your application is pending; do not submit this form. Learn more about the commutation and pardon process at <a href="www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

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THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE CAPITOL, ATTN: LEGAL AFFAIRS/CLEMENCY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.

DO NOT SUBMIT ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AT THIS TIME.

## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF	PLACER Applicant's County of Residence
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#### **PARDON**

#### **Kimberly Gregorio**

Kimberly Gregorio, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On November 22, 1988, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced 23-year-old Ms. Gregorio to four years of probation and 180 days in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale and obstructing an officer.

Ms. Gregorio has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On February 8, 2021, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, granted Ms. Gregorio a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Gregorio's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Gregorio be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Ms. Gregorio 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. Gregorio 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 Kimberly Gregorio 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 23rd day of December 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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#### **APPLICATION FOR PARDON**

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APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle):	Gregorio, Kimberly		
Date of Birth:	1965	Security Number:	
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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO

In the Matter of the Application of

Kimberly Stein

For a Certificate or Rehabilitation and Pardon

Case Number: 20FE017982

CII No: A08794140

Date of Birth: 1963

Criminal Case No. 86562

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#### CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

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The petition of Kimberly Stein, presently residing at heretofore filed, praying for a CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6, of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came regularly for hearing on this 8th day of February 2021, and proof having been made to the satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing, the Court finds that all allegations of said petition are true, and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since petitioner's date of discharge from custody due to her completion of the term to which she was sentenced, or upon her release on parole or probation on November 22, 1992, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by her course of conduct her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15); and that petitioner has been once convicted of a felony.

WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed, And this Court does hereby order, adjudge and decree that petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner

Done in open court this 8th day of February, 2021

Patrick Marlette,

This form prepared under the direction of the Office of the Attorney General of the State of California.

#### **PARDON**

#### James King, III

James King, III, a resident of Nevada and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On December 15, 1988, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. King to three years of probation and 180 days in jail for the sale of cocaine.

Mr. King 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. King 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. King 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 James King, 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 23rd day of December 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

UNION LABOR

SHIRLEY N. WESER, PH.D. Secretary of State



#### Governor Gavin Newsom · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

#### APPLICATION FOR PARDON

Complete this application to request a gubernatorial (governor's) pardon. This application is for a direct pardon; do not complete this form if you have been granted a Certificate of Rehabilitation. If you have submitted a pardon application in the last three years or if you have obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, please complete a re-application form. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to your application. If the Governor grants you a pardon, some information from your application will appear in a public report about clemency submitted to the California Legislature each year. Learn more about the pardon application process at www.gov.ca.gov/clemency or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.
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Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievements)

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#### **PARDON**

#### Santiago Lopez

Santiago Lopez, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On August 21, 2000, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, sentenced Mr. Lopez to three years of probation and 113 days in jail for possession of marijuana for sale. On August 5, 2004, the same court sentenced Mr. Lopez to a fine for possession of marijuana for sale. On July 27, 2001, the Superior Court of California, County of Tulare, sentenced Mr. Lopez to three years in prison for possession of a controlled substance for sale and possession of marijuana for sale.

Mr. Lopez 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. Lopez 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. Lopez 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 Santiago Lopez 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 23rd day of December 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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#### **APPLICATION FOR PARDON**

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### Attachment Q2

### Santiago Lopez Jr



### Question 2 (Describe the circumstances of your crime)

Growing up, my parents were too busy working and when they were home the arguments never seemed to cease. Guidance and discipline are 2 great attributes that unfortunately were not instilled in me as I was growing up. Not having my parents involved in my life really took a toll on the direction of my life. I was slowly being engulfed by the negative influences that I was surrounding myself with. These influences that I even considered role models were the only form of mentoring that I was receiving. Unfortunately, these people were involved in actions that didn't agree with the laws of our society. Before I knew it, I was involved in the same activities that these people were doing. In my mind, I firmly believed that my way of life was who I was supposed to be and what I was supposed to be doing. In the back of my mind I knew we were doing something wrong but it was never made clear to me that I didn't have to live this way, again, I thought this was the way it had to be. After being arrested for smuggling in San Diego County I thought to myself, "I don't want to do this anymore, I am going to change". But after I served my sentence, I traveled back home and found myself surrounded by the same people that I grew up with, the people I considered family. After telling them I wanted to stop engaging in their activities they reassured me that it was a one in a million chance that I got caught. They even promised that I wouldn't get caught again. And being surrounded by them over time, they were able to convince me to continue doing what I knew to be wrong. Not even a year later I was caught again in Tulare County and I was charged and sentenced to a 3 year prison sentence. Getting caught again was a blessing in disguise, being away from those bad influences gave me time to reflect on the life I was living. A few months into my sentence I picked up a bible and began reading it. The first half of the bible was interesting but seemed like I was reading some really crazy stories, almost seemed Action/Fiction. The second half of the bible (The New Testament) is where I finally found an influence/Role Model that stood for the right things in life. Jesus was dawning on me as someone strong enough to go against all the bad things of this world. The way he lived made me want to live like him. After reading the four gospels I continued reading the rest of the books in the new testament. There is where I found the guidance I had been lacking through the course of my life. I remember asking myself "why didn't anybody teach me these things, they seemed so simple and honorable". Needless to say, I finished the whole bible and it set a new way of life for me. It filled me with values and character traits that I had never known. There was a new vision for my life that I now wanted, I

knew it in my heart, that when I paroled I would start my own family and be a successful and productive individual in society. In my heart there was another overwhelming desire, my heart began to long for my fellow man to be transformed as I had been. I thought, if only I could teach them what I have learned they could all start living better lives, a kind of life that they could be proud of with nothing to hide from anyone or anything.

### Santiago Lopez Jr

### Question 3 (Describe how a pardon may impact your life)

So here I am 18 years after paroling, I have now figured out how I can use my skills to offer and teach the values and disciplines that I learned through the course of my life. I have founded and formed an organization named Braveheart Youth Development. With my Board members and Officers in place, we are now incorporated in California and I just sent the application to the IRS for 501c3 exemption. I now stand as the founder and CEO of this new organization and I am passionately filled with the same desire to bring the knowledge of values and character traits to all the youth that are lacking them in their lives. I know from my personal experience that what I have to offer my community will transform so many lives and ultimately benefit our community and our world. I have been coaching within city leagues and have been very successful in the development of youth character along with physical condition and sports tactics. Many parents over the years have expressed the sincere gratitude of seeing their child develop such good character. They have expressed that it carries into all areas of the child's life not just on the sports field. (Please see attachment email from one of the parents).

I am not ashamed of my past or my mistakes, as a matter of fact, my past and mistakes serve as evidence of the type of man I was when I lacked a solid foundation formed with values and character traits. My desire for a Pardon from the Governor of California is solely for the benefit of my fellow man. There are certain regulations that keep offenders like myself out of community schools and other possible venues where I may have impact on our youth. A few years ago I applied for a coaching position at La Joya Middle School in the Visalia Unified School District and was denied because of my record. I wasn't even upset or did I hold any resentment. I distinctly remember thinking "The kids are the ones who are missing out". I love to teach sports tactics and develop skillsets. But my primary focus is always to develop the individual's character, once I achieve this then I know the individual will be a better athlete/student/person because of their new developed attitude.

If granted this pardon, I believe that doors will be opened for Braveheart to aid our youth in such a magnitude that will impact our world in the years to come. There is a lack of good character and values in society and is only getting worse as time goes by. Braveheart is prepared to begin transforming our youth, equipping them to become positive and productive individuals. In turn, I believe that the majority of the youth we transform will be left with the same burning desire in their hearts as I experienced. The desire to help their fellow man be transformed as they have been. I believe this domino effect is what our world direly needs.

### **Attachment Q4**

### Santiago Lopez Jr



## Question 4 (Describe your life since your conviction)

Since the day I paroled, I have been eagerly working towards the development and success of my family. Immediately after paroling I worked on winning back the love of my youth. Fortunately she took me back into her life and we began our family's story in 2003. By the end of that year my first son was born and by the time he was born I had a full time job an apartment and 2 vehicles. I felt proud as a husband and father! I faced many upsets because of my record and lack of education but I kept a positive mindset and my head up high. Many saw me as a felon but in my heart I knew who I was and didn't let people depict what I believed of myself. In the pursuit of success I have had my ups and downs but always kept pushing forward. At times I sacrificed myself and others my family but have always been able to correct my mistakes. My wife and I have been coaching sports for 18 years now and in the process have been developing the characters of the kids we have coached. We are involved heavily in our community through youth support and development. We mentor teen couples that have kids and support them through many aspects of life; Mentoring, Financially, family development and educate them regarding the responsibilities one acquires in adulthood. At one point we were so devoted to our community and sacrificed our relationship which led to us being distant and discontent and filed for divorce. In the course of those 2 years we were separated we found out we had neglected one another and vowed to never do that again. We remarried and are living a much better life, we set date nights, personal and couples development and go to retreats and marriage seminars. We have found out that we first have to cater to ourselves so that we can successfully cater to others'. My wife and two children are on board with our commitment to our community and are excited to embark on our new journey. Developing Braveheart has been very intriguing for all of us. We have a dream to do a good in our community and we are making this dream come true.

Over the course of the last 18 years I have learned so much from personal experience. I have worked for profitable businesses as well as non-profit. I have learned the ins and outs of conducting business and even more in Leadership Development. I have acquired the tools I need to successfully get our organization moving and have filled our officer and Director roles with capable individuals that have a similar desire to serve the youth in our community.

#### **PARDON**

#### Kenneth Lyerly

Kenneth Lyerly, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On January 30, 2004, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, sentenced Mr. Lyerly to three years of probation and 120 days in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Mr. Lyerly 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 25, 2018, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, granted Mr. Lyerly a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Lyerly's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Lyerly be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Lyerly 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. Lyerly 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 Kenneth Lyerly 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 23rd day of December 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIPLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State



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#### **RE-APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION AND PARDON**

Complete this form if in the last three years, you submitted a commutation or pardon application to a past administration, or obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, and wish Governor Newsom to consider your application. Do not submit any additional documents about your case until requested to do so by the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings. If you submitted an application to Governor Newsom after January 7, 2019, your application is pending; do not submit this form. Learn more about the commutation and pardon process at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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#### **PARDON**

#### **Jimmy Platon**

Jimmy Platon, a resident of Florida and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

In 1973, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Platon to 12 months of probation for trespassing. On April 6, 1978, the same court sentenced Mr. Platon to four years of probation for possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Mr. Platon 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 November 19, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Platon a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Platon's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Platon be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Platon 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. Platon 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 Jimmy Platon 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 23rd day of December 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

UNION LABOR.

SHIPLEY N. WEBER, PH.D. Secretary of State





Governor Gavin Newsom - State Capitol - Sacramento, California 95814

#### **APPLICATION FOR PARDON**

Complete this application to request a gubernatorial (governor's) pardon. This application is for a direct pardon; do not complete this form if you have been granted a Certificate of Rehabilitation. If you have submitted a pardon application in the last three years or if you have obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, please complete a re-application form. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to your application. If the Governor grants you a pardon, some information from your application will appear in a public report about clemency submitted to the California Legislature each year. Learn more about the pardon application process at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

## APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary)

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5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to line. their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.
APPLICANT DECLARATION  Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.  I, J/MMY H. PLATON declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of (Print Applicant Full Name)
California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed o
delivered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of 105 ANGELES (Name of County or Counties)
Applicant Signature 03-18-2021  Date
Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a pardon.

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## IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA de hata IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of	
JIMMY HENRY DIAMON	BA109814 NO.: <u>A337947</u>
For a Certification of Rehabilitation and Pardon	CII No.: A04852419
	Date of Birth:52
CERTIFICATE OF REH	ABILITATION
The petition ofJimmy Henry Platon	
at_	presently residing
a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisi	, heretofore filed, praying for
November  November  Satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of he law; and from satisfactory proof taken at said hearing petition are true, and that the required period of rehabit discharge from custody due to his completion of the trelease on parole or probation on appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant petitioner has demonstrated by his course of conduct the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as pothat petitioner has been (once) (twice)(thrise) convicted WHEREFORE It to O	for hearing on this
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This form prepared under the direction of the office of the Attorney General of the State of California

#### **PARDON**

#### Julie Ruehle

Julie Ruehle, a resident of Wisconsin and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On June 24, 1999, the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, sentenced 19-year-old Ms. Ruehle to two years in prison, a concurrent term for two cases, one for possession of a controlled substance and the other for taking a vehicle without consent.

Ms. Ruehle submitted 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. Ruehle'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 Ms. Ruehle 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. Ruehle 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 Julie Ruehle 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 23rd day of December 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

UNION LABOR

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D Secretary of State



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## **RE-APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION AND PARDON**

Complete this form if in the last three years, you submitted a commutation or pardon application to a past administration, or obtained a Certificate of Rehabilitation, and wish Governor Newsom to consider your application. Do not submit any additional documents about your case until requested to do so by the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings. If you submitted an application to Governor Newsom after January 7, 2019, your application is pending; do not submit this form. Learn more about the commutation and pardon process at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

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Applicant Signature	Date	1.2019

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO:
THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR, STATE CAPITOL, ATTN: LEGAL AFFAIRS/CLEMENCY, SACRAMENTO, CA 95814.
DO NOT SUBMIT ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS AT THIS TIME.

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#### **APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY**

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Application For Executive Clemency Julie Franklin Continued:

- 2. Circumstances of the crimes: I basically grew up in a life and family full of drugs. I saw the damage it caused to the people and lives around me, yet somehow I still fell into that life at a very young age. By the age of 12, I was a drug addict. Being that this is the only life that I had known, I felt there was no way out. Every person I had ever known were part of this lifestyle, including my family. I just felt helpless and didn't know how to stop. The crime of taking a vehicle without owner's consent was taking my Dad's rental car thinking I was going to run away from it all. I ended up getting pulled over and going to jail. I was in jail a while and then court ordered rehab and found there was even drugs in there. In 1999, I ran away from rehab and left the state to start a new life. I was finally clean with no negative influence around me. I got a job right away and started my new life in Chicago. In 2004, the state of California tracked me down, arrested me at work, and extradited me to California. I served out the rest of my sentence in VSPW and Leo Chesney Center. Then I paroled to Chicago and got back to my life.
- 3. Why I am requesting a pardon: I am a mom, and a wife, and I am making good decisions to do the best I can for my family. Additionally, I am an upstanding member of a community and a business owner that interacts with families and children on a daily basis. Any negative reflection of my past could be potentially harmful to mine and my family's livelihood. I would also like to pursue a career in real estate and hope to be granted a pardon before I submit a predetermination application to the Wisconsin Real Estate Board. I feel that without this pardon, it could prevent me from promising employment opportunities.
- 4. Statement explaining why I should be granted a pardon: I know that I made some terrible choices as a young adult and would never live like that again in my lifetime. Over the last 18 years I have been drug free, I have worked, paid my bills, taken care of my family, and been an upstanding citizen. I feel that I should be granted a pardon because I have completely changed my life, I paid my debt to society, I have my own business where I provide employment to staff, I pay my taxes, and I have become a model citizen of the community.

Julie Ruehle

#### STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

Julie Ruchle (Franklin	eclare under penalty of perju	ry under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name) have served the District Attorney of the County of	Kern	_ with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon o
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I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature

<sup>\*</sup>If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **PARDON**

#### **Kathy Uetz**

Kathy Uetz, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On August 21, 1991, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Ms. Uetz to two years of probation and three days in jail for possession of a controlled substance. On April 3, 1997, the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, sentenced Ms. Uetz to three years of probation and 120 days in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Ms. Uetz 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 April 17, 2020, the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, granted Ms. Uetz a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Uetz's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Uetz be granted a full pardon.

This act of clemency for Ms. Uetz 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. Uetz 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 Kathy Uetz 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 23rd day of December 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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

#### IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

the Matter of the Application of	
ATHY LYNN UETZ	Court use only
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# COMMUTATION CERTIFICATES AND APPLICATIONS

2022

#### 2022 Commutation Grants

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Bernik	Andrey	AM1830	7/1/2022	305
Bishop	Suzanne	W71762	1/13/2022	186
Carson	Douglas	F75302	1/13/2022	191
Clark	Kenneth	V72618	7/1/2022	318
Cooper	Yvette	W89126	1/13/2022	194
Cowan	Eric	P34272	7/1/2022	333
Elerick	Gary	F64932	1/13/2022	200
Escareño	Robert	H83031	1/13/2022	207
Fletcher	Gregory	C41111	1/13/2022	216
Ford	Howard	C24543	7/1/2022	338
Freeman	Anthony	C31558	1/13/2022	222
Garcia	Jose	D85867	7/1/2022	350
Green	Darnell	P22430	7/1/2022	355
Guerrero	Carlos	G18772	1/13/2022	230
Holmes	Michael	V33406	7/1/2022	362
Howard	Frank	AL7295	7/1/2022	375
Hughes	George	C60663	1/13/2022	237
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Mahorney	Richard	F84309	7/1/2022	382
Martinez	Anthony	AL8045	7/1/2022	389
McNair	Johnathan	P91662	1/13/2022	257
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Rosales	Gabino	BC3438	1/13/2022	270
Rosales	Joshua	AB4699	7/1/2022	401
Santos	Julio	G00143	1/13/2022	276
Sims	Kareem	K77888	7/1/2022	409
Strickland	Robert	H34273	7/1/2022	423
Thomas	Rahsaan	T99595	1/13/2022	280
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Valdovinos	Felix	P24710	1/13/2022	295
Yin	Dara	V16576	1/13/2022	298

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### Suzanne Bishop

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



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#### **APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be reducted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: Suzanne Bishop Date of Birth: 1976 Inmate ID: W71762
Address: P.O. Box 1508, Chowchilla, ca 93610 Facility: C.C.W.F
1. Conviction Summary:
List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.
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aided and abetted (2) robberies by supplying the
stolen vehicle to be used as the getaway car. I
was convicted of (1) counts of 2nd degree robbery, (1)
count of vehicle theft and prison priors.
3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
I was sentenced to 190 yrs to life under California's
Three Strike Law after the sentecing court denied my
Romero Motion. The punishment does not fit the crime
and i have exhausted my appeal process.
4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
Through my self-help programing i've been able to process!
the harm and danger i've caused the community. With
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5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name,
address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):

## STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney <u>before</u> submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

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provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or missta	tement of facts may result in the

Applicant's Signature

8-22-2017

<sup>\*</sup> If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **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.

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#### APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

#### Name: DOUGLAS HENRY CARSON Date of Birth: -55 Inmate ID: F 75302 Address: PO BOX 157, AVENAL, CA 93204 Facility: AVENAL STATE PRISON **Conviction Summary:** List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary. Date of offense(s): Offense(s): County of conviction(s): Sentence(s): UN-ARMED BANK ROBBERY 03-30-1992 FEDERAL COURT, LOS ANGELES 72 MONTHS 94 MONITHS ON-ARMED BONK ROBBERY 07-29-1996 FEDERAL COURT, LOS ANGELES 2 YEARS FORGERY, PC470 08-28-1991 LOS ANGELES Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): SUBSEQUENT TO A RELAPSE OF COCRINE ADDICTIONS, UNI-ARMED - NOTE ROBBERM OF TWO SEPERATE BANKS , POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE -COCAINE. ADDITIONAL ATTACHED FACSIMILIE OF PRELIMINARY HEARING TRANSCRIPT SPECIFIES CONDUCTO 3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): ATTACHED PAGES REVEAL COMPELLING FACTS THAT MY INSTANT OFFENSE AND PRIOR STRIKE OFFENSE ARE NON-VIOLENT. EYIDENT BY TRIAL <u>TUDGES STATEMENTS, AND DOCUMENTATION FROM PRIOR FEDERAL</u> CONVICTION UPHOLDING FEDERAL CODE DEFINITION OF NON-VIOLENT OFFENDER : Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary): 4. I BELIEVE THAT MY PRIOR FEDERAL CASE USED AS PREDICATE STRIKE IS NON COALIFYING & RECOEST COMMUTING LIFE TO DETERMINATE SENTENCE OR, IN THE LEAST, DESIGNATION AS A NON-VIOLENT THIRD STRIKER. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, 5. address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

#### STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, DOUGLAS HENRY CARSON declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I

(Print Full Name)

have served the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES with notice of my intent to apply for a

(Name of County\*)

commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature 12-10-2018

Date

<sup>\*</sup>If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### **Yvette Cooper**

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 Jahuary 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

**ATTEST:** 





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#### APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be reducted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

	APPLICANT INFORMATION
	Yvette Cooper Date of Birth: 196 Inmate ID: W89126
Addres	s: 16756 Chino Corona Rd. Corona, CA Facility: C. I.W.  Conviction Summary: 92880.
1.	Conviction Summary: 92880.
A MESS	List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.
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2.	Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
	Residential Burglary. Non-Violent.
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	400 .
3.	Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
I,	am non-violent. I did not physically
Pn	urt anyone. But I did Steal from my
3	victim's.
4.	Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
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5.	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):
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#### STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney <u>before</u> submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

1, Yvette Cooper declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name) have served the District Attorney of the County of Say Dicao with notice of my intent to apply for a
(Name of County*)
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I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

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<sup>\*</sup>If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)



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#### APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

	Name: Vette COOPER Date of Birth Coocial Security Number:
e.	Address: CIW. WB. 927L PODOX 8100 Corona, CA 92878-810
	1. Conviction Summary:
	List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.
	1ST offense(s): Date of offense(s): Son Diego, CA 5 + 22475  Dui 1990-91 San Diego, CA 5  Shopliff 1989-90 VISTA, CA?
	2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional
1	T committed non-violent Burglaries while inder influence of drugs. Also been arrested past for Dui and shop lifting. I am a non-violent person and offendor.
4	3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
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	5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):
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I, VELLE JEAN LOOP Vacciare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I

(Print Full Name)

have served the District Attorney of the County of Sound Velle with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature

12-13-13

Date

<sup>\*</sup>If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

#### NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of San Diegounty: Please take notice that I, Yutte Cooper,
was convicted of the crime of 18TReSi. Burglary (non-Vio),
committed in El Cajon County, California, on the date of 2009
I will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):
Pardon
Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number:
Applicant's Signature Date
Applicant's Signature Date
DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.
I,, District Attorney of the County of,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from,
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.
Signed
Date

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### **Gary Elerick**

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



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#### APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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	, APPLICANT INFORMATION
Name:	GARY RUSSET ELERICK Date of Birth: 54 Inmate ID: F-64932
Address	POBOX 92, Chouchilla Calif. 93610 Facility: VAlley State PRISON
1.	Conviction Summary:
	List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.
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	Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional
Ple	Pages as necessary): ase SEE Additional Pages, When I got Released From leval Prison in 1995 I Hoved to Northern Calif I Studied
to	De an Household goods Contractor, Passed The Test borround
The	Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): SEE Page (ONE)
<u>エ</u> ヽ	Will be 65 years old This Feb 25 2019, This Comming Jan 5,2019
IN	Will be STARTURY My 15th year in Prison, I'm A diabetic with
COPD	, High Bleed Pressive And Thronic back PAIN, And MOST OF ALL
I A 4. Bec	Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
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Thi	SLAST Time Please give me A chance, And Let me show you
	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):
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- AM A 3-STRIKE OFFender Covi . Letter ·14 / . Page 1 To: MR Brown (Governor) Dear Mr Brown: I was told that we Have A Short Time to Complete This Application, So Im going to put As Much To. gether, in This Application so you Will have Ar idea of who I Am III Also be Sending you AloT of different documents Regarding Self Help groups That I've Completed For the PAST 14 years And I still CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE in SEVERAL Self help groups And I'm ON The Watting List For Coastline College And by The Time That you Receive These documents I should Also be Signed up For the O.M.C.P. Program (offender's Making change Possible) Drug Counseling. I Truly believe That I Howe Alot to offer to people And Kiels THAT ARE involved with Drugs And With Olveet gangs. 203 - 2022 Executive Report on Clemency

In Also Enclosing A letter (Partial) that I wrote to the Bank Teller in my case, her name is, Tessie Olais, I Am Sorry For not having the Complete Letter But over the Past 4 years moving from one unit or Cell to Another I Am Sorry but the Rest of that 3 Letter has been Misplaced....

I Am Very Sorry For Committing This crime 2nd Degree Bank Robberry And I ASK you Please Governor Brown to Consider Me Commutation of my Sentence. I will be 65 years old Feb 25, 2019 The got 48ons and I daughter, 7 grandchildren I don't Want to die in Prison MR Brown, I Know I've made Several mistakes in my Like but give me This last chance And I promise you I will never get into trouble Ever again. Before I got into trouble This Time I was out of prison For 101/2 years, buying my own home And I owned a Small Trucking Company I was given The mid-Term

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Page 3 Cover Latter Cont. I WAS A 3-STRIKE OFFENDER I WAS Also given 25 years To Live And 20 years in inhancements. Mr Brown in Closing I Just hope Ive given you An Idea of Who I was Then And who I Am Today, All of The Self Help groups that I've been involved with And Continue to be a past of has Truly helped me in So Many ways, going To These groups has helped me to Reinvent Myself And Today I under Stand what triggered the And what helped in Creating Problems in my Mr Brown, Please give me This

Totank you for your Time And Consideration Regarding This Matter.

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I Also WANT To Add That There Will be TRANSITIONER! housing Available to me AND IF I CAN got out I Plan to get back into Truck Driving And Pay off my Restitution, And give back to my community Please give me a chance Governor Brown.

ONCE HORE Thank you.

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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### Robert Escareño

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



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This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parole;
- · a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

#### PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLUE OR BLACK INK

## I. APPLICANT INFORMATION To be completed by all applicants

LAST Name Escareno		Robert	Anthony
Date of Birth	Place of Birth	Social Security Number	Prison Number
1974	Los Angeles California		н-83031

#### Current Residence

Address		Apt, Lot, Suite, Space, etc.
900 Qubec Avenue/P.O. Box 5244		G2-37-3-Low
City	State	Zip Code
Corcoran	California	93212

#### Reason for Requesting Clemency

What relief are you requesting? (Complete the corresponding portion of section II)					
	Pardon based on rehabilitation and not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01	X	Commutation of current sentence		Pardon based upon innocence
	Commutation/Pardon based on Battered Woman's Syndrome		Compassionate Release		Other
Wh	y are you requesting clemency?				
Applicant request that the Governor reduce applicants sentence of 110 years to life (3					
Consecutive 25 to life, plus 30 years for use of firearm) to 25 to life. Applicant will					
not be alive to appear before the BPH due to applicants BPH hearing being scheduled for					
2172. 2172 is when applicant will be eligible for parole consideration.					

#### Conviction Information

Date of offense	Date of conviction	Arresting agency	County of conviction		
September 20, 20 October 9, 2001		El Monte Police	Los Angeles		
Superior court case number	Your trial attorney's name and address	Sentence	If you are currently a prisoner, what is your release date, if any?		
KA055189	Kenneth Marshall Simon (Decease	ed 1102yrs.ctotLif	e 2172		
Did you appeal your case?					
District.					

Prior Convictions: List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries.

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
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Second Degree	1990 and 1991		
Robbery (03 Counts)	(Juvenile offense)	Los Angeles	10 years as Juvenile
Second Degree	1990 and 1991		
Robbery (11 Counts)	(Juvenile offense)	Riverside	15 years to run concurrent
Assault with Weapon	1991 (Juvenile offense	Riverside	Part of 15 years sentence
*******	******	******	*******
Second Degree Robbery (1 Count)	October 2001	Los Angeles	80 Years to Life
nober (I councy	October 2001.	dos Angeres	80 fears to Life
Carjacking (215)			
(l Count)	December 2001	Los Argeles	80 years to life

Current Attorney Information	•
Are you currently represented by an attorney?	<b>Ճ</b> No
If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:	
First and last name:	Telephone number:
Address:	
Information Described by Bonel Code Section 4907.2	
Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2  Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for	r assisting you with this application?
If yes, please provide his or her name, address and telephone number:	- 400 miles your million appropriation.
First and last name:	Telephone number:
Address:	
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REQUEST FOR (	
Please complete the section below	that applies to your request.
COMPASSIONAT  Complete this section if you are presently in prison and	
Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:	
	·
Your current physician's name:	Physician's telephone number:
Physician's address:	
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation	n or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence
pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170?	□ No
If yes, what was the result?	

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## PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting clemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01. Give a brief account of your offense. Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration. Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you) When were you discharged from probation or parole? Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release. Why you are requesting a pardon? 212 - 2022 Executive Report on Clemency

PARDON BASED ON INNOCENCE  Complete this section if you are requesting a pardon based upon innocence.	
Describe the evidence of your innocence that was discovered after conviction and explain its importance.	
Has this new evidence been presented to the arresting agency or district attorney? If so, what was the result?	
Has this new evidence been presented to the courts? If so, what was the result?	
COMMUTATION/PARDON BASED ON BATTERED WOMAN'S SYNDROME Complete this section if you are requesting clemency based upon battered woman's syndrome.	
Describe the evidence of battering and its effects in the relationship between you and the victim that led to the crime.	
Was this evidence presented at trial?	
Have you sought a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to Penal Code section 1473.5 based upon this evidence?	

#### COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this section if you are currently under sentence and requesting clemency for any reason not covered above.

Explain why you are requesting clemency.

Applicant would like to appear before the BPH for parole consideration for a 25 to life sentence, but due to the 3 consecutive 25 to life sentences, applicant will not be able to appear before the BPH until 2172. If applicants 2 additional 25 to life sentences are reduced to just one (1) 25 to life sentence, applicant will be eligible to appear before the BPH in 2024. Currently applicant is scheduled to appear before the BPH in 2172, which applicant will have long been deceased before 2172. Applicant received the 110 year to life sentence under the Three Strikes Law for juvenile felonie

Have you sought relief from the courts?

With respect to applicants conviction: Yes. United States Supreme Court.

Case Number 10-6026 (petition for writ of certiorari)

#### Ш NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Penal Code section 4804 requires that you give the district attorney of the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon. You must complete the attached form and mail it to the district attorney before you submit this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each district attorney must be given notice.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I have served the district attorney of the county

Los Angeles (Name of county)

(Applicant's signature)

with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon, as required by Penal Code section 4804.

May 31, 2016

(Date signed)

#### IVDECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This Application for Clemency may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code Section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the forgoing is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in denial of my application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

(Applicant's signature)

May 31, 2016

(Date signed)

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR CLEMENCY

Thi	s notice is submitted pursu	iant to Penal Code so	ection 4804
To the District Attorney of	Los Angeles county of conviction	County:	
Please take notice that I,	Robert Anthony Es	careno	, was convicted of the crime of
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Robbery (P.C. 211) offense and penal code section	committed in the County of	Los Angeles	, State of California,
convicted on May 20,	2002 and sentenced to	110 years to	life
date			sentence
I will submit an application to the	ne Governor of the State of Califo	rnia requesting a	
☐ Pardon based upon rehabilitation	K Commutation of current ser	ntence	□ Pardon based upon innocence
☐ Compassionate release	☐ Commutation/Pardon based Syndrome	l on Battered Woman's	□ Other
If other, briefly explain:			
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Full Name of Applicant – TY	PED or PRINTED		Applicant's Signature
	May 31,	2016	
	Month,	Day, Year	
900 Quebec Avenue			
	Applicant's	Street Address	-
Corcoran Californi	a 93212		
	Applicant's Cit	y, State, Zip Code	
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### 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

### STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney <u>before</u> submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, <u>GR 2601LY FleTchol</u> (Print Full Name) have served the District Attorney of the County of	declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that    Angle   S   with notice of my intent to apply for a (Name of County*)
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I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature

\*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)



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### APPLICATION FOR A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence (a reduction of sentence/punishment) from the Governor. If you have submitted a commutation application in the last three years, please complete the re-application form. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to this application. If the Governor grants you a commutation, some information from your application will appear in an annual public report about clemency the Governor is required to submit to the California Legislature. Learn more about commutation application at www.gov.ca.gov/clemency or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

### APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary.)

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Name (Last/First/Middle): PL	Ther GREGORY L.	Date of Birth:	60
CDCR Number: C-41111	Social Sec	urity Number:	
Name of Facility/Prison: Lorge	DAGA STUTE PRISON Faci	90. Box. S244 lity/Prison Address: <u>Conconun</u> S70	Te Paison
1. Conviction Summary (Note	:: The Governor's Office will review	v a complete copy of your criminal hist	ory report.)
Li	st conviction(s) for which you are	requesting a commutation of sentence	e.
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
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### APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: CREGory Fletcher Date of Birth: 100 Inmate ID: C-41111
Address: Pio. DoX. 5244 CORLORAN CA. 93217 Facility: CORLORAN STATE PRISON  1. Conviction Summary:
List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.
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2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
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Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):  I got accepted as A At Youth Kisk Counsolor, I got Certificates in Everything, Even Prep Turning point of Breaking Barklers And got accepted into over 15 Living programs and I'm Kondy to give back, And Mos OFALL by an Sove as Many At Risk that Jouth that I can, To Many dying by guns; To Many, I Also have Beferences From san Diego Judge Sargent, panale probation officials.
4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):  I wonk hard on Myself and done all Nessarry Work on My own and DM patient and I know have listen and Follow All Kulcis, Regulations and Deiny anound the Right people at all times And Never do what i yes to know Matter how difficultitis, I know how to know out and seek for helf.
5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

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I, GREGORY FICACLES, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I

(Print Full Name)

have served the District Attorney of the County of Samples with notice of my intent to apply for a

(Name of County\*)

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Apolicant's Signature

Date

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### 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 Jahuary 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

**ATTEST:** 

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



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### APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	Anthony	FRESMA	n Date	of Birth:	Social Security N	lumber:
Address	: Cmf	PoBox	2000 Vac	aville Calil	75696	
1.	Conviction Sun	nmary:				
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	(Name of County*)	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
commutation.		

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Centry Freeman 9/19/18
Applicant's Signature Date

<sup>\*</sup>If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)



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**APPLICANT INFORMATION** 

Name:	Anthon	Freeman	Date of Birt	th: 61	Social Security N	umber:
Address	s: <u>44750</u>	60% ST. Wes	st lancast	er calif	93836	
1.	Conviction Su	mmary:				
	List all prior	convictions, includ	ing any in other sta	ites or countries	. Attach_additio	nal pages if necessary.
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commutation.		

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature 4.30.17

Date

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#### APPLICATION FOR CLEMENCY



#### Office of the Governor State of California State Capitol Sacramento, California 95814

This Application for Clemency must be used to request:

- a commutation (reduction) of the applicant's current sentence if the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parelle in the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parelle in the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parelle in the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parelle in the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parelle in the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parelle in the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parelle in the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parelle in the applicant is presently in prison or jail, or on probation or parelle in the applicant is presently in the
- a pardon based upon innocence; or
- a pardon based upon rehabilitation if the applicant has completed his or her sentence but is not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.

Please complete sections I, III and IV and that portion of section II that applies to your case.

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Reason for Requesting Cl				
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Information Required by Penal Code Section 4807.2							
Have you paid or given any money, gift or consideration to anyone for assisting you with this application?							
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### II. REQUEST FOR CLEMENCY Please complete the section below that applies to your request.

# COMPASSIONATE RELEASE Complete this section if you are presently in prison and requesting clemency due to a medical condition. Please explain the medical condition that warrants clemency:

Your current physician's name:
Physician's address:
Physician's telephone number:
Have you applied to the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation or the Board of Parole Hearings for a recall of your sentence pursuant to Penal Code Sections 1170?
What was the result?
PARDON BASED ON REHABILITATION
Complete this section if you have completed your sentence, you are requesting elemency based upon rehabilitation and you are not eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation under Penal Code section 4852.01.
Give a brief account of your offense.
First degree murder second degree burglary
burglary
Explain your rehabilitation efforts during incarceration.
I Obtained my G.E.D took two selfhelp
Course
Describe your record in prison, jail, parole or probation. (List all disciplinary action taken against you)
I have not received a serious write up in
over 20 Years
When were you discharged from probation or parole?
Describe your rehabilitation and activities since release.
Why you are requesting a pardon?
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the board that Changed to 30 years in a better
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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

### **Carlos Guerrero**

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



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	APPLICANT INFORMATION
Name	EXPLUS (OVERPERO Date of Birth: 1123   78 Inmate ID: G. 18772
Addr	ess: [ROJWOOD STATE PRISON, P.O.BOX 2199, BLYTHE, CA.92U6 Facility: C3-203
1.	Conviction Summary:
	List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.
	Offense(s): Date of offense(s): County of conviction(s): Sentence(s):
	(SEE ATTACHMENT A)
2.	Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
	(SEE ATTACHMENT B)
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3.	Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
	I HAVE BEEN INCARCEPATED SINCE JULY 14, 2005. I GOT AN INDETERMINATE
-	27 YEARS TO LIFE SENTENCE AND I AM REQUESTING FOR AN AMENDED
	DETERMINATE SENTENCE. I HAVE EXHAUSTED ALL LEGAL PEMEDIES.
4.	Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):
	(SEE ATTACHMENT C)
5.	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):
	NONE

### STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney <u>before</u> submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

, CAPLOS ENERPERO	, declare under penalty of perj	ury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name) have served the District Attorney of the County of _	RIVERSIDE	with notice of my intent to apply for a
	(Name of County*)	
commutation.		

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature

Date

2/20/2018

<sup>\*</sup>If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

### Attachment A

### 1. Conviction Summary:

Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentences(s):
484(a) PC Theft of personal property	2/4/1993 Juvenile	Los Angeles, Alhambra	Picked up by Parent
11378 HS Possess of control substance for sales and 11370.1(A) HS Poss. Control substance while armed	5/6/2003 <b>Adult</b>	Riverside, Perris	Six months work release program

### Attachment B

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

On January 16, 2005, I was involved in an altercation with my neighbor. I lived across the street from Michael Williams and his wife Carol, their four children and Amanda Malinowski, Michael Williams' niece.

Amanda's ex-boyfriend, Osvaldo Coronel, my-self, along with an unnamed woman, drove up to Michael Williams's home, wishing to speak to Amanda Malinowski at about 11:00 PM on January 16, 2005. When we arrived, Mr. Williams and his wife were outside; Amanda and his daughter were by the front door by the car port while we were out by the street. Mainly the unnamed woman and Amanda were yelling and screaming at one another. Mr. Williams told his children and niece to stay inside the house. Mr. Williams told us several times to leave but we didn't. After some time had elapsed Mr. Williams kicked the gate and picked up a shovel confronting me, Osvaldo and the unnamed woman. Mr. Williams then attempted to hit me with the shovel, and held it in a position where he wanted me to think he was going to swing the shovel at me. At that point in moment I pulled out the gun and fired a few shots.

After the shooting occurred; myself, Coronel, and the unnamed woman got into Coronel's car and left.

### Attachment C

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):

When I got arrested on July 14, 2005, I was on meth. As the world and its ways seemed to fade and the reality of what I had done slowly began to sink in. I began to realize the severity of my actions and as a person. I started to evaluate myself and the life style I lived. I joined a gang and carried guns, dropped out of high school and baseball. I was very hostile and sold drugs and also began drinking alcohol and using drugs (meth), I felt the need for status recognition. Being confined, I stressed on what was going to happen to my children? I felt ashamed of myself knowing that I couldn't do anything for them while being incarcerated. I had nothing positive to show, and I had many concerns about what life was going to be. I had never been in prison; I knew the crime I committed was going to carry prison time. I hung on that hope that I would be released soon, I told myself that I had to do something with my life. I signed up for a GED program they had in Riverside County jail and was surprised when I found out that I had passed my GED. I was surprised because I always doubted myself, having my GED gave me confidence. On September of 2007, I went to trial and was convicted of first degree attempt murder. On May 22, 2008, I was sentences and sent to Delano reception, then to High Desert Prison. There weren't many programs and found myself mostly on lockdown, I couldn't talk to my children nor family to know how they were doing. I was really impacted by those circumstances, I came to the realization that family and freedom was important to me, and I told myself, I would be with them soon. After four and a half years at High Desert I transferred to Ironwood State Prison (August 2012) and here is where my rehabilitation really commenced.

I enrolled into college and started attending self-help classes which was difficult for me to express myself around strangers. As I began to express myself I gained confidence and felt comfortable. Taking self-help classes provided the tools I needed to change my belief system.

I realized what led me to self- centered and destructive behavior, when attending Addiction Counseling Program (ACP). On lesson 17 it covers several areas on survival roles and coping mechanisms. This lesson gave me the inner guidance to identify my problem. Here is where I found out that my resentment toward my mom eventually became hate toward her. I seen her having sexual intercourse with my brother's dad when I was 7 years old, seeing that made me feel disgusted toward her and abandon. It

got to a point I wouldn't let her touch me or show affection toward me. This led to me lashing out on people and gradually consumed me. I was full of anger and hate because of the physical and emotional pain my mom would cause by her aggressive yelling. I understand I cannot allow that emotional pain to give me an excuse to behave aggressively or have hatred toward her, myself or anyone.

I am requesting a commutation of sentence because I am ready for a second chance in life. I will not take life for granted, I know now that if I let my anger control me it would lead to chaos, understanding this I have acquired the tools necessary to cope with this emotional pain. My coping skills involve prayer, time outs to cool off and reflect, evaluating how my decisions may affect others; reflect on biblical principles; depersonalize — don't take disagreement personally, and never use violence to resolve conflict. I look at life in a different perspective, I know I am not the same person I was when I first got arrested, my commitment to change helped me become the person that I am today.

Upon my release I look forward to implementing my new life style to society as a changed man and give back to the community. I see the importance of family values and helping people out. As I have examined myself though the years of my incarceration I've come to understand the depths of my crime. I understand that my actions affected Mr. Michael Williams and his family a great deal of pain. I took their sense of security and caused psychological trauma which I am very ashamed of and responsible for. I will live the rest of my life as I have, making amends.

Respectfully submitted,

Carlos Guerrero

# 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.

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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



Governor Gavin Newsom · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

#### APPLICATION FOR A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence (a reduction of sentence/punishment) from the Governor. If you have submitted a commutation application in the last three years, please complete the <u>re-application form</u>. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to this application. If the Governor grants you a commutation, some information from your application will appear in an annual public report about clemency the Governor is required to submit to the California Legislature. Learn more about commutation application at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

DEC 0 3 2019 APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary.) Name (Last/First/Middle): George Lee Hughes Jr. Date of Birth: CDCR Number: C -60663 Social Security Number: Name of Facility/Prison: California State from - Solano Facility/Prison Address: 2100 Peobody Road Varavile Ca. 1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.) List conviction(s) for which you are requesting a commutation of sentence. Date(s) of conviction: County of conviction(s); Sentence(s): Crime(s): Felony Murder-Robberry 12-27-1982 Contra Costa County Life without Possibility of Parok Nine separate Robberres 12-27-1982 Contra costa County : Nine Years Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence? LYES DNO List all prior conviction(s) in California, any other state or country, or in federal court. Crime(s): Date(s) of conviction: Location of conviction(s): Sentence(s): Applies 1971 Contra Costa County Juvenile Group Home
Applies 1974-75 Los Angeles County Juvenile - Group Stome
Applies 1976 Los Angeles County CYA

. Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).
Please see lage one attached to this form - lage one
Describe how a commutation of sentence may impact your life.  Please See Page Two attached
Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs, professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, conduct violations, or new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals).  Place See pages Three to page Seven for all of the above:
. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.  Thavelad no assistance.
APPLICANT DECLARATION  Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent
i, George Lee Hughes Tr. declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
delivered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of Conta Costa (Name of County or Counties)
George Hughes November 26, 20019  Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence.

# The Circumstances of my Crime

On December 27, 1982, this applicant was convicted by a Jury of First degree murder. The Jury also found the applicant guitty of three special circumstances,
murder. The Jury also found the applicant quity of three special circumstances,
that the murder occurred during the course of a robbery, Kidnapping, and for financial gain. The July also found the applicant guilty of nine separate robbery
financial gain. The July also found the applicant quity of nine separate robbery
counts, and gun enhancements. A sentence of life without the possibility of
parole was rendered, along with nine years for the robbery counts.
On approximately November 8, 1479, the applicant approached the manager of a Church's
Fried Chicken restaurant, as she sat in her car. I showed her a gun and ordered her
to get into the pussenger seat. I asked for the keys to the restaurant, and as she
dug in her purse she produced a gun, and I readed by firing one shot,
Sion my gun, which struck the manager in her head killing her. I then disarmed
the munager, and drove along the Freeway, and pushed her budy down an embankment.
Most of not all the robbery counts were committed without a weapon. I would
walk up to a photo mut booth, tell the worker to give me all of the money,
and the worker would comply.
Any other facts or circumstances of these crimes, as related by the
attorney general, I fully accept responsibility for I was a irresponsible
twenty-sour year old legal adult with a teenager's thought pattern.
Hurming people is not a normal part of life, and I am very removeful for
the actions that caused Mary Washington to lose her life. It was not a planned
action, and I truly believe in my heart, such an action will never occur again,
if considered and released:
Georg Hughs
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### Page-Two Describe How a Commutation May Impact Your Life

Receiving a commutation to remove the life without the possibility of porole
sentence, would greatly improve the possibility of a release. It would give me
the chance to go before a parole board after serving almost forty years incarcated
It would give me renewed hope that I had not felt for years, until this point.
I was twenty four years of age when I was arrested. I am now sixty three years old
Although Ive lost most of my family members during this long confinement, there
are some family members the impact of a commutation will also affect, particularly
my older brother, whose health-is failing. I would love to assist him.
I haveit had any hope of freedom for at least thirty seven years, so
a commutation would further encourage me to continue the course that I am on.
As a small reward of my continued good behavior, I was transferred out of the
level four moximum security prisons, and now housed in a level two setting. Less
security required. The impact a commutation would make is almost hard to
put in words, because I've never been in this position. I do know the
impact would be immediate, and I would begin reaching out to find possible
housing and employment, and attempt to white all the knowledge Tie gained
in the self-help programs. A commutation of my sentence would effect my
my mental thoughts from hopelessness to possibilities. A possibilities a possibility for a
release. A possibility of living out the rest of my life as a productive
citizen, the to give pack, and show my appreciation to a second chance.
citizen, free to give back, and show my appreciation for a second chance. This is the second time I applied for a commutation. I was interviewed by a Mr. Arnold Fitt, approximatly August 14, 2018.  Seous Houghs
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### Page Three

### Describe Your Life Since Your Conviction

Since my conviction, my life has come full circle, from a young, foolish, irresponsible young adult, to a much wiser, compassionate elder man. I was twenty-tour years old at the time of my arrest, and I am now sixty-three years old. When I entered prison, it was during a violent period that caused me immediate concern, because my life was in dunger every time I walked out of my assigned cell. I observed prison gangs attacking each other with deadly force often resulting in death. I also observed correctional officers in towers, armel with assault weapons, who would shoot privarers to break up sights, or assaults with prison made weapons. I was in fear for my life. At that point I concluded I was going to dre by a correctional officers bullet of a prisoner's hand made "shank". It was a very fearful situation, so bad that individuals Jan gangs to get a sense of protection. If you be longed to a particular gang your property would be protected, as well as your manhood I selt like my the was over but I had an appeal pending so I did not que up on hope. During the violent period, I managed to not Join a prison gang. But I was still somewhat automatically associated with a group simply because of which city I was from. Being from the Bay Area, I was expected to have allegiunce to that area, but what I did to avoid becoming a pawn in the group, I became a representative to assist in resolving problems, which also allowed me time to reflect and work on what caused me to be sent to prison. Insight About Past Conduct

I grew up in a very violent household. So violent that my older brother and I finally got up enough nerve to run away from home. It seemed like everything I did as a child was wrong, and I was whipped, hit, beat, and severely punished Even the slightest mistake. My mother grabbed what ever she could grab usually an extension cord, and would beat me until she became exhausted, or my father would come home from work and stop her. While my father was home I was only punished. She would put me under a dusty bed for hours, or in a dark closent, or she would make me stand in her room touching my toes for hours. I would bend over and touch my toes, and when she finally released me hours later, I could not stand up straight to walk. So, my brother and I talked about running away, and we did. After two days We were caught and sont to Juvenile hall, which began my healing. White in Juvenile hall, and other group home placements, I tended to deal with my problems argumentatively, and violently. I dun't really question or attempt to deal with my violent tendecies until I was finally placed in a situation where there were people more violent than I was Men who killed other men with their bare hands! Coming to prison had a humbling assector precine reformationly My past conduct, as horrible as it was, was childs play compared to

that I was viewing and experiencing in a prison settling.

Conduct Violations Considering all of the maximum security level four prisons I was housed in, my disciplinary record is not that serious. The heve my first rule intraction occurred in approximately 1984-85, when I was sound to be out of bounds. I was in another inmates cell playing cards during count time. the second infraction was engaging in a "Fist fight". A simple misundestanding that was so minor, that menther I or the other prisoner were removed from the program. I was also found to bein possession of a marijuana cigarette. I was standing at another inmutes cell playing cards, gambling. He lost the marijuana cigarette. I placed it in my pocket, and an officer happened to approach me, searched and found it I believe there several violations of possession of immate manufactored alcoholi I have taken at least two self help courses to address my urge to drink. In really 10t a drinker I was mostly selling it for prison tems, such as food. T believe my most serious rule violation occurred in 1993, where I was found quity of possessing dangerous property. It was a whole part of a took + paper seat dispenser. I was at an assigned to and replacing the seat dispenser. The tower guard thought I vas trying to hide the part.

The last and most recent rule violation occurred in 2016. I was found guilty of being

in possession of alcohol. The evidence was a bag of sugar, and a bacy of Ketsup

Set Backs I believe a major set back occurred when I was transferred from California Store Prison-Carcaster, to Collegina State Prison-Solano. his latest transfer to soluno state Prison was a culture shock to me, because to this point I had been housed in maximum security level four prisons, and the culture is vastly disferent. Almost immediately I ran into a situation where I was being accused of steating another inmotes property, but the alleged victim was right with me when the incident occurred, but did not say anything was wrong, until there were other opinions and a lot of talk. So much talk that I actually requested to the quarks that I needed to be moved. So, much paper work was generated and I was moved to another yard. Once there, while still trying to adjust to level two conditions. I received a rules violation So kying down on my assigned bed during count time. This violation was reduced from a serious 115, to a verbal warning CDC128. Approximately one week later, I received yet another rules violation report from the sume officer, for hunging a ray up to dry next to my bunk, This nitial CDC115 was also reduced to a verbal warning, QD Goob Ze Sutive Report on Clemency

I believe those two fast described rules violation reports ruined

any chance I had for obtaining a commutation, because I believe the reviewer did not distinguish between a serious rule violation, and a reduced verbal warning. I believe to the reviewer, a rules violation simply makes the individual ineligible for consideration.

Treatment Needs

When I first entered the prison system there was no such thing as

Identifying and addressing treatment needs. If you violated a rule selicus encuyth,

you were placed in administrative segregation. This was the case for the first

thinty-four years of my incorceration. I believe the first time I saw

a prison psychiatrist occurred when I was transferred from a level four

Setting to a level two setting, which is where I'm currently housed.

I had some adjustment problems with dorm living. There were no psychological

issues identified by the psychiatrist that I know of I've never been

prescribed any psych medication, or extended therapy. But although I'm sure

prison life has had some affect on me mentally, if ever released, I plan

to be placed in transitional housing for as long as it takes to identify

and address any treatment needs resulting from my long incarceration.

Self Development And Education.

When I first entered prison I truly believed that my criminal conviction would be overlurned at some point. With this hope I decided to pursue a college degree, which I thought would increase my chances of success upon my release. Evidence of my encollment for clusses chances of success upon my release. Evidence of my encollment for clusses as a southered a degree beause once my appeal of my conviction was affirmed. I fell into a deep depression, and resigned myself to the fact that I would spind the rest of my lite in prison. It was a hope less shouthon until recently, when the laws began to change and I was removed from a level four maximum security prison, to a level two prison, where I now have access to a number of self help programs.

Despite the hopelessness I felt for well over thenty - Seven years I am proud that I avoided all the violence at Folsom Prison in the early 1980's. In fact, on my own I became an inmate representative who regorded prace between the various gangs on many occasions, inclumering my own life in the process. There were no such thing as chronos going into your central file. Any indication that you were working closely with correctional officers could lend very badly. Europace of this came when I was Hansterred to Pedican Daypostatainespectoragenbachere.

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- of prisoners of my own nationality, because I would not initiate a race war. To this day I still suffer physically from that attack.
 I was also Hansferred to High Desert State Prison, which was one the
 most violent prisons in California at the time, and I once again became
 a part of the Mens Advisory Counsil, where I assisted both prisoners and guards resolve violent race wars, but at no time dul I ever consider asking
  for laudatory chronos, or a pat on the back for good behavior. I was
  simply helpirty out because I knew almost every prisoner, and the years of
  of experience I accumulated from my extensive incurcuration. Not to mention
  at that time I had absolutely no hope of ever leaving prison. I had these
  thoughts and conclusions all the way up to 2016 and 2017, until the luws
   begin to change.
 My self help efforts did not fully begin until I was transferred to a minimum
 security level two prison, where I finally felt a glimmer of hope that I might be
  considered for a release after thirty seven years of incurreration.
  All of my elucational achievements occurred white I was incarcerated. I obtained
 a high school diploma, and to this dute, attended almost a year and a half of college
  courses, needing approvingly ten credits to obtain an AA degree, Document of these
 achievements are attached to this request.
 I was transferred to California State Proin-Solano on approximately May 2, 2017. Almost
  immediately I put in a request for an assignment to assist prisoners with medical
 duabilities. I was assigned to the Innute Disability Assistance Program in 2018, where
 I am still currently assigned, and received high marks from the supervisor
 In 2002, I completed a prison spinsored academic course named
  Breaking Barriors-Cage Your Rage which was a year long voluntary self help prayram dealing with onger and race relations. I received
  a certificate of completion, which is attached to this request as well.
 I am currently involved with a group dealing with struggling youths in the community. The organization is named Prison Letters y Our
  Struggling Youth. I began writing letters to trouble youth approximately
  January 2019, and received high praise from the organizers. A copy of
   that letter from the organization is attached.
  I also obtained support and endousement from another organization
  numed 2nd Call, Domestic Violence/ Re-entry Program. Their letter
  to the Board of Varole Heavings is attacked. It is my hope to be
   fully involved with this organization if released. More detail is explained
   in' my proposed parole plans attached.
  Since being transferred, and offered a glimmer of hope to have,
   the life without parole sentence removated 2022 Trechie report presenting parted
    in work training workshops, one involving giving back by
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differenting to teach younger prisoners cognitive awareness, community building participation, behavior and ethics. I participated in group therapy dealing with alcohol and narcotic ananymous, to deal with Ill self addictive thoughts and behavior as well as substance abuse. I also purticipated in a six month group in Denial Management, which was very intensed and motivational, dayling with divers, triggers, antidotes, and benefits of denial recognition. I participated in another intense course of Victim Awareness, where I gained knowledge and awareness of my inner thinking putterns that produced my criminal behavior, and how I had an obligation to the community, and my neighbors, to earn my rehabilitation by correcting the problem. I learned as a younger child, my mind was so callused that I would harm those who trusted me to live peacefully by them. Having the increased awareness of the exploitive nature of criminal thought has also allowed me to grow into a better person. Mental health is a big part of toking full responsibility for the past harm I caused, and having the awareness and understanding of many levels that my negative behavior, as well as criminal acts, had upon the victims of my past senseless acts. During these thirty-nine years of incarceration, I have learned that my hardening of heart was a direct result of me being exposed to repeated epuodes of above as a child, which hindered my ability to empathize, and I truly believe that now, my conscience is awakened and I've gained the ability to not only empathize but to sympathize as well. During my trial, I had actually taken the first step at rehabilitation, by admitting to the criminal acts to my appointed public desender, William Veule. One last achievement Id like to note, is that I have been on the prisons HIA work assignment duting back to 1943. Proof of all group or therapy programs are attached to this application, along with laudatory chronos from Various work supervisors, and correctional officers. Had I known that accumulating prison Chronos would be important, I would have received numerous chronos from correctional officers at High Desert State Prison, where I worked with many officels to resolve race nots, and keeping the peace as a Men's Advisory Council member. Castly, I consider this ablessing to be considered to have the life without parok sentence to be removed, as I remember a serious incident that occurred white housed at Pelican Bay State Prison, where I was severely beaten by a gang of prisoners of my own race, for not initiating a race Not in 1995-96. I still suffer physically from that serious incident. However, I am proud of pany prison record of never being involved in any riots, and I've had only one Serious rules infraction in over twenty-three years, and that rules infraction was for pessession of alcuhol, which consisted of a buy of sugar, and a buy of Ketchyzon and not alchol. Servey Hughs

# Proposed Parole Plans

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If I had the life without the passibilitionsidered by the Bourd of Prisons Hearing implement the following parale plans:	s for parole, I would attempt to
implement the following parole plans:	
1. Transitional Housing; I would contact	several possible transitional housing
placements in the city or area I plan	to purole to.
2. Contact the Purole or Probation exer	it assigned to my case:
1. Transitional Housing; I would contact placements in the city or area I plan 2. Contact the Pursle or Probation agen I would immediately contact and follow any purde.	and all instructions or conditions of
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verice.	
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o. I am sixty-three years of age right now	1. It considered and released on partik
I would most likely file papers for disabilities to reunite with the	lity or social security.
Castly, I plan to reunité with the	family members who have supported
me our the years, to seek help in a	eadjusting to the free World, Joining
a community church, and hopefully volum	teening to give back to the community.
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### 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

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

ATTEST:



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Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence.

Rev. 2019 Application for Commutation of Sentence, Page 2 of 2 2. Describe the circumstances of your erime

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On the day of Jesse Khoramis murder, I was to deliver \$26,130 in each to him on behalf of my employer. That evening, I participated in the robbery of Jessie Khorami, which ultimately led to his death.

3. Describe now a commutation of sentence may impact your life. Econtinued from page 2.I

It will also give me a chance to hopefully reconnect with family and friends.

4. Describe your life since your conviction.

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the hole) to finally wake up and want to make a change. I will spare you all the details of my experiences there, but I will admit that it afforded me ample time to reflect on the choices I had made up to that point. As I was sitting there on my bunk, trying to drown out the yelling, screaming, and general chaos that surrounded me, I asked muself how and why I had made the choices I had made that took me down this rabbit hole of misery. To make matters worse, I came to the realization that I had not dome one productive thing the entire ten years I had been incarcerated. I just drank, gambled, and suppressed any negative thoughts from the post or the cutside world. I could not point to one

4. Econtinued I positive thing I had done that I or my family could be proud of. On that day, I decided that as soon as I was released from Ad. Seg., I was going to make some changes. I could not change the past, but I could make a better future.

I was back in the general population in 2003. Back then the EDCR was the CDC. The Rehabilitation part came later. There were no self-help groups to participate in, and the one AA group I recall was held in the evenings, which I could not attend because of my custody level at the time.

What I really wanted to do was enroll into College. Not because it would look good in my file, because this was the era of look em up and throw away the key. In those days, if you had a life sentence, all the diplomas in the world would not help you get out. No, I wanted to enroll because I was done wasting augmore time. I was done with ignorance, selfishness, and

finally. I was done with my addiction to gambling.

In 2009, after all the difficulties and obstacles of taxing college courses in prison (e.g., obtaining course materials, finding teachers willing to proctor exams, prison transfers, and seeking approval every semester to be allowed to take correspondence courses (see misc. exhibit), I earned my first

Associates Degree in Social & Beliavioral Sciences.

When I was transferred to Ironwood State Prison in 2013 (my first Level III), I was pleasantly surprised by the robust college program they offered. I took full advantage and continued my studies. By 2018 I had earned four more associates degrees (arts & Humanuties, Social & Behavioral Sciences, Business & Technology, and Mathematics & Science), as well as a Certificate of 252-2022 Executive Report on Clemency

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I have also been enrolled in The Last Mile Coding Program since October 2017 (see laudatory chrones exhibit), which has been an incredible apportunity, and something I never thought I would have an apportunity to experience. This program trains students in computer programming and uselo-desing. Because of TLM's innovative approach of teaching immates marketable skills that can be utilized upon release, they can boast a 0% recidivism rate for all graduates of the program.

I have been fortunate enough to be able to give back by teaching what I have learned at TLM by organizing workshops for Youth Offenders here at ISP. The workshop was titled "Introduction to Computer Coding" (see misc exhibit), which I wrote the curriculum for and facilitated with a few of my

classmates from the Cast Mile.

I have consistantly received favorable annual reviews. As for any conduct violations, it think it has been close to ten years since I have been found guilty of any rules violation. I have never been issued any type of rules violation report for any type of violence or anything associated with drugs. If I'm not mistaken, the last time I was found guilty for a rules violation was for a hunger strike in 2011. As far as self-help groups go, I have come to really appreciate the process. I have always

been very reserved, and at first I felt

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very uncomfortable opening up to anyone, let alone in a prison setting, but attending the different groups has really helped me mature and given me tools to deal with all the stressers in life. I am committed to addressing the causative factors of my exime. I have learned and discovered the voot of my anger and the skills essential to maintaining my composure. I believe I have developed healthy coping skills to deal with any obstacles.

For the first twenty five years of my incarceration, I muted, repressed, and lied to myself and my family, because the truth was just too unbearable: That I could bear any responsibility in the taking of

another life.

I have been consumed with guilt, regret, and sorrow for the immeasurable pain I caused Jessie thorami and his family, as well as my own. I take responsibility for my actions, and I will carry the hurt I caused them with me for the rest of my life.

Without making excuses, I would like to give some background by identifying some of the issues I had

land now I have addressed them.

While in my teens, my parents went through a very nasty divorce that screwed me up alot more than it should have, but it did. I was thrown into the role of man of the house, while not having the slightest clue what it actually meant to be a man, just my warped view or image of what I thought it meant.

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home most nights. I began drinking and hanging out with the wring crowd. All the white a cheep anger boiling inside of me, but what pushed me completely over the edge, and took control of my life was my newly acquired gambling addiction. I am not exaggerating when I say, booking back at the screwed up kid that I had become, literally makes me cringe with shame and emba-

rvasment every time I think of it.

By 1992 my addiction was out of control and it completely took over my life. The more I lost, the worse it got and the more desperate I became. I began to lie cheat, and steal. Burning all my bridges one by one. The more I tried to dig myself out, the deeper I got. Through a combination of desperation, irrationality, immaturity, alcohol, an out of control addiction, and just plain stupidity. I made the worst mistake of my life. It has taken me twenty five years to write these words down. I think because even with all the drinking and desperation, it is still difficult to fathorn how I could have made a choice like that.

For twenty years now I have been working hard to educate myself, to be a better person, to help

those in need, and to do it with humility.

The gambling and drinking have been behind me for many years now. Today, I am alot grayer, alot older, and hopefully a little wiser.

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Today, I am no longer bound by my vices, but I am motivated by them. I am driven by a strong desire to do some good in this world. To somehow redeem myself in some measure in the eyes of my family and community. A desire to be given an opportunity to not be defined for the rest of my life by the worst, most regrettable

decision of my life.

I realize that the chances for me to see freedom again are slim, but if Governor Newsom does grant me a commutation, I will do as much good as I

can with the time I have left.

Thank you for your time & consideration!

Incerety,

5-16-20

## 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 Johnuary 2022.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary.) Name (Last/First/Middle): McNair, Johnathan, David Date of Birth: CDCR Number: # P-91662 Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_ Name of Facility/Prison: Folsom State Prison Facility/Prison Address: P.O. Box 715071, Repres & Ca 1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.) List conviction(s) for which you are requesting a commutation of sentence. Date(s) of conviction: County of conviction(s): Sentence(s): 12022.53 Shooting at inhabited dwelling/8/17/00 Los Angeles County 25 yrs. to Life Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence? WYES INO List all prior conviction(s) in California, any other state or country, or in federal court. Crime(s): Date(s) of conviction: Location of conviction(s): Sentence(s): Attached is my prior record, both juvenile and adult on next

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5.	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.
	APPLICANT DECLARATION  Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent
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Date

Applicant Signature

Question #2. Describe the circumstances of four crime(s). - I got into an argument with a friend at the time named Jerry Dalryple, I lived with him and his mother (Pilar Dalrymple). Anyway, the argument turned physical when Jerry attempted to strike me with a whiskey bottle. What my mind state registered at that time was that real friends may angue, but physical attack felt like betrayal to me. Obviously infuriated, I exited the door of the residence (trailer) and retrieved the gun that we had I approached Jerry's vehicle (White Jeep) and fired four shots into it - regrettably! Unfortunately, one of the bullets nicochetted off of the jeep and entered the trailer hitting Mr. Joseph Gibson in the leg.

Question#3 — A commutation of sentence would allow me to rise from the askes of my past follies and live a life rich with contributions in the form of imparting to the next generation the results of bad decisions and inspiring them to make good ones.

Question#4- My life since conviction has yielded some good resulting the had time enough to Know the Causative 260-2022 Executive Report on Clemency

factors of my behaviors such as being born with Fetal Alcohol Effects F. A.E. struggling with learning disabilities. When I think back on this crime, I can remember when I was a kid living with my dad (David MENarr Jr.) who was both mentally and physically abusive. My dad was 63" 260 pounds, so when he would get me upset, the only response I had was to vandalize something (out of his sight, of course). I vandalized Jenry's Jeep on the night of my grime, unfortunately someone got hurt. Now I know how to silence the Automatic Nagative Thoughts A. N. TS and socialize with the right people and engage in positive activities. Earning my G.E.D. was a big move for someone like me, but I achieved it. (Please see attached achievements DI only earned one Rule Violation Report 17 yrs. ago for disobeying a direct order (didn't want to strip down to boxers for a female officer, didn't Know it was legal at the time ) but none to date afterward.

## 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

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APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary.)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Mendiz	aval,	Byron	Date of Birth:				
CDCR Number: <u>D-85877</u>		Social Security Number:					
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the abductors \$18.000 for four (4) Kilos of cocaine. During the Kidnapping Mr. Monsalve was forced into a white van, once inside, the abductors began to kick him, strike him with the butt of a gun, the proceeded to tape and handcuff him. Further, a blanket was thrown over his head to prevent him to see where he was going. Then one of the men pointed a shotgun at Mr. Suarez and ordered him into the same white van. Once he got inside, he was struck behind his left ear and thrown onto the floor of the van. The abductors handcuffed Mr. Suarez with his hands behind his back, in addition, they also placed handcuffs on his ankles. The abductors took Freddy Suarez rent money from his person, and then they placed him face down on the floor of the van. They placed a blanket over his head as well to prevent him from seeing the direction of where they were taking him.

on Nov 25, 1986, five (5) days after the kidnapping, I recieved a phone call from Luis Gaspur, he immediately offered me some work, but that he would tell me all about it once I got to his house. I got in my car and began to West Coving to Luis Gaspur house. Once I arrive and approach the house I saw Freddy Suarez sitting in a chair blindfolded and his hands cuffed in front of him. I realized that something was wrong. Then I was instantly approach by buis Gaspur and he offered me money to watch Mr. Suarez for four (4) days, because of my selfishness and greed I agreed to take the job.

on Nov 29, 1986, around 7:00p.m Carlos Ramirez returned back at the west covina location, and advised me that the other guys got caught and the cops were onto us. He continued to tell me that we needed to hurry up and move Freddy Suarez. Myself and Carlos Ramirez moved Freddy Suarez into the van and we drove off. Within minutes of driving, the sherrifs 265-2022 Executive Report on Clemency

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were waiting for us. Instantly, because of fear of the consequences, I sumped out of the van and I took off running. Immediately I was arrested, and booked into sail for kidnapping for robbery. On 2-17-1988, I was found guilty for kidnap for Ramson, kidnap for Robbery, and Bodily harm with serious felony. I was sentence on 4-26-1988 and recieved a term of Life without the possibility of parole.

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A commutation will give me the opportunity to demonstrate the change I have made, further, it will allow me a chance to present myself to the Board of Parole. That gives me hope that one day I will regain my freedom. As a result, I will be given a chance to reconnect with my family and I will be able to amend all those damage relationships I have caused as a result of my actions. Furthermore, a communitation will impact my ability to return back to society and become a contributing member by being productive. Since my incorceration I have mature, and developed prosocial skills that will give me to adapt to any environment. In addition, I now have goals and a plan that I want to accomplish beyond prison. It is in all my accomplishments.

and being self motivated to participate in self help groups. Through this process I have been able to develop insight in many areas of my life. For example, I have come to realize that at the time of my crime I was insecure, fearfull, selfish, greedy, impulsive, reckless, dishonest, and irresponsible. Since my incarceration I have distant myself from the negative peer pressure and I have maintain my sobriety. I hung around with people who were like minded.

upon my arrival in prison I felt like I didn't belong, and I felt alone. Ouring times of violence, I did not participate. I made it known that I did not want to belong in negative activities, because I realize that that behavior led me to prison in the first place. Because of my decision I was look upon like I was a coward. However, even though I felt rejected, I still held on to my personal belief that I would make a stand to not participate

in violence anymore.

Nonetheless, on one occassion, I did recieve a 115 for participating in a riot. I was assigned to work with the E.O.P's. My job duty consisted of helping these immates learn about living skills. On 2-26-2011, I was standing on the exercise yard and two E.O.P inmates approach me, and stated they didn't want to fight. At first I was confused, then I looked around and saw a group of inmates following these two E.O.P inmates. Instantly, I attempted to diffuse the situation, but one of the inmates didn't want to hear it, and turned around and swung at me with his fist. I take full responsibility for not going to the Co's to allow them to do there yob to diffuse the situation. This situation taught me that I am responsible for my own behavior.

Since my time in Mule Creek State Prison I got involved in Victim Awareness Offender Program in 2012. What I learned the most is how crime impacts many people, and places. Today, I am able to understand that my actions have impacted people mentally, physically, and emotionally. I alone am responsible to this 267-2022 Executive Report on Clemency

harm I have caused. Another part of the program I have learn to apply to my life is the Restorative Justice principle, where it teaches offenders to be accountable for their actions, in addition, it teaches offenders to live a life of amends, and how to repair damage relationships.

In 2012 I attended CGA a group that addresses the addiction to illegal activity. One of the most important aspects I learned in this group is the cycle of addiction. This cycle contains three powerful components which work together: (1) obsession is the persistent idea in my head, it can also be a desire that cannot be rid of by normal reasoning; (2) compulsion is the irrestible driving force to perform some illegal act based on irrational impulse, and once I got started I repeated this behavior over and over; (3) progression is the fact that any criminal behavior moved forward, it was hard to stop and it became out of control. By applying this cycle of addiction to my life, I was able to see how I damage my relationship with my family and friends. I became very irresponsible, reckless, and selfish, blaming others and making excuses to avoid from getting help. As a result, my spiritual beliefs and practices were blocked during my time frame of addiction, I had tunnel vision of committing crime and I was only concerned with feeding my selfish satisfaction.

In 2017 I got involved with New Options for wellness program. This is a substance Abuse Program, it educates you on the various forms of drugs, and explains the harm they can cause. Further this program also helps with individuals to identify the people, places, and things that trigger people to use. In addition, it provides People with tools to avoid the urges when they are triggered. This program has given me awareness, and the tools to avoid the common pitfalls of substance abuse.

In 2018 I help to put the self Awareness group together at Mule Creek 268-12012 Exelutive Reporter distremely.

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This self-help group helps individual to identify there negative experience which help them disconnect from there spiritual nature. It teaches that we develop negative beliefs, then we begin to put on social mask to hide our true feelings, and then we start living a life of destruction. Further, transformation only begins by being open and honest about our experiences. It is only then that we life of service and recovery.

In 1997 I recieved my G.E.D. this was very hard to accomplish. Through hard work I was able to abtain my G.E.D. This gave me confidence, and I was able to build my self esteem up. Getting a G.E.D was more than a piece of paper, it showed me that I had the ability to self motivate myself to doing something positive.

In 2016 I recieved a vocational trade accomplishment. Through Electronics I obtain my cooling certification, were I learn how to connect cable, cooper, and fiber optics. These skills can help me succeed and better my chances at gaining employment.

In 2016 I recieve a vocational trade, and I become a customer service specialist. This skill taught me key communication skills, and how to effectively deal with curstomers.

Currently, I have been striving for another vocation through the Office Service Program. It is my goal to become computer literate.

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **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

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**ATTEST:** 

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





### Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, CA 95814

### **APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be reducted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: Gabino Rosales Jr. Date of Birth: 1999 Inmate ID: BC3438
Address: P.O.Box #2199 Bly the CA, 92226 Facility: I.S.P.
1. Conviction Summary:
List all prior convictions, including in any other states or countries. Attach additional pages as necessary.  Offense(s): Date of offense(s): County of Conviction(s): Sentences(s):  664/187 Attempted Murder on 6/11/14 in L.A. County Sentenced to 19 years
<ol> <li>Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):</li> </ol>
3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
<ol> <li>Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):</li> </ol>
<ol> <li>If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list the name, address, and amount paid or given (required by penal code section 4807.2):</li> </ol>

# STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney <u>before</u> submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

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apply for a commutation.	
I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the S	State of California that the information I have
provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omis	ssion or misstatement of facts may result in the
denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.	
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Applicant's Signature	Date
* If applicable, list additional counties here (send Notice of Intent to Apply	for Executive Clemency to all counties listed)

- 1. On July 11, 2014 I Galoino Rosales Jr. Attempted to Murder Mr. William King in the County of Los Angeles. I was sentenced to 19 years in prison. 10 years (Gun Enhancement) 9 years (Attempted Murder).
- 2. On the night of July 11, 2014 I was in posession of a firearm (.25 cal) riding my bike on Mckinley coming from 101st St. going towards 103th St. (The Crime Scene). As I am crossing 103th St. a loud female voice yells out "Fucking Bitch!" So I approached the Scene to ask "Who are you calling a bitch?" Stephany yells "you bitch." Then William King, Stephany's cousin approaches me and says "Get the Fuck out of here!" I insisted so William Started walking towards me, I told him I just want to know why she's calling me a bitch" he replied "get the Fuck out of here" with his arms pointing towards my home, He kept getting closer and closer so I pulled out my Firearm and Fired one round to his chest, then I Fled the Scene on my bixe.
  - Jam requesting a commutation because I have gotten to know mysciff better than I ever have.

    I accepted the fact that I have hurt alot of people. I have forgiven myself for being such a violent person, and very selfish. I have accepted all of my insecurities due to the fact that I was molested as a child. I never wanted any of my friends or peers to know that I was cover my victim so I victimized others to cover my

Character Flows. I understand that I was looking for love in the wrong places such as hanging around criminals like myself and people who were part of a gang. I just wanted to be accepted by everyone. I always held repentment towards my parents beause I was taken to Foster home and out the time I Felt like they didn't nant me. That anger built up over the years and even though my purents tried to snow me love I deried it and thought it was fake love. I have learned to deal with my problems by talking about them and debricking instead of holding it all in and having the whole world. I was just a child who didn't know now to deal with his problems. I have accepted reality and I know that what I did to Mr. William King was wrong. Not only to him but his family and all of the people who seen the crime take place. I coused alot of damage to my environment. I have grown out of my imaturity and doubt with my problems sober and attending alot or self-help groups.

I believe I should be granted a commutation because I have grown alot and have been working on myself to find out why I would do such a cold blooded thing to another human belong. I have worked so hard to find my causative factors that led me to do such a thing. I have learned my triggers and I continue to learn about myself everyday. I am currently in Vocation The Last Mire Program. (Computer Coding /programming) I plan on pursueling Web Development because it is part of everyday life. I was molested as a child, went to foster home

at the age of 7 years old I didn't return until I was 10, I was always mis treated by my Foster parents because I would per on the bed alot ever since the night I was molested and I never brought it to anyones attention I dealt with it on my own by holding all or my anger in and Started using drugs. Then I lost my closest brother Gorge Rosales on 10.06.11. He was beat to death in the Lit county Just by deputies. At a young age it was too much For me to handle and deal with. Now I have accepted it. I have rehabilitated myself. I used to be a real dark person who hated the world and held oul of his resentment inside. Now I can talk about my issues and deal with them as a man instead of running from them. I will never Forget the night I harmed so many people especially Mr. William King who's life I almost took away. I am nobody to take another persons like. The night I attempted to Murder Mr. William King was the turning point or my like and through my relationship with Jesus Christ I will continue to grow and stay away from the old me, and anyone with the character Flans that romind me of my old self. I have accomplished alot through out my incurrentian. I came in at 15 years old now 19 and I can admit that I made drastic changes. I believe I have a purpose in like . Prison has completely changed my like. Being away from family so young I had to grow on my own . Thank You For letting me Gabino Rosales 375 - 2022 Executive Report on Clemency

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### **Julio Santos**

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

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

ATTEST:



Governor Gavin Newsom - State Capitol - Sacramento, California 95814

#### APPLICATION FOR A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence (a reduction of sentence/punishment) from the Governor. If you have submitted a commutation application in the last three years, please complete the re-application form. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to this application. If the Governor grants you a commutation, some information from your application will appear in an annual public report about clemency the Governor is required to submit to the California Legislature. Learn more about the commutation application process at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mall a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (Last/First/Middle): Santos, Julio

(Attach additional pages as necessary.)

Lis	t conviction(s) for which you are	requesting a commutation of sente	nce.
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
°C 187 (A) ≈ 2nd	11/19/07	Los Angeles	15 years w/Life
°C 12022.53 (C)	11/19/07	Los Angeles	20 years

Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	Location of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 484 (A) Theft	12/16/03	Los Angeles	Probation & Fee
VC 40508 Warrant	11/21/04	Los Angeles	Timed Served

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Date of Birth:

3	2. Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).	
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N.	Describe how a commutation of sentence may impact your life.	
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4;	<ol> <li>Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, conduct violations, or new convictions; insight about past conduct future goals).</li> </ol>	
_	PLEASE SEE ATTACHED SHEET	
5.	<ol> <li>If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.</li> </ol>	e to list
	APPLICANT DECLARATION  Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent	
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d	delivered) my notice of Intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles (Name of County or Counties)	_
	September 9, 2019	
	Applicant Signature Date	

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence.

#### Attached Sheet For Commutation Of Sentence

- Describe The circumstances of your crime(s).
  - On November 11,2006, I was at an aquaintance's house with one other person, Andy Davila, drinking and smoking marijuana, when the man whose house we were at came in and told me someone had hit my truck and fled the scene. I became angry and decided to go chase them down. I initiated a high-speed chase with the people I assumed had hit my truck. When I got close enough, my passenger, Andy Davila, at my prompting, opened fire on the car which had three men in it. I then took the gun from him and opened fire, killing Mr. Jesus Beon, injuring Mr. Jorge Ala Torre, and traumatizing Mr. Manuel Portillo. I Then fled the scene in my truck, disposed of the weapon (gun) and was apprehended after a short pursuit and crashed in to another car.
- 3. Describe how a commutation of sentence may impact your life.
  - A commutation of sentence would give me the opportunity to give back tosociety and help the community that I harmed so much in the past. This is very important to me. I feel like my purpose in life is to be a man who is a blessing to the world. If given a commutation of sentence I would use my training as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor, the things I've learned in recovery, and my story to help at risk youth and other recovering addicts. I will dedicate my life to service because I realize I owe an unpayable debt to Mr. Jesus Leon, Mr. Jorge Ala Torre, Mr. Manuel Portillo, their families, and society. Since I took a precious human life I'm obligated, and want more than anything to live a life of amends.
- 4. Describe your life since your conviction (e.g. Self development; including identifying and addressing treatment needs; professional and educational achievement; any setbacks, conduct violations, or new cases; insight about past conduct, and future goals). Today I look back at my life and I'm ashamed and remorseful of my past behavior, because of my committeent offense but, also because of my institutional behavior. In 2009 i received a 115 for possession of a weapon and a 128 for participation in a hunger strike. In 2011 I received a 115 for destroying state property where I was concealing 4 cell—phones. And in 2012 I received a 128 for refusal to go to a medical ducat. I was an insecure young man with a bad attitude and distorted beliefs. I had an unbealthy need for acceptance that led me to try to prove myself to others.

Thankfully I realized I wanted more out of life. I decided I wanted to change. I started taking self-help groups and learning how my childhood experiences affected my beliefs about myself and the world around me. I had to forgive others, acceptresponsibility for my own actions, and allow myself to heal. I have learned to love and accept myself, and that led me to being able to love and respect others. Today I am a man of integrity, i want to be a positive influence and be of service to my community. My goals are to continue to work as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor, to work towards my A.A. in Social Behavior and Science and never forget all the harm I have caused and how blessed I am for all the opportunities I have been given.

## 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

ATTEST:

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





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#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: Rahsaan Thomas	·[	Date of Birth:	Inmate ID:	T99595			
Address: 1 Main Street	5-North-92 , San	n Quentin, CA 94964	Facility:	San Quentin			
1. Conviction Summary:			£ + #7(	l <sup>m</sup> och selfal			
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Offense(s):	Date of offense(s			Sentences(s):			
1st Degree Assault	Oct. 1989	Nassau, NY		3-9 years			
2nd Degree Murder	April 12, 200	O Los Angeles, CA		15-to-life			
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apply for a commutation.	135, 500	lat beares Asart't
I further declare under penalty of perjury und	der the laws of the State of Californi	a that the information I have
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#### 1. Conviction Summary:

#### List all prior convictions continued:

Attempted Voluntary Manslaughter	April 12, 2000	5-1/2 years
Use of a Gun/GBI Enhancement	April 12, 2000	25-to-life
Use of a Gun Enhancement	April 12, 2000	10 years

### 2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crimes for which you are requesting a commutation:

On April 12, 2000, I agreed to drive a friend to a strip mall parking lot in order to sell a duffel bag of drugs to Frank Albert Taylor and Anthony Christopher Little. I've been told the duffel bag contained 17 pounds of marijuana. When they arrived, Taylor and Little took the bag without paying for it. Both were armed with semi-automatic weapons. Everything going down reminded me of the shame and helplessness I felt as a kid during traumatic incidents.

In 1982, when I was 12 years old, my grandma told me, "Your father was found dead with his wallet missing." Anger filled my young heart. I also felt ashamed that I no longer had a father because he let someone kill him. I vowed never to let anyone rob or kill me. I didn't talk with anyone about how I felt. I didn't seek help and that lead to another major incident.

When I was 17, a teenager named Ben from the neighborhood pulled a gun out and demand a gold ring from me, while my 14-year old brother Aikeem stood by. I felt ashamed that someone I knew was robbing me in front of the building I grew up in. I refused to give him the ring, like it was my value, my self-esteem. I tried to grab his gun, knocking it down. He held onto it and opened fire. I ran. Bullets hit Aikeem in both legs while I left him behind. I didn't go to the police. I didn't testify against Ben. I didn't seek help for the shame and helplessness I felt at getting my little brother shot then running away. Instead, I armed myself for the first time and walked the street ready to redeem myself through violence. That criminal thinking, shame and failing to forgive Ben and myself fueled the decision to kill Frank Taylor and wounded Anthony Little.

All Taylor and Little wanted was the bag, but for me it felt like they were taking my value as a man, leaving me feeling helpless and ashamed again. I retrieved my gun from my truck, ran up and fired 12 rounds at the two men, killing Taylor and critically wounding Little. I caused Taylor's mother to bury her 27-year old son then face his killer in court pleading not guilty. I left Taylor's son without a father and Little's family to worry about him. I also endangered the public by opening fire during board daylight in a strip mall parking lot.

Two years ago, I found out my father wasn't murdered by a robber --- he committed suicide. I created my identity, rationalized the use of violence and caused so much harm based on a lie.

#### 3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation:

I am requesting a commutation of my sentence because I change my life, achieved extraordinary accomplishments from prison and no longer pose a risk to society.

During 17 years of imprisonment, I've tutored mentally disabled men using phonographixs, helped guys with their legal issues as a law library clerk and learned how to facilitate restorative justice circles. I mentor at-risk youth through the SQUIRES program. Also, I'm a staff writer for San Quentin News (see sanquentinnews.com), a contributing writer for the Marshall Project (see pg. 16), a co-founder of Prison Renaissance, a contributor for the Beat Within (see 37), the Vice-Chairman of the Society of Professional Journalist (see pq. 58), the executive secretary on the board of Curtis "Wall Street" Carroll's Financial Literacy program called FEEL (Financial Empowerment and Emotional Intelligence) and a Patten College student. (see pq. 40) I worked on the marketing campaign for TEDx San Quentin with Delia Cohen. Additionally, I've participated in several San Quentin News forums with district attorneys on ways to make the public safer.

Several documentaries, news clips and articles featured as a man striving for change. These include CNN's United Shades of America with W. Kamau Bell (see pg. 8); Running a Marathon in Prison on the Atlantic video website; a piece on gun enhancements on NBC's Bay Area We Investigate (see pg. 14); and many articles covered by organizations like the

LA Times, GQ Magazine, Marin Independent Journal, Competitor Magazine and several others.

As a writer, many outlets publish my articles and short stories. I average 4 articles a month in the San Quentin News. I have three articles on the Marshall Project. I'm in the Brothers In Pen yearly anthologies. (see brothersinpen.com) I have blogs on Patten College website (see pg. 40) and the Missouri Review's Literature on Lockdown among others.

I addressed my past violent behavior in several self-help groups. The most impactful was Restorative Justice. While participating in restorative justice circles, I learned that the root cause for my violent behavior stemmed from not forgiving myself for running as a robber shot my 14-year-old brother. I felt the need to redeem myself from the shame through violence. Meeting Linda White, a survivor whose daughter was raped and killed by two men in Texas, at a restorative justice symposium awoke me to both the pain I caused Taylor and Little's families and the need to heal from my original pain. In Linda's tears I saw Taylor's mother's and felt the weight of the pain I caused. I also saw the genuine joy Linda received through forgiveness from visiting one of the men who killed her daughter. I wanted that joy and figured if she could forgive rape and murder, I could forgive the teen who shot my brother in his legs and 17-year-old me, who ran when it happened. Healing, forgiving kick started my rehabilitation journey. (I've also completed Alternative to Violence, Anger Management and other groups) I practice yoga (see pg. 27) and am furthering the self-help work in a program called Guiding Rage Into Power (GRIP) to which I complete in Nov 15, 2017.

I no longer seek power by carrying and using weapons. I've found that violence only made me weaker and that my true power lays in the ability to use my voice. Through finding my voice, I have conquered the shame and helplessness I felt in the past. The experiences I was ashamed of provided insight and depth to stories I am proud to say I wrote.

Despite all my accomplishments, I have struggled with cell-phone related disciplinary issues (5 x 115s, the last one in Aug. 2017). The desire to use cell phones stemmed from internet addiction, feeling helplessness and unvalued. I wrote letters and no one wrote back.

My voice was left out of important decisions. I had no input in my son's life. Using a cell phone allowed me to be a more effective father and to watch Game of Thrones, to which I am a big fan. I used those reasons to rationalize the use of cell phones.

I addressed my cell phone related disciplinary infractions by signing up to take a group that addresses criminal thinking (CGA). I have also dealt with the problem by studying literature on internet addiction. Plus, I have had my son set it up so I can call him collect and I now have all the Game of Throne Books. I understand that using cell phones, won't make me a better father because they will keep me in prison. I also understand that my letters have a positive effect and I don't need a letter back to continue writing because it's about my son's needs, not mine.

#### 4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation:

Should" be granted a commutation is too strong a word for the mercy I am asking for in light of taking the life of Taylor and harming Little. I can only say that I am sorry for the life I took and pain I caused. That remorse drives me to seek redemption through all the work I am doing to better communities. It makes sense to grant me a commutation to allow me to continue the work I am doing in prison outside in society.

If freed, I could use my insight, experience, street credibility, training and writing skills to help stop the violent behaviors that are destroying our communities. I want to continue writing and produce books that demonstrate positive-powerful messages in an effective, non-preachy way. (see One Bad Apple, pg 59)

I am no longer a violent man. I have addressed the trauma that left me feeling ashamed and helplessness. I no longer use or see violence as a way of feeling powerful or gangsta pride. My classification score is 16. My only guilty disciplinary finding for violence was a fight 13 years ago while in a reception facility.

If released, I have the full support of my family – my mother a retired three-star chief of the NYC Department of Corrections and my brother, a cement truck driver – to aid me financially in the transition. I also have a job waiting with Amazon Audible doing consultant and voice actor work for Ellen Horne. Additionally, I have community support in the Bay

Area from the Ella Baker Center (see pg. 14) and, in New York City, from the Fortune Society. Plus I am a barber and, if need be, I will cut hair to supplement my income until I can get the writing career going that will teach financial literacy, restorative justice and mentor youth through exciting short stories and novels.

## 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
Governor of California

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State

**ATTEST:** 



Governor Gavin Newsom · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

## **APPLICATION FOR A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence (a reduction of sentence/punishment) from the Governor. If you have submitted a commutation application in the last three years, please complete the <u>re-application form</u>. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to this application. If the Governor grants you a commutation, some information from your application will appear in an annual public report about clemency the Governor is required to submit to the California Legislature. Learn more about commutation application at <u>www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</u> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Name (Last/First/Middle): Tha	anh Hieu Tran	Date of Birth:	1993
CDCR Number: AT1676		urity Number	
Name of Facility/Prison: San	Quentin	lity/Prison Address: CSP San Quentin, S	San Quentin CA 94964
		a complete copy of your criminal history	
List	conviction(s) for which you are r	requesting a commutation of sentence.	
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Attempted Murder	02/2013	Santa Clara County	17 yrs
Attempted Robbery	02/2013	Santa Clara County	17 yrs
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2.	Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).
	See Attachment A of Commutation Packet Page 4.
3	Describe how a commutation of sentence may impact your life.
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4.	Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, conduct violations, or new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals).
	See Attachment B of Commutation Packet Page 5.
5.	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.  NA
	APPLICANT DECLARATION  Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent
	I, Thanh Hieu Tran , declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of (Print Applicant Full Name)
Са	lifornia that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
de	livered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of Santa Clara  (Name of County or Counties)
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	Applicant Signature Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence.

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# Attachment A to Commutation Application

#### **Question #2:** Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).

On the date of 11/28/2011 I was involved in the attempted murder of Praset Ly during the commission of attempting to rob his home. 18 years old at the time, I was unable to cope with the feelings of abandonment and being placed in foster care. So, yearning to belong and be accepted, I was tasked with ringing the doorbell to make Praset Ly open the door so my co-defendant Ivan Mendoza and I could charge into his home. However, Praset Ly did not answer his front door. After I walked away, Praset Ly came outside and whistled at a white sedan that pulled into the driveway and that was when my co-defendant Ivan Mendoza began shooting at Praset Ly. I fled and got into the getaway car that my other co-defendant Kim Do was driving. I fled the scene of the crime and wasn't arrested until two weeks later. I later pled guilty to Attempted Murder, Attempted Robbery, and a 10-year Gang Enhancement.

#### Question #3: Describe how a commutation of sentence may impact your life.

I can't talk about the impact a commutation would have on my life without addressing the impact my actions have had on Praset Ly and his family. I took away Praset's sense of safety when I violated the sanctity of his home when I attempted to rob him. Even though I wasn't the shooter, I know I harmed him equally by being too scared to stop the gunman from shooting Praset. I am sorry. And I have deeply sorry for so many years now. But I know that will not change what I have done.

My family is my everything. A commutation of sentence would give me an opportunity to be with them during these times that they need me the most. I have 7 brothers and sisters in total. My youngest sibling is still in foster care and struggling as a young adult. A commutation would allow me to use all the tools that I have obtained from years of self-work and working with youth through the S.Q.U.I.R.E.S program at San Quentin to help empower my youngest siblings. During my incarceration, my family has been my staunch supporters and never gave up on me. A commutation would allow me to show them that their investment was not in vain. That through their love I have in fact transformed into a new human being.

Another major impact a commutation would have on my life is giving me an opportunity to help heal my community and make living amends for the wrongs that I have done. Every day I feel the weight of remorse on my shoulders. I would love to have an opportunity to tip the scales of the wrongs that I have done in my youth.

# Attachment B to Commutation Application

**Question #4:** Describe your life since your conviction.

Countless nights I have spent reflecting on the pain and suffering I have caused Praset Ly and his family. I can never reverse the harm I have caused him and his loved ones. Knowing this, I have dedicated my life to making amends the best way I know how: by trying to heal myself and my community. I was arrested 2 weeks after my 18th birthday and had to learn to become a "man" in prison. That said, I did not figure it out right away. On the path of change I made poor choices that I learned from, but I have also been able to do good during my incarceration.

After my first year in county jail, I volunteered to start taking self-help programs in Santa Clara County jail because I knew that there was something wrong with me. That I was hurting and looking for answers in all the wrong places. I took a trauma therapy class for the first time ever and I identified that I have been suppressing childhood trauma from being a foster child and having experienced violence in the home and on the streets. This was apparent when I had to do a writing exercise about "what my childhood was like". When it was my turn to read my paper in front of the unit I sobbed uncontrollably.

I would spend the next seven years after that moment reading countless books and taking extensive amounts of self-help programs to find healing and tools to deal with my trauma. On page 18 you will find a list of all the programs I have taken to address everything from addiction, criminal thinking, to childhood trauma. I also identified during my time in county jail that I had neglected my education up to that point due to the fact my best friend Lenny was murdered when I was 12 and my cousin Jimmy was murdered when I was 15. I never thought I would live long enough to attend college, so I never put effort into my education. When I made the decision to find healing, I also made a decision to educate myself. That decision resulted in me obtaining my AA Degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences and multiple certifications in Microsoft. I also became a Certified Competent Communicator through Toastmasters International to further enhance my ability to become employed and speak to young people. These accomplishments were not easy for me, which makes me all the prouder to have accomplished them.

A few setbacks that I had on this journey of growth were the three cell phone write ups and also the mutual combat write up I received. It shames me to speak about it however, I learned after I was caught with those cell phones that I had a lack of impulse control and time perspective. I also learned that I used rationalization as a defense mechanism to justify my possession of these cell phones. I had a fear of being alone and forgotten in prison so much so that I purchased cell phones to speak to my family and loved ones- lack of impulse control. I felt like I had to speak to them now or I would be forgotten- lack of time perspective. I also

rationalized my possessions of these cell phones by saying, "Well multiple other people have cell phones" and "cell phones aren't illegal on the streets."

Today when I feel those impulses, I remind myself that I have been incarcerated for nearly a decade and my family has never abandoned me once. I can wait like everyone else to get on to a payphone. Also, with age came patience. I turn 27 in November, and I am far from the impulsive kid I was at 21.

Another major setback was when I got into a mutual combat with my former bunkmate. A source of great shame and disappointment for me because I was lucky enough to avoid all violence in prison up to that point. I was being verbally abused on a daily basis and at the time there were no bunks available for me to move to. Ultimately, it culminated in a fist fight that I take full accountability for. At the time, I had learned many tools to avoid high risk situations and how to walk away from them, but I did not have the tools to deal with the boggling living situation I was in. I also did not have the tools to communicate my feelings and needs effectively. These lacks are what led to that fist fight. Immediately after that incident I signed up for NVC, a non-violent communication group. It was an intensive year long program where I learned how to identify feelings and needs not only for myself but other's feelings and needs too. I learned how to empathetically listen to identify those feelings and needs of others- a large source of contention in many of our lives and not just in prison. The whole year I spent in that program, I consistently replayed that moment and how I could have avoided it and deescalated it. Now I see if I was able to express my needs more effectively and was able to identify my former bunkmate's needs, that entire situation would have never happened.

Since I have been incarcerated, I have been blessed to do many things to help heal myself and my community, which I list in detail in my accomplishment's attachment. However, the most meaningful program I have been a part of is S.Q.U.I.R.E.S. - which is a program that brings youth into San Quentin Prison twice a month to meet us the incarcerated. Why this program is so meaningful for me because I was able to directly mentor youth who were facing the same struggles that I was. Mentoring these young people required that I live through and process my childhood trauma again and again to share it with these young people. So, they may never go down the same path as I did. The most rewarding thing is when I see a parent, or a teacher tell me about the changes they saw in these young people after speaking to me. I know I can never reverse the harm I done but I can help ease the suffering that exist in this world. I can help deter that young person from committing harm. This program allowed me to practice my living amends and volunteer to help heal my community outside. There is no feeling more rewarding than knowing I did something good in this world.

My goal is to continue to grow, love, and help my family heal now that I have these tools and insight. My goal is to continue to tell my story so that other youth do not follow my footsteps that led me into prison but instead, follow the footsteps that led me out of prison so that they too can be free.

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# 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.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

**ATTEST:** 

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



#### Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

# APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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# STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Felix S. Valdovinos, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I

(Print Full Name)

have served the District Attorney of the County of Santa Clara with notice of my intent to apply for a 

(Name of County\*)

commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. Lunderstand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filling of perjury charges against me.

Applicant's Signature

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\*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### Dara Yin

In 2001, Dara Yin and his crime partners committed a gang-related driveby 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.

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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 Jahuary 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State



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#### **APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name: <u>Dara Y</u>	in	Date of Birth:	1982	Inmate ID:	V-16576	
Address: 44750	60th Street West;	Lancaster,	CA 93536	Facility:	A	
Conviction Sumn	nary:					
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# Question 2: Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation;

On the day of January 26, 2001, Thailee Nguon, Thaisan Nguon, Choeun Mean and I murdered Mr. Vutha Tea, attempted to murder Sina Mao and Sattia Nin. There is no justification for what I have done. How my actions caused the death of Vutha Tea and the physical trauma it has left on Sina Mao and Sattia Nin. The pain I have caused the Tea family, and taking all of Vutha's opportunity away from him, I will live with that burden for the rest of my life. The sorrow and despair I placed these people in, the trauma that impacted their lives is excruciating.

This day was a normal day for me. I wanted to get my Driver's License and so did Choeun Mean. Thaisan and Thailee picked us up and we were off. As we were leaving, we saw Sattia Nin and he threw his hands up (weeks earlier Sattia and another man jumped Thailee). He got into his car and we followed. Thaisan was driving, I was on the passenger side, Thailee was in the backseat behind the driver, and Choeun was in the backseat behind the passenger. We pulled up alongside of them and slowed down. As I opened the door to get into a fight, Thailee then pulled out his gun and shot into the car. We sped off and as I looked back, I saw the car slowly lurch to a halt. Later that day I saw on the news that Vutha had died from that shooting.

What I did on January 26, 2001 was the worst choice of my life. To take away Vutha from this world, to rip into their fabric of being, to traumatize countless people that day from victims, survivors, to first responders and witnesses that seen what happened. To take away their humanity and security. I am sorry for what I have done to Vutha and the Tea Family, to Sina Mao and his family, to Sattia Nin and his family. I will live with this regret for the rest of my life.

## Question 3: Explain why you are requesting a commutation.

I currently have a life without the possibility of parole (LWOP) sentence and have no chance to ever be released. I was 18 and 4 months when I committed my crime. I am a first termer and an aider and abettor. I would like the opportunity to go to the parole board where I can demonstrate my change and earn my freedom. I hope to go back to the community that I have harmed and make a positive impact and make amends for my crimes. I hope to make a positive difference in the lives of others in the free world as I do in prison.

# Question 4: Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation:

When I committed this atrocious crime, I was 18 years old. I have made a series of bad decisions in life that led to Vutha Teas' murder and the attempted murders of Sina Mao and Sattia Nin. I joined a gang, I became a drug addict, and committed many crimes that hurt many people. When I came to prison, finding myself was a struggle. I was ashamed of the person I had become. I found myself lacking substance and having no idea what I wanted in life. After eleven years in prison, I was tired of the politics, violence, and learning nothing. I wanted to change, but didn't have the courage to make the decisions to do so. Therefore, I just stayed the course of being a gang member in prison. To look in the mirror and ask myself the questions of "What do you want out of life?" and "What do you want to leave as your legacy?" was terrifying. I knew these questions would lead to others such as, "Do you know how much harm you have done?" and "Why did you want to be a gang member and hurt people?" However, I knew it was something I needed to do. I needed to accept responsibility for everything that I have done if I truly wanted to change. After receiving my G.E.D. at C.S.P. Los Angeles County, I was ecstatic! I felt like I had done something good for myself for the first time in my life. It felt great. I wanted to do more but I was at a facility that did not offer much. I wanted to go to college but could not afford to do so. I heard that "A" yard (Progressive Programming Facility) had a good educational program and I strived to get there. As an LWOP (life without the possibility of parole) inmate we do not have a lot of options to

do while incarcerated. I finally got my points down to level 3 and requested to go to "A" yard. Here is where I made a breakthrough in my life.

When I got here, the environment was very different from where I was. I knew that I was going to be able to succeed, as long as I stuck to my commitment to be the new man that I want to become. There were many programs and the first one I joined was a self-help class called G.O.G.I. (Getting out by Going In), for the first time ever I heard people speak about their childhood and how it affected them. They also taught tools to deal with the old habits that I had. Such as Boss of my Brain, Let go, and Five second light switch. After telling my story to the men in this class I felt a weight lift off of my shoulders. I then wanted to continue my healing and joined many classes since then.

From Men For Honor classes such as Victim Awareness and New choices Different Direction. In my Victim awareness class, I learned about how my actions affected more than just Vutha Tea, Sina Mao, and Sattia Nin. I learned how it affected their families for generations to come. I learned about the pain and loss that I caused their families. I also affected the first responders that arrived to see such a bloody and disheartening scene. The community is affected by my actions because they no longer feel safe in their own neighborhoods.

Also joining A.V.P. (Alternative to Violence Project), here is where I significantly was able to heal. Through the many exercises and the continuous hours every day for five hours and five days straight, I was able to see that my abandonment by my father and abuse and neglect by my mother affected how I thought and how I acted. My need to be accepted by others and how I was someone to give up easily when things got rough. Before this I had rules and regulations that I followed as the street code, or gang code. I have replaced those values with the ones from these groups and these classes. Such as Respect for self, Seek a Non-violent Path, Caring For others. These morals made me see in myself what I thought did not matter. I have to respect myself so that I can respect others. Doing to them as I would want done to me. I no longer seek violence to solve my problems.

Learning through a course called P.R.E.P. I learned that I brought violence because I had no other tools to solve problems. I did not have the courage to walk away

from confrontations. This came from insecurities in myself, caring what others thought about me, not having control of my mind and allowing influences to dictate my actions.

I also crotchet for charity through a group here in Lancaster called F.O.L.C.C. (For our local charities). I learned to crotchet because it was not the "gangster" thing to do. I wanted to get away from that lifestyle so I did things that were socially opposite of that. With learning a new trade, I gained more than I thought I would. I gained compassion; I never gave to a charity before this. By doing so, I became less selfish. Crocheting also became very meditative for me. When I stress or get angry, It is a coping mechanism to get out of those negative emotions.

I also write to the under-served youth through a program called "Writing letters to the struggling youth", writing about topics ranging from peer pressure to gangs. I am also in a program called C.R.O.P. (Convicts reaching out to people), which is dearest to my heart.

Thailee Nguon was a juvenile offender when we committed our crime. I carried much guilt for not being a good influence towards Thailee, therefore, when I heard that he was given a sentence reduction due to Senate Bill 9, I was relieved and happy that he would have a second chance at life. I strive to be the good influence now that I wasn't towards Thailee in the past. This is another reason why I am so passionate about helping under-served youth.

Through this program, I have the honor and privilege to speak about my experience and what I wish I would of did differently. Having the blessing to speak to these kids brightens my life. Trying my best to help these kids get on track is a great feeling, only topped by these kids actually taking what they experience through our program and make the changes they need to make to succeed in their lives. We try to reiterate what they already know through what their parents and authority has already told them. Unifying parents, authority, and convicts that are all saying the same things but in different styles or forms helps these kids realize that everything their parents, teachers, counselors are telling them is true. If ever given the chance to parole this is what I want to do for the rest of my life, is to help kids and the community.

## To the community

My life when I was in society was about me. I was a selfish individual that did not care for anything around me. My destructive path eventually led me to prison. Where I belonged. While in prison I continued my warp way of thinking and I did not care about who I affected. It was about my tenth year of incarceration to where I started to think about the impact of my actions. This is where I started to feel the shame of what I had done when I murdered Vutha Tea. Knowing that I took Vutha's life, opportunities, future goals and aspirations away made me see that all my actions affected not just him but the community as well. From his family to the next door neighbor. The traumatization that I caused as I recklessly went about hurting people by living a life of hate and violence. People have the right to feel safe, laws are created to provide that essential human need. When I chose to become anti-social and not abide by those laws I hurt everyone in that community. The influence that I had on the youth has damaged the community for generations to come. The violence and crime that I inflicted callously makes me sick to my stomach now, I am ashamed of all that I have done to you. I would like you all to know that I do see the wrongs that I have done and completely admit to them. I am now changing my thought process, having joined many self-help organizations to work on my behavior. I also am attending college to pursue a higher education to have a better understanding about myself and the world.

With my heart and soul sincerely,

Dara Chay Yin

# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### **Andrey Bernik**

In 2006, Andrey Bernik went with his family members to confront a business associate, and the parties fought. As Mr. Bernik attempted to flee, he fired a shot from his vehicle and inadvertently struck and killed his own relative. On July 27, 2012, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Mr. Bernik to 20 years to life for second degree murder plus a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 45 years to life.

Mr. Bernik was 28 years old at the time of the crime and is now 44. He has been incarcerated for 13 years. While in prison, Mr. Bernik has dedicated himself to his self-improvement. He has engaged in self-help programming, including a dog training program, and completed vocational training. Correctional staff have commended Mr. Bernik for his humility, kindness, and deep commitment to rehabilitation.

Mr. Bernik committed a serious crime that took the victim's life. Since then, Mr. Bernik has demonstrated a commitment to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Bernik's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Bernik 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. Bernik 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 Andrey Bernik to a total term of 15 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

MANY LANS.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.



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#### APPLICATION FOR A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence (a reduction of sentence/punishment) from the Governor. If you have submitted a commutation application in the last three years, please complete the re-application form. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to this application. If the Governor grants you a commutation, some information from your application will appear in an annual public report about clemency the Governor is required to submit to the California Legislature. Learn more about commutation application at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**APPLICANT INFORMATION** (Attach additional pages as necessary.) Name (Last/First/Middle): Bernik, Andrey Date of Birth: CDCR Number: AM1830 Social Security Number Name of Facility/Prison: California State Prison Facility/Prison Address: 2100 Peabody Rd, Vacaville, CA 95687 1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.) List conviction(s) for which you are requesting a commutation of sentence. Crime(s): Date(s) of conviction: County of conviction(s): Sentence(s): Second Degree Murder, Pen. Code, §§ 187, subd. (a) November 18, 2011, Sacramento, 20 years to life Intentional Use of a Firearm Pen. Code, (§ 12022.53, subds. (b), (c), and (d) November 18, 2011, Sacramento, 25years to life Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence? ☐YES ■NO List all prior conviction(s) in California, any other state or country, or in federal court. Crime(s): Date(s) of conviction: Location of conviction(s): Sentence(s):

2. Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).	
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# **Exhibit A**

# Reponses to Question 2: Circumstances of the Crime

In 2006, I altered the lives of those closest to me forever. That spring, my father, Stefan Bernik, decided to sell his business. He entered into an agreement with Valeriy Pishitoy. The two eventually fell into disagreement surrounding the terms of the sale.

On April 12, 2006, I received a call from my father who was clearly distraught. My father explained that Pishitoy had threatened him with violence. I could tell by my father's demeanor that he was frightened. So, I told him to meet at my house. When he arrived, he described the confrontation in further detail. According to my father, Pishitoy was unhappy with the previous agreement and wanted my father to agree to new terms. He proceeded to threaten my father's life.

My father is a strong man and has always been very stern and driven by a strong work ethic. But, while he was at my home he was crying and seemed genuinely in fear for his life. Seeing my father in such a state prompted a negative response in me; I then made the first of what was a long list of poor decisions that day and called Pishitoy. Angered by the state my father was in, I got into a heated exchange with Pishitoy.

I will not attempt to justify my behavior. But, remember feeling uneasy with the fact that this man had threatened my father's life. As the eldest son, I felt an obligation to protect my father. I did not want my father to live in that kind of fear. During our exchange Pishitoy insisted we all meet face to face to "work out" our differences. And, I foolishly agreed.

While I had every intention of resolving the matter amicably, I had never met Pishitoy before. Since he had already threatened violence, I felt it was prudent to take my brother, Alex, who had been present at my home during the exchange. On the way, we picked up my brother-in-law, Yuri. Admittedly, I Yuri did bring a gun with him, which he placed on the back seat of my truck. I saw it as a purely precautionary measure and did not question him about it or give it a second thought. Yuri then hopped in my father's car and drove with him to the designated meeting place.

As soon as we arrived, I noted Pishitoy was accompanied by a large group of men. My recollection of the scene was that there were about 30 men present. In hindsight, I should have seen this a sign and immediately left. Pishitoy, my father, and Yuri met together, while the rest of us hung back so that they could talk it out. Shortly after discussions began, I witnessed Pishitoy punch my father in the face. Those of us on the sidelines rushed in and a melee broke out. I began yelling at my father to get in his truck and leave.

As soon as my father had safely returned to his truck, my brother, Alex and I returned to my truck and attempted to leave. Upon exiting, we were blocked by several of the men who had accompanied Pishitoy. Several of them had visible weapons and I became fearful. I displayed Yuri's gun and demanded they let us go.

At that point, I looked back towards my father's truck and noticed a man jump into the bed of my father's truck. Though we were driving in opposite directions, I could see the man attempting to break through the cab-window using the knife in his hand. I became even more fearful and distraught with anxiety over the situation. I was certain that the man was attempting to kill my father and I was in the backseat of another vehicle—helplessly driving in the opposite direction.

My emotion and anxiety took over. In my panic, I saw the man continue his attack on my father and watched as my father's truck crashed into a fire hydrant on the opposite side of the street. My brother finally turned around and we drove back to aid my father. I noticed the man with the knife jump out and head towards the driver's side of my father's truck.

My father was not visible at that time. And I began to fear that he had been severely injured by the crash or previously injured by the man with the knife when he had successfully broken out the window. As the man moved closer to my father, I became concerned that my father would be killed, stabbed by the man and unable to protect himself due to his injuries. With the gun still in my hand from the parking lot, I stuck my arm out of the window shooting at the direction near my father's truck in hopes of scaring off the man with the knife.

Although I did not intend to shoot or kill anyone. My actions were reckless and driven by fear and anxiety. Yuri, though I did not know it at the time, was struck

by the bullet. My brother, who had been driving, sped away before I could determine what had transpired. I learned later, that not only had a killed a man but that I had killed my beloved brother-in-law, Yuri. I was mortified and my anxiety went through the roof. I immediately contacted an attorney who contacted local authorities and advised me not to talk to anyone.

For the most part, I followed his instruction. But, I could not keep the truth from my Uncle Vasily, Yuri's father. I confessed my role in Yuri's death to him. Uncle Vasily had secretly recorded that conversation and I was subsequently arrested and charged with the murder of Yuri.

# **Exhibit B**

# Reponses to Question 3: Impact of a Commutation

The impact this commutation would have on me and my family would be tremendous. My circumstances are a bit unique since the victim was my brother-in-law. His death and at my hands caused the family an immense amount of ache and the healing process has been difficult. In the end, they know me, they know I would never intentionally kill someone, and they know how much I loved Yuri. The family has been incredibly supportive and magnanimous in forgiving me. So, I want the opportunity to prove to them that I am worthy of their forgiveness.

Prior to being charged and sent to prison, I was riddled with guilt. Not only did I recklessly take someone's life but a life that meant the world to me and the rest of my family. I was sick. I allowed my anxiety to take over and I began drinking and overusing my medication. After Yuri's death, my anxiety became so great that I actually experienced temporary color-blindness and severe panic attacks. I would visit his grave daily and just sob, praying for forgiveness. Even with my family—I could not share the feelings that had taken over. Eventually, I moved out of Sacramento because the pain became too great.

I was in such a negative space and unable to manage my own anger and guilt with my actions that I couldn't be there to console the rest of my family or help them with their pain. Upon my arrest, the medical staff at Sacramento County Jail attempted to ween me from the medication. This caused me to have seizures and a need to be treated by external doctors. At trial, there were numerous times where my emotions would be uncontrollable, and the proceedings paused.

After my conviction, I was sent to the California Department of Correction & Rehabilitation and placed in their mental health program (CCCMS). After several years in the CCCMS program, I was finally placed in a very effective insight group. This group, run by psychologist, Dr. J. Gingerich, gave me amazing insight. Through the group I was able to better understand my anxiety and panic attacks. Importantly, she gave me tools to better manage my condition. Utilizing these techniques, I have been able to gradually come off my medication and have solid control over the frequency and severity of my attacks.

For the first time I feel as though I am in a position to be there for my family and help in the healing process. If granted, this commutation would allow me to be

the father my daughters deserve. They are no longer the little girls I left behind, but young ladies. And, although they are grown, they still need the love and guidance of their father. I want to be there for them in every way. I want to be there for my elderly parents and ensure they have a home to live in when they find themselves in need. But most importantly, I want to be there for my family to help them continue to heal—the way I should have been prior to my arrest. And, though I cannot undo the harm I have caused, I will spend the rest of my life trying.

My prison experience has taught me to appreciate the little things. I miss my girls, I miss my mama and papa, and my brothers. I am anxious to return home to them, to have the opportunity to visit my brother-in-law's grave site. The granting of this commutation would allow me to rebuild the relationships I previously took for granted and show them that I am deserving of their forgiveness.

# **Exhibit C**

## **Question 3: Life Since Conviction**

My time in custody has provided me the opportunity to reflect on my crime; not only my actions that day, but my actions after my brother-in-law's death and the traumas within my life that impacted my decision making.

In addition to the mental health programs previously mentioned, I have also participated in self-help groups such as "Choices for Life." Choices for life is an 8-week program focused on helping me understand how my choices can have an impact on more than just me. The program was instrumental in helping me develop better decision-making skills, anger avoidance, how to grapple with my guilt, and address the deep remorse I feel.

I utilized the skills instilled by my father and spent much of my time volunteering for projects at the prison. While housed at CSP-LAC, I volunteered to help paint several places within Facility A. This work gave me a sense of purpose again. In a sense it was my way of making amends for my actions and I took great pride in my work. In fact, I became so enthralled in my work that I once received a write-up for missing a meal so that I could continue painting (this was one of only two write ups I have received during my entire incarceration). Many of the guards noticed my dedication and commended my efforts. Their chronos have been included in Section Six of this packet.

In keeping with the theme of volunteering, I joined the Paws for Life K9 Rescue program. Paws for life is a program that rescues dogs from high kill shelters. The dogs are brought into the prison to be cared for and trained until they can find their forever home. Most recently, I volunteered to transfer to CMF in order to help build the new Paws for Life program there. I gladly devote most of my time to training the dogs and helping the trainers gain the confidence and skills they need to be successful in the program.

I have learned more about myself through working with these animals than I ever could have imagined. My responsibilities are similar to that of a parent. I am completely responsible for my dog's health and welfare including feeding, bathing, and training. If I fail to provide proper training for my dog, it will not be housed with a loving family. This responsibility has shown me the importance of

providing for the dog's every need, not just those I deem important, but what will be important to their new family as well.

My biggest take away from this program has been the value of pausing before taking action. Through my care of the dogs, I have learned to look at the bigger picture before I make a decision with long lasting consequences. For example, if I do not comply with prison rules or engage in inappropriate behavior that may get me kicked out of the program, then my dog would not have me there to care for it. This has been a particularly painful lesson because I have not been there to raise my daughters or help with my family due to my failure to pause and reflect on the bigger picture previously. If I had not acted so rashly and made the decision to fire the gun, Yuri would be alive today and my children wouldn't have gown without their father for over a decade. My carelessness impacted the entire family and it is a lesson I will never forget. I have included my classification scoresheet along with this packet. It is evidence of my continued growth and work in managing my emotions. I have had no incidents of violence while incarcerated. And each year, my placement score decreases. I am no threat—to anyone!

My incarceration, namely the mental health programs, have enabled me to recognize the source and depth of my anxiety and panic attacks. If I had not participated, I would have never learned how to cope with my guilt in the death of my brother-in-law or to manage the remorse I feel. My actions and my life would still be inundated with anxiety and panic attacks. But, armed with the tools learned from Insight Therapy, Choices for Life, and Paws for Life, I feel confident that I can become a productive member of society. And, most importantly be a positive influence for my girls.

# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### Kenneth Clark

In 2004, Kenneth Clark was arrested for fatally shooting the victim who had backed into Mr. Clark's vehicle in a parking lot. Mr. Clark maintains his innocence. On March 14, 2005, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. Clark to 30 years to life for second degree murder plus a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 55 years to life.

Mr. Clark was 33 years old at the time of the crime and is now 52. He has been incarcerated for 18 years. While in prison, Mr. Clark has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has participated in self-help programming, earned a GED, and completed vocational training. Correctional staff have commended Mr. Clark for his generosity, selflessness, and maturity.

Mr. Clark'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 clemency applicants who have been convicted of more than one felony.

Mr. Clark was convicted of a serious crime that took the victim's life. Since then, Mr. Clark has dedicated himself to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Clark's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Clark 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. Clark does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

SERVICE LABOR.

**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 Kenneth Clark 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Са	lifornia that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
de	livered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of San Bernardino  (Name of County or Counties)
	Henneth D. Warke 8.25-19 Applicant Signature Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence.

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August 2, 2019

Governor Gavin Newsom State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Application for Commutation of Sentence: Kenneth Clark CDCR No. V72618

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of Kenneth Clark, I submit his application for a commutation of sentence. The circumstances of the crime are set forth below and in the attached exhibits. (Ex. 1, "Appellant's Opening Brief" at 4-28; Ex. 2, "Evidentiary Hearing Transcript.")

Kenneth Clark was sentenced to 55-years-to-life in prison for a crime he did not commit. On May 9, 2004, Clark was involved in a minor traffic accident with Misael Rosales and his passenger, Monroe Thomas, in the crowded parking lot of a small convenience store in San Bernardino. While Clark and Rosales were exchanging insurance information, a man walked up and shot Rosales in the head, killing him.

Thomas, the passenger in Rosales' car, testified at Clark's trial. Thomas testified that Clark spoke calmly with Rosales when examining the minimal damage to his vehicle and exchanging insurance information, but then suddenly attacked Thomas, brandishing a gun. Thomas turned and ran, and then heard a gunshot behind him. Thomas maintained that he did not see the shooting. Relying on Thomas's testimony, a jury found Clark guilty and sentenced him to 55-years-to-life in prison.

Soon after Clark's trial, Thomas contacted Clark's wife and confessed to her that his testimony at trial was false. Thomas explained how he and Rosales had stolen a floor buffer and went to the parking lot to exchange it for drugs. Their negotiation with "Buddha," a local drug dealer, turned violent when Buddha pulled out a gun and Buddha's partner attacked Thomas. Fearing for their lives, Rosales and Thomas fled, resulting in the traffic accident with Clark. Four eyewitnesses have since come forward and testified that Buddha, not Clark, shot Rosales.

Thomas admitted to Mrs. Clark that he had initially concealed the botched drug deal because he was on probation and feared returning to prison for stealing the floor buffer. In fact, Thomas has since testified twice and signed two statements under penalty of perjury recanting his false testimony at trial. Three witnesses have testified to the circumstances of Thomas's recantation to establish that Thomas freely and voluntarily recanted his trial testimony.

Still, despite the overwhelming evidence establishing Clark's innocence, Clark has been repeatedly denied relief and remains incarcerated, sentenced to spend his entire life in prison.

### A. Monroe Thomas's testimony at trial

Thomas presented the following narrative in his testimony at trial. On May 8, 2004, Thomas accompanied Rosales to the hospital where Rosales worked as a janitor, to help him scrub the emergency room floor. When they finished, they took a floor buffer from the hospital and put it in the back of Rosales' car.

Rosales then drove to Muscoy Liquor and parked in the crowded parking lot. However, Rosales and Thomas realized they did not have enough money to purchase alcohol, so they decided to leave. Upon backing out of his parking space, Rosales hit Clark's car, which was double-parked behind him. Clark, Thomas, and Rosales inspected the damage to Clark's car, which appeared to be minimal. Thomas claimed that he saw a pistol sticking out of Clark's trouser pocket.

Thomas stated that Clark was calm, not angry, as he and Rosales exchanged insurance information. However, Clark, according to Thomas, suddenly struck Thomas in the face, causing him to retreat towards the nearby motorcycle club. Clark then paced around with a semiautomatic 9mm handgun in his hand. Thomas walked back towards the liquor store, but when he reached the entrance, he heard a gunshot behind him. He maintained that he did not see who fired the gun. As he looked back to the parking lot, Thomas saw Clark drive away. Thomas went outside and saw Rosales' body, with his insurance papers laying nearby.

Thomas also admitted his prior felony fraud conviction and that he was in violation of probation on the night of the killing. Thomas was arrested on January 14, 2005, for a probation violation and was thus still in custody when he testified. Thomas maintained that he had not received any promises for his testimony.

## B. Thomas's recantation of his trial testimony

Shortly after Clark's trial, Thomas recanted his trial testimony. Thomas had asked his niece, who knew Clark's wife, to put him in contact with her. In a phone conversation with Mrs. Clark, Thomas stated that he was "so sorry" but the police had his "back up against the wall." (Ex. 1 at 12; ER at 609.) Thomas explained that he had concealed a significant part of the narrative in his testimony at trial.

Thomas stated that the detectives had "thrown out" his welfare-fraud case "since [he] implicated [Clark]." (Ex. 1 at 12-13; Ex. 2 at 609.) Though Thomas had told the police that he did not want to be involved, the police told him that if he did not "implicate [Clark] that [Thomas] was gonna do five years in prison and [his] wife also." (Ex. 1, at 12; Ex. 2 at 609.) Thomas stated that the police had told him that a 9mm was used in the shooting and that Clark must have had the gun in his right front trouser pocket.

Eventually, Mrs. Clark was able to get a signed declaration from Thomas on March 3, 2006. In his declaration, Thomas explained that, on May 8, 2004, after spending the day drinking, he and Rosales went to Rosales' workplace to steal a floor buffer that they could sell for drug money. They brought the stolen buffer to Muscoy Liquor and tried to negotiate a sale with two bikers, but the negotiation became tense and the bikers threatened to steal the buffer. Rosales and Thomas put the buffer back in Rosales' vehicle and attempted to leave, but instead backed into Clark's car.

Thomas, Rosales, and Clark examined the damage, but saw nothing significant. The two bikers who Thomas had previously argued with approached, yelling at Thomas, and eventually hitting him. Thomas ran towards the motorcycle club. As he walked towards Muscoy Liquor, Thomas saw one of the bikers holding a 9mm handgun, and as he entered the store, he heard a gunshot. He ran into the store and turned around to see the armed biker running away.

The next day, Thomas met with the police and placed Clark at Muscoy Liquor the night before. However, Thomas was adamant that Clark was not the man with the gun. Thomas admitted to testifying falsely at trial and claimed that he only did so in response to police threats that he and his wife would go to jail for five years in connection with his prior conviction for welfare fraud.

Three witnesses have since testified under oath, corroborating the circumstances surrounding Thomas's recantation: Mrs. Clark; Thomas's niece, who put Thomas in contact with Mrs. Clark; and Mrs. Clark's niece, who was present with Mrs. Clark when Thomas signed his March 3, 2006, declaration.

### C. Thomas's subsequent affirmation of his recantation

Thomas has continued to affirm his March 3, 2006 recantation and supplement it with further detail. On January 11, 2007, the California Superior Court held an evidentiary hearing on Clark's state habeas petition. Prior to Thomas's testimony, the court warned Thomas that he "may not be going back [home] for a while depending on what you say this morning." (Ex. 1 at 7-8; Ex. 2 at 542.) The court also advised Thomas that if he admitted to lying during Clark's trial, the court would direct the district attorney to file a criminal perjury complaint and that Thomas would be detained and tried on that charge. Despite the court's threats, Thomas admitted that his trial testimony was false and confirmed the narrative from his March 3, 2006, declaration.

Thomas further explained that he had been a heroin addict for thirty years and was in a methadone maintenance program when he was arrested before testifying at Clark's trial. While in custody, he was not given methadone and the withdrawal impacted his memory and cognition. At trial, Thomas believed that, unless he testified against Clark, he and his wife would be sentenced to five years in prison on his probation violation.

Thomas admitted that he was under the influence of heroin, alcohol, and cocaine at the time of the shooting. He confirmed that he had gone to Muscoy Liquor to try and sell the floor buffer and lied about it for fear of getting in trouble. He also admitted that he had a confrontation in the parking lot that did not involve Clark. Thomas did see a person with a gun in the parking lot, but he maintained that person was not Clark, and he admitted that he lied about seeing a gun in Clark's pocket. Thomas testified that Clark never hit him, and that he did not see the shooting.

On July 23, 2007, Thomas signed a second sworn declaration verifying that his trial testimony was false and supplementing his March 3, 2006, declaration with further detail. Thomas explained again that he did not tell the police about the stolen floor buffer because he was afraid of getting in trouble, and of having to stop using heroin if he were to be incarcerated. In his declaration, Thomas wrote: "I see [Clark] sitting there, doing life in prison for a crime I knew he did not commit, all because on three occasions, when I had the chance to tell the truth, I didn't do it." Clark v. Cate, 581 Fed. Appx. 654, 657 (9th Cir. 2014). Thomas

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confirmed many of these details again at an evidentiary hearing in federal district court on January 19, 2016, though he did partially revert to the trial version of the story during cross-examination.

### D. Eyewitness accounts

Furthermore, four eyewitnesses have since come forward and corroborated Thomas's account of the shooting, identifying a local drug dealer, "Buddha," as Rosales' killer.

Paul Terry was selling drugs in the parking lot in front of Muscoy Liquor on the night of the shooting. Terry had not used drugs or alcohol that evening, as his practice was to remain sober when selling drugs to avoid trouble with law enforcement or rivals. Terry knew Buddha as a local drug dealer, and recalled that he was present that night, even identifying both himself and Buddha on the Muscoy Liquor surveillance video. Terry saw Thomas and Rosales arrive and witnessed their exchange with Buddha and his friend, attempting to barter the floor buffer for drugs. Terry confirmed that Buddha's friend, not Clark, was the one who punched Thomas, after the negotiation became heated. Terry witnessed Rosales back into Clark's vehicle, and was only a few feet from Clark when Buddha shot Rosales. Terry did not initially report what he witnessed to the police because at the time, he was in the drug trade and would have been perceived as a snitch. which would have put him in grave danger. Terry has since turned his life around, left the drug trade, and moved from the high-crime area where the murder occurred. He does not have the same safety-concerns as he did in 2004, and thus came forward with his testimony.

Lafennus Lindquist was at the motorcycle club in the same parking lot as Muscoy Liquor on the night of the murder. He also knew Buddha as a local drug dealer. In fact, a few hours before the murder, Lindquist had spoken with Buddha and declined Buddha's offer to sell Lindquist a semiautomatic pistol that he had in his waistband. Lindquist also corroborated Thomas's and Terry's account of the evening, and witnessed Buddha, not Clark, shoot Rosales. Like Terry, Lindquist was subject to societal pressures dictating that he never testify to what he witnessed that evening.

Willie Owens, Jr., had known Buddha since he was a small child, and testified to his violent nature. Buddha had approached Owens in the parking lot that night to attempt to broker a deal for the floor buffer that Rosales was trying to sell. Owens, the owner of a janitorial business, was interested and tentatively agreed that he would pay Buddha in cash, but eventually backed out of the deal because he didn't have a way to transport the buffer. After Owens told Buddha that

he was not interested in the floor buffer, he witnessed the exchange become violent, the car accident, and Buddha killing Rosales. Owens was reluctant to get involved, in part because he did not care for Clark. However, he eventually agreed to speak with Clark's counsel and testified at the hearing.

Coral Nettles accompanied Clark and his girlfriend, Jessica, to Muscoy Liquor the evening of the shooting. She also knew Buddha as a "violent youngster" who had a reputation for being a killer. (Ex. 1 at 23-24; Ex. 2 at 366.) Nettles unambiguously recounted Buddha shooting Rosales, shortly after the car accident. Nettles did not come forward originally because she was afraid of Buddha, and feared for her and her family's safety. However, after learning that Buddha had since died, Nettles testified at the federal evidentiary hearing.

All four witnesses had similar accounts of the events leading up to the murder. All the accounts independently confirm portions of Thomas's March 3, 2006, declaration. For example, Lindquist's statements show that Buddha had a semiautomatic pistol on him that night, and Owens' testimony shows that Buddha was indeed attempting to broker a deal for Rosales' stolen floor buffer. All four eyewitnesses knew Buddha and could confidently identify him as the shooter.

## E. Repeated denial of relief

Despite Thomas's consistent recantation of his testimony at trial and the several corroborating witnesses, Clark has been repeatedly denied relief by the courts. Clark's direct appeals and state habeas petition were denied. The federal district court denied Clark's federal habeas petition for untimeliness. The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the district court decision but, relying on a recent Supreme Court decision, ordered an evidentiary hearing on Clark's claim of factual innocence.

In its opinion, a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit noted that "[Clark] has alleged newly discovered evidence that, if credible, raises a sufficient doubt about his guilt, such that it is more likely than not that no reasonable juror would have found him guilty." Clark v. Cate, 581 F. App'x 654, 656 (9th Cir. 2014) (quoting Jaramillo v. Stewart, 340 F.3d 877, 884 (9th Cir. 2003)). Acknowledging that Thomas was the sole eyewitness that testified at trial, the court stated that "Thomas's multiple recantations of his testimony present a compelling claim of actual innocence" and that "the new evidence in Thomas's recantations strongly suggest that Thomas committed perjury during the initial trial when he indicated that Clark was responsible for [Rosales's] murder." Id.

Yet, after the evidentiary hearing, the district court denied Clark's claim, deciding that a reasonable juror could rely on Thomas's trial testimony, and disregard his many post-trial statements, to convict Clark. The court mistakenly believed Thomas had been coerced into recanting his trial statements, despite the fact that Thomas himself contacted Mrs. Clark to tell her he had testified falsely at trial. The court found that the four eyewitnesses were not reliable because of their hesitation to testify, criminal histories, and minor inconsistencies in their statements, yet the court also found Thomas's trial testimony credible despite his hesitation to testify, his criminal history, and the inconsistencies in his statements, not to mention his own repeated insistence that his trial testimony was false. Furthermore, the court found that Thomas's conflicting answers during cross-examination showed that Thomas was reluctant to confirm his post-trial statements, even though he has confirmed them multiple times, clearly and unambiguously, even after being threatened with perjury charges. An appeal from this decision is currently pending in the 9th Circuit.

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In sum, the courts have failed Kenneth Clark. Clark has been repeatedly held to unfair burdens and subject to procedural bars, despite the court's commitment to treat actual innocence claims equitably. As a result, Kenneth Clark remains sentenced to life in prison for a crime he did not commit, even though the only witness at trial to identify Clark as the shooter has repeatedly and consistently admitted that his testimony at trial was false, and several eyewitnesses have since come forward to identify a different man as the true culprit. For these reasons, I respectfully request that you grant Kenneth Clark clemency, and allow him to return home to his loving family.

Governor Gavin Newsom August 2, 2019

If you have any questions, or wish to see any of the original exhibits in the case, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

/s/ Jonathan C. Aminoff
Jonathan C. Aminoff
Deputy Federal Public Defender

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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### **Eric Cowan**

In 1997 and 1998, Eric Cowan and his crime partners committed a series of armed robberies. No one was injured during the crimes. On March 26, 1999, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, sentenced Mr. Cowan to 100 years to life for four counts of robbery, 25 years to life for attempted robbery, plus 15 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 140 years to life.

- Mr. Cowan was 35 and 36 years old at the time of the crimes and is now 60. He has been incarcerated for 24 years. While in prison, Mr. Cowan has dedicated himself to his self-improvement. He has engaged in self-help programming and completed vocational training.
- Mr. Cowan'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 clemency applicants who have been convicted of more than one felony.
- Mr. Cowan committed serious crimes. Since then, Mr. Cowan has demonstrated a commitment to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Cowan's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Cowan 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. Cowan does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

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**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 Eric Cowan 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM Governor of California

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



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### APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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# STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney <u>before</u> submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

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## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### **Howard Ford**

In 1980, Howard Ford fatally shot the victim during a robbery. On December 17, 1980, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Ford to life without the possibility of parole for murder, nine years for five counts of robbery, plus a two-year sentence enhancement.

Mr. Ford was 25 years old at the time of the crime and is now 78. He has been incarcerated for 42 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Ford has worked hard to better himself. Mr. Ford resided on an honor yard for 20 years. He has maintained a good disciplinary record and has engaged in self-help programming.

Mr. Ford'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 clemency applicants convicted of more than one felony.

Mr. Ford committed a serious crime that took the life of the victim. Since then, Mr. Ford has demonstrated a commitment to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Ford's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, his mobility restrictions and medical conditions, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Ford 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. Ford 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 Howard Ford 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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	APPLICANT INFORMATION  LOUADD C FORD CD
Name:	HOWARD G. FORD, SR. Date of Birth: 1944nmate ID: #C-24543
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1.	Conviction Summary:
	List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.
	Offense(s): Date of offense(s): County of conviction(s): Sentence(s):
(See	Additional Pages To Answer No. 1, at page 1.)
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3.	Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
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5.	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):
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### NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of <b>LOS ANGELES</b>	County: Please take notice that I, HOWARD G. FORD, SR. ,
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District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

### STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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## APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

In November of 1980, HOWARD G. FORD, SR., was found guilty by a jury of one count of first degree murder. The jury also found to be true the allegation that Ford committed murder during the commission of a robbery and that he personally used a firearm.

In December of 1980, Ford was sentenced to life without the possibility of parole plus eleven years consecutive.

In the early part of 1960, Ford was convicted for armed robbery and sentenced to 10 years in the State of Lousiana. Then in the early 1970's Ford was convicted for simple robbery, and sentenced to 5 years; also in Shreveport, Lousiana.

Howard G. Ford, Sr., seek a commutation of sentence on two basis: a) Ford's positive programming and commendatory conduct for 37 years of incarceration; and b) Ford was convicted for robbery contrary to the law of the State of California as a result of incompetent trial attorney which led to a sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

## A. FORD REQUEST COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE ON THE GROUNDS OF HIS POSITIVE PROGRAMMING AND COMMENDATORY CONDUCT FOR 37 YEARS OF INCARCERATION

For the last 37 years of confinement Ford has not engaged in any assaultive behavior on staff nor inmates. Ford has never been, nor has he become a member of any gangs or rebellious organisations. Ford has participated in every rehabilitative program he could. And for the last 17 years Ford has been housed in an honor program in California State Prison-Los Angeles County.

Correctional Counselor-II, W. Burgess, first acknowledged Ford's behavior indicative of positive orientation in the honor program at California State Prison-Los Angeles County after a three year evaluation. (See CDC-128-B Laudatory/Honor Program Participation Chrono as Attachment-1.)

In 2007 Ford received another CDC-128-B Laudatory/Honor Program Participation Chrono commending him for his successful participation. (See copy of Chrono as Attachment-2.)

In 2010, S. Lockshin, Academic Instructor at CSP-LAC took notice of Ford's attitude and temperament, and 'heartily endorsed' him for release back into society "to once again be a productive member of society." (See copy of CDC-128-B Chrono as Attachment-3.)

Then in 2012 E. Cox, whom observed Ford over a decade as both an Correctional Officer and Correctional Counsel-I, "during which time he has proven to be a positive influence on those around him. Ford displays that mature

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responsibility supporting credence towards his personal rehabilitative growth. Ford has continuously demonstrated the ability to program in a disciplinary free manner and his work ethic adds great credit to his attitude and demeanor which are distinguished as constructive and incontrovertible. It is the opinion of this writer that I/M Ford presents ability to become a positive member of society when considered (and granted) opportunity to parole." (See copy of Chrono as Attachment-4.)

With this backdrop, Ford's murder was an accidental killing, something the court could not deny on the date of sentencing: "It very well may have been. ¶ I can see that." (See copy of Sentencing Transcript as Attachment-5.) But being the killing occurred during a felony, a robbery, the court was required as a matter of law to sentence Mr. Ford to life without the possibility of parole.

Since being imprisoned, Ford has been diagnosed with prostate cancer and valley fever, both potential life ending diseases.

If given a chance Ford could become a productive citizen once again: for at the time of the offense Ford worked as a contract welder with Gossett development, and maintained a office with his wife with whom he lived raising their five children together servicing the local community in their short and long form income taxes and bookkeeping.

## B. FORD WAS CONVICTED FOR ROBBERY CONTRARY TO THE LAW OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AS A RESULT OF INCOMPETENT TRIAL ATTORNEY

Had Mr. Ford not had been convicted for robbery, then he would not have been subjected to a mandatory life without parole sentence under the felony-murder rule.

Mr. Ford had moved to California in the late 1970's from the State of Louisiana. He got a job working for Electromagnet on Jefferson in Los Angeles, County. He worked with Gossett Development doing welding and construction work.

Howard Ford testified at his own trial. He testified that on May 16, 1980, the date of the offense, he was living with his wife and five kids. His job in Santa Fe Springs had just ended, so he decided to fix the carburetor on his 1970 Cadillac. He went to his office where he and his wife did short and long form income tax and local bookkeeping where he had two checks in his office drawer for \$300 and \$400 dollsrs. He retrieved them and cashed them at Nik's Check Cashing. He then went to Thomas Newton, Jr's house, who was a mechanic, to have his car fixed. He had known Mr. Newton and his father for about 15 months. He had gotten Mr. Newton a job at Gossett Development as a welder helper.

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Mr. Newton took Mr. Ford to go buy a carburetor for his Cadillac. After the two Went and Ford purchased the carburetor, Mr. Newton's car would not start. Mr. Newton then invited Mr. Ford to go down the street to do some gambling until his bad cylenoid switch cooled off enough to allow the car to start.

Mr. Ford testified that he went to the gambling place with Mr. Newton and gambled on dice for about 40 minutes, and that when the two of them left, he never returned nor did he rob the dice game.

Mr. Thomas Newton, Jr., testified that on May 16, 1980 Howard Ford, Sr. drove to his house on 120th Street in the City of Los Angeles around two or three O'Clock in the evening to have Mr. Newton take him to buy a carburetor. Mr. Newton drove Mr. Ford to Frank's Auto Parts Store on 92nd and Figueroa, and Ford purchased a carburetor. Mr. Newton's car wouldn't start, so the two of them walked down toward George Monk's house to get a boost. On the way to Monk's, Mr. Newton took Mr. Ford into Willie Franks' residence for a quick dice game. Mr. Ford had never been to Willie Frank's before.

The two of them played dice for about an hour, Mr. Newton left to go get his car started, but Mr. Ford continued to gamble.

Mr. Newton returned after getting his car started, and took Mr. Ford to go put the carburetor in his car at Mr. Ford's house; but they could not get Mr. Ford's car to work. It was the fuel pump. Mr. Ford told him he was going in to get some more money and then he wanted Mr. Newton to take him back to the gambling game, and if he couldn't win his money back, then Mr. Ford told him that he would take it back.

Mr. Willie Franks testified that on May 16, 1980, his residence was a Motel on 88th and Figueroa. He and his friends shot craps there. He noticed Ford around 3 o'clock, because he had a distictive scar on his face. Mr. Ford played dice and left around 40 minutes later. Mr. Ford returned around 5 o'clock that evening and shot dice again for about an hour. Mr. Ford left and returned a third time, around 9 o'clock that evening, shot dice again, stood up, pulled a gun, and told everyone to put the money on the floor. And all of a sudden the gun went off, and Robert Wallace who was sitting next to Franks on the bed across the room, was hit in the neck.

Mr. Wallace died from the gunshot wound.

Mr. Jimmy Williams testified at Mr. Ford's trial that he had won about \$40 or \$50 dollars from Mr. Ford during the initial dice game. And when Mr. Ford asked him for another bet, Mr. Williams declined. Mr. Ford and he both left. They both returned a second time, and they both lossed at dice; they both left again. They both came back a third time, and Mr. Ford lossed at dice again; then Mr. Ford pulled out a gun and had them put the money on the floor. Mr. Williams recognized Mr. Ford because he had a distinctive scar on his left cheek.

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Mr. Ford admitted at trial while testifying that he had a very pronounced scar from his ear to his lip on his left cheek.

The court dismissed the charges against Mr. Ford for robbing Mr. Robert Wallace, whom was accidentally shot, because the evidence showed that Mr. Ford never asked him for his money.

During the sentencing proceedings the court acknowledged defense counsel's argument that the shooting of Mr. Wallace appeared to be accidental. (See Attachment-5.)

Had counsel properly advised Mr. Ford that his taking his own money back even with a firearm was not robbery, then it is highly likely Mr. Ford would have been sentenced to prison for manslaughter and illegal possession of a firearm.

In 1938 the California Supreme Court held that one taking his money back by force lossed in an illegal gambling enterprise even by placing the person in fear, is not robbery. In People v. Rosen (1938) 11 Cal.2d 147, 78 P.2d 727, Rosen took the sum of \$198 from a tin box kept in the rear room of Whitcomb's clock shop in the basement of the Jergins building in Long Beach; Rosen was armed with a pistol; and he accomplished his purpose by putting Whitcomb in fear.

Accross the hall from Whitcomb's clock shop a place called 'Miller's Tango Parlor' was in operation. During several months prior to the date of the alleged offense Rosen had frequented Miller's and during that period had lost in all about \$1,000. Rosen had played the game of 'tango' at Miller's on the night in question and lost about \$55. Whitcomb moved back and forth between the parlor and his shop and carried money from the former to the latter, sometimes in loose bills and at other times in a tin box. He kept a separate fund in the box at his shop from which he paid the winners. It was from that box that the defendant took the sum of \$198, which was its entire cash contents. (See Rosen, supra, 11 Cal.2d at pages 148-149.)

The 'Rosen' Court held:

"While there appears to be a conflict of authority on the question whether felonious intent is present when the defendant seeks the recaption of money lost by him at an illegal game [Citation], the weight of authority supports the conclusion that the intent to steal is lacking in such a case, for the law recognizes no title or right to possession in the winner. It is the law in this state that certain games of chance, such as lotteries, are illegal; that the winner gains no title to the property at stake nor any right to possession thereof; and that the participants have no standing in a court of law or equity."

(Rose, supra, at p. 150.)

In the case of People v. Fain (1983) 34 Cal.3d 350, 193 Cal.Rptr. 890, 667 P.2d 694, on June 20, 1978 Fain and three other men played poker dice in the Red Baron Bar in Monrovia. Fain lost \$15 of his own money and \$20 he borrowed from the barmaid. He left the game, encountered the barmaid, who told him he had been cheated, and went to his motel room to get a gun. After returning to the bar, Fain struck Maestas with the butt of the gun and ordered Maestas and Steen to put their money on the pool table, and they complied. Watkins came out of the restroom and, on Fain's direction, also put his money on the table. Fain ordered the three men into the restroom, and struck Steen twice with the gun while they walked to the room. He then took the money from the pool table and left. (See Fain, supra, 34 Cal.2d at page 353.)

In response to the robbery charges,

"[D]efense counsel relied on 'People v. Rosen' (1938) 11 Cal.2d 147, 78 P.2d 727, which held that forcible recapture of money lost in an illegal gambling game is not robbery because "the law recognizes no title or right to possession in the winner." (p. 150, 78 P.2d 727.)"

(Fain, supra, 34 Cal.3d at page 353.)

Defense counsel never advised Mr. Ford that if he went to forcefully recover his own money lost in the dice game, and being the dice game was not legal, then he could not be convicted for robbery.

Defense counsel had plenty of evidence to alert him to this defense to robbery. First, Mr. Newton made statements to police upon arrest that Ford told him that if he couldn't win his money back, he was going to take it back. Witness Lonnie Williams told police that he had won \$700, and Mr. Ford had lost heavily in the dice game. (See Copy of statements in police report as Attachment-6.) And, of course, Mr. Ford had cashed two checks amounting to \$700 to go back the second time to gamble on dice. So defense counsel failed to research the facts and law of the case in order to properly advise Ford.

The right to the assistance of counsel is a fundamental right of criminal defendants. It assures the fairness and legitimacy of the adversary process. (See Kimmelman v. Morrison (1986) 477 U.S. 365, at page 374.) It is a fundamental duty of counsel to conduct careful factual and legal investigations and inquiries with a view to developing matters of defense in order that he may make informed decisions on his client's behalf, both at the pleading stage (Von Moltke v. Gillies (1948) 332 U.S. 708, at 721; In re Williams (1969) 1 Cal.3d 168, 174-176), and at the trial stage. (See People v. McDowell (1968) 69 Cal.2d 737; People v. Welborn (1967) 257 Cal.App.2d 513.) For a defendant should reasonably expect that before counsel undertakes to act, or not to act, he will make a rational and informed decision on strategy and tactics founded on adequate investigation and preparation. (See In re Fields (1990) 51 Cal.3d 1063, 1069; In re Hall (1981) 30 Cal.3d 408, 426.)

Ford did not learn that he had been convicted of robbery contrary to 'Rosen' law until 17 years after being convicted. Ford filed a petition

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for writ of habeas corpus with the courts to overturn his robbery convictions on grounds he had received ineffective assistance of counsel, but the courts held that Ford was procedurally barred from raising his claims in a petition for writ of habeas corpus, because he had waited too long to raise them. (See copy of court order as Attachment-7.)

#### CONCLUSION

Howard G. Ford, Sr., request this honorable Governor to commute his sentence on the two alleged grounds.

If this honorable Governor grant this request, Ford will become an asset to his community.

Thank you.

HOWARD G. FORD, SR. #C24543 CALIFORNIA STATE PRISON-LOS ANGELES COUNTY P.O. BOX 4430 LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA 93539



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#### APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be reducted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

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Applicant's Signature

Date

<sup>\*</sup>If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### Jose Garcia

In 1986, Jose Garcia 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. Garcia to life without the possibility of parole for kidnapping for ransom, five years for kidnapping, plus four years of sentence enhancements.

Mr. Garcia was 33 years old at the time of the crime and is now 69. He has been incarcerated for 35 years. Mr. Garcia has expressed sincere remorse for his actions.

While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Garcia has devoted himself to his self-improvement. Mr. Garcia has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. He has engaged in self-help programming and extensive educational coursework. He has been commended by correctional staff for his positive attitude.

Mr. Garcia'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 clemency applicants who have been convicted of more than one felony.

Mr. Garcia committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Garcia has demonstrated a commitment to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Garcia's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Garcia 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. Garcia does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jose Garcia 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHRLEY N. WEBER PH.D. Secretary of State

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#### APPLICATION FOR A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

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2.	Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).
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Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence.

## 2...DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR CRIME.

I WAS CONVICTED ON 1988 FOR RORBERY\_ KIDNAPPING\_RANSOM, AND GIVEN A SENTENCE OF LIFE WITHOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF PAROLESON NOVEMBER, 1986, FOUR MEN AND I KIDNAPPED TWO MEN OF COLOMBIAN DESCENT FOR MONEY.MY IGNORANCE AND POOR JUDGMENT MADE ME MAKE A TERRIBLE MIS TAKE. NOT ONLY WAS IT A HUGE MISTAKE TO DO WHAT I DID BUT ALSO TO LAY MY TRUST IN MEN I ONCE CONSIDERED FRIENDS. I ACTED ON IMPULSE AND DEDN''T THENK FOR ONCE ABOUT HOW THE VECTEMS WOULD FEEL OR HOW MY DAUGHTERS WOULD FEEL GROWING UP WITHOUT A FATHER. IT IS NOW AS AN OLDER AND MATURE MAN PRISON HAS TAUGHT ME TO VALUE HUMAN LIFE AND APPRECIATE EVERY SECOND OF FREEDOM. AT THE MOMENT OF MY CRIME I NEVER TOOK INTO CONSTDERATION MY VICTIMS NOR THETE FAMILY MEMBER, HOW MY BAD ACTIONS WOULD MAKE THEM FEEL AT THAT VERY MOM= ENT OR YOW THEY WOULD FEEL ON THE AFTERMATH OF MY CRIME. THESE TH-IRTY TWO YEARS IN PRISON HAVE GIVEN ME ALOT TIME TO ANALYZE MY LIFE, THE BAD CHOICES I HAVE MADE AND ALL THE PEOPLE I HAVE HURT IN THE PROCESS.

## 3...DESCRIBE HOW A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE MAY IMPACT YOUR LIFE.

IT WOULD GIVE ME A SECOND CHANCE TO PROVE MYSELF RIGHT TO SOCIETY AS AN HONEST AND PRODUCTIVE CITIZEN. TO SHOW EVERYONE THE CHANGE IN ME BY DEMONSTRATING MY INSIGHT AND BEING ABLE TO HELP OTHER. WALK THE RIGHT PATH, WITHIN THE LAWS OF OUR SOCIETY. TO BE ABLE TO BE NEAR MY FAMILY AND MY COMMNITY AND LET THEM SEE THE WORTHY ACTIONS OF MY CHARACTER FOR THE BETTERMENT OF OURSELVES.
FOR THE PAST THIRTY TWO YEARS I HAVE LIVED WITH REMORSE AND SORROW. ALTHOUGH LIVING WITH THIS HAS WEIGHED DOWN ON MY HEART, I APOLOGIZE WITH OLMOST SINCERITY, TO THOSE INNOCENT VICTIMS WHO WERE IMPACTED BY MY COWARDLY ACTIONS TO MR. LUIS SHAREZ OSPINA, AND JESUS MONSALBE, AND THEIR FAMILIES. I'M SORRY DURING THESE AND YEARS I HAVE GROWN IN HEART, MIND, AND SPIRIT AND HYDERSTAND

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T ASK FOR FORGIVENESS AND AN OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE IN THESE THIRTY TWO YEARS I HAVE BEEN A MODEL PRISONER. I HAVE MAINTAINED GOOD CONDUCT AND HAVE NEVER TO THE SHU. ALSO I HAVE ALWAYS MAINTAINED BUSY BY WORKING OR PARTICIPATING IN RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES PHTT: ING MY TIME IN PRISON TO USE WISELY. DURING ALL MY YEAR: IN PRISON I HAVE WORKED AND STUDIED. I HAVE ATTACHED CERTIFICATES WHICH I HAVE EARNED IN MY TIME IN PRISON, AS WELL AS REPORTS ON MY CONDUCT AT WORK AND WHILE IN SCHOOL IN ADDITION, I HAVE PARTICIPATED IN DIEFERENTS PROGRAMS. I HAVE LEARNED HOW TO WRITE SHORT STORIES AND POETRY. TWENTY YEARS AGO, Idiscovered my inner talent which is to WRITE. IT IS MY THERAPY, KEEPING ME MOTIVATED AND SANE. ON JUNE 3 O, 1997, I EARNED A CERTIFICATE SPONSORED BY UCLA FOR CREATIVE WRITING.

MY HOPES IS TOBE AN ACTIVE MENBER OF SOCIETY AND IF I AM FREE MAN GET ALL MY WRITINGS PUBLISHED, SO THAT MY STORY OF HARDSHIP AND REGRETS ABOUT DISAPPOINTING THE PEOPLE IN THE WORLD MEANS THE MOST TO ME.

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### **Darnell Green**

In 1997, Darnell Green and his crime partners committed an armed robbery. No one was injured during the crime. On November 23, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus, sentenced Mr. Green to 26 years for three counts of robbery, four years for two counts of attempted robbery, one year and four months for participation in a street gang, plus 14 years and four months of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 45 years and eight months.

Mr. Green was 27 years old at the time of the crime and is now 51. He has been incarcerated for 24 years. While in prison, Mr. Green has worked hard to better himself. Mr. Green earned his GED, has participated in significant self-help programming, and has completed college courses. Mr. Green has been commended by prison staff for being responsible, trustworthy, and diligent.

Mr. Green'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 clemency applicants who have been convicted of more than one felony.

Mr. Green committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Green has dedicated himself to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Green's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Green 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. Green does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

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**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 Darnell Green 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D Secretary of State



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## APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION						
Name:	Darnell Leo <u>Green</u>	Date of Birth:		ID:P224	43 <u>0</u>	
Addres	ss:22844 Virgi <u>nia Blvd., Californi</u>	a City, CA 93505		Facility: Californi	a City Correctional Facility	
1.	Conviction Summary:					
	List all prior convictions, inc	luding any in other states	s or countries	. Attach additiona	I pages if necessary.	
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	See summary of Case - Probation	Officers Report Attached				
3.	Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):					
	See Personal Letter of Darnell Le	Green Attached				
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4.	Provide a brief statement expla	ining why you should be gra	nted a commu	tation (attach additi	onal pages if necessary):	
	See Letter of Support from Coun	sel Attached				
	A RECOGNISION OF THE PROPERTY	the party page of the page of	A-10-70-00			
5.	If you have paid any money or address, and amount paid or gi				ication, list their name,	

Robert J. Beles, Law Offices of Beles & Beles, 1 Kaiser Plaza, Suite 2300, Oakland, CA 94612; Charge: \$5,000.00

## STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

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the District Attorney <u>before</u> submitting this applica	tion to the Governor's Office.	
ı, Darnell Leo Green	, declare under penalty of perju	ry under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name)		
have served the District Attorney of the County of _	Stanislaus County	_ with notice of my intent to apply for a
	(Name of County*)	
commutation.		
I further declare under penalty of perjury u	nder the laws of the State of Ca	lifornia that the information I have provided on this
application is true and correct. I understand that a	ny omission or misstatement of j	facts may result in the denial of the application and
the filing of perjury charges against me.		
Darnell (neen)	2	1-9-19
Applicant's Signature		, Date

<sup>\*</sup>If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

To the Honorable Governor of the State of California,

My name is Darnell L. Green. The purpose of this communication is to request clemency for my current sentence. The basis upon which I pray for relief rests in the current efforts within the criminal justice community to move towards restorative justice initiatives. I am not so ambitious as to suggest my understanding the workings of the criminal justice system to an equal degree of those responsible for these efforts toward restorative justice. However, I am hopeful that my pedestrian knowledge of this mechanism will suffice in articulating my understanding of restorative justice and how it applies to my individual circumstances.

My sentence was not handed down arbitrarily. This is the first issue that I would like to address. My sentence of 45 years was designed to inflict incapacitation, punishment, and retribution for an injustice that I committed against society as a whole, as well as an individual victim. Additionally, my sentence was to serve as a reflection of sentencing guidelines, discretion of the court with consideration of my offense and prior convictions, and a representation of my being an immediate threat to public safety. My sentence was not intended to be a personal affront against myself, although it was meant to affect me personally. Having said so, I believe that I have been treated fairly and that my request for clemency should not be predicated upon considerations not used to determine my incarceration. I believe myself to be a man sharing a fabric common to most of us all. I have a family and personal attributes gifted by a creator that I retain an unshakable faith. I also believe in the effects of the criminal justice system having experienced it first hand.

My current prison commitment began 22 years ago. In this period I have experienced the effects of incarceration first hand and have felt its presence on my individual maturation

and transformation. My own journey has significant parallels to the changes in the spirit of how the criminal justice system uses sentences to heal both society and the offender. Most outside of this system would not think that the incarcerated are in need of healing. What I hope to articulate is that I believe strongly in the correction methods that I have undergone during my two decades of incarceration. I know what it is to receive and accept punishment for my actions. Having experienced punitive justice I know now the necessity of restorative justice and how it allows the offender to accept responsibility, acknowledge the harm, make agreements to repair the damages as much as possible and clarify future intentions.

Where the Department of Corrections has provided opportunities for education and rehabilitation, I have done my best to take advantage. These opportunities were not always a priority with myself, nor was it a priority within the Department of Corrections and the criminal justice community. Fortunately we all grew together, understanding the need to reduce the possibility of recidivism and the initiative taken to commit ones self to programs that are meant to deliver a sentiment of remorse to the victim. I am thankful that the Department of Corrections has made this commitment in conjunction with my own efforts. My accomplishments are not just tools to escape recidivism but also shows change, growth, remorse, and commitment to right the wrongs that I committed against others by my past actions. These accomplishments include earning my G.E.D. and subsequently completing an Associates Degree in Communications. I have also completed several vocational programs such as; carpentry, masonry, welding, plumbing, and electrical. I have completed the "Hope For Healing" course, DEFY Ventures, Inside Out Writers, Inside Out Dads, and I am currently in pursuit of another college degree with the courses I am enrolled in.

Undertaking these steps, I feel more connected to the expectations of normalcy in society. I know that no one is exempt from that expectation. With the Department of Corrections' assistance I have come to accept my place in this

society and hope to take my place there soon. I have a solid support system if and when I am released. This support system consists of; my fiancee Ms. Nicole Dove, my mother Joyce J. Green, my two children Darnell L. Green(27) and Destiny D. Green(21), my siblings Thomas White, Donta and Latanya Green, and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. My family has stood by my side throughout this entire time, they are truly my motivation and firm foundation for the future. I have a safe household to go to with my fiancee Nicole Dove. I also have many jobs available upon my release, these include Avis Budget as a car detailer, working with at risk youth through the organization B.R.2.E.A.D. & M.E.A.T. which is an acronym for Brothers, Ready, 2-End, All, Drama & Mentor, Educate, Activate, Togetherness. I also have the opportunity to work for Bonaru Fitness Club as a personal trainer and wellness program manager. My uncles have also expressed the need for workers at their construction companies. These are just a few of the many opportunities available to me.

Working with DEFY Ventures I came up with the goal of creating "Destiny's Dream", a leadership program aimed at creating Green zones/Safe zones, and a bridge for the community. I want to give back to my community and be a valued asset to society. I have wrongs that I am compelled to make right. I am asking for the opportunity to start working on making amends with all of those that I have hurt and disappointed. I am striving to be the man that God created me to be, the husband, father, and son that I truly am. Thank you for your time, consideration, and compassion.

Respectfully submitted,

Darnell L. Green

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# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

#### Michael Holmes

In 2005, Michael Holmes robbed a corner market. On April 30, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Holmes to 25 years to life for robbery.

Mr. Holmes was 48 years old at the time of the crime and is now 65. He has been incarcerated for 17 years. While in prison, Mr. Holmes has devoted himself to his rehabilitation. He has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record, participated in self-help programming, and earned a vocation. Mr. Holmes has completed training to serve as a substance abuse counselor and is currently enrolled in a computer coding program.

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

Mr. Holmes committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Holmes has dedicated himself to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Holmes's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Holmes 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. Holmes does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

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**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Michael Holmes 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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## APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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	APPLICANT INFORMATION
	Michael Calvin Holmes Date of Birth
Addres	s: S.Q.S. P. 12-North-26 Lew, Sunguentin CH 94974 Facility: Sun Quentin State Prison
1.	Conviction Summary:
	List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.  Offense(s): County of conviction(s): Sentence(s):
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2.	Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):  Attached to this document
3.	Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):  Attached to this document
4.	Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):  Attached to this document
5.	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):  Attached to this document

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## NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

This notice is required by Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805.

To the District Attorney of Los Angeles County: Please take notice that I, Michael Calvin Holmes
was convicted of the crime of 211 PC, second degree cobberg.
committed in Los Angeles County, California, on the date of March 25, 2005.
will submit this application to the Governor of the State of California for the following type of executive clemency (check one):
□ Pardon .
Commutation of sentence. Inmate Number: V33406
Muchael Colin Alphy 8-27-18 Applicant's Signature
Date
DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  This section to be completed by the District Attorney only.
I,, District Attorney of the County of,
do hereby acknowledge receipt of notice from
that he/she intends to apply to the Governor of the State of California for a pardon or a commutation of sentence.
Signed
Date

District Attorney: Please Return this Notice to the Governor's Office, Attn: Legal Affairs, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814.

### Michael Calvin Holmes CDCR#V33406

### OFFENSE PRESENTLY SERVING TIME FOR:

Present Offense: 211 PC, second degree robbery. Date of offerse(s): March 25, 2005. County of conviction(s): Los Angeles County. Sentence(s): 25 to life.

LIST ALL PRIOR CONVICTION: including other states or country.

Prior\* Offense(s): Assault with a deadly weapon (no gun). Date of offerse(s): September 1997. County of conviction(s): Los Angele, County. Sentence(s): 4 years at 80%.

Prior\* first Offense(s): Two counts (two cases tried as one) of 211 PC, second degree robbery. Date of offense(s): January 3, 1993. County of conviction(s): Los Angeles County.

Sentence(s): 3 years suspended. Actual time spent in prison: 11 months at California Rehabilitation Center.

BRIEFI DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME(S) FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING A PARDON OR COMMUTATION:

Close to four year after my release from Chuckawala state prison, and being clean and sober during this time, I started using drugs. Methamphetamine was my primary drug of choice, and instead of talking to someone about my emotional problems and getting the help that I needed, I continued using. Then after a year of jetting worse, I robbed a neighborhood market to support my har t. By this time I had given up on trying to work a regular job, and on life period. I was out of control.

### EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE REQUESTING A COMMUTATION:

I'r sixty year old, and I want to spend the rest of my life redeering myself and contributing to my family, who stuck by me during the years. But most important, my daughter, who's a single mother of my two grandsons.

She has been through a lot. In 2010, she lost her brother, my son, and both her grandmothers. I want to be there for her. It is very important to me that I make amends to all my family members before I die!

Also, I would like spend the time that I have left with some recomblance of a normal life. Having family dinners, going to moves and parks. Putting my grandsons to bed at night. And to try as much as humanly possible to make up for what I have taking from my community.

PROVIDE A BRIEF STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY YOU SHOULD BE GRANTED A COMMUTATION:

Du ing the last thirteen years I have diligently partiripated in behavior modification programs, and going to collige(starting while I was in the Los Angeles County jail).

I have sixty-six units from Feather River College(an accredited city college), and have earned a certification in business. I'm three classes short from earning my AA in Liberal Arts and Social Science (emphasis on Behavior Science).

I ve earned a certification from Microsoft for Voc Computer Literacy/OSRT Microsoft Level I. Certification #V16100.

Lecently, I've graduated(finished) track one of the PIA: CTE, 7370 computer coding class here at San Quentin(sponsored by "The Last Mile, Mark Zuckenburg, Hack React, Google, Air B&B, Slack, who starting an intern program for us, and Chekers"). There are other tech companies who's expressing their interest in us everyday. We are being trained as software, IT support, and Q.A. (quality assessment) engineers.

out most important accomplishment, are the behavior modification programs(self-help-group) I have attended. This included:

### Second stage recovery:

This addresses many underlying issue such as childhood trauma, as in my case witnessing my mother and siblings being physically abuse myself. The lack of alidation or nurturing as a child due to father's alcoholism and introvert behavior towards us, and my mother enabling him.

These are some the issues that have affected many people(including myself), and been attributed to be the leading causes for drug use, alcoholism, smoking cigarettes, over eating, sex addiction, and general criminal anti-social behaviors.

#### Anger management:

Which teaches you to recognize your triggers. Triggers, which can include smells, the odors you smelled when something bad accrued, or the smell of a favorite drug. Sights, the visual environment that may remind you of a person you use to use drugs with, or someone who had hurt you. Sounds (even words) could remind you when you were being scream at, and physically abused when you were a child (which could be the cause of one lacking conflict resolution skills).

There's also "transference". When you think you angry about one thing, but you are actually angry about something else. And in most cases, acting out recklessly. Sometime

taking your anger out on others who had nothing to do with what you're angry about in the first place.

#### • stress management:

This taught us that when we allow stress to get the best of us, it's not only bad for your health, but also, it affect mentally, for instance, anger affects the hippocampus(your short term memory). Also, recognizing anger symptoms, including the tightening of the neck, back ache, stomach ache, and my tale, tale sign, clenching my left fist.

#### • 'speat Offender:

This is an extension of Second Stage Recovery. This group continues to address underlying issues in a drug recovery approach for those who have traits of habitual criminal behavior. Also, the group focuses on not using your issues as an excuse for using drug or committing crime, but on how to face your demons and learn how to heal.

\*Prisoners Against Child Abuse:

This program focused the the variety of way how children are abuse. Physically, hitting or shaking. Emotionally, screaming and threaten physical harm. Not validating or nurturing (using drugs and not tending to their needs). Creating a dangerous environment with drug use and criminal activity. An unstable home environment, constantly moving from home to home in a relatively short time.

\*Alternative to Violence Project(AVP):

This is a program that teaches conflict resolution for many situations. This by far was the best of all the programs I atteried. Not only this program teach me how to resolve strisful situations that could easily turned violent, but trught me that it's okay to be vulnerable and need help. But most importantly, know when to ask for it.

Note: I have never received any serious disciplinary write up(no CDCR 115) during any prison commitment(I have received a CDCR 128B, that was later rescinded by the person who gave it to me). Enclosed I'm 'ncluding copies of my certification from both education classes, and behavior modifications groups, also support letters(I will be sending more in a addendum as I receive them0..

Hopefully, these documents will demonstrate the growth that I have experienced over the years. And I'm hoping that you feel I am ready to reenter society as a contributing citizen.

While I do realize this by no means this makes me a perfect person, and will not be winning any award as man of the year, any time soon.

Nevertheless, over the years I have realized and often argued that a person who educate themselves both through conventional education, and behavior modification programs will not leave prison the same person that they were when they arrived.

I believe that I at least have the basic skills to face my feelings of inadequacy, and now I'm okay with who I am. Also, I know how to resolve everyday problems in a functional and reasonable manner. And more to the point, take responsibility for m actions, and not revert back to crime.

TAKING FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS:

First of all, I will not waste your time making excuses. Because there are none. I chose to start using drugs and prescicing reckless behavior when I knew the consequences.

In all cases where I committed crime (exhibited criminal antisocial behaviors), I had chances to do otherwise. The bottom line is that as far my childhood situation, my issues was no worse than any other person I grew up with. And many of them did not commit crimes. And even if they had it would not make it right for me to do so.

As I mentioned before, during my last thirteen years in prisc. I attended behavior modification programs (.self-help-grc.ps). However, in the beginning it was brought to my attention in the groups that I attended, that I was using my traumas such as my childhood abuse and other issues only for the purpose of making excuses to why I committed crimes.

I was constantly minimizing, rationalizing, and redefining everything I'm did, instead of taking responsibility for my action.

Furthermore, I blamed "society and my bad environment" for the r rson I had become.

But the truth is, that I had the means and choice to live a life that did not include using drugs, or committing crimes. I and I alone, made these choices, and only have myself to blame! You may not always like the choices you are given, but you always have a choice.

Furthermore, this is not just about me making bad decision, but having a blatant disregard for the law, the community, and doing what's right

It took a few years for me to get it. But now, thirteen years later, I know what I've done.

I was an absent parent who lived in the home. Denying my children the nurturing and validating they deserved. I also created an environment that wasn't safe for my children.

Ironically, there had been time when they put me in cells with people that were using. I told them that I didn't want

to be around in this type of environment. So when they refused to stop what they were doing, I got all high and mighty, thinking why can't these people realize that they were forcing me to live in a situation that I didn't want to be in.

Then it dawn on me, this is exactly what I did to my children, their mother, and my community. All I done most of my life was to complain about the world and everything was unfair because I'm black, but it turned out that I was my worse enemy.

Ye, there's racism and injustice for minorities. However, there are just factors in life, not excuse for one to commit coimes, or commit the same injustice on others.

On the streets I continually participation in both drug use and committing other crimes. Going to multiple location to purchase drug, contributing to creating a bad environment for children in the neighborhood. Furthermore, making the whole neighborhood feel unsafe

My behavior over the years can only be defined as domestic terro ism! And I had no right to do so!

#### PAROLE PLANS:

In the event that I am released from prison my number one priority is to establish stability in my life. And this start with reestablishing a relationship with my family, which will take time.

will take four major components to achieve this: my scoriety, job security, health issues, and a place to live.

However none of this can be accomplished unless I maintain my sobriety, so that is my first priority.

What I found that works best for me is one on one therapy. I discovered this when I was able to get weekly one on one sessions for two years here at San Quentin. It was during

this time I was told by my therapist that one on one session were now available, priced base on your income.

Presently I'm looking into where I might be able to get help were I live in Southern California. I have not receive confirmation yet. However, when I do I will forward the information in an addendum to the petition

For commutation. Meanwhile I can rely on the many twelve step meetings in San Fernando Valley, in Southern California.

F ployment is an important goal for me. Although I am sixty, I feel I have at least ten years or more in me. And fortunately for me is that not only does the 7370 coding teaches us a skill in a field which is estimated to need over a million software engineers by 2020, but they also exposed us to many companies that come to San Quentin to find there future employees.

Note: So far most of the inmates who have graduated from the 7370 class and paroled have gotten a six figure jobs in prominent companies. And they met their employer here at San  $Qu_{\ell}$  tin during the tech company's visit.

This is fortunate for me because I did not save enough social security to amount to anything and even if I had, it would not have been enough anyway. So the 7370 class was the perfect solution for me.

Mentors from silicone Valley have also directed me to school on the streets that can continue my education in the event that I am release, while I work. This would help me stay p to date in a ever evolving field.

Meanwhile, while in class I'm attempting to secure a job from one of our mentors, and I'm reaching out to companies in Southern California

As you probably know that I have health issues. I'm diabetic, have high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and Reno insufficiency(bad kidneys). I'm in the process of attaining information for I can determine a plan to provide immediate health care.

As soon as I have one, it will be forwarded in an addendum

A place to live; Right now I'm looking at either staying with my sister(temporally), or transition home(Also, temporary). When I receive conformation I will send copies in an addendum to the commutation application.

It may be a few weeks or longer before I get confirmation or responses from the people or places that I'm requesting information from. Nevertheless, I will be diligent in pursuing the information and get it to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely

Michael Calvin Holmes, CDCR#V33406

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### Frank Howard

In 2010, Frank Howard fatally shot the victim during a confrontation. On May 21, 2012, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Howard to 15 years to life for second degree murder plus a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Howard was 48 years old at the time of the crime and is now 61. He has been incarcerated for 12 years. Mr. Howard has expressed sincere remorse for his actions.

While in prison, Mr. Howard has devoted himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Howard has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record and resides on an honor yard. He has engaged in self-help programming and has been commended by prison staff for being respectful and setting a positive example for others.

Mr. Howard committed a serious crime that took the victim's life. Since then, Mr. Howard has demonstrated a commitment to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Howard's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Howard 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. Howard 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 Frank Howard to a total term of 15 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIPLEY N. WEBER, PH.D Secretary of State



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#### APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be reducted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

				APPLICAN	T INFO	RMATION				
Name:	FRANK P.	HOWARD (	AL7295)	_ Date of Bir	rth:	1961 so	cial Secui	rity Number		*********
Address:	CSP-LAC,	P.O. BOX	8457, L	ANCASTER,	CA.	93539				
1.	Conviction Sum	mary:								
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5.	If you have paid address, and an	nount paid or	given (requir	ed by Penal (	Code se			this applicat	ion, list	their name,

### STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney <u>before</u> submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

, Frank P. Howard	declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I			
(Print Full Name) have served the District Attorney of the County of	Los Angeles	with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or		
,	(Name of County*)			
commutation.				
I further declare under penalty of perjury u	nder the laws of the State of Ca	alifornia that the information I have provided on this		

application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

Orank Howard 3/5/2018
Applicant's Signature Date

<sup>\*</sup>If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

# APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY CONTINUATION SHEET

#### SECTION 2.

In the late evening of February 20, 2010, I was celebrating my birthday with two female acquaintances named BILLIE HALL and SHARON BROWN. Inside HALL's apartment, the three of us socialized for several hours, drinking alcohol, smoking marijuana and listening to music.

Afterward, when the mood softened, BROWN and I retreated to one of the bedrooms and closed the door. About fifteen minutes into our escapade, a man yanked the bedroom door open, switched on the light and snatched the bed covers off BROWN and me. We were partially nude and engaged in a sexual act.

The man, later identified as EDDIE CARROLL, began yelling and moments later, a second man — later identified as CRAIG CRENSHAW — appeared in the doorway. I was startled and frightened because I did not know either man or why they were yelling at me, but I would later learn that they were the boyfriends of Ms. HALL and Ms. BROWN, respectively.

Both CARROLL (AKA "ROCK") and CRENSHAW were members of a local CRIPS gang and both had violent criminal histories that involved the use of guns.

CRENSHAW, in 2003, had a prior arrest for assaulting his own brother with a handgun and firing several rounds at him. (See Attachment "C", Minute Order of CRENSHAW'S criminal case).

CARROLL, in 1992, 1996 and most recently in 2004, had prior convictions for illegally possessing firearms and other violent crimes. (See Attachment "D", Minute Order in 2004 criminal case).

Both CARROLL and CRENSHAW'S histories demonstrate a pattern of violence involving the use of handguns, and in light of these facts, I had every reason to fear these men. These facts, however, were never introduced at my trial.

CARROLL and CRENSHAW entered the bedroom yelling and screaming at me and before I knew it, the closest man, CRAIG CRENSHAW, struck me with his fist. Soon, they were both punching on me, driving me into a corner of the bedroom. I tried to defend myself but I was half nude, unprepared and out numbered. I was scared and feared for my safety. (See Attachment "B", PH RT of SHARON BROWN'S version of events that corroborate my story).

During the assault, I heard one of the men say, "I'M GONNA GET MY GUN," and immediately, they stopped punching on me and left the apartment. I was seriously injured and bleeding from my head. Both women tried to hurry me out of the apartment but I was too frightened to leave, believing that they might ambush me outside in the dark.

I was shaken with fear and unsure of what to do next. I was in the livingroom, fumbling with my clothes and trying to get dressed. That's when EDDIE CARROLL, the man who had helped assault me moments earlier, re-entered HALL'S apartment through the only door in the residence. Terror flashed through me and I remembered the last clear words that one of them had yelled right before they stopped beating me.

CARROLL stormed into the apartment, still enraged. After all, I had the foolish audacity to still be inside the apartment with his girlfriend. He began yelling at me and taking an aggressive stance. I yelled back. CARROLL aggressively approached me and I saw him reach inside his waistband and grab for what I thought was a gun. I pulled my own gun and pointed it at him. He ducked and turned to his right and that's when, out of fear, I pulled the trigger.

I didn't know how many times I had fired my weapon but medical reports would show that I had fired two rounds, striking CARROLL in a downward trajectory just behind his upper and lower shoulder. The first bullet was not lethal; the second bullet was lethal.

CARROLL fell face-down near the entrance of the apartment. I was completely panicked at this point, having never shot anyone before and I didn't know if CARROLL was still a threat. In a fog of uncertainty and haste, I tried to leave the apartment. As I stepped over a seemingly disabled CARROLL, his arm moved and appeared to reach up toward my gun. His sudden movement startled me and I pulled the trigger, firing a third round, striking CARROLL unintentionally in the temple.

I left the apartment, shaken and confused, and as I did so, I was approached by two unknown men. I brandished my gun at them in an attempt to ward them off. They backed off and I climbed onto my motorcycle and left the area. Several hours later, however, I turned myself into police custody and cooperated with investigators.

No gun was ever found on CARROLL'S body but police photographs do show that a large, black cellphone case was clipped to the front of CARROLL'S waistband. In the heat of the moment, CARROLL'S cellphone case is what I most likely saw and mistook for a gun, but it doesn't change the fact that I am responsible for the loss of CARROLL'S life and for that I am deeply and regrettably sorry.

#### SECTION 3.

The reason that I am requesting a commutation is because my conviction became final in February of 2014. I have since exhausted all of my State remedies and, as a result, I have no other plain, speedy or adequate remedy available.

#### SECTION 4.

The reason why I should be granted a commutation is because I deeply regret killing Mr. CARROLL and I am committed to ensuring that I never repeat such an act. Yet, inspite of my remorse, I truly believe that my sentence is not commensurate with the total circumstances under which the shooting took place. I have always maintained that I acted out of fear and passion, not malice and that the circumstances supported my belief.

I was brutally attacked, without provocation by two men with violent criminal histories and forced into a vulnerable situation from which I could not escape. And although this does not excuse my choice to shoot Mr. CARROLL, it should not, under these circumstances, relegate me to a lifetime of incarceration.

It should be noted that at a pre-trial hearing in my case, the presiding judge stated that he thought it was a clear case of voluntary manslaughter and asked my then attorney, Deputy Public Defender, Bret R. Rayburn, why there had not been a plea deal for such a charge. The answer, my attorney gave, was that the prosecution simply didn't want one. Throughout my entire case, I was prepared to accept a voluntary manslaughter charge and the full sentence that would accompany such a charge. But the mandatory sentence I received did not take into account a plethora of mitigating circumstances, nor did it take into account my own life as a father, a skilled worker or as a husband.

I am a 58 year-old first termer serving a 40 year-to-life prison sentence for the provocated killing of Mr. EDDIE CARROLL. Prior to that fateful day and having never served a single day in prison, I had spent the past thirty years of my life working successfully as a union construction member in very good standing. (See Attachment "A" Union Construction History).

I was a single father raising two wonderful boys, Frank and Koran, who, to this day, rely on me for guidance and emotional support. I moved to California from the state of New Jersey to take part in the expanding opportunities of highrise construction in the Los Angeles area, and when I wasn't spending time working or with my sons, I was frollicking in my own passion of riding motorbikes.

In 2011, a year after that regretable day, I married my longtime and beautiful friend, SANDRA JOHNSON-HOWARD, whose love and compassion is outmatched only be her fervent hope that we will, one day, live out our vows in true fashion and freedom.

I have served a substantial number of years in prison as my punishment and since my incarceration, I have been diagnoised with a severe form of chronic arthritis in my hip joints and it has made the simple task of walking a painful chore. Doctors also discovered that my left kidney is virtually useless and that a vein to my right kidney requires regular stint replacement.

Every six months I must undergo a surgical procedure to replace the stint.

Also, I have been diagnosed with PTSD by Dr. Nancy Kaser-Boyd, Ph.D. (See Attachment "E", Complete Psychiatric Evaluation Report by Dr. Nancy Kaser-Boyd, Ph.D. and Curriculum Vitae). The diagnosis starts on Page 10. I have taken a proactive approach to treating my PTSD while in prison by visiting the facility's psychiatrist once every three months just to touch base. I successfully manage my PTSD by utilizing the advice that I am given.

Yet, insspite of my failing health, PTSD and the likely prospect that I will die long before my first parole hearing, I remain disciplinary free and maintain a positive report with both staff and inmate. I see myself as a decent man, a decent father and a decent husband who made a horrible mistake — a mistake I never wish to repeat.

My time in prison has given me ample time to reflect not only on my actions of that day but on the choices I made long before it. I killed EDDIE CARROLL with an unregistered firearm that I had found in an alley some years earlier and carried it with me as protection from many of the street hoodlums that I had encountered. Prior to that day, the worst I ever thought would happen was that I would be forced to fire it into the air to frighten off those wouldbe hoodlums. But I was wrong. That night, which started off so innocently, turned from celebration, to confusion, to fear and ended in tragedy, all in a matter of minutes.

I have no intentions to ever again carry a firearm, not only because it is illegal, but because of the scar that this experience has left on me. I am a husband now and a passionate father, and I never want to hurt them or my community again.

Everyday, I try to give back in my own small way by encouraging young prisoners — many of who remind me of my own sons — to make healthier choices and to have them consider the impact of their actions on their lives and on the lives of those they seek to harm.

In this way, I will continue to successfully participate in the Progressive Programming Facility (PPF) at CSP-LAC, "A" Yard and to use this opportunity for self improvement.

If released, my plan is to return to my wife, Sandra, with a heavy and grateful heart, to comply with parole conditions, draw from my pension and to strengthen my relationship with my sons. As I approach the age of sixty, it is my hope that your office will grant my request for commutation or pardon.

Thank you for this opportunity for a second chance and I look forward to hearing from you.

#### SECTION 5.

I am functionally illiterate and was assisted by my cellmate CHRIS MOORE (AK6450) who, after reading about my case, helped me prepare this commutation request free of charge. (See Attachment "F", Declaration by CHRIS MOORE.

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#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### **Richard Mahorney**

In 2006, Richard Mahorney committed a robbery. On August 9, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Placer, sentenced Mr. Mahorney to 25 years to life for robbery plus 15 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Mahorney was 45 years old at the time of the crime and is now 61. He has been incarcerated for 15 years. While in prison, Mr. Mahorney has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Mahorney has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. He has participated in self-help programming, completed college courses, and earned three vocations. Mr. Mahorney has been commended by correctional staff for his excellent communication skills and strong work ethic.

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

Mr. Mahorney committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Mahorney has devoted himself to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Mahorney's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Mahorney 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. Mahorney does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

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**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Richard Mahorney 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D. secretary of State



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#### APPLICATION FOR A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence (a reduction of sentence/punishment) from the Governor. If you have submitted a commutation application in the last three years, please complete the <u>re-application form</u>. The Governor's Office and/or the Board of Parole Hearings may contact you for additional information relating to this application. If the Governor grants you a commutation, some information from your application will appear in an annual public report about clemency the Governor is required to submit to the California Legislature. Learn more about commutation application at <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/clemency">www.gov.ca.gov/clemency</a> or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

	(Attach additional	pages as necessary.)				
Name (Last/First/Middle	): MAHORNEY, RICHARD	EUGENE Date of B	Birth: _			
CDCR Number: F8	4309 Social Secu	rity Number: _				
Name of Facility/Prison:	SIERRA	ity/Prison Address: 5150 0	BYRNES FERRY RD. DWN, CA 95327			
1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.)						
	List conviction(s) for which you are	requesting a commutation of se	ntence.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):			
PC212.5	08/16/2007	PLACER	25 TO LIFE			
Vere you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence? ☐YES ☑NO						
	List all prior conviction(s) in California, an	y other state or country, or in f	ederal court.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction: 09/04/84	Location of conviction(s): SACRAMENTO	Sentence(s):			
PC211	11/18/85	SACRAMENTO	8 YRS PRISON			
PC508	06/26/91	YOLO	2 YRS PRISON			
VC 23152(A)	11/01/05	PLAKER	8 DAYS JAIL 36 MOS. PROB.			

2. Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).  (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PAGE 1)
3. Describe how a commutation of sentence may impact your life.  (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PAGE 2)
<ul> <li>4. Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs, professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, conduct violations, or new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals).</li> <li>(PLEASE SEE ATTACHED PAGE 3 AND ENCLOSED COPIES OF CERTIFICATES, CHRONGS, WORK SUPERVISOR REPORTS, AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION CERTIFICATIONS)</li> <li>5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list their pages address and the second sec</li></ul>
their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.
APPLICANT DECLARATION  Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent  I, RICHARD EUGENE MAHORNEY, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of (Print Applicant Full Name)
California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
delivered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of PLACER (Name of County or Counties)
Richard & Mahorney March 3, 2021  Date Date 1

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence.

ON NOVEMBER 30TH, 2006 I ROBBED A RITE-AID STORE IN ROSEVILLE, CALIFORNIA. I WAS NOT ARMED, BUT I DID SIMULATE A WEAPON BY PLACING MY HAND UNDER MY SHIRT. I DEMANDED THAT THE LADY CASHIER WORKING THE COUNTER THAT DAY (MRS. JUDY BENNETT) GIVE ME ALL THE MONEY IN HER CASH REGISTER, WHICH SHE DID. I THEN FLED THE SCENE OF THE ROBBERY.

THIS CRIME, ALTHOUGH COMMITTED FOR FINANCIAL GAIN, WAS MOTIVATED BY MY ADDICTION TO ALCOHOL AND MY REFUSAL TO SEEK TREATMENT FOR IT. I REMEMBER VIVIDLY THE MORNING OF THE CRIME. I WOKE UP NEEDING A DRINK BUT HAD NO MONEY TO BUY ANY. I DROVE TO THE RITE-AID STORE WITH THE INTENTION OF TRYING TO SHOPLIFT SOME BEER. ONCE I WAS IN THE STORE WITH THE BEER IN MY HAND I REALIZED I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO WALK OUT WITH IT AND THE SHOPLIFTING TURNED INTO A ROBBERY.

I FULLY REALIZE THAT MY RE-ENTRY INTO SOCIETY WILL PRESENT ALOT OF THE SAME CHAUENGES THAT I DID NOT DEAL WITH APPROPRIATELY BEFORE MY INCARCELATION. I. AM ALSO AWARE OF THE NEW CHAUCNGES I WILL BE FACING. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NOW AND THEN IS THAT I HAVE ACQUIRED THE TREATMENT I NEED TO DEAL WITH ALCOHOL ADDICTION AND ALSO GAINED THE KNOWLEDGE AND INTELLECTUAL TOOLS NECESSARY TO HANDLE THESE CHALLENGES SUCCESSFULLY. A COMMUTATION WILL GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO THE THINGS I DREAM OF DOING WHEN I GET OUT OF PRISON: SERVE GOD, SERVE MY COMMUNITY, AND BE A HELP TO MY FAMILY.

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	FILLY MORROWN PORT (100 12 12)
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	REHABILITATE MY LIFE, MY ACTIONS ON NOVEMBER 30TH, 2006 TRAUMATIZED
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# EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### **Anthony Martinez**

In 2010, Anthony Martinez and his crime partner shot at, but did not strike, a rival gang member in a drive-by shooting. On June 12, 2012, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Martinez to seven years to life for attempted murder plus a 20-year sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 27 years to life.

Mr. Martinez was 26 years old at the time of the crime and is now 38. He has been incarcerated for 12 years. Mr. Martinez has expressed sincere remorse for his crime.

While in prison, Mr. Martinez has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Martinez earned his GED, an associate degree, and has engaged in self-help programming. Mr. Martinez has lived on an honor yard since 2015, and has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. He currently works as an aide to inmates with disabilities, and he has been involved in the prison's service dog training program. Mr. Martinez has been commended by prison staff for his strong communication skills, patience, emotional awareness, and rehabilitative efforts.

Mr. Martinez committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Martinez has demonstrated a commitment to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Martinez's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Martinez 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. Martinez does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself

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**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 Martinez 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:

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SHIRLEY N WEBER, PH.D.

Secretary of State



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## APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence from the Governor. A commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

Name:	ANTHONY MARTINEZ Date of Birth 83 Inmate ID: AL 8045
Addres	s: P.O.BOX 4430, LANCASTER, CA.93539 Facility: C.S.PLAC
1.	Conviction Summary:
	List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.  Offense(s): County of conviction(s): Sentence(s):
	ing suspended License 2003 LOS Angeles Community service spiracy, P.C.(211) Robbery 1997 LOS Angeles Probation
2.	Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
	See Attach Page 10F1
3.	Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):
-	See Attach Pages 10F2
4.	Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary):  See A++ACh PAGES 10F3
5.	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist in the preparation of this application, list their name, address, and amount paid or given (required by Penal Code section 4807.2):

10F1-QUESTION(2) PAGE 1 QUESTION-2 ON APRIL 25, 2010 About 6:00 AM Jorge Cervantes WAS WAIKing Along South Fir Avenue in Inglewood, CA. When He SAW A RED EXPLORER and A White CAMRY driving TOWARD Him. The TWO Vehicles PASSED Him Then Suddently Turned Around And Stopped. Believing THAT JORGE CERVANTES WAS A RIVAL gangmember OF my neighborhood I WAITED Until The CAR STOPPED CLOSE TO Him Then I lowered my window AND FIRED A Shot FROM A BLACK PISTOL. cervantes Threw Himself on The ground. When He looked UP I Fixed Again CERVANTES STOOD UP AND RAN THROUGH A NEAR- by Alley AS I Continued To Shoot Four more Shots His direction MR cervantes Hid in The Alley until Police CAME. I WAS LATER IN THAT DAY I Dentified As The Shooter and Tooken INTO CUSTODY, I Chose TO go TO A RIVAL gang AREA THAT MORNING TO RETALIATE With The intentions To Kill A enemy ThAT

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I'M Requesting Commutation Because I understand now That my old way of Thinking was The cause of my Destrictive Behavior. The more I LEARNED About myself. The More I REAlized I WAS The Problem And no one else. I TAKE Full Responsibility For Attempting to Kill George cervantes and Also The Pain and FEAR. I caused Him and His Family Being in Prison I Realized I Still HAD A Choice And That WAS TO continue in my negative Lifestyle OR TO BE A BETTER EXAMPLE FOR MY TWO Daughter's, my Family And TO Those I come in Contact with in my Daily Life. I SURRendered my Life to Jesus Christ in 2014 of MAY and Seperated myself From my old Lifestyle and Denounced The GAM I once Represented. I no Longer PARTICIPATE IN CRIMINAL Activities But AM now lead By The Word of God which gave me A New WAY of Thinking. TO LOVE OTHER'S WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST That my Life WAS eagerly missing. Since MY ARRIVAL HERE IN LANCASTER STATE PRISON P.P.F A. YARD IN 2015 I HAVE NOT TOOK FOR granted my Time TO grow in This positive environment. I Am currently striving to Achieve my G.E.D and I'm scheduled to Take The Test in MARCH. I HAVE Also Been Attending Channel Island BiBle College For The PAST Three YEARS where I'M currently Two modules AWAY FROM RECIEVING AN A.A. degree in BiblicAL counseling. I Am currently involved in writing A Domestic Violence Book BASEd 300 12022 Exocutive Report on Clemency

QUESTION-3

Principles With our Spansor MR. J.D. Hughes.

I Have Attended and Accomplished The Following Programs - A.V.P., GoGi, Personal Development, New Choices Diffrent Directions, Victim Sensitivity, Prison Letters 4 our struggling Youth, Reformers—UNANIMOUS, KOINONIA COURSE and Seperate From These Programs my certificate of Baptism, I.

Am currently Awaiting to Attend more self—Help classes to continue my Journey to grow AS A positive Leader, once Agam I would Like to Thankyou Governor Brown For giving us This oppertunity to show society That change is possible and I will continue to Utilize This Time no matter what The Out come may be. Thankyou and God Bless you,

Sincerly, Arthoresmartinery 10F3-QUESTION(4) Page 3 Question - 4 FIRST I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THAT JUST HAVING THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY FOR A COMMUTATION IS A Blessing, And FOR THAT I AM GRATEFUL I Should Be granted a commutation not Because I deserve it, But Because I can Honestly not Just SAY I HAVE made The Decision to Become a positive leader But I Am continually letting MY ACTIONS ON This Righteous PATH Show EVERYDAY. I DIDINIT AllOW MY POOR Decisions And The Consequences THAT FOLLOWED TO MAKE ME MORE CARELESS AND Bitter. Instead I TOOK This Time TO Finally evaluate My negative Benavior AND TO REALIZE THAT IN ORDER FOR LIFE AROUND ME TO CHANGE I HAD TO Change FIRST. I WAS 26 YEARS OLD When I got ARRESTED WITH A FOOLISH WAY OF MINKING. I WAS AN ACTIVE GANGMEMBER, Alcoholic, violent, and with no Respect For The LAW. I AM no Longer THAT MAN ANYMORE I can't Tell You That I'M perfect But I Look AT everyday OF My Life AS A oppertunity TO Become A Better FATHER, SON, BROTHER, Friend and Servant To my Community. I AM 34 YEARS Old NOW And I HAVE BEEN incarcerated FOR TYEARS And I've used This Time TO SIT STILL And Reflect on my Life without All The distraction's THAT NORMAILY STEAL MY FOCUS WHEN I HAD MY FREEDOM. MY OLD CRISSS-2022 Executive Report on Clemency

QUESTION-4

LiFESTYLE I NOW USE AS A TESTIMONY To Help encourage men that change is A Real Reality By Showing Them The Change That God HAS MAde in Me And not to Allow Their current Lifestyle TO Continue To destroy Them and Those Around Them. I Haven't Let My Time in prison JUST go TO WASTE BUT I HAVE Allowed it TO REMADILITATE ME TO IMPROVE MY CHARACTER IN PATIENCE, Love, Self-control, Humility and Respect FOR THE LAWS OF OUR NATION. I LOOK FORWARD TO A POSITIVE FUTURE WITH A NEW DESIRE THAT GOD HAS given Me to be of service to people in need whether it's spiritually, mentally OR Physically. All I ASK is FOR MERCY And TO JUST BE given The oppertunity To give BACK TO A Society That is in desperate need of Love. THANKYOU GOVERNOR BROWN FOR YOUR TIME and CARRI.

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### James Ratliff

In 1980, James Ratliff fatally shot one victim and injured another during a burglary. On June 12, 1987, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Ratliff to life without the possibility of parole for murder, nine years for attempted murder, one year and four months for two counts of burglary, plus a three-year sentence enhancement.

Mr. Ratliff was 27 years old at the time of the crime and is now 69. He has been incarcerated for 41 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Ratliff has worked hard to better himself. Mr. Ratliff has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record in prison. He lived on an honor yard and has engaged in self-help programming. Mr. Ratliff has been commended by correctional staff for his positive behavior and attitude, helpfulness, and respectfulness toward staff and his peers.

Mr. Ratliff'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 clemency applicants who have been convicted of more than one felony.

Mr. Ratliff committed a serious crime that took the victim's life and injured another. Since then, Mr. Ratliff has dedicated himself to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Ratliff's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Ratliff 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. Ratliff does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of James Ratliff to 41 years to life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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## APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:	JAMES	RATI	IFF			Date	of Birth:		-53	Social S	ecurity	/ Numbe	er:		
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## STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney <u>before</u> submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

, JAMES RATLIFF	declare under penalty of perjur	y under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name) have served the District Attorney of the County of	LOS ANGELES	with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or
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I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filling of perjury charges against me.

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Date

\*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

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reoffend in any way. I am not any danger to the public at large. I have been assigned a "low risk assessment evaluation of (1) one" or the lowest possible assessment provided by CDCR.

During my incarceration, I have profoundly reflected upon my past and developed a fairly good understanding about why I made that particular choice of decision in my life which altered also the lives of my family members. Insight and remorse are indeed abstract concepts which do not in themselves offer in operationalized definition or measurement. However, within myself and my faith I have come to terms with deep remorse consistent self-criticism for my past antisocial attitudes at the time of the instant offense, notwithstanding the pressing needs and desperation which contributed to the offense.

According to the "Analysis of risk potential" -which is the most widely used risk assessment/management instrument in California, there is uncontrovertible evidence that no risk factors are associated with either recidivism or the possibility to commit any other offense in a free community. In addition, my "prison exit" plans are solid and are supported by my family members, in that I will be able to have adequate housing, support of any kind and will not be a burden to the State at all.

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### Joshua Rosales

In 2006, Joshua Rosales cornered the victim whom his crime partner then fatally shot. On October 20, 2009, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Rosales to 15 years to life for murder plus a sentence enhancement of 25 years to life, a total prison term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Rosales was 15 years old at the time of the crime and is now 31. He has been incarcerated for 15 years. Since entering prison, Mr. Rosales has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Rosales earned a GED and is enrolled in college courses. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming and vocational training. Mr. Rosales also contributes to his institution's Arts and Corrections Program.

Mr. Rosales committed a serious crime that ended the victim's life. Since then, Mr. Rosales has demonstrated a commitment to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. 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 Joshua Rosales 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary.)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Ro	sales, Joshua M	anuel Date of Birth	1991
CDCR Number: AB 46°	Social Secu	rity Number: _	
Name of Facility/Prison:	onwood Facil	ity/Prison Address: P.O. Box 2	199, Blythe, CA 92220
1. Conviction Summary (Note	e: The Governor's Office will review	a complete copy of your criminal his	story report.)
L	ist conviction(s) for which you are i	requesting a commutation of senten	nce,
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
2nd Degree M	order 10/6/09	Los Angeles	15 to life
Gun Enhance	urder 10/6/09 ement 10/6/09	Los Angeles Los Angeles	25 to life
Vere you under 26 years of age	at the time of the crime(s) for whic	h you are seeking a commutation of	f sentence?   YES   NO
List all	prior conviction(s) in California, an	y other state or country, or in feder	ral court.
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Vandalism		Long Beach Court	house House Arrest

2. Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).  See Attachment A.
3. Describe how a commutation of sentence may impact your life.  See Attachment B
<ol> <li>Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs, professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, conduct violations, or new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals).</li> <li>See Attachment C (1–3)</li> </ol>
5. If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.
APPLICANT DECLARATION  Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent
1, Joshua Manuel Rosales, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of (Print Applicant Full Name)
California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
delivered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of Los Angeles .  (Name of County or Counties)
Applicant Signature Date Date Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence.

# Attachment A

2. It was proven that I aided and abetted the murder of Mr. David Rocha on December 12,2006. It was said that Mr. Rocha lied his way into the Lopez family home and tried to rob them at gun point. That later that day the Lopez family encountered Mr. Rocha at a store and called a family friend for help. That a few blocks away from the store, I patted down Mr. Rocha to see if he had a weapon or to try to rob him. That I blocked Mr. Rochas path and waited for someone to identify him. That when Mr. Rocha was identified, he was shot and murdered while I was twelve feet away facing the opposite direction of the crime. It was proven that I was not the actual shooter, but that I was responsible for the killing because I was an aider and abetter to the murder of Mr. David Rocha.

# Attachment B

3. It will impact my life by giving me the opportunity to present myself to the board of parole hearings and be found suitable to go home to my mother. It will also give me a head start in life and help me begin my journey towards being a contributing member of my community. As a result of all the new laws and policies being passed, my hope has been strengthen. This has impacted my life by being able to see the finish line clearly now and not as before when all I can do was dream about it. A commutation will further impact my life by giving me a chance to present who I am now, as to who I was back then when I was a troubled fifteen year old youth. Being one step closer to freedom and being able to start the process of giving back to my community will help me continue making living amends. This for me is not the end of the finish line, but the beginning of the race towards achieving all that I have in mind and all my goals of becoming a successful person in society. A commutation of my sentence will impact my life by letting me have a chance to go home to my family, my friends, many of my support network, and the amazing individuals that have helped me become the person I am today.

## Attachment C(1)

4. My life since my conviction has been full of highs and lows. At the beginning I was still holding on to my faith and doing my best to do good. I obtained my GED two years into my time and was able to get a PIA job that provided me with the opportunity to better myself. Not long after I got the job, my sister died and I chose to batter an inmate with a weapon within a two month period. I continued on a negative path while in ASU by willfully delaying a peace officer in the performance of duties and by having possession of unauthorized medication. I didn't realize the severeness of my actions at the time and continued to have a negative perspective towards life. In May of 2013, I was released from ASU and transferred to Kern Valley State Prison where I began to think about making changes. I started by trying to remain disciplinary free and changing my perspective towards life. On November 9,2014, I chose to stop smoking marijuana and began my path towards recovery. On March 22,2018, I chose to stop drinking alcohol and began my journey to a life of sobriety. Although I remained disciplinary free while I was at Kern Valley State Prison, I now understand that I was still violating the rules of CDCR by smoking and drinking, even though I was never caught in the act. In May of 2016, I was transferred to Ironwood State Prison on a behavior override and was given the opportunity to better myself with all the programing that Ironwood has to offer. Not even six months 2022 Executive Report on Clemency here in

# Attachment C(2)

Ironwood and I received a rules violation for possession of alcohol in October of 2016. I was receiving bad news from my mother about her health every time I called in those first few months and even after that as well. I had made the decision to cope with that information by drinking away my pain, but before I could do so I was caught with the alcohol. I went to my hearing for possession of alcohol and for the First time I took full responsibility for my actions by pleading guilty. At my annual the following month, I was kicked out of the YOP program and pending transfer back to a level four yard. I made the decision to take full advantage of my time here in Ironwood before I left, so I started going to every self-help group that was available on and off the books. I went to all types of meetings that people invited me to or welcomed me to. I wanted to educate myself with whatever knowledge would help me grow and mature into an individual that my mother would be proud of to call her son. I was told that I had a medical hold and that I wouldn't be put up for transfer until it expired, which to me was a real blessing in disguise. I continued to go to groups and seek out new opportunities to better myself. In my next annual in 2017, I was blessed once again and given another chance to be here in Ironwood on a behavior override. I was really shocked and I couldn't believe it because I knew that I had made a mistake, which should have sent me back to a level four yard. Since then, I have continued going to 407-3022 Executive Report on clemency been

## Attachment C (3)

able to obtain a vocational certificate. I have remained sober and disciplinary Free. I learned new coping skills by going to groups and reaching out to my mentors, so that I could learn how to live with my addictions. I now understand by going to NA/AA that I am an addict and that thy life had become unmanageable, so I began making daily inventories to start taking responsibility for my wrongs. Being able to go to IOW has allowed me the opportunity to share my wrongs in an open setting, so I began to release all the guilt that I have kept bottled up and started the process of gaining insight towards my life. I became aware of obsession, compulsion, and progression through CEA, which has shown me that I have an addiction to a criminal lifestyle. Being able to identify that in my life, has given me a new perspective and way of thinking that I didn't have before. Going to I-For-Sight (Emotional Intelligence) I have learned that I was emotionally immature and that I needed to grow in all areas of my emotions. I never knew that I could be immature in my emotions and that each individual emotion needs its own process to arow. There's many groups I have taken, but these four were major components to the transition of change in my life. This is a brief description of my life since my conviction and I am attaching copies of my chronos and certificates that I have earned throughout my time in state custody. 408 - 2022 Executive Report on Clemency

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### Kareem Sims

In 1996, Kareem Sims and his crime partners kidnapped the victim and beat him, then Mr. Sims fatally shot him. On December 18, 1997, the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin, sentenced Mr. Sims to life without the possibility of parole for murder and eight years for kidnapping, plus a tenyear sentence enhancement.

Mr. Sims was 19 years old at the time of the crime and is now 45. He has been incarcerated for 26 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Sims has worked hard to better himself. Mr. Sims has participated in extensive self-help programming and volunteers in a service dog training program. He has earned his GED and multiple vocations and completed college courses. Mr. Sims has expressed sincere remorse for his crime.

Mr. Sims committed a serious crime that took the victim's life. Since then, Mr. Sims has dedicated himself to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Sims'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. Sims 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. Sims 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 Kareem Sims to 26 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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Monday, June 17, 2019

Office of the Governor State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency Sacramento, CA 95814

Regarding:

Kareem Rashad Sims, CDC# K77888

Enclosed:

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3.	Describe how a commutation of sentence may impact your life.
S	ee Letter of Accountability; A commutation of my life without parole sentence will give me a second chance
at	life and the opportunity to make a positive impact on my community and with my family.
4.	Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs professional and educational achievement; any set-backs, conduct violations, or new convictions; insight about past conduct; and future goals).
S	ee Letter of Accountability, Institutional Accolades and Educational Achievements
5. J	If you have paid any money or given any gift to anyone to assist you in preparing this application, you are required by law to list their name, address, phone number, email address, the nature of your relationship, and amount paid or gift given.  oseph Ryan, Attorney, Beles and Beles Law Office, 1 Kaiser Plaza, Suite 2300, Oakland, CA, 510-836-0100, ryan@beleslaw.com, Fee: \$5,000
	APPLICANT DECLARATION  Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent
	I, Kareem Sims , declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of (Print Applicant Full Name)
Co	alifornia that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I further declare that I have served (mailed or
de	elivered) my notice of intent to apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of San Joaquin
	(Name of County or Counties)
	Applicant Signature  May 8 2019  Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, State Capitol, Attn: Legal Affairs/Clemency, Sacramento, CA 95814. You may, but are not required to, include copies of relevant documents that support your application (e.g., certificates of achievement, photographs, letters of support, etc.). Do not send original documents, as application documents cannot be returned. Please update the Governor's Office promptly if your contact information changes. Submit a completed Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency to the district attorney in the county of your convictions for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence.

# Attorney Letter of Support

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## RE: Kareem Rashad Sims Application for Commutation of Sentence

Dear Governor Newsom.

Mr. Kareem Rashad Sims, through counsel, hereby requests a commutation of his sentence of life without the possibility of parole, plus 9 years, for the murder and kidnapping conviction of Reginald Rachal. Mr. Sims convictions followed a jury trial in San Joaquin County Superior Court. At the time of the crimes, Mr. Sims was only 19 years old. Mr. Sims deeply regrets his actions and recognizes the severity of his decision to commit these crimes. Mr. Sims has made every effort to atone for his actions, most notably by participating in the Victim Offender Dialogue program, where he met face to face with the mother of the man he killed. Given Mr. Sims' spectacular efforts and performance in prison, I respectfully request that Mr. Sims' sentence be commuted.

### Evidence of Mr. Sims' Good Character

Mr. Sims is presently incarcerated at the California Healthcare Facility in Stockton, CA. Mr. Sims has spent well over half of his life in custody and has taken that time to reflect on his criminal behavior. Mr. Sims has always taken responsibility for his actions, even testifying under oath that he was the person who killed Mr. Rachal. Mr. Sims continues to take responsibility for his actions, and the severity of his decision to take Mr. Rachal's life weighs on him heavily.

Ultimately, there is no better indicator of Mr. Sims remorse, rehabilitation and growth since the time of the crime than his letter of accountability, attached hereto. Mr. Sims shows incredible insight into the offense, and the grief that he has caused others. Mr. Sims understands that he has made a decision to do something horrible, which has a permanent effect. But importantly, Mr. Sims has made efforts to rectify the damage he has caused.

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As outlined in his letter, Mr. Sims participated in the Victim Offender Dialogue program, wherein he met with Jean Baylor, Mr. Rachal's mother, to discuss the crime and participate in a powerful act of restorative justice. Again, Mr. Sims' letter speaks for itself, but it is worth noting that Mr. Sims prepared extensively for his meeting with Ms. Baylor so that he could "help make right the wrong" that he had caused. It is clear that the program had a serious, transformative effect on Mr. Sims. Moreover, it is clear that Ms. Baylor has forgiven Mr. Sims, and is hopeful that he has a second chance at life outside of prison so that he can continue his development.

Mr. Sims has also participated in numerous other programs while in custody that would serve him well if he were to be released. Presently, Mr. Sims is working toward earing his Paralegal Certificate. He has also completed vocational programs in typing, filing, business and math. Mr. Sims has also completed courses in computers, mathematics, film studies and GED programs. By taking advantage of the educational opportunities afforded to him, Mr. Sims will have the ability to successfully reintegrate into society and the work force were his life without parole sentence commuted.

In addition to educational courses, Mr. Sims also worked as a cook, and assisted other inmates in preparing development plans while in custody. While his work as a cook would certainly benefit him in obtaining employment, it is his work assisting other inmates that shows Mr. Sims' unique abilities not only as a worker, but as a trustworthy leader to his peers. Overall, Mr. Sims time in custody has shown him to be a man of good character with intellectual and vocational skills.

## Outside Support for Mr. Sims

As discussed above, Mr. Sims has the support of Jean Baylor, who also provided a letter stating that she believes that Mr. Sims will live a productive life if he is given a second chance.

Mr. Sims also has the support of his loving wife, Miesha, who has known Mr. Sims for more than 10 years. Miesha describes Mr. Sims as loving, empathetic and attentive despite the fact that he is incarcerated. Miesha states that it has been a "beautiful journey" to see how much Mr. Sims has grown in the time since she has known him. Miesha believes that Mr. Sims' strong moral conscience would allow him to reintegrate well into society.

Miesha's parents, Deborah and Dan Eaglin, have also provided support letters for Mr. Sims. Both of the Eaglins note that the strong faith shared by Mr. Sims and Miesha would help for him to reenter society in a productive manner. The Eaglins are also eager to provide any help they can to ensure Mr. Sims' positive reintegration into the community. The support of Miesha and her family will certainly help Mr. Sims to avoid any acts or crimes of violence if he were allowed to return to the community.

## Mr. Sims' age at the time of his offense weighs in favor of granting him a second chance.

Mr. Sims was only 19 years old at the time of his offense. Effective January 1, 2016, California Penal Code section 3051 was amended to apply to offenders under the age of 23 at the time of the

commitment offense, pursuant to Senate Bill 261. Accordingly, section 3051 now provides as follows for offenders under age 23:

- (1) persons serving a determinate sentence shall be eligible for release to parole during the 15th year of incarceration:
- (2) persons serving a sentence of a "life term of less than 25 years to life" shall be eligible for release to parole during the 20th year of incarceration; and
- (3) persons serving a sentence of "a life term of 25 years to life" shall be eligible for release to parole during the 25th year of incarceration. (Cal. Penal Code section 3051(b)(1-3).)

Senate Bill 261 also modified section 4801, subdivision (c):

When a prisoner committed his or her controlling offense, as defined in subdivision (a) of Section 3051, prior to attaining 23 years of age, the board, in reviewing a prisoner's suitability for parole pursuant to Section 3041.5, shall give great weight to the diminished culpability of juveniles as compared to adults, the hallmark features of youth, and any subsequent growth and increased maturity of the prisoner in accordance with relevant case law. (Emphasis added.)

Section 3051 explicitly excludes offenders under the age of 23 who are sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. (Cal. Penal Code section 3051 (h).) In comments on the bill, the California Assembly noted that SB 261 would continue to hold young people "accountable and responsible" for what they did by requiring a minimum of 15 to 25 years of time in custody. (Stats. 2015, ch. 261.) The bill noted that the consideration of an offender's youthfulness was supported by both science and logic, and was consistent with other California laws:

"This reflects science, law, and common sense. Recent neurological research shows that cognitive brain development continues well beyond age 18 and into early adulthood. For boys and young men in particular, this process continues into the mid-20s. The parts of the brain that are still developing during this process affect judgment and decision-making, and are highly relevant to criminal behavior and culpability. Recent United States Supreme Court cases including *Roper v. Simmons*, *Graham v. Florida*, and *Miller v. Alabama* recognize the neurological difference between youth and adults. The fact that youth are still developing makes them especially capable of personal development and growth.

The State of California recognizes this as well. State law provides youth with foster care services until age 21. It extends Division of Juvenile Justice jurisdiction until age 23. It also provides special opportunities for youth in our state prison system through age 25." (Stats. 2015, ch. 261.)

Senate Bill 261's stated intent was to "give young adults in our prisons hope and incentive to improve their lives." (Stats. 2015, ch. 261. at p. 3.) Senate Bill 261 was purported to act as a natural extension of Senate Bill 260, finding that "young adults are still developing neurologically and emotionally past the age of 18" and accordingly, that offenders under the age of 23 had the "same opportunity for

personal growth and rehabilitation" as those who were under 18. (Stats. 2015, ch. 261. at p. 4.)

Here, Mr. Sims' case shows the "hallmark features of youth" – namely, that Mr. Sims was guided by a misplaced sense of vigilante justice to defend the mother of his child. Mr. Sims was a very young man at the time of the incident and admits that he acted rashly, and outside the bounds of the law when he killed Mr. Rachal. It stands to reason, given Mr. Sims development during the period of incarceration, that had he been older, and more cognitively developed, he probably would *not* have acted in the way that he did by killing Mr. Rachal.

This in no way attempts to minimize Mr. Sims' actions or shirk responsibility. Rather, counsel submits that Mr. Sims' age, maturity and ability to be rehabilitated should be considered in determining whether his sentence of life without parole should be commuted. The State of California recognizes an inherent difference between youth and adults in sentencing. And though the legislature has determined that this difference does not apply to youthful offenders sentenced to life without parole, Mr. Sims' case shows that a person with his sentence *can* change, grow and rehabilitate. The laws surrounding young offenders like Mr. Sims suggest that he should be given a second chance to be a productive member of society.

### Conclusion

I respectfully submit that Mr. Sims is an excellent candidate for a commutation of his sentence of life without the possibility of parole. Mr. Sims has always accepted responsibility for his actions and has a deep understanding of the severity of his decision to kill Mr. Rachal. Mr. Sims has made amends with Mr. Rachal's mother and has grown tremendously during his period of incarceration. Finally, Mr. Sims was a very young man at the time of his offense and has shown the ability to mature, develop and rehabilitate himself. Accordingly, I respectfully request that Mr. Sims' sentence be commuted.

Sincerely,

Joseph L. Ryan

# Statement of Accountability

When my eyes close at night, more times than not, I still think about that night 22 ½ years ago a month after turning 19 years old, I took the law into my own hands by taking the life of a young man, Reggie Rachal that committed a terrible act against the mother of my child, a member of my family. I was arrested for the crime of murder. Everything about that moment seemed to be not real, distant and yet present, feeling like its happening to someone else, but knowing it's happening to me. Being placed in the back seat of the police car was like entering the atmosphere of a new world that was totally alien from anything I had ever known. Still viewing the situation through my warped sense of reasoning, I could not understand what was going on, why I was the one in trouble, I felt I had done what I was supposed to do and was thus not guilty of a crime.

At the age of four, I was abandoned by my mother and raised by my father. My father was in Special Forces of the military which took a major toll on him, and I was raised in an extreme harsh environment with little tenderness, love and compassion however it was deeply instilled in me the understanding that duty goes above everything else. Duty which included loyalty to family and protection of that family, nothing else mattered. At the age of 16 I met Kelly, and although we were children, we became a couple and a year later we had a child. During this time my father had become gravely ill and subsequently passed away. We buried him on my 18th birthday. I went through a lot from the untimely death of my father, being an undeveloped child living an adult life and raising a family, so much hurt and loss just seemed to be everywhere, but nothing prepared me for the shocking hurt that befell me the night Kelly came home in utter fear with the deep bruising saying she had been raped. At this point we were no longer a couple but we were still family. She lived with me and we were raising our child together.

In distress, she informed me of what happened and expressed her desire for the situation to be "taken care of." I only allowed a few moments for that pain to be felt and then my duty to the protection of my family took over. I 100% believed in this duty for I held my father above all. In a twisted sense of reasoning, I committed this crime of taking Reggie's life, as a rightful response by me due to his wrongful act. I gravely mistook the training by my father to mean this is what he would have wanted me to do or would have done himself.

At that time, I didn't view Reggie as a human being, but rather a transgression that caused my family severe and traumatic pain that now had to be taken care of severely. Anger and frustration seemed to be my only two emotions because I could not understand why no one could understand that I was only upholding my duty to family virtue as my father would have wanted. I was a 19 year old kid, sitting in jail with no support, no one by my side for my father was my only family, and the only comfort I had was knowing that I held on to the principle of duty that made me commit this crime against Reggie at that time seem acceptable.

It wasn't until a point during the trial, I had eye contact with Reggie's mother, Ms. Jean, and things started to changed. In that moment of eye contact between her and I was able to see understanding. What I mean is that I saw familiar pain in her eyes, which I had in my heart ever since that night Kelly came home in terror. A loss, a grief that I thought no one could or did understand until I saw it in Ms. Jean. My grief and pain sparred me into active duty, to commit this act that was the same act that caused her loss, her pain and sorrow. I began to see this error I had in belief of rightful duty and judgment just how terrible this wrong that I had done. I passed judgment on another human being and caused the grief and sorrow of someone losing her son to be forever placed on her. Through the years that understanding blossomed in to further understanding that her loss of Reggie also extended to everyone who knew and loved him that my unlawful act of taking his not only touched, affected her but everyone that knew him this is why the law is to never be taken into ones hands because the outcome and the effect will affect a whole world of people. I'm sure if my father was still alive I would have not twisted the duty to family that he was instilling into me. It was not my duty to take it into my own hands.

Ever since then, I have continued working toward self growth. So much understanding in realizing what I did was wrong but equally understanding just how wrong I was, the unlawful action by me is, but also grasping its effect upon his mother, him and everyone else connected to him and I. Understanding the letter of the law came first. For me, that meant understanding that being a part of society with a body of rules established means you are to follow them no matter the circumstance. For example, no matter how angry or hurt I personally may get towards another human being, I cannot take any part of the law into my own hands no matter what the law is there to be followed, adhered to, never rationalizing away or taking into one's hands. The quality of life and the helping and protecting of life is upheld by "the law abiding citizen" absolutely no if's and's or but's.

Taking personal responsibility for my breaking of the law and being accountable counted on to follow the law, I've been doing since my commitment to CDCR. The harder sentiment was having empathy – true empathy, compassion for everyone involved. This was not something that I was raised with, having to learn it on my own. Through the years, I was able to find an angel and marry my wife and she also has helped me with empathy, compassion and love for all people, even when being wronged. I have worked extremely hard in building and maintaining my relationship with my wife, working every day to be the best man I can be for her and to society. By seeing her in a functioning family has better enabled me to grasp the pain, grief and sorrow of Reggie's lost to his family.

My biggest personal breakthrough came on that magnificent day I met with Ms. Jean face to face and had an experience like no other in my life. This life changing opportunity came about through a decade of hard work and persistence by Ms. Jean to find a group or organization that will allow us to speak to each other. She found the Victim Offender Dialogue, also known as VOD, in which two wonderful women met with me

to explain the aim and goal of their organization which was to eventually have me and Ms Jean sit down for a one on one conversation. Before we got there a number of things had to be discussed, delved into and achieved on my part. They set forth criteria and goals that had to be met by me before that sit down could happen. I met those goals by being open and true thus ensuring them that I was ready with personal accountability for my act and unconditional compassion for her because of my wrongful act without expecting anything in return other than trying to help make right the wrong that was caused by me.

I walked in the room where she stood I couldn't even look at her. I hurried up over to my chair when I immediately had my eyes casted down on the floor. I couldn't look at Ms. Jean so she got and came over to stand right in front of me. She told me to stand, I did but I still couldn't look down at her. Finally she grabbed my chin, forcing me to lock eyes with her. And when I did she says to me "baby you're still holding all that inside of you? I've been gave mine to God, so son let it out. I cried holding Ms. Jean for about 20 minutes. At first all I could say over and over was sorry, I'm so so sorry. All she kept saying is its okay son, I know, I forgive you. I thought that I had a firm grasp how my crime impacted society, the victim and his family, my family and she reaffirmed that. I was ready to be there for her, giving her everything she needed for me, yet she showed me the importance of truly forgiving oneself, the power of forgiveness/love overall, being everything for me.

She allowed me to open up and express such a painful and profound sorrow that healed, nurtured and loved so completely by gifting it to me, I was now able to truly give it. That day, her forgiveness, completed me, then and still continues to this day. After the forgiveness, letting me feel her understanding she then showed demonstrated me, in live action the void, the emptiness, and hurt that now sits in the hearts of so many people that loved him. He was the oldest, the glue to his brothers, how they are now not the same. How her sisters can't talk about him, telling the questions that his kids used to ask as well, as well as other family members. And with undeserved loving understanding for my grief, she still without hesitation expressed to me all of her loss pain, grief and sorrow that god removed from her years ago, but she asked for it back so I can receive, feel and understand the hurt not to punish me but to teach me true empathy and compassion so that I never remotely even consider to do anything that could hurt anyone including myself! I mean I even understand the reason not to jaywalk though held to be a harmless misdemeanor but I can clearly see all types of tragedies that occur from a 'harmless' infraction. In other words, I realize there's no such thing as a harmless rule infraction, it's still breaking the law. Laws are put in place for a reason and to have empathy and compassion for life, means to abide by these laws and let justice be served by means of those put in place to do so. Ms. Jean gave me a real life example. Even tho her and her family were wronged by what I did to her son, she did not use her sorrow to condemn, or have me full of pity and regret she employed mercy. My personal sorrow and regret revved high and was threatening to overcome me, yet Ms. Jean I guess sensed it and again pulled me eye level and asked what am I feeling. I told her simply I

don't know where to go. I feel guilty about my life, me living while her firstborn son is gone, which made her say, she's not here, nor the others in the room here for me to self-destruct from guilt. She said promise me this, take her being here, everything from the crime till now and all that's transpired in between, make it a part of me, that makes me be the best man possible every day, every moment of my life, to my wife, son. Do all things that my path takes me. She said son, can you that and I said yes! I went into this meeting ready to be the best I could for her and in turn she was there for me and helped me with so much healing.

Today I sit here a man full of hope, knowing what it truly means to feel love and compassion. I have used every minute of this 22 ½ years and I do not believe in shortcuts or giving in to the easiest thing. I wish I was better at 19, I wish I had the perspective then which would have kept Reggie alive, and avoiding the pain and heartache in so many others. I never committed a crime like that before nor anything like it while being incarcerated. I worked out there so I came to prison and kept that same sentiment going. Getting my high school equivalency, earning vocational degrees, and secured A1A status to maintain employment at high level position, mainly lead cook. I strove to take care of myself and be a productive and model member of my population. Only within the last year have I been off of work on medical leave, but given the opportunity on the outside I can transition into a productive member of society, taking care of my wife and myself.

I had my darkest hour that day where a son was taking from mother an older brother form a younger brother, a father from his children. I wish I could take that day back, and I've spent every day since and for the rest of my life with the understanding and tools to make any decisions remotely that way, using my mind and heart to show love and help people rise instead of falling into darkness as I once did. These 22 ½ years I have spent in prison have helped me to truly see the error of my ways and serve justice for the taking of Reggie's life. I believe however, and throw myself on the mercy of the jurisdiction to allow me an opportunity to show I am now a fully developed better man by becoming a productive member of society, fulfilling the proper duty of taking care of my family with love and support and facilitate the underdeveloped youths of today, deterring them from throwing away the better part of their adult-lives like I did. I endeavor to be a law abiding citizen adding benefit to the same world that has my last action of violence and tragic bloodshed stained upon its ground. Please allow me an opportunity to cleanse that stain with unconditional human kindness.

Respectfully,

Kareem Rashad Sims

#### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

#### **Robert Strickland**

In 1994, Robert Strickland committed one robbery and attempted to commit two more. On January 23, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. Strickland to 50 years to life for two counts of attempted robbery, 25 years to life for robbery, plus 14 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 89 years to life.

Mr. Strickland was 30 years old at the time of the crimes and is now 58. He has been incarcerated for 27 years. While in prison, Mr. Strickland has devoted himself to his rehabilitation. He has participated in extensive self-help programming, earned two associate degrees, and currently works as a lead mentor for the youth offender program. Mr. Strickland has been commended by correctional staff for his leadership skills, professional integrity, willingness to help others, and communication skills.

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

Mr. Strickland committed serious crimes. Since then, Mr. Strickland has dedicated himself to his self-improvement and rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Strickland's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Strickland 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. Strickland 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 Strickland 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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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



## Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

## APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

Complete this application to request a pardon or commutation from the Governor. A pardon is the forgiveness of a crime and a commutation is a reduction or elimination of a sentence. If you are eligible for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, do not complete this application; instead obtain a Certificate of Rehabilitation from the superior court in your county of residence. (See Penal Code, § 4852.01.) If a pardon is granted, this application will become a public record, however specific personal information will be redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

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## STATEMENT OF NOTICE TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY

This application may be submitted to the Board of Parole Hearings for investigation and recommendation pursuant to Penal Code section 4812. This application may also be submitted to law enforcement or other agencies for investigation or recommendation.

Penal Code sections 4804 and 4805 require that you give the District Attorney in the county of conviction written notice of your intention to apply for a pardon or commutation. You must complete the Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency (attached) and mail it to the District Attorney before submitting this application to the Governor's Office. If you are requesting a pardon for more than one conviction involving more than one county, each District Attorney must be given notice.

I, ROBERT STRICKLAND JR. declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that I
(Print Full Name) have served the District Attorney of the County of SAN BERNAR LIND with notice of my intent to apply for a pardon or commutation.

I further declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information I have provided on this application is true and correct. I understand that any omission or misstatement of facts may result in the denial of the application and the filing of perjury charges against me.

\*If Applicable, List Additional Counties Here (Send Notice of Intent to Apply for Executive Clemency to All Counties Listed)

# REPRIEVE CERTIFICATES

2022

## 2022 Reprieve Grants

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## **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.

> State of California to be affixed this 13th day of Jønuary 2022. GAVIN NEWSOM

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the

Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER 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 Jønuary 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM

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## **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.

GAVIN NEWSOM
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## **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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## 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.

GAVIN NEWSOM Governor of California

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## MEDICAL REPRIEVE OF SENTENCE

## **Deborah Belcher**

On August 19, 1982, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced Deborah Belcher to 25 years to life for murder plus two years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 27 years to life.

Ms. Belcher is now 72 years old and has been incarcerated for 41 years. California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) medical staff have deemed Ms. Belcher a high medical risk.

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

This temporary medical reprieve of sentence does not minimize or forgive Ms. Belcher'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 Deborah Belcher to make her immediately eligible to be transferred to an alternative custody placement in the community approved by the Division of Adult Parole Operations. This reprieve allowing Ms. Belcher to continue serving her sentence in the community under the supervision of CDCR is temporary and may be nullified at any time for any reason, resulting in Ms. Belcher'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 1st day of July 2022.

GAVIN NEWSOM

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