

EXECUTIVE REPORT ON PARDONS, COMMUTATIONS OF SENTENCE, AND REPRIEVES

**DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD
JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2025**



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, subdivision (a) of the California Constitution, Penal Code section 4807, and Government Code section 12017, I submit to you a report on the clemency grants I issued in 2025. I pardoned 59 people, granted commutations of sentences to 19 people, and granted reprieves to one person.

This report includes the pardon, commutation, and reprieve certificates, and the 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 critical part of California's criminal justice system that can promote accountability, rehabilitation, public safety, and make jails and prisons safer.

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

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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CERTIFICATES
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APPLICATIONS

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**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

PARDON

Lewis Baker

Lewis Baker, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On May 13, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Baker to three years in prison for manufacturing a controlled substance and maintaining a synthetic drug. On July 23, 2001, the court sentenced Mr. Baker to four years and four months in prison for possession of a controlled substance for sale with a prior conviction.

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

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

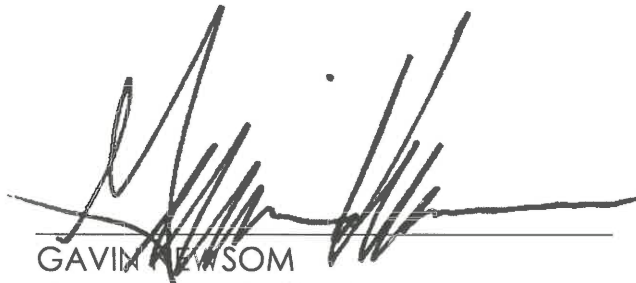
This act of clemency for Mr. Baker does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself and his past service in the United States Army.

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. Baker 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 Lewis Baker a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.





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:

Lewis Dale Baker

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

Lewis Dale Baker

Date of Birth:

[Redacted] 949

CIJ Number:

[Redacted]

Certificate Case Number:

KA038976, VA062439

Criminal Case Number(s):

KA038976, VA062439

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LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

JUL 31 2019

Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk

By B. Perez Deputy
B. Perez

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:

[Redacted]

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 July 31, 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 1997, 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 2 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 31 day of July, 2019

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Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

[Signature]
Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE

Sam Dhita



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Marvin Balat

Marvin Balat, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On April 18, 1994, the Superior Court of California, County of Marin, sentenced Mr. Balat to six years and four months in prison for the transport or sale of a controlled substance. He was 23 years old at the time of his crime.

Mr. Balat 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.

This act of clemency for Mr. Balat 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. Balat 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 Marvin Balat a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.





GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



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



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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. 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, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, Sacramento, CA 95814. There is no application fee and a lawyer is not required to apply for a pardon.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): BALAT, MARVIN, FRED

Date of Birth: [redacted] 1969 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Residence Address: [redacted]

Mailing Address (if different): [redacted]

Home/Cell Phone: [redacted] Work Phone: [redacted] Email: [redacted]

1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.)

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include 11352(A) with dates APRIL 18, 1994 and sentences 5YRS and 16MOS.

Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a pardon? [X] YES [] NO

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, Location of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row contains text: SAME AS ABOVE

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

2 COUNTS OF SALES OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE. I WAS INVOLVED WITH THE WRONG CROWD OVER
30 YEARS AGO AND MADE SOME VERY BAD CHOICES.

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

A PARDON BY THE GOVERNOR WILL RESTOR MY RIGHTS AND ALLOW ME TO FEEL LIKE A A TRUE AMERICAN
CITIZEN AGAIN AND OPEN UP DOORS WHICH WERE ONCE CLOSED.

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 GREW UP IN MARIN COUNTY AND GRADUATED FROM REDWOOD HIGHSCHOOL IN 1987. I WAS ENROLLED IN
BUSINESS MARKETING CLASSES IN COLLEGE WITH A FOCUS ON BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. SINCE MY
RELEASE FROM PRISON CLOSE TO 30 YEARS AGO I HAVE RECEIVED MY CA REAL ESTATE LICENSE AND
VOLUNTEERED WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. I CURRENTLY OWN A FITNESS EQUIPMENT STORE LOCALLY.


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.

I, MARVIN FRED BALAT, 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 MARIN.
(Name of County or Counties)


Applicant Signature

12/4/23
Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the **Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole & Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, 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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Robert Baugh

Robert Baugh, a resident of Texas and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On April 6, 1967, the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, sentenced 22-year-old Mr. Baugh to five years to life in prison for first degree burglary.

Mr. Baugh 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 15, 2020, the Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus, granted Mr. Baugh a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Baugh's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Baugh be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Baugh 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. Baugh 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 Baugh a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.




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 STANISLAUS

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

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

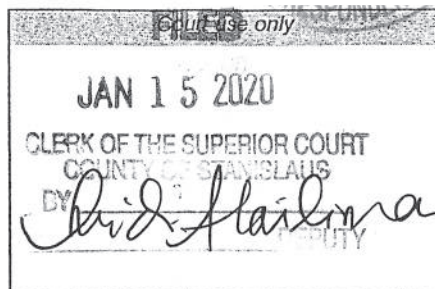
Certificate Number CR-19-011634

Date of Birth 1944
Month, Day, Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) 40381

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of ROBERT MICHAEL BAUGH, presently residing at [Redacted], 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 15th day of January, 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 1/26/1972, 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 ONCE 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 15 January, 2020

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED



[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

2020-104722.1

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Sam Behpoor

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

On January 20, 2004, the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno, sentenced Mr. Behpoor to three years and four months in prison for first degree residential burglary. He was 18 years old at the time of the crime.

Mr. Behpoor 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.

This act of clemency for Mr. Behpoor 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. Behpoor 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 Sam Behpoor a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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. 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, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, Sacramento, CA 95814. There is no application fee and a lawyer is not required to apply for a pardon.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Behpoor/Sam
Date of Birth: [redacted] 1983 Social Security Number: [redacted]
Residence Address: [redacted]
Mailing Address (if different):
Home/Cell Phone: [redacted] Work Phone: [redacted] Email: [redacted]

1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.)

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include PC 459 convictions from 01-20-2004 in Fresno with 364 Days sentences.

Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a pardon? [X] YES [] NO

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, Location of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row contains 'SAME AS ABOVE'.

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

I was a misguided youth and made some poor decisions. I was 18 years old when the crimes were committed in 2001.

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

I am currently behind held in ICE custody for these crimes that were committed 24 years ago. Please help me avoid deportation. I have lived in the USA since I was 3 years old.

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 hold a bachelors degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. I have been the General Manager of Pismos Seafood restaurant in Fresno, CA for the past 10 years.

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.

I, Sam Behpoor, 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 Fresno.
(Name of County or Counties)

Sam Behpoor
Applicant Signature

08/27/2025
Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the **Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole & Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, 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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Sithy Bin

Sithy Bin, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On August 28, 2008, the Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus, sentenced Mr. Bin to 40 years to life in prison for discharging a firearm at an inhabited dwelling, assault with a semiautomatic firearm, and participating in criminal street gang activity. He was 24 years old at the time of the crime. On July 31, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus, resentenced Mr. Bin to 15 years to life in prison.

While in prison, Mr. Bin was never disciplined for misconduct. He engaged in extensive self-help programming, maintained an excellent work history, and received numerous commendations from correctional staff for his positive transformation. On January 29, 2020, the Board of Parole Hearings granted him parole following a finding that he does not pose a current risk to public safety. On May 14, 2020, Mr. Bin was released from prison. Based on his positive adjustment and good conduct in the community, on October 28, 2021, he was granted an early discharge from parole.

Mr. Bin 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.

This act of clemency for Mr. Bin 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. Bin 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 Sithy Bin a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', is written over a horizontal line.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shirley N. Weber', is written over a horizontal line.

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 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)

Name (Last/First/Middle): **Bin/Sithy**

Date of Birth: **1980** Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): [REDACTED]

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 246: Shoot at Inhabited Dwelling/Vehicle	06/27/2007	Stanislaus	25 years-to-life & 15 years-to-life [enhancements 12022.5 & 186.22(b)(1)(B) imposed]
PC 245(b): Assault with Semi-Automatic Firearm	06/27/2007	Stanislaus	15 years
PC 186.22 (a)(1): Participation in Criminal Street Gang	06/27/2007	Stanislaus	6 years
Sentenced on August 28, 2008 to serve two life sentences, 25-to-life plus 15-to-life for total of 40 years-to-life before being considered for release.			
*Re-sentenced pursuant to Penal Code section 1170(d)(1) following Gov. Brown's signing AB 1812 in June 2018			
**Re-sentenced on 07/31/2019 to total term of 14 years prison & RELEASED FROM PRISON 05/23/2020			

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):
23152 (A)/23152 (B) VC-DUI: Alcohol/Drugs MISDEMEANOR	05/28/2000	CASO Modesto	Unknown Sentence
14601.1 (A) VC-DUI Alcohol/0.08% MISDEMEANOR	02/26/2002	Stockton Courthouse	3 yrs probation, fine, restitution
14601.1 (A) VC-Drive While Lic. Susp. MISD.	02/26/2002	Stockton	3 yrs prob., fine, restitution // 14601.1 (A) VC-Drive While Lic. Susp. MISD. 04/02/2002 Stockton 2 days jail

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

See attached Voluntary Statement.

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

See attached Memorandum.

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).

See attached Voluntary Statement.

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 nor given any gift to assist in the preparation of this application.

APPLICANT DECLARATION

Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.

I, Sithy Bin, 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 Stanislaus.
(Name of County or Counties)


Applicant Signature

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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.

Memorandum in Support of Application for a Pardon Sithy Bin

Introduction

Sithy Bin has lived in the United States for nearly his entire life and is a lawful permanent resident. He is a father to two U.S. citizen daughters, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], and a grandfather to two young children, [REDACTED]. Sithy is a pastor, a caseworker for Friends Outside LA, and co-founder of a non-profit dedicated to helping people going through reentry. Sithy faces deportation to Cambodia, a country he has never set foot in, because of a crime he committed over 15 years ago, despite a remarkable transformation both in prison and in the free world. Only a gubernatorial pardon can spare Sithy exile from his family, church, and community.

Sithy's parents fled the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia and Sithy was born in a Thai refugee camp; the family immigrated to the U.S. when Sithy was just a toddler. Sithy's childhood was difficult, as his family struggled with poverty and his parents dealt with the lingering effects of severe trauma. Sithy's parents frequently left Sithy alone and often expressed anger with violence. He also faced severe bullying at school. Throughout his childhood, Sithy felt unloved and unsafe. When he was just 13, Sithy got jumped into the [REDACTED] gang. The gang provided Sithy with the sense of safety and belonging that he did not find at home. But the gang also encouraged Sithy to act out in order to develop a reputation for hardness; Sithy learned to care only for what his fellow gang members thought. Sithy also struggled with addiction to alcohol.

On September 2, 2005, Sithy Bin made a terrible decision that would forever alter his life. He went with several fellow gang members to a rival gang member's house and, once there, fired his gun at the house. Sithy hit and injured a woman with no gang ties, [REDACTED] Khat. Sithy was flooded with remorse, but it was too late, and he was convicted of discharging a weapon at an inhabited dwelling (P.C. sec. 246), assault with a deadly weapon (P.C. sec. 245(b)), and of participation in a criminal street gang (P.C. sec. 186.22); he also received sentence enhancements. In all, Sithy faced 40 years to life in prison.

Even with such a long sentence, Sithy did not give up. He found God, an experience which profoundly transformed his life. Sithy became an ordained minister and undertook every rehabilitative program available to him. He rebuilt his relationships with his family. In 2019, following the passage of a sentencing reform law, Sithy was resentenced and one of his sentences was struck entirely, making him eligible for parole. Following a parole hearing, Sithy was to be released – but instead was arrested by ICE and transferred to ICE detention.

Sithy did not believe he had any avenues of relief and accepted a deportation order, but remained detained until the ACLU brought a lawsuit seeking the release of people because of the danger the COVID-19 pandemic posed to them. Once free, Sithy immediately connected

with his family, found a faith community, restarted his education, and was soon employed as a caseworker for Friends Outside LA. Sithy has dedicated his life to service to others, especially to those going through reentry. Sithy is intent on sharing his wisdom so that others do not make the same mistakes he did. Sithy has utterly transformed himself, becoming a person who amazes everyone in his life with his positivity, energy, love, and motivation. The Board of Parole Hearings too has recognized Sithy's achievements, discharging him from parole early.

Despite doing everything possible to rehabilitate and to rebuild his life and succeeding wildly, Sithy still faces exile. Justice in Sithy's case requires an extraordinary measure – a full pardon – to ensure that all the people who love and rely on Sithy are not deprived of his presence in their lives, and to ensure that Sithy can continue to live out his purpose here in California, his home.

A Governor's Pardon Is the Only Way to Spare Sithy Deportation, an Imminent Risk.

Sithy is a lawful permanent resident of the United States and has been for approximately 37 years. Ex. C., Copy of Green Card and I-94, at p. 21. However, on May 28th, 2020, he was ordered deported to Cambodia because of a criminal conviction he committed over 15 years ago.¹ *Id.*, DHS ICE Order of Supervision at p. 25. The conviction is categorized as an "aggravated felony."² Under current immigration law, people who have convictions determined to be "aggravated felonies" are subject to mandatory detention and mandatory deportation.³ According to his charging document, see Ex. C, Notice to Appear at p. 22-24, ICE is pursuing Sithy's deportation to Cambodia because of the conviction that he received in 2008. *Id.* In addition to forcing Sithy into deportation proceedings, an aggravated felony also statutorily barred Sithy from applying for relief such as asylum, withholding of removal, and cancellation of removal. At the time of his removal proceeding, Sithy felt he had no options because of his conviction and took his removal order alone, without a chance to discuss his options with a lawyer.

However, a gubernatorial pardon will give Sithy the opportunity to remain in the United States, his home since he was a child. A gubernatorial pardon is Sithy's only chance to reopen his immigration case and regain his status as a lawful permanent resident. Specifically, a pardon would waive entirely the aggravated felony ground for deportation, allowing him to move to terminate proceedings and retain his lawful permanent resident status.⁴ He would then be eligible to become a United States citizen.

Sithy's deportation is imminent no matter who is president. Sithy has a final order of removal, which means that he is at risk of detention and deportation at any moment should

¹ Sithy committed the crime on September 2, 2005, but was convicted on August 28, 2008.

² See INA § 237(a)(2)(A)(iii), 8 U.S.C. section 1227(a)(2)(A)(iii) ("Any alien who is convicted of an aggravated felony at any time after admission is deportable.") Aggravated felonies include crimes of violence, theft, burglary, counterfeiting, and forgery if the sentence (served or suspended) is 365 days or greater. INA § 101(a)(43), 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(43).

³ INA § 237(a)(ii).

⁴ INA §237(a)(vi), 8 U.S.C. § 1227(a)(2)(vi).

ICE determine to make Sithy a priority for removal. Increasing his risk, ICE will soon begin to target Cambodians specifically for deportation, and Cambodians like Sithy, who already have final orders of removal, are especially at risk. See Ex. C, Email from Anoop Prasad and ICE Alert Graphic at p. 29. The ground of Sithy's deportation is statutory, which requires an act of Congress to change. Sithy was unrepresented and detained at the moment he received his removal order. He did not have an opportunity to pursue an appeal without an attorney. Therefore, he does not have any more avenues to address his case in the immigration court system and is wholly dependent on having his conviction pardoned.

Sithy's Early Life Left him with Unresolved Trauma and with Few Coping Skills.

Sithy was born in a refugee camp in Thailand and arrived in the United States while still a toddler. Ex. A, Voluntary Statement of Sithy Bin, p. 2. His parents fled the extreme brutality of the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia and had few resources when they began their life in Modesto, California. *Id.* at p. 1-2. Sithy recalls his family always living on the knife's edge of poverty, with his parents gathering recyclables to sell to make ends meet. *Id.* As the oldest, Sithy was often left at home alone while his parents worked; they brought the younger children with them because Sithy was still too young to care for them. *Id.* In truth, he was also too young to care for himself, and Sithy felt abandoned and alone from a young age. *Id.*

Still suffering from trauma themselves, and dealing with the stress of constant financial precarity, Sithy's parents often took out their anger, frustration, and pain on their children. *Id.* at 1. Sithy's father was an alcoholic, verbally abusive, and Sithy and his siblings feared his rageful outbursts. *Id.* Additionally, both parents used corporal punishment, hitting their children when the children disobeyed. *Id.* Sithy recalls being hit with extension cords and belts. *Id.* Thus, as a child, Sithy learned that violence was normal and that home was not a safe place. *Id.* Sithy also faced cruel bullying in school. *Id.* at p. 2. His classmates made fun of his English and called him names like "Shitty Garbage Bin." *Id.* Sithy had no outlet for his feelings of anger, fear, and lack of self worth. *Id.* He was taught that only women express their feelings, while boys must "man up" in order to get respect and to protect themselves from violence and harassment. *Id.*

With mental health services inaccessible and stigmatized among the Asian immigrant community, Sithy turned to gangs. *Id.* Gangs were a "part of life in Modesto," and Sithy saw them as powerful groups who took care of their members and who got respect. *Id.* In sharp contrast to his home life, Sithy, still an impressionable and hurting child, saw gangs as a way to feel a sense of belonging and protection. *Id.* When Sithy was twelve years old, a local Asian gang recruited two of his friends, but insulted and rejected Sithy. *Id.* This rejection was so painful for Sithy--who already felt unloved by the most important people in his life--that he felt suicidal. *Id.* Sithy lost sight of other dreams and became determined to prove his worth, whatever the cost. *Id.* He worked to develop a reputation for toughness. A year later, when Sithy was still just thirteen, he got jumped into Cambodians With Attitude. *Id.*

Sithy Led a "Double Life" in Response to his Unaddressed Trauma.

Sithy graduated from high school and enrolled in Humphreys College; he also became a father to two daughters, who were born when Sithy was 18 and 22 years old. *Id.* at p. 3. Sithy

went from seeking parental figures in the gang to being a parent himself; he did not have the tools to be an adult, let alone a father. *See id.* He felt overwhelmed, even though he loved his daughters. *Id.* Sithy still did not have access to any mental health resources to help him manage his emotions and his early responsibility. *Id.* at 1. Even if they had been available, Sithy had learned cultural norms that stigmatized therapy and asking for help as signs of weakness. *Id.* Sithy continued to seek his sense of safety and strength from his gang affiliation. *See id.* at p. 3. Sithy both worked full time and was a student full time; but unbeknownst to his professors and fellow students, Sithy was also a full-fledged gang member. *Id.*

Being in the gang let Sithy put on a “mask” and hide his unaddressed and unhealed feelings of abandonment and worthlessness. *Id.* at p. 2. As Sithy puts it, his “desire for the approval of others was insatiable.” *Id.* at p. 1. He got those feelings of affirmation, belonging, and confidence from the gang. *Id.* at p. 2. Sithy oriented his life to upholding his gang reputation, on which he staked his entire sense of self. *Id.* At the same time, Sithy numbed the pain that still haunted him with alcohol. *Id.* Sithy now places both his use of alcohol and his participation in the gang in the framework of addiction. *Id.* Sithy *needed* both in order to keep up his protective front and not succumb to his dark and frightening emotions. *Id.* And Sithy now realizes that both alcohol and gang life were the wrong place to turn for comfort, causing more harm instead of healing. *Id.* In order to maintain his double life, Sithy relied on a “mask.” *Id.* But keeping people out using his “mask” also prevented him from achieving the kind of human connection that could have helped him overcome his childhood traumas.

One night, Sithy’s double life “overlapped.” *Id.* at p. 3. He and his college roommate decided to attend a party uninvited. *Id.* Rival gang members who happened to be at the party brutally assaulted Sithy, beating him unconscious and stabbing him 19 times with a Phillips head screwdriver. *Id.* Sithy was hospitalized as a result of the attack. *Id.* At first, the assault felt like a wake up call that Sithy should leave gang life behind and focus on his daughters. *Id.* But Sithy “relapsed,” as feelings of shame and humiliation overwhelmed him, in turn bringing back old feelings of rejection and vulnerability. *Id.* Sithy turned again to his protective mask of gang life and became consumed with thoughts of revenge. *Id.* Sithy legally purchased a handgun, which he claimed was for self defense even as the anger grew uncontrollably within him. *Id.*

The Crime

On September 2nd, 2005, when he was 24 years old, Sithy made the mistake that would alter the entire course of his life. *Id.* Hungry to get his reputation back, and still filled with unresolved anger, Sithy agreed to go with some friends to a rival gang member’s house with whom a member of Sithy’s gang had a conflict over an ex-girlfriend. *Id.* Sithy and his friends had been drinking. *Id.* Chaos ensued once they arrived, with people fighting and firing weapons. Sithy fired his gun at the house. *Id.*

██████████, a 39-year-old woman who had nothing to do with the gang, was hit and injured. *Id.* When Sithy learned of what he had done, he felt a terrible sickness rise up in him, like he would have felt if he had mistakenly killed his own mother. *Id.* Sithy’s remorse came too late. Sithy was prosecuted for assault with a deadly weapon and discharging a weapon at an inhabited dwelling. With gang and gun enhancements, Sithy was sentenced to two life

sentences, and faced at least 40 years in prison. Ex. B, California Department of Justice Criminal History Record at p. 10-11.

Sithy Gained Perspective and Coping Skills in Prison.

Many people who face life in prison and sentences as long as Sithy's give up on changing their lives. But from the beginning, Sithy was determined to make amends for the harm he had caused, and refused to give up on himself. Soon after arriving in prison, Sithy found a Bible and a Christian prayer booklet that said that people may pretend to be tough in the streets, but once they are hiding from gunfire, every person prays to God. *Id.* at p. 3-4. That resonated with Sithy, and he became more and more interested in the Christian faith. *Id.* at p. 4. Sithy began to attend church services and Bible study groups. *Id.* After a few years, Sithy became eligible to transfer to a lower security prison with more programming. He took advantage of every program available to him, and sought ways to give back to others, for example participating in Relay for Life. See Ex. B, Post-Conviction Report, at p. 18.

In 2013, Sithy was transferred to the California Men's Colony East State Prison. He enrolled in The Urban Ministry Institute (TUMI), which provides a college-level curriculum on biblical studies and theology and prepares its students to become servant-leaders in their communities. *Id.*; Ex. A at p. 4. Sithy fully committed himself to a life of service, as a means of making amends and as a means of overcoming the trauma in his past that had led him to commit the crime that sent him to prison. See Ex. A at p. 4-5. Sithy came to understand that in serving others and helping them gain insight into their choices, he would also continue to learn and grow; likewise, his mistakes could serve an instructive purpose. *Id.* Sithy was fully ordained as a minister by the International Missionary Center USA in 2014. Ex. E, International Mission Center, USA, Certificate of Ordination for the Ministry of Gospel of Jesus Christ at p. 37-39.

Sithy worked on himself in other contexts, too, taking multiple self-improvement classes and participating in multiple religious, and rehabilitative programs, including Criminals and Gang-members Anonymous (CGA). Ex. E at p. 16-17. A full list of the programs Sithy participated in and accompanying certificates can be found at Exhibit E. Besides CGA, Sithy found three programs particularly meaningful: Defy Ventures, Guiding Rage Into Power (GRIP), and the Youth Adult Awareness Program. Ex. A at p. 4. Defy Ventures gave Sithy the opportunity to spend 12-15 hours a week for six months training with faculty at Harvard and Stanford Business schools; he completed their rigorous reentry program, CEO of Your New Life, and received a Certificate of Career Readiness from Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business. Ex. E at p. 41-43. Sithy had to apply for a place in the selective GRIP program, a year-long intensive training that engenders empathy and insight in its participants. Ex. A at p. 4. The GRIP program also brought Sithy into contact with the organization Moms with a Message, a group of mothers who have lost children to gun and gang violence. Ex. E at p. 45; Ex. A at p. 4. Hearing the women's pain and seeing their suffering intensified Sithy's remorse even further, as well as his drive to help his community. *Id.* Sithy eventually became a co-facilitator and a co-mentor for both Defy Ventures and GRIP. See Ex. E at p. 15-18. Finally, the Youth Adult Awareness Program (YAAP) gave Sithy the chance to mentor at-risk youth and help them gain wisdom from Sithy's experiences. *Id.*

Sithy also held multiple positions working within the prisons in which he was incarcerated, including being selected to be the clerk for the Protestant chaplain, and received commendations in all of them. *Id.* In total, Sithy had 25 “laudatory chronos,” a term applied to accomplishments within programming and praise from prison personnel. Sithy never had a single disciplinary issue. *See id.*

During this time, Sithy also re-built his relationship with his family. Ex. A at p. 4-6. From the beginning, Sithy wrote consistently to both of his daughters, [REDACTED], but it took time for his daughters to forgive him and reconnect. *Id.* at p. 4. Once they did, Sithy made sure to impart all that he had learned and to be present for his daughters through the various challenges they faced, providing empathy and guidance. *Id.* at p. 4-6; Ex. G, Letters from [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] at p. 62-66. Sithy likewise regained contact with his younger brother, [REDACTED], and became a positive force in his life as well. Ex. G, Letter from [REDACTED] at p. 68-69. Sithy’s family loved the change in Sithy and appreciated how helpful he was in their lives even while still incarcerated. *Id.* at p. 62-69.

Sithy Was Resentenced Based on his Extraordinary Achievements in Prison.

Following the passage of the AB 1812, the PC1170(d)(1), in 2018, Sithy became eligible for resentencing, based on the disproportionality of his sentence, which had two enhancements. Ex. B, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Letter Recommending Re-sentencing at p. 12. The judge who originally sentenced Sithy presided at the hearing. Ex. A at p. 5. He was so impressed by Sithy’s progress that he struck one of the sentences entirely, leaving Sithy with one 15-year to life sentence, and making him immediately eligible for parole. *Id.* Sithy was quickly approved for parole and believed that he was going home. *Id.*

However, rather than return to his family, Sithy was detained by ICE. *Id.*; Ex. C, Notice to Appear at p. 22-24. Sithy was devastated. He was unrepresented in detention and did not know whether or not he had any immigration relief or whether he would spend his life in detention, again, indefinitely. Ex. A at p. 5. He felt hopeless and resigned to his deportation when, on June 4, 2020, he was suddenly released from ICE detention pursuant to a court order requiring ICE to reduce detention populations to prevent the spread of COVID. *See id.* While Sithy is no longer detained, his removal order is final and his deportation is imminent. *See* Ex. C, Order of Supervision at p. 25-28.

Sithy’s Post-Release Life Shows his Dedication to Service.

Following his release from detention, Sithy still believed that he was doomed to deportation to Cambodia. But, rather than despair, Sithy decided to serve his community as much as he was able in whatever time remained to him here in California. *See* Ex. A at p. 5-6. Sithy joined Renew Church LA, and became extremely active in his congregation. *Id.*; Ex. I, Letters of Support from Faith Community at p. 73-79; Ex. J, Letters of Support from Friends at p. 81-87, 89-90. Since Sithy was released from ICE detention, he has re-enrolled in college, and is now working towards his BA degree at Pacific Oaks College. Ex. A at p. 5. Sithy has also earned a TEFL-TESOL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy certifications, and undertook

a fellowship program with the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition (LBIRC). See generally Ex. F. Sithy is part of the Ten Toes In Mentorship Support Group, Give a Beat music program, and Defy Ventures entrepreneurship/leadership training. See Ex. K at p. 101-109.

Sithy is currently employed as a Case Manager at Friends Outside Los Angeles County. Ex. H, Employer Letter of Support. Sithy co-founded the Made New Foundation, a non-profit that serves people going through reentry in partnership with numerous other organizations. See Ex. A at p. 5. Sithy has leased an apartment in Long Beach and continues to be active in his church, LBIRC, and other community groups. *Id.*; see generally Ex. K, Letters of Support from Organizations.

Sithy has made such strides that he was released from parole on October 27, 2021 unusually early, at least a year before is typical. Sithy would be a completely free person if not for the deportation order hanging over his head. Ex. B, Board of Parole Hearings Notice of Discharge of Parole at p. 19-20. Sithy has proven his rehabilitation, but will face the devastating punishment of exile unless he receives a full pardon.

Sithy's Family and Community Need Him.

Sithy's deportation to Cambodia would not only punish Sithy, but would also punish Sithy's family and large community. Sithy is father to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED], grandfather to [REDACTED], and brother to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Sithy rebuilt his relationship with his family even during his time in prison. By the time he was released, his oldest daughter, [REDACTED] did not think twice about driving all day to help Sithy make it to his transitional housing in LA, even though the pandemic was raging and it was her husband's birthday. Ex. G, Letter from [REDACTED] at p. 65. Having her father present in her children's lives and in her own fulfills [REDACTED] longest-held desire; she has oriented her life to be ready to reunite with Sithy and give him whatever support he needs to remain with his family. *Id.* at p. 66. As she puts it, "[i]f my father were not allowed to remain in the United States many Believers, friends, and family members would be devastated. My father's deportation would not be Justice for his community." *Id.* at p. 65.

Likewise, Sithy is his youngest daughter [REDACTED]'s "support person and...best friend." Ex. G, Letter from [REDACTED] at p. 62. [REDACTED] is still very young, only 18, but she has already faced many challenges, [REDACTED] *Id.* Sithy provides a crucial lifeline for her, as he maintains daily communication with [REDACTED];

[REDACTED]. She is now close to graduating from adult high school and getting her driver's license. *Id.* Sithy "could help [REDACTED] change [her] life because he had already changed his. [Sithy] is not the same person he was when he got locked up." Sithy shares his hard-won wisdom with his daughter. *Id.*

Sithy's younger brother [REDACTED] has also seen the transformation in Sithy, and also relies on Sithy for support. Sithy has always protected [REDACTED], and "is still a great big brother" to him. Ex. G, Letter from [REDACTED] at p. 68. Siththar writes: "We all need Sithy to stay home with us and be part of our lives. I really need my brother. I love Sithy. No one can replace a brother." *Id.*

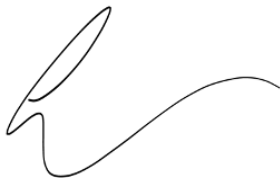
at p. 69. Sithy's family members all describe Sithy's positivity and his empathy; [REDACTED] describes how Sithy "heals" people. Ex. G, Letter from [REDACTED] at p. 65. Sithy has turned the wreckage of his prior life into wisdom for his family; all of them have been inspired by his transformation and all of them value his guidance and love. All of them would be devastated to lose him.

Sithy also plays a key role in his faith community and among his colleagues in the reentry field. Sithy is a congregation member at Renew Church LA; he also leads a home bible study group and "volunteers for everything," from providing assistance with technology to clean up to mentoring new members. See *generally* Ex. I at p. 73-79. Other members of his congregation attest that they would not have continued with the church absent Sithy, who is a living testament to the church's central philosophy: that people can transform, redeeming themselves and beginning anew. *Id.* Sithy embodies the metaphor "pillar of the community" – not only is he supporting his friends and fellow congregants in their faith journeys, but he literally makes possible some of the church's programming. *Id.*

Sithy has also continued to participate in reentry programs and to undertake advocacy on behalf of immigrants and other people who were recently released from prison. Sithy bravely uses his own experiences with incarceration, detention, and his own imminent threat of deportation to advocate for better policies through his work with LBIRC and other community organizations. See, e.g., Ex. K, Letter of Gaby Hernandez at p. 114. Sithy's mentors from Ten Toes In, Give a Beat, and Defy Ventures all attest to Sithy's ongoing determination to self-improvement and to supporting others who are pursuing similar goals. See Ex. K at p. 101-109. They describe Sithy's warmth, energy, and positive attitude as valuable contributions to any space he joins. *Id.*

Sithy's family and community need him and his deportation would irreparably harm them. Sithy plays a vital role in working with people handling reentry and is already deeply civically engaged. Sithy has more than earned a pardon. Moreover, a pardon is not only in his interest, but also in the interest of the State of California, which should not lose Sithy and all he offers to the injustice of deportation to a country he's never known.

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Voluntary Statement of Pardon Applicant Sithy Bin in Response to Questionnaire

February 11, 2022

Dear Governor Newsom,

I am writing this to respectfully ask that you grant me a pardon in order to prevent my deportation to Cambodia, a country I have never known. This statement also answers the questions on the pardon application form, apart from Question 2, (Describe how a pardon may impact your life), which is more fully addressed in the Memorandum that accompanies my application.

Describe the Circumstances of Your Crime (Question 1)

I will forever regret the day that I shot and injured [REDACTED]. I am ashamed of the person I was when I committed that crime and I will work every day of my life to make amends. Today I live accountable to God, making every effort to honor my victims, love and esteem others above myself, respect the rights of others, be of service to our community, and to surround myself with positive people.

At the time of the crime that sent me to prison and made me deportable, I was a gang member who upheld and lived by gang values. My heart was cold, arrogant, and self-centered. I would impulsively react and retaliate to any perceived insult. I had an immature attitude of doing things my way or no way at all. I held this view at the expense of everyone's well being even at the expense of my own family. My desire for the approval of others was insatiable, so much so that I was living a double life in my early adulthood. I had attended Humphreys College campus and was viewed as an upstanding student, while outside of school I was an active gang member.

During my time in prison, I reflected on how I got to be that selfish person; I knew it was important to understand so that I could change myself. I realized that in my childhood, I struggled with core issues like abandonment, anger, resentment, and self-worth. I had these issues primarily because my parents were largely absent and because I was bullied in school. In addition, there was no help available to struggling teens in Modesto in the '90s and early 2000's, no counseling, or mental health support services to help me with these overwhelming feelings. Even if there had been, it was frowned upon in the Cambodian culture to seek help for mental health, because it showed that something was wrong with that person.

Growing up, my family struggled to make ends meet. We depended on welfare aid and SSI (Social Security Income), plus my parents would both go to the parks collecting recyclables like aluminum cans, plastics, and glass bottles. At times, they would leave in the morning and not return until sundown. They would take my brother and sister with them when they were still too young to be left with me, so I would often be alone. My alcoholic father was verbally abusive, and both he and my mother would physically discipline me, hitting me when they were angry at me, sometimes with belts and extension cords. This led me to believe violence was normal.

At school, in 5th and 6th grades, the other kids made fun of me for being different. I did not speak English well, my family was poor and I had lice. The kids at school ridiculed me and turned my name, Sithy Bin (first name pronounced as "city"), into an insult. They called me "New York **City** Garbage **Bin**" or "New York sh**ty Garbage Bin". The constant humiliation and anger led me to develop feelings of bitterness, and poor self-worth. I did not have anyone to talk to and I did not know how to express my anguish. Instead, I was taught to "man up!" and that only women expressed their feelings.

My family originates from the war-torn country of Cambodia and I was born in a refugee camp, coming to the U.S. as a toddler. I cannot even begin to imagine what horrible trauma my parents suffered or witnessed during that time. Therefore, I could not expect perfect parenting from them, and now understand they loved us, me and my siblings. At the time, I did not feel loved. I felt alone.

At the age of twelve, a local Asian gang was recruiting. Two of my friends qualified to join the gang while I was rejected. This particular rejection was painful because I had already been feeling rejected at home by my parents, while at school I still suffered daily bullying. The pain became so unbearable that I contemplated killing myself. Gangs were a regular part of life in Modesto. In the Cambodian community, the gangs were respected and I had looked up to them, the gang members. I was so sure that one day I would be part of their gang because of the common thread we shared considering our background and culture. I knew that I had to make myself hard, like the gang members, to join them and get respect, safety, and control over my life. Joining a gang was the only way I knew how to stop feeling scared and alone. Thus, the seed of indifference was planted in my heart. I put on a mask, a don't care attitude to cover my feelings of being unloved and unaccepted. I began to disobey my parents and authority figures and began to hang out with people who were committing crimes and to also engage in criminal behavior.

By the time I was in 7th grade, I could no longer tolerate any form of disrespect from anyone. At the slightest provocation, I would react violently. At school, I fought someone for provoking me. Respect and praise followed, and I enjoyed this approval. The approval encouraged me to resort to violence, and I caught the eye of a different local gang.

At the age of 13, I got jumped in the [REDACTED] street gang. The gang reinforced for me that I could gain approval and acceptance by using violence. I was insecure and their approval stoked my ego and gave me confidence, though I now know it was a false kind of confidence. Once I joined the gang I also obtained a false sense of identity, family, status, belonging, strength, safety, and worth. I now had a street image and reputation to uphold, and I tried to show that I was tough to hide my inadequacy. I was a coward inside. I led a criminal lifestyle into adulthood, and this bad seed would inevitably bear its fruit.

My priorities now consisted of street image and getting other gang members' approval. I knew no boundaries so long as I looked cool or fit in with my gang. In part, because older gang members disapproved of it, I did not get into drugs. Alcohol, however, made a significant mark upon my life to where today I am a recovering alcoholic.

At the age of 17, I was in a relationship and became a young father to my daughter, [REDACTED]. My girlfriend already had a one-year-old baby daughter, whom I helped raise. So at the age

of 18, I was already a father of two and had a huge responsibility. I felt a lot of pressure, but did not have the tools to be a father. Three years later, I was in another relationship with a separate woman who became pregnant with my youngest daughter, [REDACTED]. With children depending on me, I had to learn to make ends meet. I attended Humphreys College and in addition to being a full-time student, I was working full time while also raising my kids. I loved my children very much, but did not yet know how to be a father to them.

One night my double life – student and gang member – overlapped. My roommate from Humphreys College and I decided to show up at a party uninvited, where multiple people from another gang physically assaulted me, stabbing me nineteen times with a Phillips-head screwdriver, and left me unconscious from the beating. I was hospitalized for days to recover. Initially, during my recovery, I felt a sense of humility and thought that I should set my priorities straight and be a father to my daughters. But, I didn't have the emotional maturity or the tools and support to make that resolution stick and I relapsed. Three months later, I was overwhelmed by growing humiliation, and a desire to redeem my self-image and street reputation through retaliation. I bought a handgun legally with the pretense of self-defense.

Instead, I committed the crime that sent me to prison: I fired at the house of a rival gang member, believing that would get me my reputation back after I had been publicly beaten and stabbed. On that day, September 2, 2005, I was hanging out and drinking with some of my friends from the gang when one of them started talking about his conflict with a member of a different gang over an ex-girlfriend. We got riled up and decided to drive over to his house. Once we were there, things got crazy quickly, with people fighting and firing guns. I felt fueled by the alcohol and my need to get my reputation back. I did not care that I would harm someone else to achieve this. I also shot my gun, and I shot it at the house. I did not end up hitting a rival gang member, but instead someone totally unconnected to gang life: a 39-year-old woman named [REDACTED], my victim. I thank God she lived, but I know she could have died. I felt a terrible sickness in my heart once I discovered I had shot [REDACTED] because I realized she could have been my very own mother. This feeling of extreme remorse made it easy for me to reject all gang ties. My eyes were opened to the lies and faulty gang belief system.

Describe Your Life Since Your Conviction (Question 3)

Once incarcerated, I experienced a spiritual conversion and growth. I used to be a Buddhist in my spiritual belief and had spent a summer in my teenage years in the Cambodian temple learning about the basic principles. After three months in the county jail for my crime, I came across a Christian prayer book. The author resonated with me when he spoke about how the people who don't believe in God or don't talk to God would start immediately praying to God when a dire situation arises. He wrote about how lawbreakers, when running away from the police, jumping a fence, hiding in a bush, or climbing up a tree would start praying, saying, "Please, God, do not let me get caught! I'll be a better person! I'll be a better son to my mother, I'll be a better father to my children." After reading that, I was like, "Wow! That's me and the homies!" Afterward, the prayer book closes out with a story in the Bible about Jesus Christ appearing to one of his disciples who doubted Jesus' resurrection from the dead.

Jesus appeared to the doubting disciple, Thomas, who immediately believed after seeing Jesus, and said, "Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Reading this section made me reflect on the power of faith and what it would mean to have Jesus's love and blessing.

During my time in the county jail, I was sad, miserable, and suffering depression. I lost 50 pounds in three months. I barely ate anything and grew a stress spot on my head. The depression came about due to one of the Buddhist teachings on karma, which I believed. Karma in short is whatever goes around comes around. No second chances, you get what you put out. Even if someone was *falsely* accused and faced a lengthy prison sentence, the reasoning was that the person had committed a horrible sin in his past life and was now currently facing the consequences of it. I was facing life sentences in prison and I wanted another chance. A second chance and forgiveness.

After finishing that Christian prayer book, I decided to convert and accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. From there, I signed up for multiple Bible Study correspondence courses. I was excited and wanted to learn more about my newfound faith. I then attended TUMI, The Urban Ministry Institute, a college-level seminary offered in the prison. At this point, I became heavily involved in the Protestant community. I came across some amazing human beings, one of them was Joseph Davidson, who was also my Bible teacher. Mr. Davidson became a good friend and mentor me even to today. I learned through my newfound faith that all human beings were created in God's image and therefore everyone is full of worth and value regardless of their background, color or creed. I started to love other people as God has loved me and demonstrated that love by giving back in the prison community through facilitating and leading workshops and groups. I got deeply involved with the intensive Defy Ventures and the Youth Adult Awareness Programs, which gave me tools to take control of my life and to share the wisdom of my mistakes.

I also apologized to my family, and especially my daughters, for the harm my actions had caused them. I kept writing, even when they were angry and did not respond to my letters. Eventually, both forgave me and, as my relationship with Jesus Christ grew, so did my relationship with my daughters. I learned how to love myself; I learned how to love others; I learned how to love and parent my kids. Nothing can give them back the time they should have had with me by their side, but I feel blessed that our bonds endured.

In 2017, I was accepted into the GRIP (Guiding Rage Into Power) program. It is a year-long comprehensive training program that gives its participants' great insight into the experiences and suffering of victims. I have developed emotional intelligence and learned empathy in a profound way through GRIP class exercises. There was one session in particular that made a huge impact on me. Moms With A Message, a group of mothers who have lost their children through senseless gun and gang violence, came to share their stories. It was heart-wrenching to watch each woman crying, bawling their eyes out, as they relived the horror and pain of how their lives were shattered through the death of a loved one by gun violence. I was deeply saddened seeing how severely hurt they were. Through the experience, as I was crying with the mothers, I learned the deep impact violent crimes have on people and their ripple effects and felt totally ill inside for the pain and suffering I caused [REDACTED] and her family. I thank God that [REDACTED] did not lose her life through my reckless action.

In 2018 I became eligible for re-sentencing because of a new law and the same judge who condemned me to at least 40 years in prison was so moved by the change in me that he struck one of my sentences and made me eligible for parole. I received parole soon afterward, but instead of going home, I was transferred to ICE and detained. I felt a horrible sense of defeat, after being so close to freedom. I didn't have a lawyer and didn't understand what was happening and I signed my own deportation order. Later I was released because of COVID and an ACLU lawsuit.

Today I have compassion and empathy for others. Having come to a spiritual awakening through the daily practice of my faith in Christ Jesus, combined with the insights and tools I've learned and gathered in rehabilitative programs, I have come to realize the true negative impact of my past beliefs and actions. I am deeply sorrowful and remorseful and hold myself fully accountable for the pain I caused to [REDACTED], her family, community, and my family. I can't undo what happened but I can make sure to use all the tools acquired in my time of incarceration to help others. Today I can humbly and honestly analyze any situation using my healthy coping skills to be more aware of my triggers and warning signs before I end up in a negative thought pattern or a different behavioral relapse. The awareness of consequences to actions, whether good or bad, has matured me to become a different man. Violence only creates more problems, but responding (versus reacting) mindfully has offered a way of healing for all parties involved. I am always striving to make amends to all my victims -- [REDACTED], her family, and the entire community. I am determined to make my life meaningful and to live by the morals that I learned in the church and because of my time in prison.

My I want others to learn from and avoid my mistakes, so I have devoted myself to working with other people experiencing reentry. I am a Community Health Worker, currently employed as a Case Manager at Friends Outside Los Angeles County. I am also the co-founder of the Made New Foundation, a non-profit in re-entry working closely with 211LA, Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP), Inglewood Wrapping Arms Around the Community (IWATC), Dream Live Hope Foundation, Ten Toes In, and Defy Ventures. I am also working to educate myself to better provide these services. Therefore, I am currently a student at Pacific Oaks College working towards my Bachelor's degree and have earned certifications in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Teaching English as a Foreign Language-Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TEFL-TESOL). Additionally, I completed the IMPACT fellowship program with the Long Beach Immigrant Rights Coalition (LBIRC). IMPACT, or Immigrants Making Powerful and Affirmative Change Together, is dedicated to raising and empowering the voices of those affected by the immigration system. The fellowship gave me even more tools to share the wisdom I have gained from my experiences, and to work for systemic change as well as helping individuals. Working with LBIRC has made me feel connected to my community here in Long Beach.

Also, my faith communities Testimony Ministries and Renew Church LA have been instrumental in my spiritual growth, providing guidance and love. I am a member of the congregation and volunteer every week. I am a Home Group leader with Renew where I lead Bible Study every week. I am also the director for the Testimony Internship ministry/career force readiness

program where I coordinate pastors with returning citizens who intern at the church to gain experience in this vocation. Renew Church LA has become a home for me and having members of my church believe in me and support me as I grow has helped me believe in myself.

In recognition of how far I have come, last year October 27, 2021, the Board of Parole Hearings discharged me from parole, after only a year and five months since my release, much earlier than the 3-5 years it normally takes.

If you grant me a pardon, I will be able to continue serving the community. Most importantly, I will continue to be in my children's and grandchildren's lives. When we were separated due to my incarceration, I remember receiving my children's letters, reading about their struggles, and feeling like I had so little to offer them to help. It brings peace to my heart to hear how our time together now, from holiday and birthday visits to phone conversations, helps them face challenging and emotional times. I feel so blessed to once again be that listening ear for them and to share the wisdom I have from my own mistakes and my redemption. Now that I'm out here in person in my children's and grandchildren's lives, our bond is strong, full of love. I have also reconnected with my younger brother, [REDACTED]. I can't bear to be apart from my family again and I know that if I am deported it will devastate them. My deportation would separate us and destroy this family bond. Many people, not just my family, but also my clients and colleagues in the reentry community, as well as my fellow congregation members in my church, will suffer from my deportation. My clients and mentees depend on me. Many are in a difficult and delicate moment in their lives; if I disappear, I realize that it could harm their recovery and transition. My deportation will hurt rather than help the community.

I pray you, Governor, will see more than just my mistakes and instead see me for who I am today. I have been redeemed and transformed. I want to emphasize that there is no justification for what I did. I am deeply sorry and remorseful. I understand the huge impact of my crime and its ripple effects. I hold myself 100% accountable and now live to make amends. Today I value all human life--life is sacred, period. I do not want to hurt anyone anymore. Violence is never an option to resolve anything. In prison, separated from the gang, I broke away from all the false beliefs I once held. I'm so heartbroken for what I did. Today I live with the intent of consciously honoring [REDACTED].

Please take this all into consideration and grant me a pardon in order to prevent my deportation to Cambodia, a country I have never been to, and allow me to continue serving here in the United States. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Mark Borovitz

Mark Borovitz, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On June 10, 1980 and January 18, 1982, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Borovitz to probation and a jail term for knowingly using a check on an account with insufficient funds. On June 5, 1984, his sentence was revoked and he was sentenced to two years in prison concurrently. On June 5, 1984, June 12, 1984, and June 14, 1984, the court sentenced Mr. Borovitz to a concurrent sentence of three years in prison for knowingly using a check on an account with insufficient funds. On January 16, 1987, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, sentenced Mr. Borovitz to three years and eight months in prison for grand theft auto. On April 28, 1987, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Borovitz to eight months in prison for grand theft auto.

Mr. Borovitz 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 30, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Borovitz a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Borovitz's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Borovitz be granted a pardon.

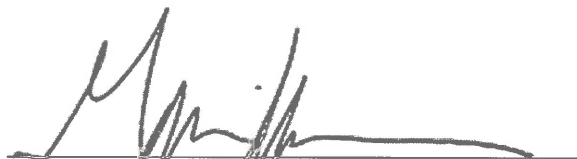
The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Borovitz's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a pardon grant. The California Supreme Court also reviewed his application and made a recommendation for a pardon grant, a process required by the California Constitution for cases in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

This act of clemency for Mr. Borovitz 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. Borovitz 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 Mark Borovitz a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 26th day of February 2025.

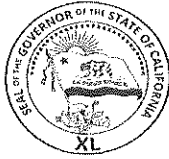


GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



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



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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. 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, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Borovitz/Mark/Jay
Date of Birth: [redacted] 1951 Social Security Number: [redacted]
Residence Address: [redacted]
Mailing Address (if different): [redacted]
Home/Cell Phone: [redacted] Work Phone: [redacted] Email: [redacted]

1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.)

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Rows include: 476A, 06/10/80, 01/20/82, 06/05/84, 06/12/84, 06/14/84, Los Angeles, Probation/State Prison (3 years); 487.3, 02/19/1987, Santa Barbara, State Prison (3 years); 487.3 or 476A, Mid-April 1987, Los Angeles, State Prison ((2years concurren

Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a pardon? YES NO

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, Location of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Header: List all prior conviction(s) in California, any other state or country, or in federal court:

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

I was a lost soul and suffered from untreated alcoholism. I was fully responsible for my actions, I knew what I was doing
was wrong and I was unable to change for years.

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

A Pardon will give me the opportunity to obtain a licesnse so I can begin a third career in Real Estate. It will, more importantly, give hope and a light to a myriad of people who were formerly incarcerated that change is possible.

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).

Since my parole in 1987, I have dedicated my life to service. I went to work at Beit T'Shuvah, a residential recovery center, went back to college and was ordained a Rabbi in 2000. I am the Founding Rabbi of Beit T'Shuvah. I have helped 1000's of people engage in recovery from criminality, alcohol, drugs, etc. I was acknowledged by President George W. Bush for my work. I have a certificate of Rehabilitation from LA County Superior Court (05/30/1996).

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.

I, Mark Jay Borovitz, 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 Santa Barbara, Los Angeles.
(Name of County or Counties)


Applicant Signature

04/09/2023
Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole & Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, 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
BY K. HITTLE, DEPUTY

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

MARK JAY BOROVITZ

(Print or write your name legibly)

For a Certification of Rehabilitation
and Pardon

NO.: BA109093

CII No.:

Date of Birth: 51

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Mark Jay Borovitz

The petition of _____, presently residing
at _____ heretofore filed, praying for

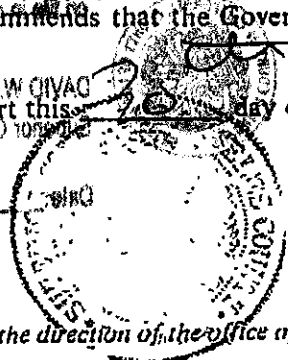
a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the
Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this _____ 30th _____ day

of _____ May _____, 19 96, 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 _____, 19____, 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) (twice)(thrice) 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 _____ day of _____, 19 96



[Signature]
[Signature]
(Judge of said Superior Court)

This form prepared under the direction of the office of the Attorney General of the State of California

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Bryan Brancato

Bryan Brancato, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On August 29, 2013, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, sentenced 23-year-old Mr. Brancato to three years of probation for first degree burglary.

Mr. Baugh 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 26, 2022, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, granted Mr. Brancato a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Brancato's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Brancato be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Brancato 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. Brancato 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 Bryan Brancato a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



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GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shirley N. Weber', written over a horizontal line.

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Lonnie Brazda

Lonnie Brazda, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On March 19, 1985, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced 20-year-old Mr. Brazda to three years of probation and eight months in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale. On May 11, 1987, the court sentenced Mr. Brazda to 18 months of probation for misdemeanor assault, battery, and vandalism.

Mr. Brazda 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.

This act of clemency for Mr. Brazda 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. Brazda 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 Lonnie Brazda a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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. 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, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, Sacramento, CA 95814. There is no application fee and a lawyer is not required to apply for a pardon.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Brazda, Lonnie Dale
Date of Birth: [Redacted] Social Security Number: [Redacted]
Residence Address: [Redacted]
Mailing Address (if different): [Redacted]
Home/Cell Phone: [Redacted] Work Phone: [Redacted] Email: [Redacted]

1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.)

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: Possession of Narcotics & firearm, unknown month 1985, Santa Clara, 4 years max in Elmwood Men's Facility 5 years probation.

Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a pardon? [X] YES [] NO

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, Location of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: NA, NA, NA, NA.

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

See attached document.

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

See attached document.

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).

See attached document.

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.

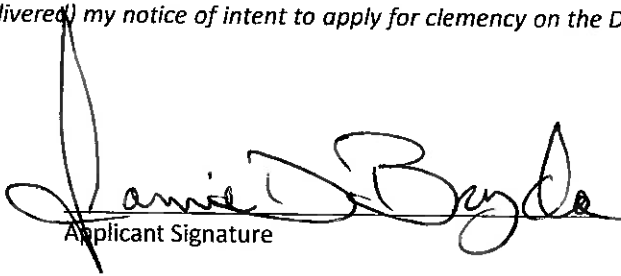
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APPLICANT DECLARATION

Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.

I, Lonnie Dale Brazda, 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 Santa Clara, CA.
(Name of County or Counties)


Applicant Signature

7 April, 2024
Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the **Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole & Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, 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).

I was a 16 year old kid at the time this charge incurred in 1985; one of the first kids in my area to be tried as an adult to be "made an example of". At that time in my life, I was on the streets (kicked out of the house at age 15 [REDACTED] and needed money to survive in San Jose, CA. I too, didn't handle the death of my brother well, so I turned to life on the streets. I went to get money that was owed to me for a job I had done for a friend. I went to this friend's house to ask him for the money; he called the police for "suspicious activity" because he didn't want to pay me. I had narcotics on me (for personal use) with paraphernalia as well as an unloaded firearm in the backseat of my car. I was sentenced to 4 years and was released after 2 years due to good behavior and started a work program through County Sheriff's Department.

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

A pardon will help me be able to vote and apply for employment opportunities in states that require specific licensing and be able to go to the shooting range with my wife.

4. Describe your life since your conviction (e.g., efforts in self-development, including identifying and addressing treatment needs, profession.)

After serving time, I had a few hiccups in my 20s, otherwise have stayed out of trouble with the law since. I have been serving my community, found my Faith through the local church, and mentored others that have served jail time. I am a loving father, dedicated to my son's college education, mentoring him to steer clear of the mistakes I made, which so far has been successful. I am a loving husband to my wife who shares my passion to make a difference in healthcare.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Rudolph Brown

Rudolph Brown, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On September 12, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, sentenced Mr. Brown to three years of probation for the crime of transporting or selling a controlled substance. On May 6, 1999, Mr. Brown's probation was revoked, and he was sentenced to three years in prison. He was 19 years old at the time of his crime.

Mr. Brown 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 17, 2023, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, granted Mr. Brown a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Brown's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Brown be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Brown 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. Brown 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 Rudolph Brown a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Kenyatta Buford

Kenyatta Buford, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 20, 2002, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. Buford to three years in prison for second degree robbery. He was 17 years old at the time of the crime.

Mr. Buford 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 11, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Buford a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Buford's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Buford be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Buford 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. Buford 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 Kenyatta Buford a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.



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

Kenyatta Duval Buford

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

Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1984

CII Number [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number BA475939

Criminal Case Number(s) FVA016484

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Sherri R. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court
By: Joseph M. Pulido, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Kenyatta DuvalBuford presently residing at [REDACTED]

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 11, 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 July 3, 2004

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 11 day of OCTOBER 2019
Day of the Month Month, Year

SAM OHTA
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE



[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court -

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Carlos Casillas

Carlos Casillas, a resident of Washington State and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On August 21, 1997, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Casillas to three years of probation and five days in jail for driving with a suspended license. On July 2, 1999, the court sentenced Mr. Casillas to three years of probation and 90 days in jail for possession of a controlled substance. On March 30, 1998, the court sentenced Mr. Casillas to five years of probation and 365 days in jail for second degree robbery.

Mr. Casillas 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.

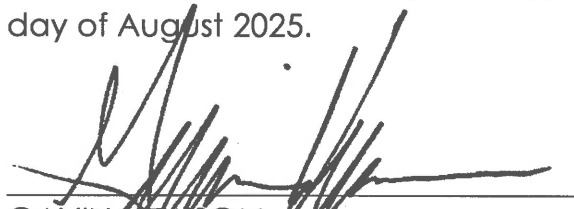
This act of clemency for Mr. Casillas does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

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. Casillas 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 Carlos Casillas a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.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 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)

Name (Last/First/Middle): CASILLAS, CARLOS MANUEL

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1976 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: _____ Email: [REDACTED]

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
211 PC Felony	10/3/97	LOS ANGELES	3yr probation (5yr joint suspension)

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):

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

Please see attached.

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

Please see attached.

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).

Please see attached.

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.

I, Carlos Manuel Casillas, 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

February 2, 2021

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.

Application for Pardon

Attached document

2. At this point of my life when I was at the wrong place at the wrong time; the person whom I was with had asked me to join him because he was owed money. A choice in life to be around the wrong person and in a time of my life where drugs played a role in my choices, I did not think. Unfortunately, I was guilty by association, but the crime was committed by the other.

3. The impact on my life would be a long time coming, it is more of an emotional relief for me personally knowing this can be put behind me and to have this burden lifted off my shoulders would be a great relief. My family has been distant for a very long time, and the ones more affected are my wife and 3 children; for there are benefits for a better employment opportunity with a clean record.

4. My life since my conviction has been plain as a post; as straight as an arrow; as clear as crystal. With no blemishes in my life; but the conviction of my past; not even a speeding ticket in the past 20 plus years. I try to use my past as a guide when asked for advice or my opinion of certain matters. My career of the past 15 years has been in the medical field as a Phlebotomist, and whole heartedly caring for the patients I have come across is one of my many achievements.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Ben Chambers

Ben Chambers, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On October 24, 1978, the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, sentenced Mr. Chambers to three years of probation and 270 days in jail for second degree burglary. On August 27, 1990, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, sentenced Mr. Chambers to one year and four months in prison for possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Mr. Chambers 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 16, 2020, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, granted Mr. Chambers a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Chambers's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Chambers be granted a pardon.

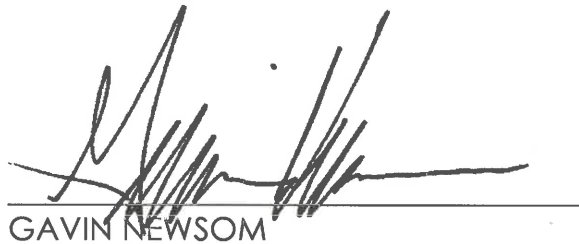
The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Chambers's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a pardon grant. The California Supreme Court also reviewed his application and made a recommendation for a pardon grant, a process required by the California Constitution in cases where the applicant has sustained more than one felony conviction.

This act of clemency for Mr. Chambers 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. Chambers merits this pardon.

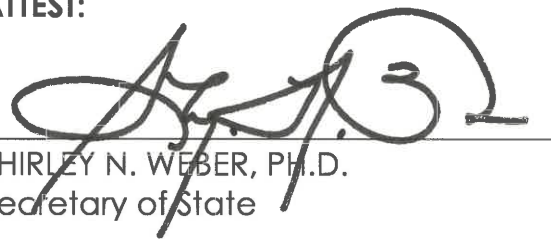
THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ben Chambers a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.

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GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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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 RIVERSIDE

In the Matter of the Application of Ben Chambers

Certificate Number RIC1902753

Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1960

CII Number [REDACTED]
Criminal Case Number(s) Riverside County Case Number: CR27491

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

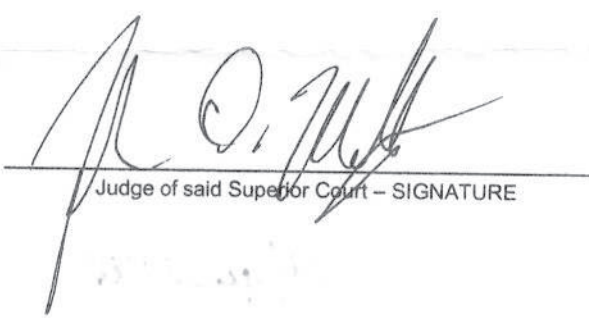
The petition of Ben Chambers, presently residing at [REDACTED] heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on this 16th day of January 2020 and proof 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 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 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 16th day of January 2020

John Molloy

Judge of said Superior Court – TYPED or PRINTED



Judge of said Superior Court – SIGNATURE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Kimm Coates

Kimm Coates, a resident of Washington State and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On July 13, 1994, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, sentenced 23-year-old Ms. Coates to five years of probation and 270 days in jail for the crime of transporting a controlled substance.

Ms. Coates 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, 2004, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, granted Ms. Coates a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Coates's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Coates be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Ms. Coates 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. Coates 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 Kimm Coates a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



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GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

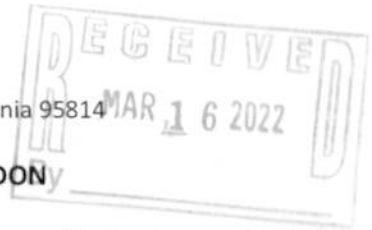
ATTEST:

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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 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): Coates, Kimm Karmell Name on Prior Application (if different): McClellan (maiden)

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1971 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

CDCR Number: None-only did county time Name of Facility/Prison: Vista County Jail Vista, Ca

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): Same

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

- I previously submitted:
- Application for Commutation of Sentence
 - Certificate of Rehabilitation
 - Application for Pardon

Did you receive a case number or any correspondence from the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings regarding your application? Have you been interviewed regarding your application? If yes, please describe:

No

[Signature]
Applicant Signature

May 9, 2022
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 SAN DIEGO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

KIMM KARMELL COATES AKA KIMM MCCLELLAN
Type Applicant's Full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number SRD 04-029

Date of Birth [REDACTED]-71
Month Day Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) SCD102966
List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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Clerk of the Superior Court

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By: M. Maund, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION
Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of KIMM KARMELL COATES AKA KIMM MCCLELLAN, presently residing
at [REDACTED], 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 19TH day
of NOVEMBER, 2004 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 7-13-94, 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 provide 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 _____
Day of the Month Month, Year

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

DAVID M. GILL

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Alicia Cole

Alicia Cole, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On May 23, 1995, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Ms. Cole to one year and four months in prison for attempted second degree robbery. On June 12, 1996, the court sentenced Ms. Cole to a concurrent one-year-and-four-months prison term for grand theft from a person.

Ms. Cole 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 2, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Ms. Cole a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Cole's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Cole be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Ms. Cole 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. Cole 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 Alicia Cole a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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



In the Matter of the Application of

Alicia Martina Cole

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

Date of Birth [redacted] 1968

CII Number [redacted]

Certificate Case Number BA112971- AMENDED

Criminal Case Number(s) BA112971

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County of Los Angeles
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Sherril K. Carter, Executive Officer/Clerk
By Jessica Castellanos, Deputy
Jessica Castellanos

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of AliciaMartinaCole presently residing at [redacted]

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 May 16, 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 August 10, 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 2nd day of July 2019
Day of the Month Month, Year

[Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

SAM OHTA

Judge of said Superior Court -



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Dareyl Coleman

Dareyl Coleman, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 25, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Ms. Coleman to one year and four months in prison for grand theft of property. Ms. Coleman was 19 years old at the time of her crime.

Ms. Coleman 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.

This act of clemency for Ms. Coleman 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. Coleman 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 Dareyl Coleman a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



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GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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



Governor Gavin Newsom · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 95814

APPLICATION FOR PARDON

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BY [redacted]
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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.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

(Attach additional pages as necessary)

Coleman, Dareyl Delashawn

Name (Last/First/Middle): [redacted]

Date of Birth: **1969** Social Security Number: [redacted]

Residence Address: [redacted]

Mailing Address (if different): **same as residence address**

Home/Cell Phone: [redacted] Work Phone: **n/a** Email: [redacted]

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
487.1 PC Grand Theft: Propety	03/26/1998	Los Angeles	16 months prison

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):
487.1 PC Grand Theft: Propety	02/02/1990	Los Angeles	60 months probation; 180 days jail

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

At age 19, as a bank teller at Security Pacific, I foolishly stole deposits from customers. When confronted, I confessed with a written statement.

I cooperated & surrendered myself to the court a few months later; initially sentenced to 5 yrs probation. Unfortunately, I did not understand probation as I

failed to consistently submit my blue sheet for reporting causing an additional 3 yrs. Ultimately probation was revoked because of this & I was given 16 months in prison.

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

I have spend 30+ years building a life for myself & my now 31 year old son. A pardon would remove the stigma & burden

of a felony mark on my record, be a personal achievement of reheliabilitation, restore my firearm rights & open up more

employment opportunites for me to excel further in life (i.e. notary public). It would also remove the shame I have carried for many years.

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 was employed the week after being released in 11/1998, moved into my own place in 11/1999, raised my son, graduated from Chaffey

College w/ 3 A.A. degrees, remained gainfully employed (see resumes), no additional convictions, good driving record, good credit

score (650), and I have lived at my current address for over 20 years. Note: I was taken off parole after 13 months (see attached).

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.

No money or gifts was given to anyone in preparing this application, as I prepared it on my own.

APPLICANT DECLARATION

Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.

I, Dareyl Delashawn Coleman, 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)

Dareyl Coleman
Applicant Signature

March 1, 2022
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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Freeman Corkum

Freeman Corkum, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On January 9, 1990, the Superior Court of California, County of Marin, sentenced Mr. Corkum to four years in prison for first degree burglary. On June 29, 1990, the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, sentenced Mr. Corkum to two years in prison for receiving stolen property. This conviction was subsequently reduced to a misdemeanor.

Mr. Corkum 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.

This act of clemency for Mr. Corkum 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. Corkum 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 Freeman Corkum a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



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GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

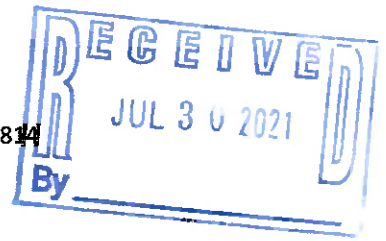
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SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State



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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 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)

Name (Last/First/Middle): **Corkum, Freeman, Gordon**

Date of Birth: **1957** Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): [REDACTED]

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Burglary (460.1)	1989-12-28	Marin	4 years / suspended, Civil Addict Commitment, C.R.C
Receiving Stolen Property (496)	1991-8-6	San Francisco	2 years (concurrent) Civil Addict Commitment, C.R.C

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):
None			

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

Due to severe issues with addiction over 30 years ago I committed the crimes for which I am requesting a pardon. My crimes were a direct result of an unquenchable desire for drugs and disregard for consequences in pursuit of them. I have attached details on the events and circumstances of my crimes and arrest / conviction - commitment to the Civil Addict program C.R.C.

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

Please see attached for more details: I am now 29 years clean and sober and an active member of N.A., I have pursued my education and am a professional in the software field. My career hi-tech may shift I am looking to work in counseling, therapy, and perhaps teaching where my background could have a negative impact on licensing. My wife of 22 years is originally from Canada (now dual U.S. / Canadian citizen) I have 4 adult step-children and 5 step-grandchildren and the border and my background has been an issue with border.

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).

Please see attached for more details. I have led an exemplary life for the past 30 years and since for 30 years have not been involved in any criminal activity at all. I have been clean and sober for over 29 years, I am a very active member of the Narcotics Anonymous fellowship sponsoring other men and doing service. I pursued my education and am a professional in the software field and active in volunteer work in the community. In summary I have become a benefit to family, community, and society as a whole.

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.

I, Freeman Gordon Corkum, 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 Marin, San Francisco.

(Print Applicant Full Name)

(Name of County or Counties)

Freeman D. Corkum
Applicant Signature

7/20/2021
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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Cesar Monroy Corleto

Cesar Monroy Corleto, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On June 29, 1993, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced 18-year-old Mr. Corleto to five years in prison for second degree robbery with personal use of a firearm.

Mr. Corleto 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 23, 2021, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Corleto a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Corleto's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Corleto be granted a pardon.

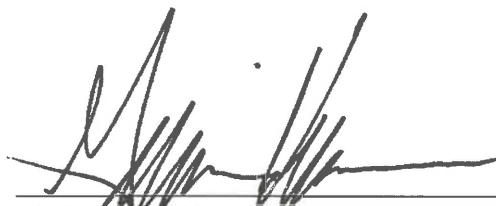
This act of clemency for Mr. Corleto does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

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. Corleto 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 Cesar Monroy Corleto a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.





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

Cesar Remberto Corleto aka; Monroy

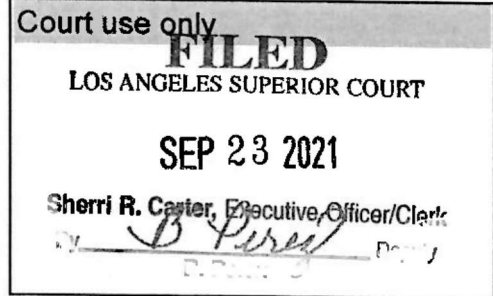
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Date of Birth [redacted] 1974

CII Number [redacted]

Certificate Case Number BA074900

Criminal Case Number(s) BA074900



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Cesar Remberto Corleto aka; Monroy presently residing at [redacted]

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 September 23, 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 completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on Paroled March 14, 1996

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 23rd day of September, 2021
Day of the Month Month, Year

MARK HANASONO

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

[Handwritten signature]

Judge of said Superior Court -



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Ted Cote

Ted Cote, a resident of Montana and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On September 16, 1985, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Cote to one year of probation for petty theft and grand theft. On April 25, 1994, the court sentenced Mr. Cote to three years of probation and one day in jail for grand theft.

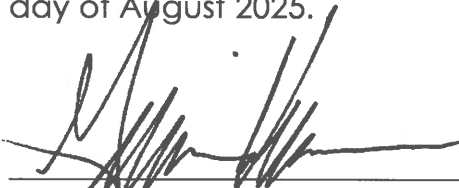
Mr. Cote submitted a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has provided evidence that he is living an upright life and has demonstrated his fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities.

This act of clemency for Mr. Cote 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. Cote 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 Ted Cote a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



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



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

APPLICATION FOR PARDON

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APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Cote, Ted, Russell
Date of Birth: [redacted] 1965 Social Security Number: [redacted]
Residence Address: [redacted]
Mailing Address (if different):
Home/Cell Phone: [redacted] Work Phone: Email: [redacted]

1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.)

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Contains two rows of conviction data: Theft 487PC in 1984 (Los Angeles, Community Service) and Theft 487 PC in 1994 (Los Angeles, Fine - Community Service).

Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a pardon? [X] YES [] NO ~ 1994
L 1984

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, Location of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Header: List all prior conviction(s) in California, any other state or country, or in federal court.

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

For both crimes that I committed, I stole or attempted to steal merchandise from an employer. Despite being gainfully employed, I made foolish decisions and did not think of the future consequences of my actions. My values were not developed and I succumbed to thinking that I could justify my actions due to financial hardship. I was terribly wrong.

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

See additional page.

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).

Since my last crime in 1994, I have dedicated my life to being ultra honest, hard-working and a good example to my 3 daughters and have truly turned my life around. I have always deeply regretted being involved in those crimes and it has caused me to avoid some opportunities for fear and shame associated with the past when background checks are made.

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.

I, Ted Russell Cote, 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)

Ted Russell Cote
Applicant Signature

08/12/2023
Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the **Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole & Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, 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.

Since embarking on my career in 1994, I have been fortunate to play a pivotal role in several innovative and industry-leading projects. My passion for environmental sustainability and public safety has guided my path.

While working for Environmental Transloading Services, I developed a successful program in Los Angeles that facilitated dental offices in managing their regulated medical and hazardous waste. This program not only ensured compliance with environmental regulations but also paved the way for more responsible waste management in the healthcare sector.

In 1997, I co-founded OSHA Compliance Partners, an endeavor close to my heart. Through this initiative, we educated healthcare workers on implementing safety plans and delivering bloodborne pathogens training. The impact of our work extended far beyond regulatory compliance, fostering a culture of safety and wellbeing in the healthcare community.

My journey then led me to Stericycle, based in Lake Forest, IL, where I was promoted to the position of VP of Special Projects. Over a 12-year span, I helped develop SteriSafe, a program that has now become an industry standard across the United States. This achievement is a testament to the relentless pursuit of excellence that defined our team.

In 2012, I founded Green Way Laboratories, focused on developing eco-friendly cleaning products. The company became a portfolio company of the Los Angeles Clean Tech Incubator and was embraced by 500 Startups, a renowned Silicon Valley-based accelerator program.

My entrepreneurial spirit guided me to Bozeman, Montana, in 2016, where I have built up a successful portfolio of short-term vacation rentals. This venture has allowed me to contribute to the local economy and promote sustainable tourism.

On a personal front, I'm blessed with three wonderful daughters and two beautiful grandchildren. My family has been my unwavering support system, encouraging me in all my endeavors.

Most recently, I have been recruited to run for a city commissioner opening, with the possibility of pursuing the role of mayor. This opportunity to serve my community is both humbling and exciting, and I look forward to embracing this new challenge.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Joseph Crocker

Joseph Crocker, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On January 12, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, sentenced Mr. Crocker to three years of probation and 15 days in jail for taking a vehicle without the owner's consent. On January 8, 1997, the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, sentenced Mr. Crocker to three years of probation and 180 days in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Mr. Crocker 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 9, 2016, the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, granted Mr. Crocker a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Crocker's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Crocker be granted a pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Crocker's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a pardon grant. The California Supreme Court also reviewed his application and made a recommendation for a pardon 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. Crocker 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. Crocker 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 Crocker a full and unconditional pardon.

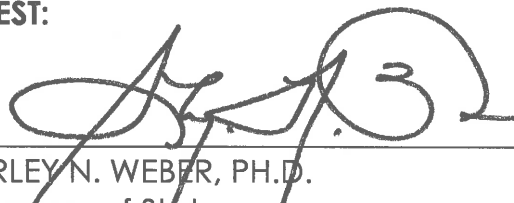
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 26th day of February 2025.





GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



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 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): Crocker Joseph William Name on Prior Application (if different): Crocker Joseph William

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1969 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

CDCR Number: N/A Name of Facility/Prison: N/A

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): Same

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

- I previously submitted:
- Application for Commutation of Sentence
 - Certificate of Rehabilitation
 - Application for Pardon

Did you receive a case number or any correspondence from the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings regarding your application? Have you been interviewed regarding your application? If yes, please describe:

I did receive a correspondence stating that my case was under review. I believe a number may have been assigned to it, but our computers crashed at home, and I haven't been able to locate the email. I have not been interviewed regarding my application, but would certainly welcome an interview. I have been employed for the State of California for approximately 19 years, 14 of which were spent working for Caltrans District 4, where I served as the Office Chief of Health, Safety, and Training, and the last five as a Safety Engineer for the Department of Industrial Relations in American Canyon. I have received awards for the work I have accomplished working for the state, but one of the most memorable times of my career for me was during the BART strike. I was leaving my Office at 111 Grand Avenue in Oakland, and Gavin was being mobbed on the 15th floor by his supporters. I walked up to the crowd and asked him if he needed to use my office to make some phone calls? He replied yes, and he did. This was before his time as Governor and he may not even remember, but I will never forget it because I was the talk of the District for weeks.

Joey Crocker
Applicant Signature

09/27/2019
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 SOLANO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

JOSEPH WILLIAM CROCKER

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

Certificate Number

Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1969

Month Day, Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) **C40506 Sol. Co.; 98-4832 Yolo Co.**

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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By **J. Davis**

DEPUTY CLERK

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **JOSEPH WILLIAM CROCKER**

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

, presently residing

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 Ninth (9th)

Day of the Month

day

of March, 2016

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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 par-

ole or probation on Jan. 12, 1996 Sol./Jan. 8, 1997 Yolo

Month Day, Year

, 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 Two (2)

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 Ninth (9) day of March, 2016

Day of the Month

Month, Year

JAMES F. MOELK

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Handwritten Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Reginold Daniels

Reginold Daniels, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On September 21, 1988, the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, sentenced Mr. Daniels to four days in jail for giving false information to an officer. On January 5, 1990, the court sentenced Mr. Daniels to two years in prison for possession of a controlled substance. On December 19, 1991, the court sentenced Mr. Daniels to one year and four months in prison for felon in possession of a firearm. On July 20, 1993, the Superior Court of California, County of San Mateo sentenced Mr. Daniels to two years and four months in prison for the sale or transport of material in lieu of a controlled substance. On March 27, 1997, the Superior Court of California, County of San Joaquin sentenced Mr. Daniels to one year and four months in prison for possession of marijuana for sale and felon in possession of a firearm. On July 14, 2005, the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, sentenced Mr. Daniels to three years of probation and 37 days in jail for accessory. On May 27, 2009, the court sentenced Mr. Daniels to three years of probation and one year in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Mr. Daniels 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 18, 2015, the Superior Court of California, County of San Francisco, granted Mr. Daniels a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Daniels's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Daniels be granted a pardon.

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

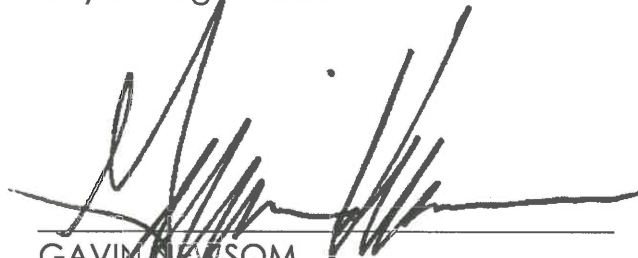
This act of clemency for Mr. Daniels does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

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. Daniels 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 Reginold Daniels a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.





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 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): Daniels/Reginold/Pazelee Name on Prior Application (if different): _____

Date of Birth: ██████████ 1966 Social Security Number: ██████████

CDCR Number: H-20210 Name of Facility/Prison: Duel Vocational Institution

Residence Address: ██

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home/Cell Phone: ████████████████████ Work Phone: Cell Email: ██

- I previously submitted:
- Application for Commutation of Sentence
 - Certificate of Rehabilitation
 - Application for Pardon

Did you receive a case number or any correspondence from the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings regarding your application? Have you been interviewed regarding your application? If yes, please describe:

I did not receive a case number, nor have I been interviewed.

Reginold Daniels
Applicant Signature

10-09-19
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.**

San Francisco

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Reginold P. Daniels

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

Certificate Number 2482071

Date of Birth [redacted] 1966

Month Day Year

CII Number [redacted]

Criminal Case Number(s)

#1137722-SCN:131465, #1327321-SCN:142503, SCO31463A and SCO61282A,

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Reginold P. Daniels, presently residing at, [redacted] heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

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 [redacted] day of [redacted] and proof having been made to the

Day of the Month

Month Year

satisfaction of the Court that notice of the time of hearing has been regularly given as required by law; and that the required period of rehabilitation has elapsed since the 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 JUNE 23, 1995

Month Day Year

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 petition has been 5

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 18th day, May, 2015

Day of the Month

Month Year

TRACIE L. BROWN

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Tracie L. B.

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Keith Esparza

Keith Esparza, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On August 4, 1992, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced 18-year-old Mr. Esparza to three years of probation and 120 days in jail for second degree robbery. On September 8, 1992, the court sentenced Mr. Esparza to two years of probation and 20 days in jail.

Mr. Esparza 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 7, 2023, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Esparza a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Esparza's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Esparza be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Esparza 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. Esparza 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 Keith Esparza a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.




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

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of
Keith Anthony Esparza

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

Certificate Number _____

Date of Birth _____ 1974

Month Day, Year

CII Number _____

Criminal Case
Number _____

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List all applicable Criminal Numbers

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Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

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David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

By: D. Barraza, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Keith Anthony Esparza, presently residing

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

at _____, heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code

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 7th day

Day of the Month

of December, 2023 and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

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

approximately July 14, 1995, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to

Month, Day, Year

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 485.15); and that petitioner has been one (1) time convicted of a felony;

Total Number of Felony Convictions

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 7th day of December, 2023

Day of the Month

Month, Year

Ronald S Caen
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Julio Espinoza

Julio Espinoza, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On October 2, 2008, the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, sentenced Mr. Espinoza to three years of probation and 30 days in jail for misdemeanor second degree burglary. On August 31, 2010, the court sentenced Mr. Espinoza to nine years in prison for carjacking.

Mr. Espinoza 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.

This act of clemency for Mr. Espinoza 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. Espinoza 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 Julio Espinoza a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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

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

See attachment.

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

See attachment.

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).

See attachment.

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.

Not applicable.

APPLICANT DECLARATION

Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.

I, Julio Alexander Espinoza, 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 Alameda.
(Name of County or Counties)

Applicant Signature

Date

6-24-2024

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.

Describe the circumstances of your crime(s).

My 2009 conviction happened at a very negative time in my life. I was twenty-one years old, I was immature, and I was surrounded by negative influences that I met when I was still a teenager. I was young and I was susceptible to poor role models in my community—I mistakenly thought being around people who encouraged negative activities was cool, especially because I did not see alternatives for my life at that time.

15 years later, I still feel sorry for my actions the evening of the 2009 carjacking. I would never want something like that to happen to someone that I love. While I take full responsibility for my actions that day, they do not represent who I am, and I cannot even imagine doing something like that now. I had not yet learned the important life lessons that have since helped me shift my focus to family and building the life I want to live.

Being in prison helped me change my perspective on life and remove the negative influences that impacted me when I was a teenager and in my early twenties.

While I was in prison, I trained for weeks, received a Certificate of Completion by passing a written test, and was selected for California Conservation (Fire) Camp, where I served for about three years. I worked in the kitchen for approximately two years before becoming a chainsaw mechanic for the remainder of my time. I was one of only several dozen workers supporting the firefighters at the camp. During my time there, there were several very bad fires that our camp helped contain. At fire camp, we sometimes had the opportunity to work at local fairgrounds. I particularly appreciated the opportunity to interact with local communities.

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

My number one priority in life is to support my family. I live with my partner Katie and we have a five-year-old son [REDACTED] and a one-year-old daughter, [REDACTED]. We live in a house we bought in 2021. Without a pardon, I am permanently ineligible to become a U.S. citizen and I remain at risk of being deported. A pardon is my only chance for a path to naturalized citizenship, which would ensure that I can remain in the United States without fear of deportation to El Salvador. I have lived in the United States since I was two years old; it is the only home I have known. If deported, I would be forced to leave my entire family—my children, my partner, my parents, and my siblings—who are all here in the United States.

A pardon would mean I could stay in the United States without fear of deportation and could care for my children. My son [REDACTED] when he was two years old. When [REDACTED] was first diagnosed, Katie and I had a lot to learn as we wanted to provide the best

care for him that we possibly could. He required weekly behavioral therapy that involved a therapist coming to our house to train Katie and me on various interventions and behavioral techniques. We work with [REDACTED] daily to respond appropriately to his triggers and engage in any necessary interventions, but we also play and laugh and have fun. [REDACTED] is particularly attached to me, and I am proud of having that strong bond with him—he sometimes tells my partner and I that he wants to be “just like dad.” [REDACTED] has made much progress in therapy: he is now entering Transitional Kindergarten where he doesn’t require an individualized educational program (special education). We are enormously proud of him and his progress—[REDACTED]’s school gives out scholastic awards to three students each month and he has already won two of them, for readiness and responsibility. [REDACTED] has also recently started playing tee-ball—I take him to practice after work and am so looking forward to cheering for him in games during the spring season.

My daughter [REDACTED] was in the neonatal intensive care unit for her first several months of life. Thankfully, she has been healthy ever since coming home, and we work with physical and early child intervention therapists 1-2 times per month to ensure she stays on-track developmentally. I need to remain in the United States so that I can continue to give my children the love and care they need. I also want to be a good partner to Katie and for the kids to grow up having a strong sense of family.

I want to do everything I can to set a good example for my children and support and provide for my family. I want to be the best role model for my children that I can possibly be. But I can only do that with a pardon, to ensure I can remain in the United States with them.

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).

Since my release from prison, I have taken my rehabilitation very seriously. I have completely removed myself from bad influences that caused trouble for me many years ago, when I was much younger, and I now only surround myself with good influences. Family is very important to me. Any time I am not working, I am spending with my family, who are all loving and supportive of my rehabilitation. Katie and I, along with our children moved out to Rocklin, CA, in 2021, where we live 5 minutes from Katie’s parents. We have weekly family dinners, and maintain a tradition of Sunday barbecues where the kids swim in the pool at their grandparents’ house during the summer. I still see my parents and four siblings who live in the Bay Area regularly, though it’s hard to make it down with my work schedule. I am trying to be a good role model for not only my children, but my siblings and nieces and nephews. I have supported my younger brother with financial resources, clothing, and housing—when necessary—over the last five years.

I am a hard worker. Since being released, I have been consistently employed. I was employed at Unifirst Uniform Services as a sales representative between 2017 and 2022. I worked over 50 hours per week and had great relationships with my supervisors and co-workers. I even received “Employee of the Month” twice. I now work as a purchasing agent for Trench and Traffic Supply, Inc., where I manage client relationships and negotiate material and equipment purchases. I have been able to build tremendous trust from my employer in this role through volunteering for additional trainings including learning to drive a forklift, and even receiving my crane operator certification, despite those responsibilities being outside my job description. I feel a sense of satisfaction being able to contribute to my company as much as I can. As a result, my employer entrusts me with an unlimited purchasing budget and my purchases often total as much as \$50,000 at a time. Although I am grateful for my current position and am learning a lot about the industry, I hope to be able to translate these skills into higher paying work closer to home in the future. Receiving a pardon will help me support my family better by improving my job prospects and opening more opportunities for me. Receiving a pardon would even remove barriers to starting my own pressure washing business, allowing me to contribute to my community as a small business owner.

I have not had any setbacks since my release from prison. I have not been arrested since 2009—this conviction was (and will always be) my final conviction. I finished parole in 2020 and I am undergoing efforts to clean slate my record—I have expunged (with pro-bono representation) my 2008 second-degree misdemeanor burglary conviction. In addition to seeking a pardon of this conviction, I have also submitted a motion to expunge this underlying conviction from my record. I am proud of the work I’ve done to change my life completely, and I would be honored to have this opportunity to clear my record fully, ensuring that I can dedicate the rest of my life to family, working hard, and being a productive member of my community.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Jeffrey Foy

Jeffrey Foy, a resident of Idaho and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On May 11, 1994, the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, sentenced Mr. Foy to three years of probation and 30 days in jail for misdemeanor grand theft. On August 14, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, sentenced Mr. Foy to three years of probation and 30 days in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale. On March 11, 1999, the court sentenced Mr. Foy to five years of probation and 277 days in jail for felon in possession of a firearm. On March 26, 1999, Mr. Foy's probation was revoked, and he was sentenced to two years in prison.

Mr. Foy 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 2, 2024, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, granted Mr. Foy a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Foy's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Foy be granted a pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Foy's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a pardon grant. The California Supreme Court also reviewed his application and made a recommendation for a pardon 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. Foy does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself and his subsequent service to California and the United States as a first responder. During his two decades working for CAL FIRE, Mr. Foy has helped lead California's fire protection and prevention efforts, as well as train and mentor California's next generation of first responders.

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. Foy 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 Jeffrey Foy a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Rogelio Fraga

Rogelio Fraga, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On March 28, 2006, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Fraga to four years in prison for possession of a controlled substance for sale. On August 10, 2007, the court vacated Mr. Fraga's conviction and on August 28, 2007, imposed a new sentence for time served.

Mr. Fraga 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 11, 2018, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Fraga a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Fraga's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Fraga be granted a pardon.

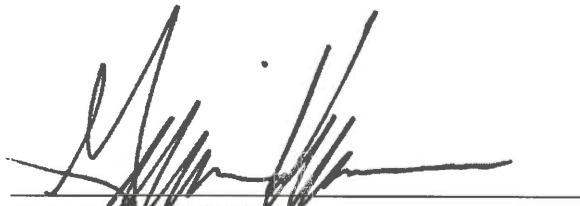
This act of clemency for Mr. Fraga does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

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. Fraga 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 Rogelio Fraga a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RE-APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION AND PARDON

If you submitted a pardon or commutation application to a prior Governor, please submit a new application to Governor Newsom.

If you have already submitted a pardon or commutation application to Governor Newsom and have new information to add to your application, please email the information to either pardons@gov.ca.gov or commutations@gov.ca.gov, or mail it to Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

For pardon applicants, if a judge granted you a Certificate of Rehabilitation before January 2019 and you want Governor Newsom to consider your application, please complete this form and submit it to the Governor's Office by email to pardons@gov.ca.gov, or mail it to Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (Last/First/Middle): Fraga, Rogelio Name on Prior Application (if different): N/A

Date of Birth: 1962 Social Security Number: [Redacted]

CDCR Number: Unknown Name of Facility/Prison: Calipatria State Prison

Residence Address: [Redacted]

Mailing Address (if different): Law Office of Patricia M. Corrales, Pasadena, CA, 91103

Home/Cell Phone: [Redacted] Work Phone: [Redacted] Email: [Redacted]

- I previously submitted: [] Application for Commutation of Sentence [x] Certificate of Rehabilitation [] Application for Pardon

Did you receive a case number or any correspondence from the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings regarding your application? Have you been interviewed regarding your application? If yes, please describe:

No. I never received a case number or correspondence and I was never interviewed.

[Signature] Applicant Signature

02/02/2024 Date

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO: Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole & Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, Sacramento, CA 95814

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

In the Matter of the Application of

Rogelio Fraga

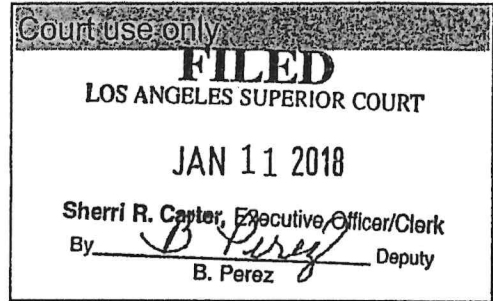
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Date of Birth [redacted] 1962

CII Number [redacted]

Certificate Case Number BA277914

Criminal Case Number(s) BA277914-02



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Rogelio Fraga presently residing at [redacted]

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 January 11, 2018

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 August 28, 2007

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 11 day of JANUARY 2018
Day of the Month Month, Year

[Handwritten signature]

SCOTT M. BORDON
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

Judge of said Superior Court -



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Edward Garcia

Edward Garcia, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On August 23, 2002, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, sentenced Mr. Garcia to three years in prison for possession of a controlled substance with a loaded firearm. He was 20 years old at the time of the crime.

Mr. Garcia 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 26, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Garcia a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Garcia's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Garcia be granted a pardon.

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.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by completion of his sentence and good conduct in the community, Mr. Garcia merits this pardon.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', written over a horizontal line.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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

DEC 26 2019

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

Herri R. Carter, Executive Clerk
By [Signature] Deputy
Josselyn Castro Torres

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:

Edward Ruben Garcia

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

Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1981

CII Number: [Redacted]

Certificate Case Number: BA 475829

Criminal Case Number(s): PCF 102839 (Riverside)

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4

The petitioner is presently residing at:

[Redacted Address]

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 12/26/2019.

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 5/12/2017.

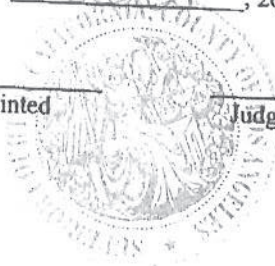
That, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15); 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 26 day of December, 2019

SHELLY TORREALBA

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed



Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE

[Signature of Shelly Torrealba]

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Aistis Gulbinas

Aistis Gulbinas, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 2, 1995, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Gulbinas to three years of probation and 90 days in jail for robbery.

Mr. Gulbinas 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 13, 2010, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Gulbinas a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Gulbinas's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Gulbinas be granted a pardon.

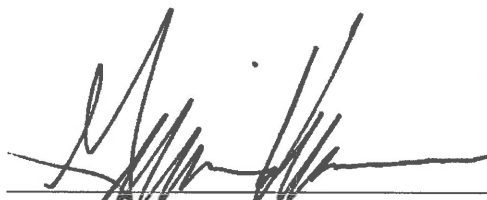
This act of clemency for Mr. Gulbinas does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

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. Gulbinas 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 Aistis Gulbinas a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.





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

AISTIS GULBINAS

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

Date of Birth

[REDACTED] *69*

CII Number

[REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number

SA 019253

Criminal Case Number(s)

SA 019253

FILED
LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT

MAY 13, 2010

JOHN A. CLARKE, CLERK

BY *D. Long*

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition is presently residing at:

[REDACTED]

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 *5-13-10*

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 *2-3-95*

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 *13* day of *May*, 20*10*

Peter Espinoza

Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

[Signature]

Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Susan Hedrick

Susan Hedrick, a resident of Texas and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On October 31, 1990, the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma, sentenced Ms. Hedrick to five days in jail for petty theft. On February 17, 1994, the court sentenced Ms. Hedrick to two years of probation and one year in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale. On April 24, 1995, the court sentenced Ms. Hedrick to two years of probation for possession of a controlled substance.

Ms. Hedrick 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.

This act of clemency for Ms. Hedrick 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. Hedrick 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 Susan Hedrick a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.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 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)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Hedrick Susan Michelle

Date of Birth: 10/19/1964 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: _____ Email: [REDACTED]

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Health & Safety	96-97?	Sanema	Rehab?

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):
M/A			

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

Married to a career drug dealer & user who is now deceased. I divorced in 2000 however seperated 1998 and moved to Montana with my family

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

all of the above

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).

15 yrs in banking in Belgrade, Bezman MT

I work for Mays County Texas right now

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.

I, Susan Michelle Hedrick, 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 Sonoma. (Name of County or Counties)

Susan Michelle Hedrick
Applicant Signature

11-8-2022
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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Joseph Hoover

Joseph Hoover, a resident of Georgia and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 20, 1975, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, sentenced 20-year-old Mr. Hoover to two years for probation for the crime of forgery.

Mr. Hoover 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.

This act of clemency for Mr. Hoover 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. Hoover 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 Hoover a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.





GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



SHIRLEY N. WEBER, Ph.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 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)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Hoover Joseph Clarence

Date of Birth: 1954 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: _____ Email: [REDACTED]

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Forgery	1/20/1975	San Diego	24 mo formal prob.

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):

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

I was a troubled young man at this time + made a very bad choice to try to purchase a jacket with a credit card that didn't belong to me. I am thankful that I was caught + had to suffer the consequences of my actions.

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

It would be a relief to know that I have been forgiven for a crime that I committed almost 45 years ago as a confused + selfish young man who made a very bad choice.

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 lived a productive life with my wife, 2 children, 7 grandchildren + 1 great grandson. Gave up alcohol + tobacco in 85 + now have a state license as a waste water operator. I just turned 65 + looking forward to hunting + fishing.

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.

I, Joseph Clarence Hoover, 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 San Diego.
(Name of County or Counties)

Joseph Clarence Hoover
Applicant Signature

7/15/2019
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 pardon.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Melissa Humboldt

Melissa Humboldt, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On August 9, 2006, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced 19-year-old Ms. Humboldt to five years of probation for burglary and grand theft.

Ms. Humboldt 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 1, 2022, the Superior Court of California, County of Ventura, granted Ms. Humboldt a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Humboldt's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Humboldt be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Ms. Humboldt 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. Humboldt 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 Melissa Humboldt a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.





GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



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

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

VENTURA

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

MELISSA JEAN HUMBOLDT

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

Certificate Number

Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1986

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CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) PA053634-03 (NEWPA05363403)

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

VENTURA SUPERIOR COURT
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BRENDA L. McCORMICK
Executive Officer and Clerk
By: [Signature] Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Melissa Jean Humboldt, presently residing

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

at [REDACTED], 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 30th day

Day of the Month

of March, 2022 and proof having been made to the

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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 August 8, 2011, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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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 (2 counts)

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 1st day of April 2022

Day of the Month

Month, Year

P.M. Murphy
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED OR PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court SIGNATURE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Sandra Johnson

Sandra Johnson, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 11, 1985, the Superior Court of California, County of Monterey, sentenced Ms. Johnson to a concurrent three-year prison term for forgery and grand theft. On June 14, 1988, the court sentenced Ms. Johnson to two years of probation and one year in jail for maintaining a place for the use or sale of a controlled substance. On October 9, 1991, the court sentenced Ms. Johnson to four years in prison for the sale of a controlled substance. On October 1, 1998, the court sentenced Ms. Johnson to five years of probation and one year in jail for possession of a controlled substance. On November 7, 2005, the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, sentenced Ms. Johnson to three years in prison for forgery.

Ms. Johnson 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, 2022, the Superior Court of California, County of Alameda, granted Ms. Johnson a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Johnson's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Johnson be granted a pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Ms. Johnson's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a pardon grant. The California Supreme Court also reviewed her application and made a recommendation for a pardon grant, a process required by the California Constitution in cases where the applicant has sustained more than one felony conviction.

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

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. Johnson 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 Sandra Johnson a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.



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GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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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 Alameda

Appoint's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Sandra Nathina Johnson

Type Applicant For Name - Put Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Certificate Number 21-CR-009552

Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1958

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number(s) MCR 4218 [REDACTED] MCR 7969

MCR 10756

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Court Clerk's Office
ALAMEDA COUNTY
MAR 21 2022
CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
By [Signature] Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Sandra Nathina Johnson, presently residing at [REDACTED], 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 16th day of March, 2022.

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 [REDACTED], 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 21st day of March, 2022

KEVIN MURPHY
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Sirirat Kojonroj

Sirirat Kojonroj, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On July 10, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced 22-year-old Ms. Kojonroj to three years of probation and 365 days in jail for manufacturing a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance for sale.

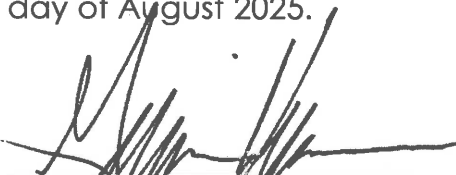
Ms. Kojonroj submitted a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has provided evidence that she is living an upright life and has demonstrated her fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities.

This act of clemency for Ms. Kojonroj 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. Kojonroj merits this pardon.

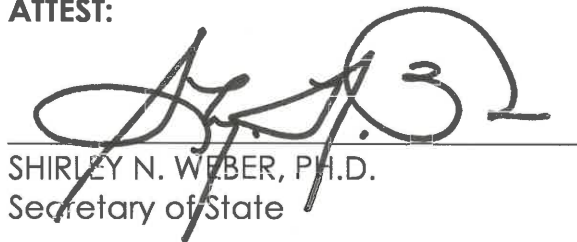
THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sirirat Kojonroj a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



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): Kojonroj, Sirirat

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1975 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): [REDACTED]

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
H&S 11379 6(a)	6/25/1998	Los Angeles	1 year for both Charges
H&S 11378 8(a)	6/25/1998	Los Angeles	

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):
None			

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

Please see Exhibit A

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

Please see Exhibit B

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).

Please see Exhibit C

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.


Paul C. Supple, Esq. 1815 N. Broadway, Santa Ana Ca. 92706 (Phone 714-480-0050) (Email Suppllaw@sbcglobal.net) (Paid \$4,000.00)

APPLICANT DECLARATION

Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.

I, Sirirat Kojonrok, 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

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.

On March 11, 1998 I was arrested in Whittier, California and charged with Health and Safety Code 11378 Possession for Sale of Methamphetamines and 11364 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. That morning I was staying at the Vagabond Inn with my friend [REDACTED] when two police officers knocked on our door asking if I was the owner of the white Toyota Paseo in the parking lot. The officers asked if I had any paperwork that proved the car belonged to me so I walked them over to the car and gave them my registration card. The officers then asked me if I had a driver's license and when I told them I did not, one of the officers began filling out a form. The officer asked me for basic personal information and then asked me if I used any drugs. When I told him that I did not, he pointed out to the white residue on my left nostril and asked me if I was using methamphetamines. I admitted to using my left nostril to snort methamphetamines earlier that morning. The officer then asked me if I had any drugs in my room and I told him that I did not and that he could check the room if he wanted to.

My friend [REDACTED] was still in bed when the officer and I walked in to the room. The officer asked [REDACTED] if there were any drugs in the room and she told him that she did not know, but that she had seen a Ziploc earlier that morning and that I had either used the meth or flushed it down the toilet. The officer then asked me where the mirror I used to cut the meth was and [REDACTED] pulled it out from under the covers. She handed the mirror to the officer and he asked her who the green coin purse belonged to. [REDACTED] told the officer the coin purse belonged to me and before the officer picked it up I told him that there were drugs inside. The officer opened up the purse and it was filled with empty Ziploc baggies, but they all had meth residue in them. The officer continued to search the room and he found a purple scale and a pager. [REDACTED] then gave the officer a glass pipe that she was hiding under the covers. At that point the officer arrested me and took me down to the Whittier Police Department. During my booking interview I admitted to the officer that the meth and the pipe belonged to me, and that I had purchased the methamphetamines from the Star Motel in Norwalk, California.

On May 12, 1998 I was once again arrested, this time by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department and charged with Health and Safety Code 11377(a) Possession of Methamphetamine and 11379.6 Manufacturing of Methamphetamine. That morning I was hanging out with my boyfriend, Mike [REDACTED] at his grandmother's house and he needed a ride to Home Depot. We were out for about an hour and when we got back to Mike's grandmother's house, there were three officers waiting for us. Mike got out of the car and was detained by two officers in the back yard and I was detained by one officer in the drive way. The officers took Mike inside the house and I stayed outside with the other officer. As Mike was being questioned inside the house, the officer that had detained asked me if I knew anything about the methamphetamine lab on the property. I denied knowing anything about the lab and told the officer that I did not use drugs. The officer then asked if he could search my car and I told him to go ahead and search it.

As the officer searched my car, he found a brown purse in the backseat and asked if it belonged to me. I told him that the purse was mine and that he could search it. Inside he found a pack of cigarettes stuffed with a coffee filter that had meth residue on it. Although I told the

officer that the pack of cigarettes was not mine, he placed me under arrest for possession of methamphetamine. The officer continued to search and found a receipt for the purchase of propane, lighter fluid, and a baking dish. In the trunk, he found a chemical supply catalog and told me that he was also going to charge me with manufacturing of methamphetamine. The officer then transported me to the Norwalk Sheriff's Station. During my booking interview, I admitted to the officers that I had gone at least four times to the Chem Lab Supply Company. I told them I had gone twice by myself to buy iodine for Mike, and that I had also taken a friend named Pearl so that she could buy red phosphorous for Mike. I also admitted to driving Mike to the company so that he could buy glassware and iodine crystals, and that I had witnessed Mike set up the lab and manufacture the meth.

On June 25, 1998 a plea hearing was held in the Superior Court of Los Angeles and my cases were consolidated. I plead guilty to Health and Safety Code 11379.6(a) Manufacturing of Methamphetamine and 11378(a) Possession for Sale of Methamphetamine. I was sentenced to one year in county jail with the last 120 days to be served at Acton Conservation Camp. I was only twenty two years old at the time of my conviction and I was going through a very rough time in my life. Shortly after I graduated from high school my parents decided to move back to Thailand, and as I only had an aunt living in California at the time, she allowed me and my brother Jim to move in to her home. My brother Joe was in the army and had been gone for some time so it was just me and my brother Jim. Although my aunt opened the doors to her home to us, she did not care about me or my brother. Jim was going through his own stuff and as a result we were very distant with each other and barely spent any time together. I felt so lonely so naturally I turned to the few friends I had made over the years, and it was through them that I met Mike.

Because I was so desperate for love and affection, I fell in love with Mike quickly. I shared with him how sad and lonely I was and that all I wanted was to be happy. Mike was heavily addicted to meth and after a few weeks of dating he offered me some and told me that it would make me feel better. Over time I too became addicted and I soon found myself homeless and completely dependent on Mike. He did not have a job at the time so to make money he would sell meth. As his girlfriend I felt that I had to support him even though what he was doing was illegal. I was so addicted to meth that I did not care what we had to do to get it. I was an addict and all I could think about was when and how I was going to get my next fix. My conviction opened my eyes and I realized that there was more to life than drugs and I promised myself that I would focus on getting cleaned. After I was released from Acton I got a job as a waitress and I am proud to say that I have been clean for over twenty years and living a very happy life.

On September 10, 2012 I was placed in removal proceedings after my application for citizenship was denied on August 3, 2012 because of my two convictions from 1998. I did not know that these convictions were considered aggravated felonies for immigration purposes and that I could be subject to removal. When I applied for citizenship I did not consult with an attorney, and I assumed that because the convictions were over fourteen years old I would not have any issues. When my application was denied I was very disappointed, but never did I think the denial of my application would place me in removal proceedings. Because my convictions are aggravated felonies under immigration law, a pardon is the only avenue left that can cancel my deportation and allow me to remain in the United States with my family.

After I was released from Acton Conservation Camp in 1999, I started working at Jack's Restaurant as a waitress in Los Angeles. I worked there for about five years and it is here that I met David, the father of my only child. When I first met David I was still feeling very insecure about myself, but David had a way of making me feel so special. All I wanted was to be loved and adored by someone, and when David and I first started dating he made me feel loved. I have to admit I fell in love quickly, and within months of us dating, David and I moved in together. By June 2004 I found out I was pregnant, and although I was happy I would soon become a mother, I was worried about my future and how I would provide for my child. David assured me that he was going to be there to support me every step of the way, but sadly after my son, Alexander was born, David began to waiver in his responsibilities and left me to raise our son all by myself. David would be out with his friends at all hours of the night, and he could not keep a job for more than a few months. With a newborn baby our expenses increased and as I was the only one with a stable job, all our household expenses were on me. I could not count on David for financial or physical help and he was never willing to stay home and care for our son. I tried to put up with David's recklessness for the sake of our son, but I finally hit my breaking point in 2009 and with a heavy heart, I ended my relationship with David.

My son is now fourteen years old, and although I filed for child support after David and I separated, for eleven years I did not receive any financial help. As of now, I am still the main financial provider for my son. When the court calculated child support, it also granted David and me joint custody of my son. David has been present in [REDACTED]'s life in the last fourteen years, but he has never taken [REDACTED] for days at a time. If I were to be removed from the country, my son would have no one to provide for him. David still struggles to this day with employment and he is currently renting a studio that has not kitchen or extra room for [REDACTED] to live in. My fiancé would not be able to take him because we are not married, therefore, under the law he is not [REDACTED]'s step father. I am my son's only provider and as such he needs me here in the United States so I can continue to support him financially. I cannot even begin to imagine what would happen to my son if I were removed from this country. My son was only seven years old when I was first placed in removal proceedings and did not understand what was going on. He began to understand what happened when he was about ten years old. My son is constantly worried that ICE will come to our home and deport me back to Thailand. There are nights where

he cannot sleep, and my current situation has definitely taken his focus from school. He is such a bright kid, and I have no doubt that he will grow up to be very successful. It breaks my heart to see him so worried, and I simply cannot imagine being away from my son. If I were to be removed from the United States, [REDACTED] would not be able to go with me because of the joint custody agreement between me and David. [REDACTED] has not been to Thailand since he was three years old, therefore he has no idea what life in Thailand is like. I myself have completely become acculturated to the American way of life, and although I have visited Thailand, I have no idea what life is like there anymore.

I was working at Carol's Restaurant when I met my now fiancé, Patrick (Pat). His parents had been regulars at the restaurant for many years so I had come to know Pat and his family very well. Sadly, in December 2008, Pat's mother passed away so he and his father stopped coming to the restaurant for a few weeks. When Pat finally came back to the restaurant and told me what had happened, I was completely heartbroken. I had known Pat's mother for a few years and she was such a kind and sweet woman. Pat and his father continued coming to the restaurant, and one day Pat asked me out on a date; we became inseparable after that and have been together since then. [REDACTED] was only three years old when Pat and I started dating so naturally he has come to see him as a father. Pat was very accepting of my son, and he has taken on the responsibility of helping me raise him. After Pat and I moved in together, I helped him care for his father. I took care of him for about eight years before he passed away on August 21, 2014. Pat has always been such a hard worker and his job always keeps him busy so he did not always have time to care for his ill father. I gladly took on the responsibility and for the last few years of his life I was his main caregiver. Losing Pat's father was very hard for me, but it was especially hard on Pat. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] It took Pat a long time to recover from his father's passing, but I was patient with him and I was always there to talk when he needed me. Together we got through this terrible loss, and although Pat is doing much better, he still has some low days. My current immigration case has not been easy on Pat. When I applied for my citizenship, Pat and I were planning to get married, but after my application was denied and I was placed in removal proceedings we had to put our wedding on hold. I do not want to marry Pat only to have to leave him if I were to be removed from the United States. I know that if I were to be removed from the United States it would devastate Pat. We have been together for over eleven years and we have built a good life together. Pat and I each other's support system – we have been through so much together, and we have been able to face all of our problems with strength because we support each other through thick and thin.

After completing my sentence at Acton Conservation Camp, I focused on working hard and staying clean. Since my son was born on [REDACTED] 2005, I have devoted all my time and energy in raising him. As a young, single mother, I did not always have a lot of time for myself, and to be able to provide for my son, I have always had to work. Although I arrived in the United States at the age of 9, growing up, I did not always speak English. At home, I only spoke Thai, and as I was very shy growing up, I did not really speak English at school with my friends. As a result, I do not have a very strong command of the English language and I speak with an accent. After I graduated from high school I did not feel comfortable going to college because I was not sure that I was going to be able to keep up with my courses, and then of course I became addicted and got in trouble with the law at the age of twenty two. After I was released from Acton all I wanted was to be self sufficient and stay clean so I accepted the first job that was offered which was a waitressing job at Jack's Restaurant. With very few skills and a criminal record, I was very lucky to have been hired there. My plan was to work a few years and save some money to go back to school and pursue some type of nursing certification. My plan was put on hold after my son was born, and because in the last fourteen years I have been the only source of financial support for my son, I have not had the opportunity to go back to school and achieve my certification.

Now, with my pending deportation, I am afraid that I will never be able to go back to school. Although waitressing is not a very challenging job, it has given me the opportunity to meet some incredible people over the years. In the last ten years, I have been working at Polly's Pies and many of my customers have become great friends of mine. During my time in jail, I met a lot of people who were willing to help me, and when I got out I felt the need to do the same for those around me. I have done just that at Polly's Pies. Many of my customers are elderly people and regular customers at the restaurant so I have come to know them well. I often hear stories of how they have a hard time getting to the doctor or picking up their prescriptions because they can't move or they do not drive. I always feel like it is my responsibility to help them out so I take days off from work to drive them to their doctor or appointments or pick up their prescriptions. Helping the elderly has helped me define what I would want to do one day, and I would love to go back to school and achieve a certification in elderly care. Pat has always been very supportive of goals, but after I was placed in removal proceedings I have been afraid to pursue anything because I do not know if I am going to be here for long. In the past seven years, my attorney has done everything he can to try and cancel my removal but because my convictions are aggravated felonies there is no remedy for me. My only chance to remain in this country is to request a gubernatorial pardon. I desperately want to remain in this country – it is the only home I know. I have been for over thirty five years and I have no desire to live anywhere else but here. I made a mistake twenty one years ago for which I am truly sorry. I have made a good life here and I know have a sweet and loving fiancé who I love, and a beautiful son who is my life. I know that I would never survive in Thailand – a country that is completely foreign to me. I ask you, Governor Newsom, to please forgive me and allow me to remain in this great country.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Julio Lopez

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

On July 15, 2011, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, sentenced 18-year-old Mr. Lopez to three years of probation for possession or purchase of cocaine base for sale.

Mr. Lopez 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.

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 Julio Lopez a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gavin Newsom', is written over a horizontal line.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shirley N. Weber', is written over a horizontal line.

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



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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. 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, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, Sacramento, CA 95814. There is no application fee and a lawyer is not required to apply for a pardon.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Lopez Julio Cesar
Date of Birth: [redacted] 992 Social Security Number: [redacted]
Residence Address: [redacted]
Mailing Address (if different):
Home/Cell Phone: [redacted] Work Phone: Email: [redacted]

1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.)

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: 11351.5 HS-POSS/PURCHASE F/SALE (Felony) - 07-15-2011 - Riverside County - 36 Months Probation, 120 Days Jail, Fine

Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a pardon? YES NO

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, Location of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: 11351.5 HS-POSS/PURCHASE F/SALE (Felony) - 07-15-2011 - Murrieta, CA - 36 Months Probation, 120 Days Jail, Fine

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

At 19, influenced by the wrong crowd, I made regrettable choices involving drugs that led to my arrest. Recognizing my immaturity, I seized the opportunity to change. Taking full responsibility, I have paid my dues and worked towards a positive transformation.

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

I am a software engineer, and granting me a pardon will allow future employers to focus on my skills rather than looking at my past on a background check. Furthermore, I will have the ability to qualify for more federal programs like traveler Global Entry, which I was rejected from. I also have aspirations to volunteer in youth after school programs to teach computer programming and would be hurtful to get rejected do to a background check.

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).

Since my conviction, I've achieved an AA Degree and earned a certificate in programming and cloud computing. Over the past decade, I've remained dedicated to my current employer, securing four well-deserved promotions. I am fortunate to own a home, have a wonderful fiancée, and take pride in being the father of a two-year-old daughter.

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.

I, Julio Cesar Lopez, 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 Riverside. *(Name of County or Counties)*

Julio Lopez
Applicant Signature

02-28-2024
Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the **Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole & Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, 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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Thomas Loproto

Thomas Loproto, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On December 19, 1997, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced Mr. Loproto to three years of probation and six months in jail for manufacturing a controlled substance, possessing substances with the intent to manufacture controlled substances, and possessing controlled substances for sale.

Mr. Loproto 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 3, 2024, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, granted Mr. Loproto a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Loproto's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Loproto be granted a pardon.

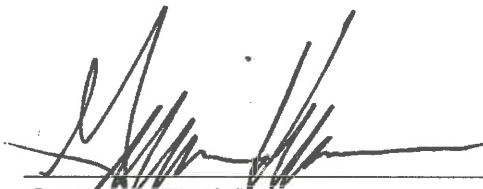
This act of clemency for Mr. Loproto does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

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. Loproto 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 Thomas Loproto a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.




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 Santa Clara

Applicant's County of Conviction

In the Matter of the Application of Thomas Loproto

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

Certificate Number C2401600

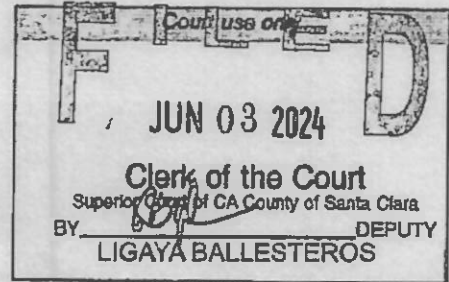
Date of Birth [redacted] 957

Month Day Year

CII Number [redacted]

Criminal Case Number(s) 199313/C9727000

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)



CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Thomas Loproto, presently residing at [redacted], heretofore filed, praying for

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

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

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 THIRD day of JUNE, 2024

Day of the Month

Month, Year

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 11/09/1998, 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

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 court this 3rd day of JUNE, 2024

Day of the Month

Month, Year

JUDGE BENJAMIN WILLIAMS

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED



Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Zishan Malik

Zishan Malik, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 9, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced 19-year-old Mr. Malik to three years of probation and 90 days in jail for taking a vehicle without the owner's consent, a misdemeanor. On October 13, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, sentenced Mr. Malik to five years in prison for assault with a semiautomatic firearm.

Mr. Malik 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 10, 2024, the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, granted Mr. Malik a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Malik's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Malik be granted a pardon.


This act of clemency for Mr. Malik 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. Malik 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 Zishan Malik a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF YOLO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of
ZISHAN SHAHID MALIK
Type Applicant's Full Name – First, Middle, Last, and Suffix
Certificate Number _____
Date of Birth ██████ 1978
Month Day, Year
CII Number ██████
Criminal Case
Number CR1998-278-3
List all applicable Criminal Numbers

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YOLO SUPERIOR COURT

JUN 10 2024

[Signature]
Deputy
C. GOJKOVICH

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of ZISHAN SHAHID MALIK, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name – First, Middle, Last, and Suffix
at ████████████████████, heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code

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 10th day
Day of the Month
of June, 2024 and proof having been made to the
Month, Year

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

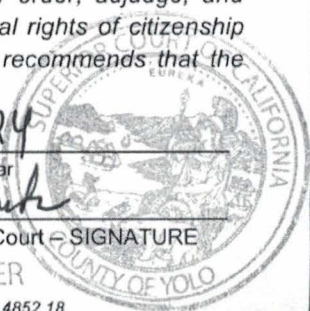
February 17, 2001, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to
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Penal Code Section 1203.4, and that petitioner has demonstrated by the course of conduct his/her rehabilitation
and fitness to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code
Section 485.15); and that petitioner has been one (10 counts) time convicted of a felony;
Total Number of Felony Convictions

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 10th day of June, 2024
Day of the Month Month, Year
Catherine Hohenwarter
Judge of said Superior Court – TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court – SIGNATURE
C. HOHENWARTER



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Brandon Matey

Brandon Matey, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On September 13, 1993, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, sentenced 18-year-old Mr. Matey to three years in prison for robbery and attempted robbery.

Mr. Matey 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.

This act of clemency for Mr. Matey does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself and his service to California as a first responder over the years, from his start as a volunteer firefighter to his current role as a leader in the field of fire prevention and protection.

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. Matey 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 Brandon Matey a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.




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 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): Matey, Brandon Andrew Name on Prior Application (if different): N/A

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1975 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

CDCR Number: _____ Name of Facility/Prison: N/A

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): N/A

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

I previously submitted: Application for Commutation of Sentence
 Certificate of Rehabilitation
 Application for Pardon

Did you receive a case number or any correspondence from the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings regarding your application? Have you been interviewed regarding your application? If yes, please describe:

Yes, the reference number is Case D-9183-07. I have never received an interview in regards to my application.

[Signature]
Applicant Signature

08/23/2020
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.**

ATTORNEY OR PARTY WITHOUT ATTORNEY (NAME AND ADDRESS): James L. Crowder 140 E. Figueroa St. Santa Barbara, CA 93101 ATTORNEY FOR (Name): Brandon A. Matey	TELEPHONE NO.: (805)966-9788	FOR COURT USE ONLY <div style="text-align: center;">FILED</div> SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA JAN 29 2007 GARY M. BLAIR, EXEC. OFFICER By <u>Deborah Graydon</u> Deborah Graydon - Deputy Clerk Entered into sustain by _____
SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA STREET ADDRESS: 118 E. Figueroa St CITY AND ZIP CODE: Santa Barbara 93101 BRANCH NAME: Figueroa Division		
In the Matter of the Application of: Brandon Andrew Matey _____ <small>Print or write your name legibly</small>		
CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION		CASE NUMBER: 197482 CII No.: _____ Date of Birth: _____ 1975

The Petition of (name): Brandon Andrew Matey
 presently residing at (address): _____

heretofore filed, praying for a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 or Part 3 of the Penal Code of the State of California, came on regularly for hearing on _____ 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 (date) APPROXIMATELY JUNE, 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) (twice) (thrice) 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 29th day of January

Frank A. Brown
 Judge of the Superior Court

This form prepared under the direction of the office of the Attorney General of the State of California

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Gilbert Morua

Gilbert Morua, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On May 27, 1967, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Morua to three months of probation for receiving known stolen property. On December 21, 1984, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, sentenced Mr. Morua to three years in prison for robbery, second degree burglary, and assault with a deadly weapon. On September 1, 1988, the court sentenced Mr. Morua to three years of probation and 120 days in jail for second degree burglary. On June 5, 1989, the court sentenced Mr. Morua to three years in prison for receiving known stolen property.

Mr. Morua 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, 2021, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, granted Mr. Morua a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Morua's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Morua be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Moura 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. Moura 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 Gilbert Morua a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



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GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shirley N. Weber', written over a horizontal line.

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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE
CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER, ROOM K-100
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SANTA ANA, CA 92702-2024

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF ORANGE
CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER

JUN 18 2021

DAVID H. YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court

BY: D. IBARRA DEPUTY

In the Matter of the Application of

Gilbert Morua

Petitioner's full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable

Date of Birth: 1943

CII Number:

Criminal Case Number(s): C-55411

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION
(Penal Code § 4852.13)

CERTIFICATE NUMBER:
M-19020

The petition of Gilbert Morua, presently residing

at [REDACTED], requesting a

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, was heard on JUN 18 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 completion of the term to which the petitioner was sentenced, or upon the release on parole or probation on

December 24 1999, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal

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 the that petitioner has been 8 time(s) convicted of a felony;

The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares 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 this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

JUN 18 2021

Dated: _____

JONATHAN FISH

Judicial Officer - TYPED or PRINTED

Jonathan Fish

Judicial Officer - SIGNATURE

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

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Form: L-410.2 (Rev. July 1, 2009)

Penal Code § 4852.13

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Willard Munford

Willard Munford, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On May 5, 1989, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. Munford to three years of probation and one year in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale. On March 1, 1994, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, sentenced Mr. Munford to three years of probation and 90 days in jail for felon in possession of a firearm.

Mr. Munford 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 17, 2020, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, granted Mr. Munford a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Munford's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Munford be granted a pardon.

The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Munford's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a pardon grant. The California Supreme Court also reviewed his application and made a recommendation for a pardon grant, a process required by the California Constitution in cases where the applicant has sustained more than one felony conviction.

This act of clemency for Mr. Munford 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. Munford 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 Willard Munford a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.





GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE 4100 Main St Riverside, CA 92501-3626	<i>For Court Use Only</i> <div style="text-align: center;"> FILED <small>SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE</small> DEC 17 2020 </div>
In the Matter of the Application of Willard Munford <i>Petitioner's full name – First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable</i> Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1964 CII Number: [REDACTED] Criminal Case Number(s): <u>FWV21885 (San Bernardino), CR53797</u>	
<div style="text-align: center;"> CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION (Penal Code § 4852.13) </div>	CERTIFICATE NUMBER: RIC 2004325

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The petition of Willard Munford, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable
 at [REDACTED], requesting a
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code
 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, was heard on 12-17-20
Date
 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
5/5/1989 and 3/1/1994, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal
Month Day, Year
 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 the
 that petitioner has been two (2) time(s) convicted of an eligible offense;
Total Number of Felony Convictions

*The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares 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 this Court recommends
 that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.*

Dated: 12/17/20
JOHN MOLLOY
Judicial Officer - TYPED or PRINTED


Judicial Officer - SIGNATURE

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

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Penal Code § 4852.13

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Erik Nelson

Erik Nelson, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On November 16, 2010, the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, sentenced Mr. Nelson to three years of probation and 180 days in jail for possession of marijuana for sale and possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Mr. Nelson 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 2, 2020, the Superior Court of California, County of Solano, granted Mr. Nelson a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Nelson's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Nelson be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Nelson 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. Nelson 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 Erik Nelson a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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

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SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SOLANO 600 Union Ave Ste 151 Fairfield, CA 94533-6369	<i>For Court Use Only</i>
In the Matter of the Application of Erik Nelson <i>Petitioner's full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable</i> Date of Birth: [REDACTED] CII Number: [REDACTED] Criminal Case Number(s): <u>FCR270131</u>	ENDORSED FILED Clerk of the Superior Court MAR 03 2020 J. SAN LUIS By DEPUTY CLERK
CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION (Penal Code § 4852.13)	CERTIFICATE NUMBER:

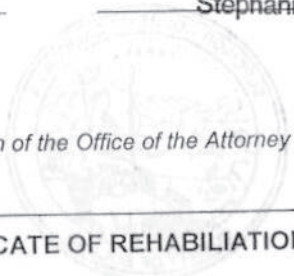
The petition of Erik Nelson, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable
 at [REDACTED], requesting a
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code
 a Certificate of Rehabilitation pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 3.5, Title 6 of Part 3 of the Penal Code
 of the State of California, was heard on March 2, 2020
Date
 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
November 16, 2010, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to Penal
Month Day, Year
 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 the
 that petitioner has been one (1) time(s) convicted of an eligible offense;
Total Number of Felony Convictions

The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares 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 this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: MAR 02 2020

Stephanie Grogan Jones
Judicial Officer - TYPED or PRINTED

Stephanie Grogan Jones
Judicial Officer - SIGNATURE



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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

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Penal Code § 4852.13

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

George O'Shea

George O'Shea, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 20, 1991, the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, sentenced Mr. O'Shea to three years of probation for fraud to obtain aid.


Mr. O'Shea 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.

This act of clemency for Mr. O'Shea does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself and his past service in the United States Army.

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'Shea 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 George O'Shea a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California



ATTEST:



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



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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 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)

Name (Last, First, Middle): **O'Shea George Irving**

Date of Birth: **[REDACTED] 1956** Social Security Number: **[REDACTED]**

Residence Address: **[REDACTED]**

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home/Cell Phone: **[REDACTED]** Work Phone: _____ Email: **[REDACTED]**

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
W/E 10980c(2)	Jan 1991	Yolo	45days county/3 years
Probation			

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):

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

Spouse and I on welfare didn't send in receipts from new job as truck driver

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

at the time I was seeking a job in law enforcement was a graduate of San Joaquin Valley College with a 3.8 gpa in law

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

Still want to be in law enforcement of some sort

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.

I, George Irving O'Shea, 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 Yolo.
(Name of County or Counties)

George O'Shea
Applicant Signature

Sept. 14, 2023
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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Justin Ozeroff

Justin Ozeroff, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 6, 1992, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Mr. Ozeroff to five years of probation and 120 days in jail for transporting a controlled substance for sale. On November 26, 2001, the Superior Court of California, County of Placer, sentenced Mr. Ozeroff to three years of probation for damaging power lines. On December 4, 2001, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Mr. Ozeroff to three years of probation and two days in jail for driving under the influence.

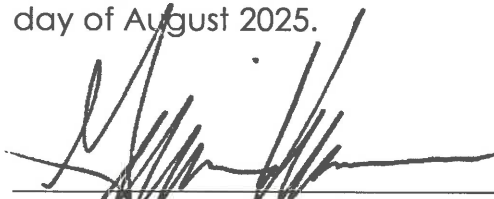
Mr. Ozeroff complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On February 3, 2023, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, granted Mr. Ozeroff a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Ozeroff's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Ozeroff be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Ozeroff 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. Ozeroff 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 Justin Ozeroff a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



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 SACRAMENTO

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of
JUSTIN IAN OZEROFF

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

Certificate Number 22FE014595

Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1970
Month Day, Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case
Number 107648

List all applicable Criminal Numbers

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By K. Martinez, Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of JUSTIN IAN OZEROFF, presently residing
Type Applicant's Full Name - First, Middle, Last, and Suffix

at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for
Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code

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 3rd day
Day of the Month
of February, 2023 and proof having been made to the
Month, Year

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
February 6th, 1992, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to
Month, Day, Year

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 485.15); and that petitioner has been one time convicted of a felony;
Total Number of Felony Convictions

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 3rd day of February, 2023
Day of the Month Month, Year

Lawrence Brown

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED



Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Richard Penry

Richard "Butch" Penry, a United States Army veteran and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, has been designated for executive clemency.

Sergeant Penry was born in Petaluma, California, and served in the Army during the Vietnam War. In 1970, Sergeant Penry's unit came under enemy rocket and mortar fire that killed the company commander and killed and wounded most of the platoon members. Sergeant Penry repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire and courageously led the defense of the platoon and provided emergency aid to his fellow soldiers. When evacuation helicopters arrived, Sergeant Penry carried 18 wounded soldiers to safety.

In 1971, President Nixon awarded Sergeant Penry the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military honor. President Nixon cited Sergeant Penry for his "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life."

Sergeant Penry returned to the United States from active duty at a time when there were few resources for veterans and little understanding of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Like many other veterans at the time, Sergeant Penry endured harassment related to his military service, and he struggled with reentry to civilian life, untreated trauma, and substance use. On November 12, 1974, Sergeant Penry was convicted of selling a controlled substance in the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma, and he was sentenced to three years of probation.

Sergeant Penry died on May 9, 1994, at age 45 and is buried in Petaluma.

With this act of posthumous clemency, I recognize Sergeant Penry's honorable service to the United States and the people of California. I further acknowledge that Sergeant Penry's legacy, which includes both his heroic actions in combat, as well as his personal struggle with the resulting trauma, serves as an inspiration to other veterans to seek treatment and support their fellow veterans.

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that Sergeant Penry 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 Sergeant Richard Penry a full and unconditional posthumous pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



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GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shirley N. Weber', written over a horizontal line.

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



THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA
POST No. 1929
PETALUMA, CALIFORNIA

[REDACTED]
November 1, 2023

Governor Gavin Newsom Office of the Governor State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to draw your attention to a matter of utmost importance regarding a distinguished Medal of Honor recipient who has encountered legal issues stemming from war trauma related substance abuse. It is my sincere hope that you will consider extending your compassionate support by granting a pardon in this case.

The recipient of the Medal of Honor, Sergeant Richard Allen Penry, United States Army, demonstrated extraordinary courage and valor in the face of adversity during his military service, a fact that cannot be understated. SGT Penry's selfless service to our nation earned him the highest military honor, and we and the surviving families of the 18 wounded Soldiers that he loaded one at a time onto a jungle extractor in Vietnam while under direct enemy fire are indebted to his sacrifices.

However, the post-service struggles that Richard faced, particularly related to substance abuse, have led to legal issues that have tarnished his reputation and our community's well-being. It is important to recognize that the transition from military service to civilian is a challenging journey for many Veterans, and some encounter difficulties that warrant understanding and support rather than punitive measures. Moreover, the systematic lack of access to trusted Mental Health providers and the mistrust of the Mental Health Care System among Veterans is having the same profound effects on returning Veterans that **will have significant multi-generational impacts on Veteran Families if left unaddressed**. Exacerbating these issues impacting the current generation of Veterans is the reality that current Veterans have spent more time in war than any previous generation of American Veterans. We are known as the Frontline Generation, many of us left for war at age 17-18, spent our entire adult lives at war are now returning to our communities with wives and children that have never lived here. Returning Veterans are reluctant to seek help for war related trauma due to the lingering stigma surrounding mental health and substance abuse within the military community. By extending clemency to Medal of Honor Recipient, Sergeant Richard Allen Penry, you have an opportunity to challenge this stigma and demonstrate California's commitment to addressing these needs for **Veterans from every California Community**.

Governor Newsom, your leadership, and commitment to addressing the needs of Veterans and their families in California have been commendable. I believe that your intervention in this case can serve as an example of our state's dedication to assisting those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom. Thank you for your time and consideration. I trust in your wisdom and compassion as you deliberate this important matter.

Andrew M. LeMarQuand

Very Respectfully,
Andrew Masahesa LeMarQuand
MAJ, U.S. Army (Retired)
Commander, VFW Post 1929
"Rangers Lead the Way!"

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Somboon Phaymany

Somboon Phaymany, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On October 21, 1997, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, sentenced Mr. Phaymany to 14 years to life for attempted murder, assault with a semi-automatic firearm, assault with a firearm, and conspiracy to commit assault with a firearm, plus two years of enhancements. He was 19 years old at the time of his crime.

Mr. Phaymany 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.

This act of clemency for Mr. Phaymany 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. Phaymany 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 Somboon Phaymany a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of December 2025.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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



Governor ~~Arnold~~ ^{Gov. 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.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION (Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Phaymany, Somboon

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1977 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): [REDACTED]

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
<u>See Attachment: TAB A. page 1. Question: 1</u>			

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):
<u>See Attachment: TAB A. page 1. Question: 1</u>			

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

See Attachment: TAB A. page. 2-4. Question: 2

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

See Attachment: TAB A. page. 5. Question: 3

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).

See Attachment: TAB A. page. 6. Question: 4

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.

See Attachment: TAB A. page. 7. Question: 5

APPLICANT DECLARATION

Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.

I, Sombaan Phaymany, 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 San Diego
(Name of County or Counties)

S. Phaymany
Applicant Signature

February 18, 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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DIRECT PARDON REQUEST

Attachments to Petition for Pardon for

Somboon Phaymany

A# [REDACTED]

CDCR # K-70572

Why are you requesting clemency for Pardon?

After I was found suitable for release by the Board of Parole Hearing (BPH), I was approved by former Governor Jerry Brown and release from prison on May 22, 2018. I have served approximately 21 years and 6 months for my September 5, 1997 conviction sentence. I was immediately detain by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") and have been in ICE custody since my release from the California Department of Correction and Rehabilitations (CDCR) on May 22, 2018. I am presently in the ICE detention center in Adelanto, California. I have not had the opportunity to be release from custody to spend time with my family outside nor the opportunity to physically connect with the community outside. I do not qualify for a Certificate of Rehabilitation (COR), and I am in danger of Deportation soon and cannot wait for the COR process.

I am mercifully seeking a Pardon for my September 5, 1997 Convictions to avoid deportation and family hardship. I was born in Thailand. I have no experience and no memory of Cambodia because I have never live there. I do not speak the Cambodian language. I do not have any place to live over there, nor do I have any contacts in Cambodia if I am deported there. My family and I arrived as refugees being relocated to the United States in 1980. I have live in the United States since the age of 3 years old, and have been a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) for approximately 40 years.

All my immediate families; Mother, Father, two Brothers, and two Sisters are Naturalize U.S. Citizens. I understand it was my own responsibility to become a Naturalize U.S. Citizen, but I did not. I have no excuse for not becoming a Naturalize Citizen when I had the opportunity at 18 years of age. I do like to make reference to that there were events and experiences in my life which were factors into why I did not become a Naturalize Citizen between the ages of 18 to 19 years old.

I did not become a Naturalize U.S. Citizen because I did not know the difference between a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) and a U.S. Citizen, and thought LPR status has the same rights for me to Permanently stay in United States. I also thought immigrants / refugees could only stay as a Lawful Permanent Resident status and cannot become a U.S. Citizen if the person is not born in the U.S. Most of all, my immaturity and distorted thinking during my adolescence and young adult life led me to become very preoccupied with my selfish thoughts and not prioritize with anything else.

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DIRECT PARDON REQUEST

Attachments to Petition for Pardon

continue:

A Pardon for my convictions will stop my deportation to the Country of Cambodia. A Pardon for my convictions will also reinstate my Status as a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR), and to stay in the United States. A Pardon for my convictions will also allow me to follow my goal of getting my Bachelor Degree in the United States. A Pardon will also allow me to physically make, one of many, amends back to the communities in the United States by sharing my experiences to troubled youth and adults in hope to help them make a choice to seek help, and in hope to prevent someone from making bad choices. A Pardon for my convictions will also allow me to stay with all my Six immediate family in the United States.

Convictions of:

Attempted Murder, 10 Counts;
Assault with a Semiautomatic Firearm, 18 Counts;
Assault with a Firearm, 18 Counts;
Conspiracy to Assault with a Firearm, 1 Count,

These convictions all arises from a One case in the City of San Diego, in San Diego County.

The hardship of being separated thousands of miles from all my family members, whom are all U.S. Citizens have affected them mentally, psychologically, and physically. My mother and father who both is affected the most from worrying about their youngest son being deported have caused them stress, depression, loss of weight, and high blood pressure.

I have a Final order of Removal / Deportation Order. *See attachment TAB J.* On August 7, 2019, the Board of Immigration Appeals court dismissed my appeal for relief from being deported to the Country of Cambodia. I am requesting for Pardon because I am facing imminent deportation.

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APPLICATION FOR PARDON
(Attachments to Application)

Question: 1 Conviction Summary

Convictions of list:

Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s)	Sentence(s)
Attempted Murder, 10 Counts;	September 5, 1997	San Diego County	Two Consecutive Life, plus Two Years with possibility of parole (7 yrs + 7 yrs + 2 yrs)
Assault with a Semiautomatic Firearm, 18 Counts;	September 5, 1997	San Diego County	Two Consecutive Life, plus Two Years with possibility of parole (7 yrs + 7 yrs + 2 yrs)
Assault with a Firearm, 18 Counts:	September 5, 1997	San Diego County	Two Consecutive Life, plus Two Years with possibility of parole (7 yrs + 7 yrs + 2 yrs)
Conspiracy to Assault with a Firearm, 1 Count,	September 5, 1997	San Diego County	Two Consecutive Life, plus Two Years with possibility of parole (7 yrs + 7 yrs + 2 yrs)

These convictions all arises from a Single Case in the City of San Diego, in San Diego County.
(see attachment: Abstract of Judgment: TAB I)

Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a Pardon? [X] YES [] NO

List conviction(s) in California, any other state or country, or in federal court.

Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s)	Sentence(s)
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APPLICATION FOR PARDON
(Attachments to Application)Question: 2 Describe the circumstances of your crime(s)

On the evening of March 5, 1996. At that time, I was attending City College and I did not have my own car. Sometimes I would walk to my cousin's house. That day I was there, and I overheard some gang members and others who weren't gang members talking about someone breaking into one of their cars and the window broken out and some of the stuff was taken.

I was bragging about having a gun that I was holding for a friend, trying to have an image of a tough guy. Some of the guys said let's get the guns that we could get and go out to retaliate. Most of the gang members were juveniles wanting to retaliate. I sat in the backseat of a Honda prelude car and was willing to retaliate too. We went looking for the guy who broke into the car. He was a member of a rival gang, [REDACTED]. I didn't know who he was or how he look like, but someone said they knew who he was. I was providing a gun. I was willing to do violence. I wanted to be accepted and not look afraid. Someone suggested a pool hall where the [REDACTED]'s hung out. We drove there.

In the back of my mind, I was hoping nothing would happen. Outwardly I was acting the tough guy, unafraid, willing to do violence. We pulled into a parking lot and there were arguments among the three drivers. One driver of the three cars didn't want to part of a shooting and leave with the people he drove there. I could have made a difference. I could have ask for the gun back and chose to leave, but I didn't and stay seated in the car.

The juveniles who were there with us were the shooters, and push the violence. We drove by the pool hall. There were lots of people there. The cars turned around and then the guys started shooting.

There were 18 people there in the parking lot. No one was hit by the bullets. The people weren't even gang members.

In my reflection back to understand how I got to the point of not empathizing for other people's feelings and safety, and to where I had involved myself in attempting to commit violence on 18 innocent young men and women's lives that I never knew. What I understand today is I didn't empathize with anyone at the time because I thought only of myself. I realize today that I had dependency and co-dependency issues back then. I was easily convinced to "help" because I was seeking approval and acceptance from my peers. When I look even deeper into my life and into my childhood, there were events and experiences in my childhood that were contributing factors into my distorted thinking that I was unwanted, rejected, unloved, and not good enough.

I realize during my childhood, the discipline I receive from my mother, and the comparison of me to my sibling's performance from my father had damage my confidence and self-esteem. My siblings teasing me about being adopted had affected my sense of belonging and I wonder whether I was abandoned. I staying up late to wait for my parents to come home, along with not being told about the specifics of my oldest sister's death had created my many feelings of disappointments, deceptions, and my thinking that I was not important to spend time with or important to know the truth of my oldest sister's death. Growing up, my reliance on the mercy of my older brothers' interactions had left me to being someone who was preoccupied with seeking the approval and

acceptance from others later in my life. The connection and insight I have today is I realize the events and experiences during my childhood were contributing factors to my mixed emotions and distorted thinking of seeking a family outside the home for approval and acceptance. Consequently my bad choice of seeking approval and acceptance was from gangs. I realize at that time in my life, although I was an adult, I was young and immature at 19 and did not mature emotionally. I had chose to associate with gangs, use drugs, and committed crimes because I had valued my image more importantly, and I wanted to be accepted by others. But underneath, I was acting out my behaviors because of the suppressed fears, hurts, and resentments that I was thinking I was not loved, understood, accepted and not good enough to meet my family and other's expectations. And so I chose to be rebellious against my family and act out my feelings of hurts, fears, and resentments by choosing to engaged in stupid, senseless gang participation for me to feel whole and accepted and love by gangs. And though using drugs had also suppressed my hurt emotions of being a failure, all of my drug uses were because I wanted to stay fitting in and didn't want to be rejected by my peers for not participating. Although I did not use drugs on the day I committed the horrible and senseless violence against the 18 innocent young men and women, I had an attitude of an addict that didn't empathize for anyone else but my own selfish thoughts and didn't think about the consequences of my behaviors. My distorted thinking of seeking approval and acceptance didn't stop even after I was arrested and convicted for my life crime and sent to prison. I had adopted a gang and criminal mentality that continued in prison.

I didn't start off my sentence with the intention of changing. I realize the prison environment can be very stressful, lonely, and most of the time a place of violence. The first few years of my prison sentence didn't challenge my distorted thinking and behaviors because I was mostly kept in the cell due to my status of being in a level IV maximum security where prison programs was limited to 1 to 2 hours a day. After my level of security was reduce because of good behaviors for not receiving any write-ups, I was transfer to a prison where there are more opportunity to be outside the cell. There, young, immature and 22 years old in a men's prison, I chose to associate with the Asians in general because I thought this was the universal rules of being in prison. Stick with the people of similar race to avoid being targeted and taken advantage of by other people who prey on the weak. The problem was my thinking process had not changed since I committed my Life Crime. And so, until there was a shift in my consciousness, my distorted thinking would not change. Although my drug use and drinking had stop the day I was arrested for my Life Crime, my adopted gang mentality and distorted thinking did not. In prison, I continued to associate with people who were gang members and non gang members that foster the idea of coming to aid for one another. My thinking at the time was this is how I will survive in prison. The problem with this thinking was that I had also adopted the prison gang mentality of not talking to prison officials. As a result, my change to my criminal and distorted thinking didn't happen over night, but it was a gradually change through disciplinary write-ups that I had to learn from for myself.

My change started with me again realizing that my drug use and drinking had stop since my arrest. I then understood that I could also change the way I communicate with people in a proper way and with respect. Eventually my decision to denounced my gang ties was after my Grand-father passed away in 2012. Soon I had to realize abstaining from certain habits and behavior was only a temporary remedy to my problem. In order to fully overcome the root of my problems, I first had to identify, understand, and then addressed why my distorted thinking had continued in prison. It wasn't until October 7, 2014, 17 years of being in prison, my participation in taking the Criminal and Addictive Thinking Workshop course, I learn that I had adopted a Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Drug Addiction Attitude, and Dependency issue in the past.

What I have identified today is that the underlying issues and drive behind many of my decision making was my extremely unhealthy craving for peer approval and seeking acceptance. I've also learn that my negative self-concept to seek image and exterior approval, distorted thinking of me feeling sorry for myself and lack of empathy contributed to my negative behaviors of committing crimes, gang association, and drug abuse that led to negatively impacting the Eighteen Innocent men and women, the community, my family, and myself in which had also continued in prison until my thinking change.

Today, I understand that during my childhood, my distorted thinking of my mother singling me out to get discipline was because my mother wanted me to behave as a good son. My father comparing me to my siblings because he wanted me to have a role model to motivate me to be better. My siblings were just being siblings teasing me about being adopted in Thailand because I was the only son born there. My parents and siblings was overprotected of me because they wanted the best for me to stay safe. I was the youngest of my siblings to be looked after by all my family. During my childhood, my parents and siblings had to stay out late into the night because they were trying to earn extra money by recycling materials to make ends meet for our family. My parents and siblings did not talk a lot about the death of my oldest sister, Phat because it was likely very painful for my parents through talking about her that they rather not let me feel their pain also. I understand today that my parents did the best they could and the best that they knew how in raising five children in the United States that was a new country for them during the 1980's.

Today I realize my siblings also grew up in the same house and they did not commit any crimes. I know today there are people that grew up in worse childhood environment and they also did not commit any crimes. Today I know I had selfishly chose to value drugs, gangs, and criminal activities over doing the right thing. On the night of March 5, 1996, I take full responsibility for committing a senseless crime. No one made me get involve. I chose to provide the gun. I chose to encourage and ride in the car willing to commit violence. I chose not to get the gun back and leave when the third car left. I could have prevented such a senseless and callous crime from happening instead I chose to premeditatedly and deliberately attempted to murder 18 innocent men and women on March 5, 1996, and may have forever affected their sense of safety in public not knowing why it happened. I put in danger so many lives who was in the community when I participated in the shots fired in a place of many businesses that have many innocent by-standers. Most of all, today I know it was my responsibility to seek help for what I was going through during my teenager and young adult life.

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

I was immediately detain by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") and have been in ICE custody since my release from the California Department of Correction and Rehabilitations (CDCR) on May 22, 2018. I am presently in the ICE detention center. I have not had the opportunity to be release from custody to spend time with my family outside nor the opportunity to physically connect with the community outside. I do not qualify for a Certificate of Rehabilitation (COR) and I am in danger of Deportation soon and cannot wait for the COR process.

I am mercifully seeking a Pardon for my September 5, 1997 Convictions to avoid deportation and family hardship. I was born in Thailand. I have no experience and no memory of Cambodia because I have never live there. I do not speak the Cambodian language. I do not have any place to live over there, nor do I have any contacts in Cambodia if I am deported there. My family and I arrived as refugees being relocated to the United States in 1980. I have live in the United States since the age of 3 years old, and have been a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) for approximately 40 years.

All my immediate families; Mother, Father, two Brothers, and two Sisters are Naturalize U.S. Citizens. I understand it was my own responsibility to become a Naturalize U.S. Citizen, but I did not. I have no excuse for not becoming a Naturalize Citizen when I had the opportunity at 18 years of age. I do like to make reference to that there were events and experiences in my life which were factors into why I did not become a Naturalize Citizen between the ages of 18 to 19 years old.

I did not become a Naturalize U.S. Citizen because I did not know the difference between a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) and a U.S. Citizen, and thought LPR status has the same rights for me to Permanently stay in the United States. I also thought immigrants / refugees could only stay as a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status and cannot become a U.S. Citizen if the person is not born in the U.S. Most of all, my immaturity and distorted thinking during my adolescence and young adult life led me to become very preoccupied with my selfish thoughts and not prioritize with anything else.

A Pardon for my convictions will stop my deportation to the Country of Cambodia. A Pardon for my convictions will also reinstate my Status as a Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) and to Legally stay in the United States. A Pardon for my convictions will also allow me to follow my goal of getting my Bachelor Degree in the United States. A Pardon will also allow me to physically make, one of many, amends back to the communities in the United States by sharing my experiences to troubled youth and adults in hope to help them know they can get help if they seek it, and also in hope to prevent someone from making bad choices. A Pardon for my convictions will also allow me to stay with all my Six immediate family in the United States.

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Question: 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).

My change didn't happen over night, it was a gradually change through disciplinary write-ups in prison that I had to learn from for myself. My efforts in self-development and gaining insight took many self-help courses, and a long process of patience and the trust in it. Two of the most important self-help courses that impacted me the most was the Criminal and Addictive Thinking and Victim's Impact courses. Through these two courses, I understand that I had adopted a Criminal and Addictive Thinking, Drug Addiction Attitude, and Dependency issue in the past. I learn that the underlying issues and drive behind many of my decision making was my extremely unhealthy craving for peer approval and seeking acceptance. I've also realize that my negative self-concept to seek image and exterior approval, distorted thinking of me feeling sorry for myself, lack of thinking about my consequences, and lack of empathy contributed to my criminal behaviors, gang association, and drug abuse. Victim's Impact course helped me empathize for others and understand the impact and ripple effects of the crime I committed to the Eighteen Innocent young men and women, the community, my family, and myself.

I am also thankful for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations (CDCR) for continuing to provide many other programs of self-development and self-help courses that have help me identified the root cause(s) of my underlying hurts, fears, and resentments. I understand that since my insight into making the connection of my past criminal and distorted thinking, rather than blame others or my situations, I now take responsibility for my actions and I now also have a greater appreciation for my immediate family and what they have done for me. I have resolved my underlying issues by getting to the root causes of my resentments by putting myself in my parents' shoe to understand that they raise me the best that they could and the best that they knew how. I accept myself as who I am, flaws and all. I forgave the people whom have hurt me in the past not for their sake, but for my sake so I can get unstuck from my past emotions and move on with my life in a meaningful way. Today, I have an openly good communication and great relationship with my parents and siblings. CDCR provided self-help programs that has help me gain confidence and self-esteem, and to believe in myself to earn a higher education, receiving two associate degrees in prison, and now having a purpose in life to share my experience with the community here in hoping to help others identify, understand and resolve their own underlying issues in the best way for them.

Today, I have denounced my gang associations. I replace my gang mentality and criminal thinking with an empathetical view that destructive behaviors and criminal activities only cause pain and grief to others and has endless ripple affects.

The insight I have today, is I know I am a mature 43 years old man who does not worry about my image, nor the approval or acceptance from anyone. The insight I have today also allow me to develop coping skills to remind myself how far I have matured, and all the personal, professional, and educational achievement I have made for myself. Today I am cognizance of my emotions and I know that I have positive people like my family, my friends, my sponsors, religious mentors, and my parole officers to name a few who can provide sound advice if needed. Most importantly I am grateful for CDCR to provide all the religious and the self-development classes for me to truly gain the insight about myself, and realizing there are much more I can positively contribute to in the community to help make a difference in someone's life for the better.

Somboon Phaymany

A# [REDACTED]

CDCR # K-70572

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Question: 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 did not pay any money or given any gift to anyone to assist me in preparing this application.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Timothy Pikop

Timothy Pikop, a resident of Missouri and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On November 3, 1988, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Pikop to three years of probation and 270 days in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale.

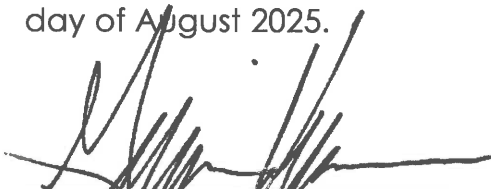
Mr. Pikop submitted a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has provided evidence that he is living an upright life and has demonstrated his fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities.

This act of clemency for Mr. Pikop 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. Pikop 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 Timothy Pikop a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



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 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)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Pikop, Timothy Paul

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1967 Social Security Number: _____

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): Same

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: Same Email: [REDACTED]

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Health & Safety Code 11378	11/03/1988	Los Angeles	3 years probation with first 270 days in county jail. Resitution. Substance abuse counseling and treatment.

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):
Not Applicable			

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

I made a terrible mistake as a young man that I still deeply regret and that resulted in my conviction. I am not the same person I was back then. I used my time in custody and on probation to find a better path and I benefitted from the treatment I received. I am drug free and have no convictions since 1988 other than a 1999 traffic infraction. My family and friends stood beside me, then and now, and continue to be a source of support.

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

I am proud of the life I have built and a pardon would bring closure to a chapter in my life that is long behind me. A pardon would allow me to vote in Missouri. Also, I used to love hunting and target-shooting with my family and being able to own a firearm would allow me to enjoy these activities again. I always have to decline when invited. I would love to be able to enjoy outdoor activities as I used to. Workwise, a pardon would create opportunities for jobs where I need to be bonded.

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 moved to Missouri where I became a professional truck driver and bought a house with my life partner. I am a father figure to her son and I take that responsibility very seriously. I would love to share my love of hunting and camping with him and be able to join in hunting and fishing trips with family and friends. There are so many outdoor activities in Missouri that I cannot fully participate in. A pardon will help me finally put this behind me and move forward with my life. I have no ongoing treatment issues. I am drug free and live a healthy life.

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.

Attorney: Patricia M. Corrales, 708 N. Marengo Ave., #E, Pasadena, CA 91103, (626) 791-1434, patricia.m.corrales@gmail.com., \$4,000

APPLICANT DECLARATION

Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.

I, Timothy Paul Pikop, 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

10/26/2022
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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Vanessa Richardson

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

On January 3, 1994, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Ms. Richardson to three years of probation and 30 days in jail for vehicle theft. On January 4, 2002, the court sentenced Ms. Richardson to three years of probation and 120 days in jail for second degree burglary.

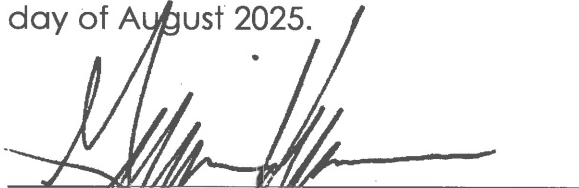
Ms. Richardson complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On April 20, 2023, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Ms. Richardson a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Richardson's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Richardson be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Ms. Richardson 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. 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 Vanessa Richardson a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



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

Vanessa Beatrice Richardson

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

Date of Birth [redacted] 1962

CII Number [redacted]

Certificate Case Number MA023237-02

Criminal Case Number(s) MA023237-02

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County of Los Angeles

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David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

By: B. Perez, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition of Vanessa Beatrice Richardson presently residing at

[redacted]

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 30, 2023~~

APRIL 20, 2023

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 January 4, 2002

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 20th day of April, 2023
Day of the Month Month, Year

Ricardo Ocampo

Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED SIGNATURE

[Handwritten Signature]

Judge of said Superior Court



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Brian Roth

Brian Roth, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On August 7, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma, sentenced Mr. Roth to three years of probation and six months in jail for possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Mr. Roth 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 29, 2023, the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma, granted Mr. Roth a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Roth's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Roth be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Roth 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. Roth 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 Brian Roth a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF SONOMA _____

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of
BRIAN JOHN ROTH

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

Certificate Number _____

Date of Birth [REDACTED] 1965

Month Day, Year

CII Number [REDACTED]

Criminal Case Number **MCR 274727**


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BY _____


Deputy Clerk

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of **BRIAN JOHN ROTH**, presently residing

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

At [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and Zip Code

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 _____ day

Day of the Month

of _____ and proof having been made to the

Month, Year

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

August 8, 1999, that, where appropriate, petitioner has obtained relief pursuant to

Month, Day, Year

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 485.15); and that petitioner has been ONE time convicted of a felony;

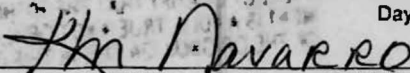
Total Number of Felony Convictions

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.

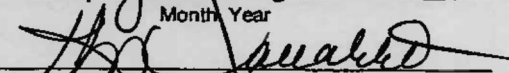
Done in open court this 29th day of August 2023

Day of the Month

Month Year



Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED



Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Jose Sanchez

Jose Sanchez, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On September 7, 1995, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Sanchez to four years in prison for shooting at an occupied vehicle. Mr. Sanchez was 17 years old at the time of the crime.

Mr. Sanchez 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, 2024, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Sanchez a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Sanchez's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Sanchez be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Sanchez 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. Sanchez 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 Jose Sanchez a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



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:

Jose Renato Sanchez AKA Alex Renato Sanchez

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

Date of Birth: [Redacted] 1976

CII Number: [Redacted]

Certificate Case Number: KA02466 1-01

Criminal Case Number(s): KA02466 1-01

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County of Los Angeles

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David W. Stayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

By: D. Barraza, Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petition is presently residing at:

[Redacted]

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 1/4/2024.

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 July 2000.

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 4th day of Jan., ~~2023~~ 2024

Yvette Verastegui
Judge of the Superior Court - TYPED or Printed

Yvette Verastegui
Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Eric Self

Eric Self, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On July 26, 2004, the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno, sentenced Mr. Self to two years of probation and 365 days in jail for possession of a controlled substance. On April 25, 2007, Mr. Self's probation was revoked, and he was sentenced to a concurrent two-year prison term for possession of a firearm by a felon.

Mr. Self 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 6, 2017, the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno, granted Mr. Self a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Self's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Self be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Mr. Self 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. Self 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 Eric Self a full and unconditional pardon.

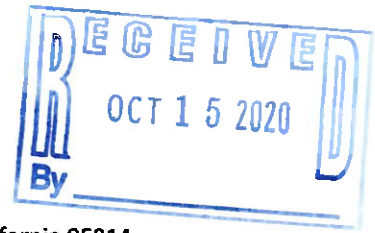
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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 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): Self, Eric M Name on Prior Application (if different): _____

Date of Birth: 1974 Social Security Number: _____

CDCR Number: F71662 Name of Facility/Prison: Wasco State Prison

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

- I previously submitted:
- Application for Commutation of Sentence
 - Certificate of Rehabilitation
 - Application for Pardon

Did you receive a case number or any correspondence from the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings regarding your application? Have you been interviewed regarding your application? If yes, please describe:

I have not received any communication regarding my application for a pardon.

Eric Self
Applicant Signature

10-13-2020
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.**

County of Fresno
1100 Van Ness Avenue
Fresno, California 93724-0002

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FRESNO

CORRECTED

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Eric Michael Self

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

Certificate Number 17CRRP683775

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) F06900272-6


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FRESNO COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

By  DEPUTY

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Eric Michael Self, presently residing

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

at _____, heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

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 6th day

Day of the Month

of October, 2017 and proof having been made to the

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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 03-06-2006, that, where appropriate, petitioner has

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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

Total Number of Felony Convictions

time(s) convicted of a felony;

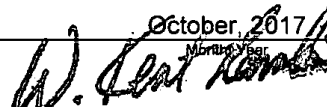
WHEREFORE, It Is Ordered, Adjudged, and Decreed, And this court does hereby order, adjudge, and decree the petitioner has been rehabilitated and is fit to exercise all the civil and political rights of citizenship (except as provided in Penal Code Section 4852.15), and by virtue thereof, this court recommends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

Done in open court this 6th day of October, 2017

Day of the Month

Month, Year

W. KENT HAMLIN

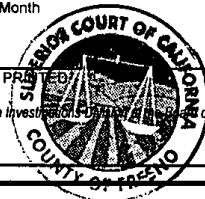


Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

FORM 3 (Revised 12/6/17)

This form was prepared by the Investigations Unit of the Department of Parole Hearings pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.18.



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

David Shadle

David Shadle, a resident of Arkansas and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On April 7, 1965, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced 18-year-old Mr. Shadle to three years of probation and one year in jail for vehicle theft.

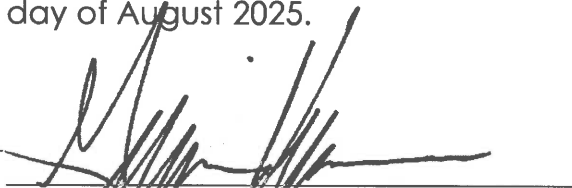
Mr. Shadle submitted a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has provided evidence that he is living an upright life and has demonstrated his fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities.

This act of clemency for Mr. Shadle 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. Shadle merits this pardon.

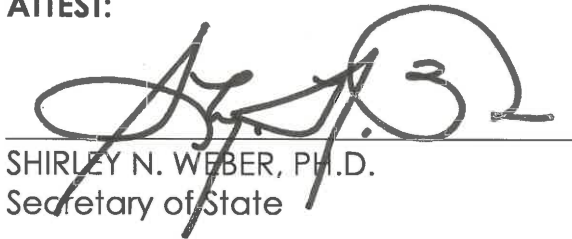
THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David Shadle a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.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 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)

Name (Last/First/Middle): **Shadle, David William**

Date of Birth: **1946** Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): [REDACTED]

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: **A/p** Email: [REDACTED]

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Grand Theft Auto	May 7, 1965	Los Angeles	Probation

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):
Grand Theft Auto	1962 or 1963	Los Angeles	Juvenile probation
Grand Theft [bike's]	1960 or 1962	Los Angeles	Juvenile Probation

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

Stole youth court judges car for joy ride the year they changed the law while I was a minor had to be tried in adult court due to this

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

Allow me to vote and participate in public matters

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).

Went to work in oil field 15+ years, learned the value of hard work and cost of things. Went to back to school, became optalmic technician assisting in eye surgery for 10 years became father

and grandfather after which continued education earning PHD in Theological Philosophy to DDH in ministerial leadership and multi-cultural ministry through Focus bible college, &

Crowdsourcing COO Sunday school superintendent, joined 89th Arkansas wing Civil Air Patrol became Major, taught cadets, assisted in drug prevention programs for youth, volunteered as mentor for son & grandsons done in the formative years "DOG program"

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

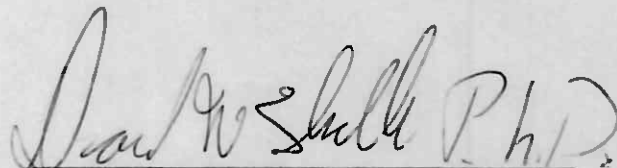
APPLICANT DECLARATION

Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.

I, David William Shadle, 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

October 23, 2022

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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

August Sterling

August Sterling, a resident of Arizona and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On January 5, 1983, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced 19-year-old Ms. Sterling to three years of probation and one year in jail for possession of a controlled substance. On January 19, 1983, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Ms. Sterling to two years in prison for possession of a controlled substance for sale.

Ms. Sterling 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.

The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Ms. Sterling's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a pardon grant. The California Supreme Court also reviewed her application and made a recommendation for a pardon grant, a process required by the California Constitution in cases where the applicant has sustained more than one felony conviction.

This act of clemency for Ms. Sterling 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. Sterling 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 August Sterling a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.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 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)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Sterling, August, Joyce
Date of Birth: 1962 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
Residence Address: [REDACTED]
Mailing Address (if different): _____
Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
Possession	01/1983	Los Angeles	2 years state prison

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):
Possession	1982	Los Angeles	Sentence ran concurrent with above charges

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

I was charged with possession, I placed myself in surroundings I should have known better, There is no excuse for my choices and decisions I cannot place blame on anyone other than myself. I learned from my mistake and for the past 30 plus years, I have made positive choices and spend time educating others to do the same. I have lived an honest and law abiding life respecting others since my incarceration and have no other offenses.

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

A pardon will afford me the opportunity to advance in my career, to financially provide for my family, and to reinstate my rights as a member of society and my community. A pardon is the final step to my rehabilitation and re-entry process. A pardon will also afford me more opportunities for education enhancement. In the current state of COVID-19, I may be forced to change my career due to upcoming layoffs and the current unemployment increase.

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).

Since incarceration, my life has changed drastically. I make better choices for myself and my family, I volunteer time to educate others to understand the impact of their choices. When it was necessary I held two jobs because I am determined to succeed and make a better life for myself and my family I received several trophies and awards for my service to the aerospace business and passed certification in Federal Aviation Administration.

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.

I, August J. Sterling, 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 Los Angeles.

(Name of County or Counties)

[Signature]
Applicant Signature

7/27/2020
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.

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

PARDON

Cecil Stroud

Cecil Stroud, a resident of Kentucky and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On September 22, 1997, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, sentenced Mr. Stroud to two years in prison for second degree burglary. On January 8, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, sentenced Mr. Stroud to one year and four months in prison for second degree burglary.

Mr. Stroud 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.

The Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Stroud's clemency application and voted at an en banc meeting to recommend a pardon grant. The California Supreme Court also reviewed his application and made a recommendation for a pardon 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. Stroud 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. Stroud 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 Cecil Stroud a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 26th day of February 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



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 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): STROUD CECIL A Name on Prior Application (if different): _____

Date of Birth: 1961 Social Security Number: _____

CDCR Number: 1582916 Name of Facility/Prison: MULE CREEK PRISON

Residence Address: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Email: _____

I previously submitted: Application for Commutation of Sentence
 Certificate of Rehabilitation
 Application for Pardon

Did you receive a case number or any correspondence from the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings regarding your application? Have you been interviewed regarding your application? If yes, please describe:

NO

[Signature]
Applicant Signature

4-30-19
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, CA 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: CECIL A STROUD Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 61 Email Address: [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED] Phone Number: [REDACTED]

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):
<u>P.C. 459</u>			

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

I HAD A DRUG HABIT AND I WAS GIVEN A CHECK BOOK AND I WAS CASHING CHECKS TO PAY FOR MY HABIT AND PLACES TO LIVE

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon (attach additional pages as necessary):

I WOULD LIKE A 2ND CHANCE AT LIFE. I NO LONGER LIVE IN CALIFORNIA AND CAN NOT AFFORD TO COME OUT THERE TO GO TO COURT

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

IT HAS BEEN 17 YEARS SINCE I WAS IN PRISON. FOR ALL THIS TIME I HAVE STAYED CLEAN AND SOBER AND OUT OF TROUBLE I HAVE NO ACTIVE SINCE PRISON. AT THIS POINT IN MY LIFE, I'M DISABLE NOW LIVE A SIMPLE LIFE AND ASKING FOR A 2ND CHANCE TO BE NORMAL

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):

N/A

**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, CECIL A STROUD, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)

California that I have served the District Attorney of the County of _____ with notice
(Name of County*)
of my intent to apply for a pardon.

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

12-27-17

Date

SAN DIEGO NORTH COUNTY

* 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

Kevin Thompson

Kevin Thompson, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On December 20, 1979, the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno, sentenced Mr. Thompson to one year and four months in prison for second degree burglary. On June 4, 1982, the Superior Court of California, County of Butte, sentenced Mr. Thompson to three years in prison for grand theft.

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

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

This act of clemency for Mr. Thompson 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. Thompson 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 Kevin Thompson a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RE-APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION AND PARDON

If you submitted a pardon or commutation application to a prior Governor, please submit a new application to Governor Newsom.

If you have already submitted a pardon or commutation application to Governor Newsom and have new information to add to your application, please email the information to either pardons@gov.ca.gov or commutations@gov.ca.gov, or mail it to Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

For pardon applicants, if a judge granted you a Certificate of Rehabilitation before January 2019 and you want Governor Newsom to consider your application, please complete this form and submit it to the Governor's Office by email to pardons@gov.ca.gov, or mail it to Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (Last/First/Middle): Thompson, Kevin Todd Name on Prior Application (if different):

Date of Birth: 1957 Social Security Number:

CDCR Number: CA042017 Name of Facility/Prison: California Medical Facility- Vacaville

Residence Address:

Mailing Address (if different):

Home/Cell Phone: Work Phone: Email:

- I previously submitted: [] Application for Commutation of Sentence [x] Certificate of Rehabilitation [] Application for Pardon

Did you receive a case number or any correspondence from the Governor's Office or the Board of Parole Hearings regarding your application? Have you been interviewed regarding your application? If yes, please describe:

Handwritten lines for describing correspondence or interviews.

Applicant Signature: Kevin Thompson - attorney for

Date: 12/2/22

SUBMIT COMPLETED FORM TO: Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole & Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, Sacramento, CA 95814

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF

Butte

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Kevin Todd Thompson

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

Certificate Number

Date of Birth [redacted] 1957

Month Day, Year

CII Number

Criminal Case Number(s) 2422319 (Fresno); 77527 (Butte)

List applicable Criminal Case Number(s)

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D	Kimberly Flener, Clerk	D
By	[Signature]	Deputy

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Kevin Todd Thompson, presently residing at [redacted] 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 29th day of MARCH 2018 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 December 11, 1998, 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 2 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 29th day of MARCH 2018

CLARE KEITHLEY
Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED or PRINTED

[Signature]
Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Danh Tran

Danh Tran, a resident of Arizona and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On April 12, 1999, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, sentenced Mr. Tran to 10 years in prison for discharging a firearm at an inhabited dwelling or vehicle. He was 16 years old at the time of the crime.

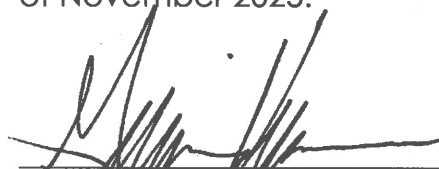
Mr. Tran submitted a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has provided evidence that he is living an upright life and has demonstrated his fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities.

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.

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. Tran 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 Danh Tran a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



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



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

I made a reckless mistake as a 16 year old who did not fully understand the consequences of my actions. I fired my firearm at another person, who previously attacked me in order to scare him. Neither anybody involved nor any innocent bystanders were harmed. I did not understand English well and did not have a lawyer and or an interpreter present at my interrogation. I also didn't know I was giving up my path to citizenship when taking the plea deal.

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

My greatest fear is being separated from my family due to the recent increase in deportation of immigrants with prior convictions. Receiving a pardon may help me not get deported, regain my residency and be present with my family especially my 3 young boys. I want to continue being a role model for them and keep them from making the same mistakes I did. Also to continue being a productive person in the community.

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 had a setback by getting DUI during my parole, but haven't received any convictions since. After, I moved to Arizona, married my wife, and have 3 boys. We run a successful nail salon that employs 18 people. We invest in real estate and do property management. I volunteer my time with the local Vietnamese community and at my church. I deeply regret the terrible decisions I made and I hope they don't interfere with providing my children the opportunities I did not have.

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.

I, Tran, Danh Thanh Nguyen, 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 Orange County.
(Name of County or Counties)

Applicant Signature

03/25/2025

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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Lap Tran

Lap Tran, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On May 2, 1995, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Tran to three years of probation and twenty-six days in jail for sale of a controlled substance. On December 4, 2019, the court vacated and dismissed this conviction. On August 6, 2007, the court sentenced Mr. Tran to three years in prison for transporting a controlled substance.

Mr. Tran 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.

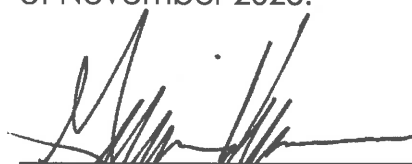
This act of clemency for Mr. Tran does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

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. Tran 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 Lap Tran a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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. 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, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, Sacramento, CA 95814. There is no application fee and a lawyer is not required to apply for a pardon.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Tran/Lap/Phuoc
Date of Birth: [redacted] 976 Social Security Number: [redacted]
Residence Address: [redacted]
Mailing Address (if different):
Home/Cell Phone: [redacted] Work Phone: Email: [redacted]

1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.)

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: 11379(A), 08/06/2007, Los Angeles, 3 years 0 months.

Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a pardon? [] YES [x] NO

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, Location of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: 11352(A), 03/02/1995, Irwindale, Ca., probation(Charge vacated 12/4/2019).

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

At the time of the incident, I was struggling significantly with financial instability. As a young adult, I lacked the guidance and maturity to make better decisions. My primary motivation was to earn enough to cover basic living expenses and keep up with child support payments. The weight of my responsibilities clouded my judgment, leading me to take desperate measures. I deeply regret my actions and am committed to making amends and creating a better future for myself and my family

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

Receiving a pardon would profoundly impact my life, mitigating the severe consequences I currently face. With a final order of deportation looming, a pardon could potentially open avenues to contest this order and provide an opportunity to remain in the United States, where my family and livelihood are rooted. The separation from my wife and four children, especially my youngest who is just three years old, is heart-wrenching. A pardon would allow me to stay with my family I arrived to the United States in 1977 and have never been back to the country I left behind.

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).

Since my release from prison in 2009, I have committed myself to building a stable and positive life. Over the past 16 years, I have maintained steady employment with the same company, proving my reliability and dedication. During this time, I have also stayed completely free from any legal issues, demonstrating my commitment to leading a law-abiding life. My ultimate goal is to ensure a bright future for my wife and children, nurturing our bonds and providing them with the stability they deserve.


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.

I, Lap Phuoc Tran, 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

02/19/2025
Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the **Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole & Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, 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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Hoang Truong

Hoang Truong, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On May 20, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, sentenced 19-year-old Mr. Truong to four years in prison for attempted murder and assault with a firearm. On May 22, 1998, the court sentenced Mr. Truong to 180 days in jail for bringing a firearm into a vehicle.

Mr. Truong 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 6, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, granted Mr. Truong a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Truong's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Truong be granted a pardon.

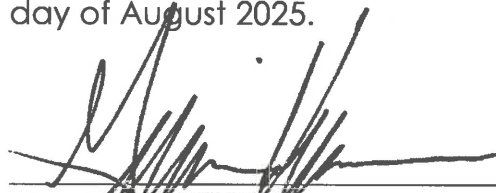
This act of clemency for Mr. Truong does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

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. Truong 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 Hoang Truong a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER, ROOM K-100 700 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE WEST POST OFFICE BOX 22024 SANTA ANA, CA 92702-2024	<i>For Court Use Only</i> <div style="text-align: center;">FILED</div> SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF ORANGE CENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER <div style="text-align: center;">DEC 06 2019</div> DAVID H YAMASAKI, Clerk of the Court BY: <u>D. IBARRA</u> DEPUTY
In the Matter of the Application of <u>HOANG MINH TRUONG</u> <i>Petitioner's full name - First Middle Last and Suffix, if applicable</i> Date of Birth: <u>1977</u> CII Number: <u>[REDACTED]</u> Criminal Case Number(s): <u>96WF3103</u>	CERTIFICATE NUMBER: M - M18241
CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION (Penal Code § 4852.13)	

The petition of HOANG MINH TRUONG, presently residing at [REDACTED], requesting 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, was heard on 12/6/19 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 11/30/2000, 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 the petitioner has been 1 time(s) convicted of a felony;

The Certificate of Rehabilitation is granted. This Court declares 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 this Court recommends that the Governor of the State of California grant a full pardon to said petitioner.

Dated: DEC 06 2019
JONATHAN FISH
Judicial Officer - TYPED or PRINTED

Jonathan Fish
Judicial Officer - SIGNATURE



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

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

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**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

PARDON

Marc Viotti

Marc Viotti, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 4, 2002, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, sentenced Mr. Viotti to a term of jail and probation for transporting a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance for sale. On July 29, 2003, his probation was revoked and the court sentenced him to a one-year prison term. On January 31, 2003, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Viotti to a concurrent five-year prison term for possession of a controlled substance for sale and possession or sale of a controlled substance with a prior felony conviction.

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

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

This act of clemency for Mr. Viotti 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. Viotti 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 Marc Viotti a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Newsom', written over a horizontal line.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Shirley N. Weber', written over a horizontal line.

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

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF San Bernardino

Applicant's County of Residence

In the Matter of the Application of

Marc Steven Viotti

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

Certificate Number

[REDACTED] 1979

Date of Birth

[REDACTED] 1979

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CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Section 4852.13

The petition of Marc Steven Viotti, presently residing
at [REDACTED], heretofore filed, praying for

Type Applicant's Street Address, City, State, and ZIP Code

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 22nd day
of February 2019 and proof having been made to the

Day of the Month

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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 03/02/07, 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 Five
time(s) convicted of a felony;

Total Number of Felony Convictions

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 April, 2019

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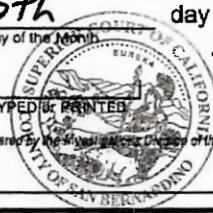
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Judge of said Superior Court - TYPED OR PRINTED

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Judge of said Superior Court - SIGNATURE



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Lue Vue

Lue Vue, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On December 28, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Mr. Vue to three years of probation and 90 days in jail for misdemeanor vehicle theft. On March 2, 2001, the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, sentenced Mr. Vue to two years and eight months in prison for vehicle theft, evading a peace officer, and receiving stolen property. On March 11, 2010, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Mr. Vue to five years of probation and 365 days in jail for evading a peace officer. On July 30, 2025, the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, vacated and reduced the 2001 convictions to misdemeanors, with a sentence of one year of probation and 364 days in jail.

Mr. Vue 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.

This act of clemency for Mr. Vue 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. Vue 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 Lue Vue a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 8th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.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 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)

Name (Last/First/Middle): **Vue, Lue**
Date of Birth: **1979** Social Security Number: **[REDACTED]**
Residence Address: **[REDACTED]**
Mailing Address (if different): **[REDACTED]**
Home/Cell Phone: **[REDACTED]** Work Phone: **[REDACTED]** Email: **[REDACTED]**

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
VC § 10851(a)	03/02/2001	Yolo County	2 years
VC § 2800.2	03/02/2001	Yolo County	2 years concurrent
PC § 496(a)	03/15/2001	Yolo County	8 months consecutive
VC § 2800.2***	01/02/2010	Sacramento County	365 days jail
***Mr. Vue was over 26 years old for this conviction.			

Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a pardon? YES NO See asterisk above.

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):
Please see attached addendum.			

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

Please see attached addendum.

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

Please see attached addendum

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).

Please see attached addendum

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.

I, So Young Lee (on behalf of Mr. Vue), 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 Yolo and Sacramento.
(Name of County or Counties)


Applicant Signature

June 29, 2025
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.

DECLARATION OF LUE VUE

I, Lue Vue, declare that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge:

1. I was born on [REDACTED] 1979, in a refugee camp in Thailand. Before I was born, the men in my family fought for America in the secret war against communism. When the communist organization took control over the Lao government, Hmong people who fought for the CIA were tortured and killed and my father knew it was a go or die situation. He took his family to the camps in Thailand, where I was born. When I was ten months old, we were sponsored as refugees and arrived in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 1979. I became a lawful permanent resident.
2. Growing up in Green Bay, I had very simple memories—my uncle catching some birds, the cold snow, and my father working in construction. I only remember a simple childhood here. When we moved to Visalia, California, we lived in a two-bedroom apartment. It was me, my five brothers, two sisters, my sister-in-law, and my parents living in one apartment. We made it work because we had to. Even though there was a lot of poverty and we were poor, I felt I grew up being free—what a kid should be. I was always outgoing and met some other Hmong kids. Since I didn't have food, they would share their lunches of rice and egg with me. We always shared a bowl together.
3. Things became difficult when my father started to suffer from gout symptoms. He had swollen hands, fingers, and toes, and was no longer able to work. We began living on welfare and food stamps to get by each day. I started to understand what it means to be poor.
4. In my teenage years, my life went downhill and I couldn't bring it back up because I couldn't see that what I was doing was wrong. I couldn't see my future. I got myself into a lot of trouble and went the wrong way by breaking into cars and stealing parts for money to buy food and new shoes. At one time, it became cool and fun. I continued making these bad decisions when we moved to Sacramento. It didn't seem to be wrong at that time because I didn't know better until I really got in trouble.
5. In 2001, when I was 22 years old, I went with a few other people to break into a car to sell parts. When the police came, I got scared and took off in the car. While fleeing, I spun out of control into an accident. The police pulled me out and arrested me. I was convicted of California Vehicle Code § 10851(a) with a two-year sentence, VC § 2800.2 with a two-year sentence to run concurrently, and Penal Code § 496(a) with an 8-month

sentence to run consecutively. I served 15 months in prison and paid restitution for the damaged vehicle to the victim.

6. I was not mature or responsible and had lived each day without thinking about consequences or the future. During my prison sentence though, I learned my wife was pregnant with our first son, [REDACTED], and my future became clearer. I was very excited about becoming a young father. It was really hard being in prison away from them, through my wife's pregnancy and [REDACTED]'s infant stages, that I made a decision that I had to do better. I was in this situation because of the decisions I made, but I told myself I can also make decisions to do something good, and be a positive role model to [REDACTED].
7. While I wanted to be a good role model for my family and for myself, I fully realized the impact of my past mistakes when several years later I had my car stolen. We had to spend \$500 to get the car back and it affected my wife and kids. I felt sad, angry, disappointed, and realized that that is what I did to my victims. My actions hurt the victims and their families. Even though it's been over 20 years, I will continue to feel sorry for what I did.
8. As soon as I finished my sentence in June 2002, ICE picked me up and served me with a Notice to Appear in removal proceedings. I applied for withholding of removal and the Immigration Judge denied my application. I was ordered removed to Thailand, or in the alternative, Laos on November 13, 2002. I was detained for over four months after my removal order. Since ICE was not able to deport me, I was released on an order of supervision.
9. When I came out of immigration, I applied for a work permit and put 110% to get any type of job to support my family. I have anxiety from all the years checking in with ICE, but I kept moving forward. In all these 22 years since my removal case, I have been trying to take care of both of my kids. This also extends to the people around me. I don't have money to support anyone beyond my kids and wife—I don't have education and struggle through life, but I feel I always have my knowledge and hands to help others.
10. I tried to manage the stress and anxiety of my immigration situation by caring for my yard, fixing things, and riding my bike. In 2010, I regret catching another conviction—my last conviction. I bought a dirt bike on Fresno New Year to celebrate Hmong New Year. I was excited to ride my new bike around. As I was riding, I saw some other guys riding their dirt bikes so we followed each other around. I rode my bike on a bike trail, and some pedestrians called park rangers who tried to stop us. I acted impulsively and fled when I should have just stopped. I caught a conviction for VC § 2800.2 with a sentence of 365 days in jail.

11. Because my past convictions led to my deportation order, I was afraid of picking up another arrest that I got scared and tried to escape. It has taken a lot of work to accept this fear and the fear of immigration. But I accepted that I continue to work on being better for myself and my kids. I want my kids to live with integrity and realized that fleeing from anything is not the answer. I'm proud of myself for how far I've come.
12. Since my release from immigration custody in February 2003, I have checked in with ICE. In March of every year, I report to the Sacramento ICE field office even when I am afraid of redetention. Fleeing was never a question for me because there is nowhere to run away to, nowhere to go for me. I'm always going back home. We have this little house for our family. I always want to return back home to be with my family. That's the home I want to die in.
13. On Saturday morning of June 7, 2025, my life changed. I was watering our plants in the front porch when ICE approached me. I didn't understand why they had come to arrest me. I asked if I could quickly speak with my wife who was just inside the house but they refused and handcuffed me. I was flown out that night to Honolulu Federal Detention Center, where I still am.
14. Each day, I can see my family is being broken. My wife stopped working for two months because of all this stress. I have brain fog, insomnia, anxiety, gout, and passing a kidney stone. I worry about my wife and kids. I worry that they can't pay the mortgage and will need to sell the house. I worry that something is going to happen and I can't be there for them from the other side of the world. I can't imagine my life without them. I love my wife and kids dearly.
15. My whole life is in the United States. I have pledged the allegiance to the flag since I was young and that allegiance is stuck in my body. I feel American, and I'm having to return to a country that is not home. Laos was just a place where my mother and father ran through war. I don't speak the Lao language or understand their culture. I don't know anyone there and I don't think I'll survive out there due to my health issues and language barriers.
16. Last week, I went to sign some papers for removal to either Thailand or Laos. Neither country is mine. There is no country for the Hmong people. My only home is with my wife and kids in Sacramento.

17. If I am granted a pardon, I can have the chance of staying in my home of 46 years, finally breathe without the shadow of ICE and deportation, and most importantly, be with my wife and two sons.



Lue Vue

June 26, 2025

Date

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Prophet Walker

Prophet Walker, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On September 20, 2005, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Walker to six years in the California Youth Authority for first degree robbery. He was 16 years old at the time of the crime.

Mr. Walker 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.

This act of clemency for Mr. Walker 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. Walker 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 Prophet Walker a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

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. 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, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, Sacramento, CA 95814. There is no application fee and a lawyer is not required to apply for a pardon.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Prophet Laomar Walker

Date of Birth: [redacted] 1987 Social Security Number: [redacted]

Residence Address: [redacted]

Mailing Address (if different):

Home/Cell Phone: [redacted] Work Phone: Email:

1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor's Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.)

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: Robbery and Great Bodily Injury, 9/20/2005, Los Angeles, 6 years.

Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a pardon? [X] YES [] NO

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, Location of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Header: List all conviction(s) in all jurisdictions.

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

At just 16 years old, I made a series of impulsive decisions that led to one of the worst mistakes of my life. Along with two other friends, I decided to skip school and take the train to the beach from Watts, where we grew up. Along the way, we behaved immaturity and irresponsibly, provoking strangers for no reason—blowing bubbles into someone's face, sitting in people's seats, all the while acting out the delinquency of youth. But it wasn't until we reached our destination that my choices escalated. We encountered a group of young men, and after they directed racial slurs at me, I lost control. Anger and immaturity took over, and I made the terrible decision to engage in a physical altercation, during which we took personal property from them. Looking back now, I understand how profoundly wrong my actions were. My behavior that day harmed not only the individuals involved but also the community I was a part of. I've since come to recognize the impact that unresolved traumas and family dysfunction had on my judgment and actions as a teenager, but there are no excuses for what I did I am fully accountable for my choices, and it is now my mission to help young people avoid the path I once took. Through my current work, I dedicate myself to guiding youth away from destructive decisions and towards constructive, responsible lives.

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

As a real estate developer and fiduciary, I've been fortunate to contribute to my community by building hundreds of millions of dollars in projects across Los Angeles, creating jobs and expanding opportunities. However, my past conviction has been a constant obstacle in both my personal and professional life. A pardon would not only allow me to continue growing my business and providing employment to others, but it would also help eliminate the barriers that still exist, even after decades of rehabilitation. For example, I was invited by the Prime Minister and Consulate General of Japan to represent the State of California in an exchange program, but due to my conviction, we faced months of delays before I was approved to travel. Similarly, I have been unable to visit Canada because of my record. These are not just missed opportunities for me but lost chances for my community to have a representative abroad. Moreover, this conviction affects my family, particularly my daughter, who has had to grow up with my history being a very public part of our lives. While I am proud to have shown her the power of redemption, a pardon would solidify that message—demonstrating that true accountability and rehabilitation can lead to a full restoration of rights and opportunities. Even now, more than 20 years later, (con't on added page)

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).

Since my conviction, I have dedicated my life to not only making amends but also becoming a positive force for change in my community and beyond. During my incarceration, I initiated and implemented a college program with the support of Governor Schwarzenegger, which has since provided tens of thousands of incarcerated individuals with access to higher education. Through this program, I earned both an Associate of Arts and an Associate of Science degree in business and liberal arts. After my release, I pursued further education at Loyola Marymount University, double majoring in Civil Engineering and English. Beyond my personal educational achievements, I co-founded the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC), a leading organization in justice reform advocacy. I have served on several boards, including Inside Out Writers and Governor Jerry Brown's Prison Rehabilitation and Innovation Committee (con't on added page)

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

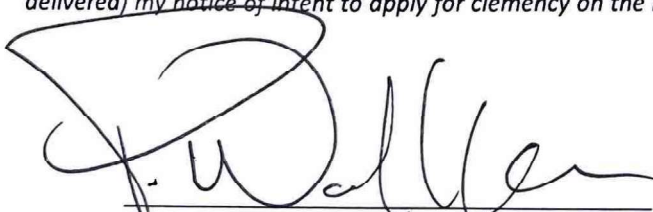
Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent to Apply for Clemency.


I, PROPHET WALKER,
(Print Applicant 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 apply for clemency on the District Attorney of the County of LOS ANGELES.
(Name of County or Counties)


Applicant Signature

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3. (Con't)

my conviction continues to negatively impact my work with lenders, investors, and government agencies. When I ran for State Assembly, a political opponent misused my conviction against me, despite a judge ruling that this was inappropriate. Though the community was behind me, I lost the election, with my past unfairly used against me. A pardon would not only help restore my faith in myself, but also allow me to fully represent the values of rehabilitation and second chances that I have embraced and that I work to share with others.

4. (Con't)

where I've been able to directly contribute to systemic change. My work in real estate has also allowed me to give back to my community by developing projects like the Ace Hotel and affordable housing initiatives across Los Angeles. One of my proudest achievements is co-founding Treehouse Community LLC, a permanent housing solution built around the idea of communal living. For the past 11 years, I have been raising my daughter as a single father. She now attends Loyola Marymount, and I strive every day to set an example of perseverance and redemption. I've also had the honor of being invited to the State of the Union by Barack and Michelle Obama in recognition of my community organizing efforts. I have continued to volunteer in juvenile halls, mentor at-risk youth, and support formerly incarcerated individuals who have gone on to achieve great success, like Chef Keith Corbin of Alta. To support my mission of creating safe spaces and employing people within my community, I co-founded Akin Construction Company, a female-led collective of builders dedicated to every facet of crafting community-centered spaces. Together we've built community based housing and retail. Looking ahead, my goal is to expand my work in community development, not only within the U.S. but internationally. I believe we are facing more than just a housing crisis—we are dealing with a crisis of loneliness and isolation. My efforts in community-based development aim to address this by creating spaces where people can not only live but thrive together. I am committed to continuing my work as a mentor, advocate, and developer, ensuring that my past serves as a lesson in redemption and the power of second chances.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

Emily Warnecke

Emily Warnecke, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On April 13, 1985, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Ms. Warnecke to four years in prison for first degree burglary. On January 19, 1995, the court sentenced Ms. Warnecke to two years of probation and 134 days in jail for brandishing a firearm and unlawfully burning property. On January 14, 1997, the court sentenced Ms. Warnecke to four years in prison for possession of a controlled substance. The court later reduced the felony to a misdemeanor, and on August 8, 2025, vacated the conviction. On February 16, 2012, the court sentenced Ms. Warnecke to two years in prison for second degree commercial burglary and possession of a controlled substance. The court later reduced the felony second degree commercial burglary to a misdemeanor, and on June 8, 2023, vacated and dismissed the felony possession of a controlled substance conviction. On August 6, 2013, the court sentenced Ms. Warnecke to two years in prison for petty theft with priors. The court subsequently reduced the felony to a misdemeanor, and on August 8, 2025, vacated the conviction and sentenced Ms. Warnecke to a jail term of time served for misdemeanor accessory after the fact and trespassing.

Ms. Warnecke 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 14, 2024, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Ms. Warnecke a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Warnecke's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Warnecke be granted a pardon.

This act of clemency for Ms. Warnecke 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. Warnecke 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 Emily Warnecke a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 7th day of November 2025.





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:

Emily Madonna Warhecke

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

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Superior Court of California
County of Los Angeles

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David W. Slayton, Executive Officer/Clerk of Court

By: B. Perez, Deputy

Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1964

CII Number: [REDACTED]

Certificate Case Number: A702838

Criminal Case Number(s): A702838, PA024784, LAVLA06902001

CERTIFICATE OF REHABILITATION

Pursuant to Penal Code Sections 4852.13

The petitioner is presently residing at:

[REDACTED]

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 11/14/2024.

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 2006, 2013.

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 14th day of November, 2024

Ronald S. Coen

Judge of the Superior Court – TYPED or Printed

[Signature]

Judge of the Superior Court - SIGNATURE
RONALD S. COEN



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

PARDON

James Zimmerman

James Zimmerman, a resident of Arizona and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On July 17, 1976, the Superior Court of California, County of Contra Costa, sentenced Mr. Zimmerman to three years of probation and one year in jail for first degree robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. On November 9, 1982, the court resentenced Mr. Zimmerman to a prison term of five years to life. Mr. Zimmerman was 18 years old at the time of the crime. On April 10, 1979, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced Mr. Zimmerman to fifteen days in jail for possession of a controlled substance.

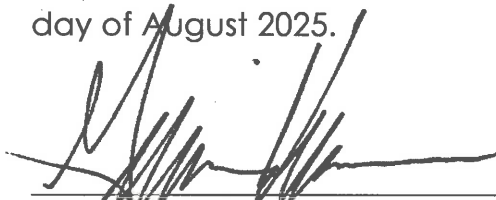
Mr. Zimmerman submitted a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has provided evidence that he is living an upright life and has demonstrated his fitness for restoration of civic rights and responsibilities.

This act of clemency for Mr. Zimmerman does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself, his past service to California and the United States in the United States Marine Corps, and his subsequent service as a first responder.

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. Zimmerman 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 Zimmerman a full and unconditional pardon.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.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 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)

Name (Last/First/Middle): **Zimmerman James William**

Date of Birth: **1957** Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address (if different): [REDACTED]

Home/Cell Phone: [REDACTED] Work Phone: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED]

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.			
Crime(s):	Date(s) of conviction:	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
211 245a	7/14/1976	Contra Costa County	1 year County Jail, 3 Years Probation
Rearrested due to Prosecutor Appeal. Resentenced to CDC for a term of 5 Years to Life			

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):

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

I was 19 years old and 1 of three persons involved in a liquor store robbery that was initiated by another person.
Sentenced to 1 year in Jail 3 years probation. Served. Rearrested and resentenced to State Prison on DA appeal after 6 years on the street.

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

I would like to regain my rights for civic participation i.e. Voting. I would also like to be able to run for elected office for city Council in the City of Surprise

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 am currently certified as a paramedic in 3 states and have been a Paramedic 38 years.
I have worked as medic in Iraq Afghanistan and Diplomatic Security. Retired from the Detroit Fire Department.
Currently Remote Duty Paramedic International Diplomatic Security Mission in Ukraine.

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.

I, James Zimmerman, 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 Contra Costa County.
(Name of County or Counties)

James W Zimmerman
Applicant Signature

5/7/2020
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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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Arthur Battle

In 2006, Arthur Battle and a crime partner fatally shot the victim in a contract killing orchestrated by a third crime partner. On September 14, 2009, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Mr. Battle to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement.

Mr. Battle was 18 years old at the time of the crime and is now 37. He has been incarcerated for 19 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Battle has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He earned his GED and has taken college courses. Mr. Battle has also participated in self-help programming, completed vocational training, and currently works as an aide serving other incarcerated people with disabilities. Correctional officers and staff have commended Mr. Battle for his excellent work ethic, positive attitude, and genuine commitment to the rehabilitative process.

Mr. Battle committed a serious crime that took the victim's life. Since then, he has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Battle'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. Battle 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. Battle 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 Arthur Battle to 21 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 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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 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.)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Battle III, Arthur James Mack Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 187
CDCR Number: AA9300 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
Name of Facility/Prison: CHCF Facility/Prison Address: P.O. Box 213040
Stockton, CA 95213

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):
<u>1st murder</u>	<u>2009 (8/17/09)</u>	<u>sacramento, CA</u>	<u>LWOP</u>
<u>conspiracy</u>	<u>2009 (8/17/09)</u>	<u>sacramento, CA</u>	<u>LWOP</u>

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).

I choose to snort rocks a day, to maintain what I had believed was the respect, acceptance, comradery, of the people that I choose to associate with, due to me growing up in a verbally abusive household I felt as though I was not receiving love, respect, acceptance, from my parents, so I sought, acceptance, comradery, respect from my peers to fill my void of want; once this void was filled I sought to maintain it by what ever means.

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

A commutation of sentence would allow me to go before the board of parole, and will allow me the opportunity to show and prove to the board that I am no longer the callous individual who seeks, comradery, acceptance, respect from negative peers that I have changed into a empathetic, caring, individual who no longer breaks the law, but wants to be a productive member of society, and a productive member of his family, and be able to start a 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).

I received a US in a/c for a town street since then I have participated in educational and self help programs when they are offered, I have received my high school diploma, participate in college classes and have received vocational training, and certification in training for job opportunities. I have participated in LCP, A.V.P.C.G.M, AA/NA, parenting classes, victims impact, victims awareness, hospitality training, project management, and received certificate in peer support and psychosocial reentry training.

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

I, Arthur James Mack Battle III, 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 Sacramento.

(Name of County or Counties)

Arthur J. M. Battle III
Applicant Signature

12/25/22
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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jonathan Cannon

In 2008, Jonathan Cannon and his crime partners committed several armed robberies. On April 15, 2010, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Cannon to 12 years for two counts of robbery plus 15 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 27 years.

Mr. Cannon was 24 years old at the time of the crimes and is now 41. He has been incarcerated for 16 years. While in prison, Mr. Cannon has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has participated in self-help programming, earned his GED, and taken college courses. He has also maintained an excellent disciplinary record. Mr. Cannon serves as an incarcerated firefighter and a Certified Medical Responder.

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

Mr. Cannon committed serious crimes. Since then, Mr. Cannon has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Cannon's positive conduct in prison, service to California as a firefighter, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Cannon, who is eligible for parole release in May 2026, merits earlier release on parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Cannon 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 Jonathan Cannon to release him on parole.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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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.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: JONATHAN CANNON Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1984 Inmate ID: T-81612

Address: 5150 O'BYRNES FERRY ROAD Facility: SCC

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):
ROBBERY	8-19-2002	LA.	5 YRS 6 MONTH

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

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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

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):

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

1. Conviction Summary:

ROBBERY AUGUST 19, 2002 Los Angeles, CA. 5 years 6 months

2. In 2002, I along with (3) other men went on a robbing spree. Eventually I was caught, and served 5 years in prison for my crimes. At the time I was 18 years old, and I did not take advantage of the rehabilitation process presented to me. As a result I was back in jail 18 months later for robbery again.

3. I've been in prison 10 years now, and reality hasn't been clearer than it is today. My reason for saying this is because that 18 year-old me was caught up in trying to live a fantasy, whose only means of an accomplished life was to do harm to others, and gain the respect of people that have no respect for themselves. I'm requesting this commutation because I am no longer that person I was in 2008. Maturity, guilt, and above all remorse have changed my life for the better. Since my incarceration I've been disciplinary-free, maintained multiple jobs, completed several self-help groups, received my GED, am currently enrolled in college, and participated in sport activities with people from the community of San Quentin.

4. I should be granted this commutation because I'm no longer a threat to society or my community. My life's no longer governed by me living a criminal lifestyle, this prison term has given me the tools needed when faced with difficult situations in society. During this prison term I've come to understand the error of my ways, especially when it came to the trauma I inflicted on my victims. Another reason I should be granted this commutation is so I can help my DAD. My dad's paralyzed from the waist down, and he lives in Stockton by himself with (5) acres of land and a house that he's unable to care for. Even though I have (3) siblings they have families of their own which makes it difficult for them to transport from Southern California to Stockton. By granting me this commutation, you are giving me a chance to give back to my community, as well as so show you the progress I've made at becoming the man I knew I could be.

5. NO

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, JONATHAN CANIVON, 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

5-30-2018
Date

*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

Refugio Castillo

In 1986, Refugio Castillo and his crime partners kidnapped two men who owed them money. The crime partners held them for ransom for several days and beat them. The victims were eventually released and survived their injuries. On April 26, 1988, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Castillo to life without the possibility of parole for kidnapping for ransom and five years for kidnapping, plus two years of sentence enhancements.

Mr. Castillo was 40 years old at the time of the crime and is now 78. He has been incarcerated for 38 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Castillo committed himself to his self-improvement. He participated in self-help programming and maintained a positive work history.

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

This act of clemency for Mr. Castillo 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 Refugio Castillo to 38 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 18th day of April 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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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: Refugio B Castillo Date of Birth: 1952 Social Security Number: D-86652

CDCR

Address: C.H.C.F. P.O.Box 32290 Stockton, Calif. 95213

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):
None			

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

See attached page.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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

See attached pages

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):

No

2)

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE CRIME(S)
FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING A PARDON OR COMMUTATION

On or about the morning of November 20, 1986 in North Hills, the County of Los Angeles, three co-defendants and I viciously carried out the Kidnapping for Ransom and Robbery of Luis Freddie Suarez, and caused him serious bodily harm because he owed us money for drugs. An act that I now know caused Mr. Suarez irreversible harm both physically and mentally, an act that would forever change our course of life for everyone involved directly, or indirectly, such as Mr. Suarez's family.

I do regret not having had the opportunity to apologise to Luis Freddie Suarez and to let him know how remorseful I am for my part and actions on that dreadful day. I have come to accept total and full responsibility for my actions on that day in which we committed the crime, but as of now due to my situation of being in prison I'm only able to make indirect amends to Mr. Suarez in that I've changed my life and strive to do good, help others though I'm currently serving this LWOP sentence I live my life with a positive attitude, and try to be a prisoner who has new hope in life and society.

I do Pray, Mr. Suarez has been able to deal with all the harm we caused him and have been somehow able to get his life back in order.

3)

EXPLAIN WHY YOU ARE REQUESTING A PARDON OR COMMUTATION

I am respectfully requesting a commutation of my, Life Without The Possibility of Parole sentence to a lesser, Life With The Possibility Of Parole in the interest of justice.

- 1) I have been incarcerated for over 30 years
- 2) I am 66 years old now and have become a different person, one who now accepts total responsibility for my actions, learned humility, the true meaning of remorse and now make positive decisions.
- 3) I have begun to accumulate many medical issues that have diminished my health and my advancing age has had a ~~seifit~~ effect on me.
- 4) I've stayed disciplinary free for over 15 years I've learned to obey and follow rules changed my criminal ways of thinking and behavior.
- 5) I now can be a productive citizen in society and be a positive contributing member.
- 6) Today I think things through, no longer impulsive and willing to seek help when need
- 7) I no longer pose a threat to public safety.

4)

PROVIDE A BRIEF STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY YOU SHOULD BE GRANTED PAROLE/ COMMUTATION

I am pleading to be given a commutation of my Life Without The Possibility of Parole to a lesser Life With the Possibility of Parole in part due to my complete positive change and turnaround to my present lifestyle and behavior I'm no longer that violent aggressive person who continuously made destructive choices in life.

I've had a total change in my outlook and attitude towards seeking help to address my defects and learning how to overcome them in order to become a humble, responsible rules abiding person I've become for over 15 years .

I try to be a positive role-model to other prisoners by exsample not just good sounding words, avioding trouble, always talking in a positive manner respecting others, following the rules. I know that if given another chance I can and will be a productive law- abiding citizen in society.

As 30 years in prison have taught me many things, to honestly exaimine my past behavior the damage and harm I've caused to so many people.

I now appreciate and value all life and now constantly will go out of my way to not cause any harm to anyone

That the type of profound awakening I've discovered and now strive daily to be a caring helpful non-violent personwho deserves another opportunity to go and live his last years serving society instead of being a burdon to.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Edwin Celis

In 2012, Edwin Celis shot and injured a rival gang member. Mr. Celis was also linked to a second shooting that did not result in any injuries. On May 2, 2014, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Celis to 30 years to life for two counts of attempted murder, plus 45 years to life of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 75 years to life.

Mr. Celis was 20 years old at the time of the crime and is now 32. He has been incarcerated for more than 12 years. While in prison, Mr. Celis has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming, completed vocational training, and is a certified peer educator. Mr. Celis earned his GED, an associate degree, and is currently enrolled in a bachelor's degree college program.

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

This act of clemency for Mr. Celis 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 Edwin Celis to a total term of 15 years to life.

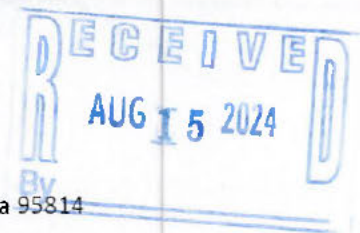
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



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 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.)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Celis, Edwin Date of Birth: [REDACTED] / 1992
CDCR Number: AT4744 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
Name of Facility/Prison: Folsom State Prison Facility/Prison Address: P.O. BOX 715071 / Represa, CA 95671

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):
2 counts: Attempted Murder - w/ firearm enh. + street gang alt. pen.	09/11/2013	Los Angeles	75 years 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):
Tamper w/ vehicle	10/29/2011	Los Angeles	Misd.; formal diversion 30 comm. service

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

(please see attachment)

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

(attachment)

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).

(attachment)

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

I, Edwin Celis, 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)

Edwin Celis
Applicant Signature

August 12, 2024
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)

- 2.) On April 26, 2012, I attempted to murder Bryan Gomez and John Doe with a firearm for the benefit of a street gang. Fearful, insecure, and emotionally needy, I sacrificed my individuality in order to ensure acceptance from my peers and I lived a destructive, unproductive lifestyle with no regard for the life of others. My emotional ineptitude resulted in harming Bryan Gomez, John Doe, their family and friends, and created a terrible ripple effect felt throughout the community.
- 3.) Realizing the depth my actions had and have on others drove me to strip away the pseudo self I created from the opinions and values of others. I came to an authentic and solid sense of myself that values the positive effects I can create for others with my words and actions. I invest in myself while in prison, equip myself with essential skills, to be of service to others and a commutation of sentence can help me continue my responsibility to amend the harm I caused on a grander scale.
- 4.) When I was convicted on September 11, 2013, I believed my life was over: I was sentenced to 75 years to life. After years of self-reflection and introspection, I finally understood that my life really was over; the egocentric life I lived of being in denial, blaming, and harming others because of my insecurities was over; and it was time to take responsibility of my life and accountability of my actions. I began to take transformational steps toward a major change, and realizing that the circumstance I was in was the result of my own hand returning upon me was a profound moment. Reflecting on the harm I caused to Bryan Gomez and John Doe, as well as the harm I caused on my community and the city of Los Angeles, brought me great shame and guilt driving me to never repeat this. I started to understand why I was in prison and what led me

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to commit crimes. Becoming sober gave me a clearer view of things and I realized the potential I had through education resulting in my pursuit of college education while staying disciplinary free. Time and distance provided me with a much-needed perspective and I related to my situation in a new way; prison became an opportunity to invest in myself towards contributing back to society and this motivated me to never again let myself become the person who was able to commit these crimes. I also needed to amend the harm I caused from my actions, asking for forgiveness through changed behavior and living an authentic life.

At one point, I was given universal trust to follow the rules and law that govern society, and I selfishly ruined that. I hope to regain that trust through my words and actions in anticipation to give back to my community and city that provided me with everything I took for granted. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Edwin Celis

Edwin Celis #AT4744
Folsom State Prison
P.O. Box 715071
Represol, C.A. 95671

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Corey Fernandez

In 2010, Corey Fernandez fought with the two victims. He shot one victim and hit the second. Both victims survived their injuries. On January 9, 2012, the Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, sentenced Mr. Fernandez to seven years for attempted murder and one year for assault with a deadly weapon, plus 26 years and four months to life of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 34 years and four months to life.

Mr. Fernandez was 48 years old at the time of the crime and is now 63. He has been incarcerated for over 14 years. While in prison, Mr. Fernandez has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming and completed vocational training. Mr. Fernandez has been commended by prison staff for his successful rehabilitation, positive influence on others, and overall transformation.

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

This act of clemency for Mr. Fernandez 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 Corey Fernandez 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 18th day of April 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
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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.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Corey Fernandez Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 6/ Inmate ID: AK 6414

Address: P.O. Box 705 Facility: CTF, Soledad CA

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):
Attempted Murder 2 nd degree	5-28-10	Yuba	34 yrs 4 mos to life
Assault w/ Firearm			
Discharge of Firearm causing Death / GBF / Personal Use			

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

Firearm enhancement due to passage of Senate Bill 620; Applicant maintains he acted out of self-defense and was in fear of his life when this unfortunate crime took place.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

Applicant was only protecting himself, acted out of fear, of dying himself if he did not react to the threat posed by the deceased in this case

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

Applicant is remorseful, is a worshiper of God, feels he paid his debt to society, has changed his life for the better and Apologizes to the People of the State of California for any or all harm he caused

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 before submitting this application to the Governor's Office.

I, Corey Fernandez, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of
(Print Full Name)
California that I have served the District Attorney of Yuba with notice of my intent to
(Name of County*)
apply for a 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.

Corey Fernandez
Applicant's Signature

2-5-2018
Date

* 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

David Fitts

In 1992, David Fitts shot and injured one victim, and his crime partner fatally shot a second victim during an attempted robbery. On June 19, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Fitts to life without the possibility of parole for murder, five years and six months for attempted voluntary manslaughter, eight months for attempted robbery, plus five years and four months of sentence enhancements.

Mr. Fitts was 23 years old at the time of the crime and is now 56. He has been incarcerated for more than 31 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Fitts has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has participated in consistent self-help programming and maintained an excellent work history. Mr. Fitts, who lived on an honor yard for several years before transferring prisons, has received commendations from correctional officers and staff for his work ethic, maturity, and good conduct.

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

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

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

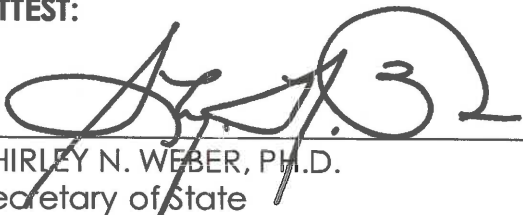
THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of David Fitts to 31 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.




GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: DAVID JAMES FITTS Date of Birth: [redacted] 1969 Inmate ID: K/4129

Address: CSP-LAC 60th STREET WEST, P.O. BOX 8457 Facility: A-2-142 LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA. 93539

1. Conviction Summary:

Table with 4 columns: Offense(s), Date of offense(s), County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: N/A

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): On March 7, 1992 approximately 2:00am Charles Dimmitt and Steve Watkins were shot by two assailants after coming from a social gathering at a friend's house on Alsace Ave and Bangor Street. Mr. Watkins told Police that he had been drinking Cognac from 10:00pm to approximately 2:00am shortly before the crime. Continuation add. page

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary): I am respectfully requesting a pardon or commutation of sentence for several reasons in which I pray that you'll find deserving of your time, compassion and assistance: 1). I am actually Innocent, however, my primary proof of that which is my kids Mother has unfortunately past away. and as of now Continuation add. page

4. Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation (attach additional pages if necessary): There are several reasons why I should be granted a Pardon or Commutation of sentence: The first reason is because I have been paying a debt to the victims of the crime, their families and to society for 25 years a debt I do

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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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, David James Fitts, 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.

David J. Fitts
Applicant's Signature

7-15-18
Date

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

Continuation of question two brief description of the circumstances of the crime:

shooting occurred. Mr. Watkins stated that his friend Mr. Dimmitt parked his car on Bangor Street West of where Dimmitt's home was located. Mr. Watkins said that he saw two men exited a vehicle on Redondo Blvd and Bangor Street West of Mr. Dimmitt's family's house. Mr. Watkins said to Police that he noticed the two suspects walking toward Mr. Dimmitt and stopped on the side walk next to Mr. Dimmitt's home. That's when he double parked his vehicle on Bangor Street to assist his friend Mr. Dimmitt in confronting the assailants.

Mr. Watkins stated that Mr. Dimmitt asked the two suspects, "What are you doing over here?" Then the 6' foot 170 pound assailant who wore the corn-row braids, the description Watkins gave to Police, responded. "What do you mean what I'm doing over here, Where you guys from?" Both, Mr. Dimmitt and Mr. Watkins replied they didn't gang bang. The 6' foot tall suspect continued, "This is School Yard Crip give up the gold chain". The perpetrator and Mr. Dimmitt stood face to face as did Mr. Watkins and the other suspect who was described to Police as 5'7" tall 160 pounds. The suspects had their guns drawn pointed at Mr. Dimmitt and Mr. Watkins.

Mr. Watkins said that Mr. Dimmitt tried talking to the suspect that he was faced with out^{of} robbing him for his chain, then pushed the assailant's gun away, and that's when both perpetrators fired shots at Mr. Dimmitt and Mr. Watkins. Resulting in the death of Mr. Dimmitt and wounding Mr. Watkins.

Continuation of question three explanation of why I'm requesting a pardon or commutation of sentence:

there's no other evidence that can assist me, until I can obtain other exonerating evidence that will corroborate my alibi.

2(. I am also considered a Youth Offender according tot he Biological and neurological scientific studies in which the Legislature has adopted for support in establishing the law that defines "Youth Offender". However, because I was 23 years of age at the time the crime was committed on March 7,1992, and due to the fact that I was sentenced to LWOP I have been excluded from participating in the SB-9, SB-260, SB-261 and SB-394 Youth Offender's program, so there remains no remedy for relief that will support my reformed life and request for re-sentencing on Petition to the court. See Exhibit A-1 through 4.

3).I am not responsible for the shooting death of Mr. Charles Dimmitt and the none fatal shooting of Mr. Steve Watkins. However, I am truly reformed empathetic and sympathetic to the victims and their families. Furthermore, I am remorseful because of my past life style as a gang member and criminal which may have contributed to the chaotic cycle of violence in California.

Continuation of question four brief statement explaining why I should be granted a Pardon or Commutation:

not owe, yet forced to pay it with my life. I don't mean to sound redundant when declaring my actual innocence, But the truth still remains I am innocent. I was convicted by the use of my false incriminating statement and other circumstantial evidence: Mr. Watkins the none deceased victim previously identified several other people as the person who shot and killed Mr. Dimmitt prior to my arrest, and then he falsely accused me as the one being responsible for Mr. Dimmitt's death and his non-fatal gun shot wound. Moreover, the investigating Officers lied on the stand in preliminary hearing stating that they found my finger prints on an Old English beer bottle near the crime scene which the case bound over for trial set up for a wrongful conviction.

Second reason I should be granted a pardon or commutation of sentence:

I should be granted a pardon or commutation because the Legislative Mandates have denied Me equal protection of the laws which are enjoyed by other people or class in like circumstances as I am Sentenced to Life Without Parole, under the age of 23 at the time of the committed crime for the crime for which they were convicted. The Legislature has currently developed laws for Youth Offenders: Senate Bill 9 strictly deals with Youth Offenders who were sentenced to LWOP whose offense was committed when they were at the 18 and under, and Senate Bill 260 and 261 deals with Youth Offenders that were sentenced to lengthy or a life sentence for a Youth Offender parole hearing who were under the age of 23 when the crime they were convicted of was committed, and the same for Senate Bill 394.

All four Senate Bills: 9, 260, 261 and 394 are based upon the Biological, Neurological and Scientific understanding that these defendants are termed "Youth Offender" as such have diminished culpability as others similarly situated. However, although I fall squarely within the biological and neurological frame work within the recognized age, Legislature has systematically and categorically excluded Me and other people in the same class-sentenced to LWOP for the crime they were convicted for was committed when there were under or at the age of 23.

The Third reason I should be granted a pardon or Commutation of sentence is:

Because I am no the same person I was 25 years ago. The person I was before my wrongful conviction was callous and malicious to violence in the life style that I once lived as a criminal and gang member. During this time of incarceration I thought long and hard about the direction that my life was going in. The only thing worst than LWOP is Death-Row and spending eternity in hell. So I decided to make some serious life Changes: I Gave my life over to Christ, Renounced my gang affiliation, start placing all my priorities in their proper order and started doing personal studies in order to understand the man that I've become so I could become the man I would like to be or who God has called me to be. This is my first time on a Progressive Programming Facility Level-3 Prison and I truly believe that it was purpose that I was sent here because in

the Level-4 prisons I was housed in did not have any self help group classes that I needed to assist me with the change that I made by personalizing all the self help materials I could come across primarily the principals of the Scriptures. Now I have the opportunity to be enrolled into these self group classes, in which I've been placed on the waiting lists for those self help classes. I am working hard to apply the Criminal and Gang Member Anonymous 12 Steps Recovery information Guide. And so I have already made the decision to let go of my destructive self-will, in exchange for spiritual principles becoming willing to seek God's care and protection, as I understand Him.

I understand that my recovery to an addictive life style such as Criminality and gang activity is an every day process and I will spend every waking minute of my life dedicated to this change of recovery in order to add to society and making mends from what I've taken from society as a criminal and gang member. I thank God that I have a chance to make a difference in this world but especially in society where crime is at an all time high. My heart's desire and goal is to reach out to the youth of the inner city and spend the rest of my life giving back to society and my family. I only have several certificates from education see Exhibit A. However, I do plan on earning many more from the self help groups I will be participating in since I wasn't able to do so on the level-4 prisons. I am still respectfully requesting that you grant me a pardon or commutation of sentence for these three reasons.

CONCLUSION

Due to this Fundamental Miscarriage of Justice/Wrongful conviction that I've suffered for 25 years, I humbly and respectfully ask you to grant me this pardon in the interest of justice, or commutation of sentence which would also be a blessing and it will be highly appreciated.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Richard Garcia

In 2009, Richard Garcia's crime partner fatally shot one victim and injured a second during a gang-related confrontation. On December 11, 2013, the Superior Court of California, County of Tulare, sentenced Mr. Garcia 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. Garcia was 23 years old at the time of the crime and is now 39. He has been incarcerated for 15 years. While in prison, Mr. Garcia has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has maintained an excellent disciplinary record, engaged in significant self-help programming, and completed vocational training. Mr. Garcia currently works as an aide serving other incarcerated people with disabilities. Correctional staff have commended Mr. Garcia for helping establish and successfully run a youth offender mentorship program at his prison.

Mr. Garcia participated in a serious crime that took one victim's life and injured a second. Since then, Mr. Garcia has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Garcia's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for safe community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Garcia merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on 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 Richard Garcia to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon a grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.

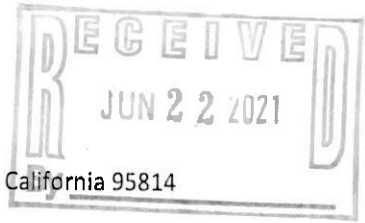
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



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APPLICATION FOR A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

(Attach additional pages as necessary.)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Garcia Richard M. Date of Birth: [REDACTED] / 82

CDCR Number: AI 0582 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Name of Facility/Prison: SATF Colocoran Facility/Prison Address: P.O. Box 5244 Colocoran CA 93211

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):
P.C. 187(a) 1st Degree Murder	9 June 11 Tulare		15 yrs To Life
P.C. 12022.53(a) Gun Enhancement	Tulare		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? 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):
Mis. Traffic Tickets	?	Tulare	Fines

(1)

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

On 8/28/2009 My Inco Defendants: Santos Hernandez, Josh Hernandez, Rodolfo Zayas and I were together at a community mourning the loss of my friend Eusebio Hernandez
(See Continuation)

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

Being granted a commutation of sentence would give me not only the privilege to make direct amends to society but would also be an honor to serve the great people of the community
(See Continuation)

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).

Being placed under the authority of the Tulare County Jail at the age of 23 was hard and painful because I knew what happened and the part I played in the death of
(See Continuation)

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.

No

APPLICANT DECLARATION

Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent

I, Richard M. Garcia, 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 Tulare
(Name of County or Counties)

Richard M. Garcia
Applicant Signature

June 16, 2021
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.

(2)

1 Which had Passed Away In A Bad Car Accident
2 On June 16, 2008. Eugene Hernandez Was The
3 Youngest Brother of Santos And Josh. Rodney
4 Zayas Brother Was Also Buried At The Same
5 Cemetery. His Life Was Taken Away By The
6 Hands of Another Man Due To Gang Violence.
7 Old Memories Were Brought UP. We Had Been
8 Drinking And Smoking Drugs Since Early In
9 Same Day. I Remember We All Started To Argue
10 With One Another And Were In Each Others Face.
11 At One Point We Almost Came To Blows.

12
13 After A Few Hours We Were Still Drinking We Then
14 Left The Cemetery. We Drove In Josh's Hands
15 Straight To Zayas House.

16
17 Zayas Had A Gun When He Came Out Of The House
18 And Got Into The Car. Josh Also Handled The Gun.
19 He Then Gave Zayas Back The Gun. We Drove Two
20 Streets Over In The Same Town Of Orosi. Arturo
21 Was There Walking With His Friend. The Two of
22 Them Were Wearing Blue. Shortly Thereafter The
23 Colling And Swearing Between Us Began To
24 Happen. Zayas Exited The Car And Fired Five
25 To Six Shots Striking Arturo Which Led To His
26 Immediate Death. Shortly After That The Police
27 Then Sighted Our Vehicle Matching The Descrip-
28 tion of The Hands From The Crime Scene. The

1 Police Stopped The Vehicle. Josh Was The Driver.
2 Santos Was Seated Behind Josh In The Rear
3 Passenger Seat. I Was Seated In The Front Pass-
4 enger Seat. While Santos Was Seated Behind
5 Me In The Rear Passenger Seat.

6
7 While We Were Inside The Car, Santos Wanted
8 Me To Run With The Gun But I Refused Until I
9 Was Taken Out Of The Car By Law Enforcement And
10 Placed Under Arrest.

11 (Continuation Question # 3)

12 Of Which I Am In Debt To Forever. Most Im-
13 portantly Out of A Piece And Willing Heart I
14 Would Be Able To Honor Arturo's Life By Reach-
15 ing Out To The Youth In The Communities That
16 Find Themselves At Risk And Inside The Same
17 Set Of Circumstances That I Was. A Commutation
18 of Sentence Would Allow Me The Opportunity To
19 Intervene In Their Lives By Fully Giving My-
20 self. My Experience And Lessons Learned By
21 Sharing My Own Personal Experience With The
22 Gang Lifestyle And Criminal Mentality. A
23 Commutation of Sentence Would Allow Me To
24 Be of Service To The Communities And Ministers
25 of Local Churches. Wherein I Also Plan To Make
26 Monthly Financial Amendments In The Form of
27 Monthly Donations To Saint Jude And Shann-
28 eis For Children Hospitals.

(Continuation Question #4)

1 Arturo was wrong. I experienced a lot of mixed
2 emotions and was fearful that some day I would
3 reach the end of 2009. I gave my life over to
4 my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

5
6 At that point and time I resolved that I was
7 done with all drugs, alcohol, gangs, and
8 the criminal life style. I quickly withdrew my
9 self from that life. At the age of 25 years I
10 was convicted and found guilty for the murder
11 of Arturo Bello. When I came to prison I
12 elected to go straight to a non designated
13 facility meaning one that is committed to non
14 gang affiliated programs inmates. I knew
15 that I had a problem and that I had to address
16 it and change internally because the
17 issues were mental. It was my old learned
18 beliefs and way of thinking.

19
20 Within time I began to participate in self-help
21 groups. Through these groups I began to lay
22 a new foundation and internally replace my
23 old way of thinking with a productive mind-
24 set and beliefs. The new foundation is based
25 on good spiritual principles and selflessness.
26 Committing to these principles have been healthy
27 for me and all those around me.

1 After Attending These Self-Help Groups And Part-
2 icipating In My Own Recovery Through A.A. I
3 Have Been Able To Identify My Character Defects:
4 Learn About Them And Apply The Necessary
5 Steps To Address Them. I Know Now What I
6 Didn't Know Then: How My Decisions, Actions And
7 Conduct Under The Influence Of These Defects Of
8 Character Can And Will Impact Others - How
9 Previously They Have Adversely Affected Others.
10 I Have Learned About The Internal Impact
11 My Conduct Has Had On Others. I Have Learned
12 About The Costing Emotional, Mental And Spi-
13 ritual Strain And Even Long Term Health Prob-
14 lems That Drugs And Alcohol Addiction Can
15 Have On Others As Well As Myself And Future
16 Generations As Well. Also The Financial Impact On All.

17
18 I Truly Understand The Pain I Have Caused
19 Arturo's Family And Friends. Because Of My
20 Actions I Robbed Them Of A Love One. I Have
21 Taken Joy, Peace And Inflicted An Awful
22 Grief That Will Forever Be Seared Into Their
23 Memories - And Etched On The Tablets Of Their
24 Hearts.

25
26 It Hurts Me Inside To Know That As A Result Of
27 My Actions They Have To Continue To Live Without
28 Arturo And Only The Memories They Have Of Him

1 While He Was Still Here. My Biggest Regret Is
2 Not Preventing Arturo's Death From Happening.
3 Instead His Family And Friends Are Forced To
4 Relive That Terrible Day The Day When Arturo
5 Was Taken From Them.

6
7 After Looking Deep Into My Life I See Where A
8 Great Deal Of My Defects Of Character Stemmed
9 From. Much Of My Learned Behavior Stemmed From
10 My Step Dad Who Was Himself An Alcoholic
11 And An Addict. He Was An Abusive Man
12 Both To My Mother And I - But Not Quite The
13 Same Towards His Own Children.

14
15 I Developed My Abnormal Issues: Isolation -
16 Fear - Judgmental Attitude - Anger - Fake Pride -
17 Ego - And Resentments As A Results of Growing
18 UP Under My Step Dad's Abusive Mentality.
19 I Can Attribute My Drugs And Alcohol Addict-
20 ion To My Childhood As Well. However By The
21 Grace Of God I Have Been Redeemed And
22 Delivered From The Bondage Of Drugs And
23 Alcohol. I Am Now Going Twelve Years Clean
24 From Alcohol And Drugs Since August 29, 2021.

25
26 I Intend To Keep My Sobriety Until The Day I
27 Leave This Earth Because Sobriety Is Bigger
28 Than Myself. It Is For All Those Around Me.

1 So That No Human Being Ever Gets Hurt By Me
2 Ever Again!

3
4 I Have Learned To Forgive Myself And Heal
5 From All My Past Hurt And Pain. However, I
6 Can And Will Never Forget The Moral Impact
7 My Actions Have Had On Others And In Their
8 Personal Lives. I Know That I Can Never Undo
9 The Wrongs That I Have Imposed On Others.
10 Or Make Up For What Was My Part In What
11 Happen To Africa. A Human Being's Life Was
12 Taken. Human Life Is Priceless Nothing In The
13 World Can Ever Amount To The Value Of
14 Human Life. This Is Why I Am Committed To
15 Making It A Personal Mission To Reach Out To
16 Our At Risk Youth Inside The Walls And Give
17 Myself Fully To Them As Well As The Challenges
18 I Now Choose To Live A Life Of Service And
19 Harman) With All People No Matter The Color Of
20 Their Skin.

21
22 I Will Live The Rest Of My Life With The Mindset
23 And Heart Of Compassion - One Of Love And Respect
24 As Well As Considerate of Others.

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Kyle Gispanski

In 2007, Kyle Gispanski shot and injured the victim during a confrontation in a parking lot. On December 11, 2009, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, sentenced Mr. Gispanski to seven years to life for attempted murder and ten years for three counts of assault with a semiautomatic firearm, plus a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 42 years to life.

Mr. Gispanski was 22 years old at the time of the crime and is now 40. He has been incarcerated for 17 years. While in prison, Mr. Gispanski has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming, taken college courses, and maintained a positive work history. Mr. Gispanski has been commended by prison staff for his respectfulness towards his peers and staff.

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

This act of clemency for Mr. Gispanski 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 Kyle Gispanski to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon a grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.

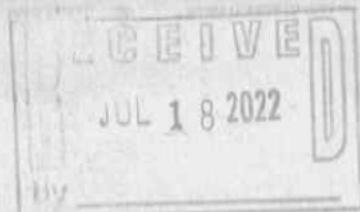
IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
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ATTEST:

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APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary.)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Gispanski, Kyle Dion Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1985
CDCR Number: AB9496 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
Name of Facility/Prison: San Quentin State Prison Facility/Prison Address: CSP-San Quentin, 4-W-89, San Quentin, CA 94964

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):
PC 664/187 (A) Attempted Murder	10/2009	Riverside	42 years to life
PC 246 Shooting at a Vehicle	10/2009	Riverside	42 years to life
PC 245(B) 4 Counts Assault w/ Firearm	10/2009	Riverside	42 years 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):
None.			

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

Please see attached.

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

A commutation would allow me a second chance at life. I was still very young at the time of my crime, only 22 years old, since then I have grown and matured.

I have a loving and supporting family waiting at home for me. I am married and have two step children and two young children of my own.

I want to be able to be a father, husband, son and brother and help support my family, or be able to teach my son how to ride a bike or go to a father/daughter dance with my daughter.

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 Attached. Since being incarcerated for almost 15 years I have grown and matured. I have completed many self help programs, as well as my GED, the grip program, Prison Yoga Project, Re-Entry Prep program, Domestic Violence and Anger Management Programs.

I have remained violence and drug free. I recently recieved my first wite up for a cell phone violation during COVID, only to check on my familys well being since we could not use Prison Wall Phones .

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.

None.

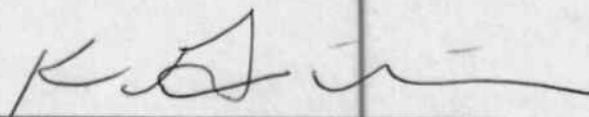
APPLICANT DECLARATION

Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent

I, Kyle Dion Gispanski, 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 Riverside. *(Name of County or Counties)*


Applicant Signature

7/08/2022
Date

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3. How a commutation may impact my life

This request was inspired by recent changes within the correctional system, such as Prop 57 and SB 261. While the reform taking place in California has given me hope, it provides me no real relief on my sentence. For example, I was sentenced to 7 years to life, plus three terms of 3 years and 4 months, with an additional 25 years to life, for a total of 42 years to life. Applying the youth offender bill, I qualify for SB 261 and Prop 57, I will not be eligible for a BPH hearing until February 2032. On top of that, there is no group, class or level of good behavior that provides me a chance to earn time off my sentence. This is ultimately why I decided to beg you for mercy and provide me the opportunity to attend a BPH hearing at an earlier date. I have recently applied to the DA's office for 1170 (d)(1) recommendation for resentencing and currently waiting to see if they are willing to recommend me. Committing a crime at the age of 22 and being sentenced to 42 years to life is a very long sentence and would not bring me home until close to 50 years old.

4. Describe life since conviction

This request is in no way meant to disregard the harm I caused Mr. Heimer, Mr. Owen and the Velde brothers. I take full responsibility for my decision to shoot Mr. Heimer and disregard the safety of everyone around him. I am aware there is nothing I can do to restore the pain and suffering I brought to them and their families. I have taken the steps necessary to ensure nothing like that ever happens again.

When I was arrested in 2008, I began to reevaluate my life, wondering how I got to a point where I was so willing to disregard the life of another person. Thinking about what I did brought up a lot of shame, so I made the decision to never again engage in violence, no matter the circumstance. This choice often conflicted with my environment, especially when on a Level Four Yard. However, thanks to a lot of prayer, self-reflection and hard work, I have been able to hold true to my commitment and remain free from violence for 14 years. In fact, I recently received my first and only CDCR 115 for a cell phone write up. I received this during COVID when we were unable to use the phones and needed to just make sure my family and their well being was okay. I have spent my time working, taking self-help classes (non-violent communications, domestic violence, GRIP, Re Entry Prep and Prison Yoga) and surrounding myself with positive people. I know there is nothing I can do to fully repair the harm I have caused. However, I plan to spend my life making amends to my victims, my family and my community.

If you are gracious enough to grant my request and allow me to be released at an earlier date, know that I have sustainable plan in place to ensue my success. If I were to be granted a second chance, I do have experience in the work field that is still very viable today's society. For a few examples, I have done mechanical work on small commercial engines to industrial grade built cellular communication towers from the ground up of every kind. I was a foreman with an erosion control company, all the way to a dental tech fabrication prosthesis in a dental lab. All of which I could fall back on while attending a trade school for auto body and small engine repair to obtain a certification.

I am also very fortunate being that I still have all the love and support of my family to help ensure my successful transition back into society. My wife and our four children are counting on me to come home and restore the normalcy back into life. It's important to me to be there for our children whether it's for back-to-school night or dance class to their first heartbreak from a boy they like. Or teaching my son how to ride a bike. I want to show them they are my world, and how much I love them day in and day out. So, I do my best, but I can't tuck them into bed at night through a letter or phone call. My wife and children need me home as much as I long to be. I also have the financial and emotional support of my parents and my in laws.

It is important for me to express that regardless of your decision, I will continue to work on myself and be of service to others. I pray you see my rehabilitation accomplishments I have made and see that it is no longer in the interest of justice to keep me incarcerated, considering I have already served 14 years of my life. Thank you for your time in considering this request.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Randolph Hoag

In 1990, Randolph Hoag was convicted of fatally shooting the victim. On January 17, 1992, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Hoag to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus eight years of sentence enhancements. On February 13, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, resentenced Mr. Hoag to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a five-year sentence enhancement.

Mr. Hoag was 28 years old at the time of the crime and is now 63. He has been incarcerated for 34 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Hoag has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in self-help programming and maintained a positive work history, currently working as an aide serving other incarcerated people with disabilities. Mr. Hoag has also maintained an excellent disciplinary history, and he lived on an honor yard for many years before transferring prisons.

Mr. Hoag was convicted of a serious crime that took the victim's life. Since then, Mr. Hoag has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Hoag's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I also acknowledge that the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation medical staff deem Mr. Hoag a high medical risk based on his chronic, serious medical conditions. I have concluded that Mr. Hoag 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. Hoag 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 Randolph Hoag to 34 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 28th day of August 2025.



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Governor of California



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**APPLICATION FOR
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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Randolph Hoag Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1962 Inmate ID: CDCR #H-22924

Address: 900 Quebec Avenue, Corcoran, CA 93212 Facility: CSATF @ Corcoran State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. Attach additional pages if necessary.			
Offense(s): See (a) [Below]	Date of offense(s): See (b)	County of conviction(s): See (c)	Sentence(s): See (d)
(a) First-degree murder w/ lying-in-wait special circumstance	(b) December 4, 1990		
(c) Los Angeles	(d) Life without parole, +5 yr consec enhancement (personal use firearm)		

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

See attached additional pages @ 2-3.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attached additional pages @ 3-5.

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

See attached additional pages @ 5-6.

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.

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

Background

Rayshell Adkins (**Adkins**) and I met in 1979. In 1982, I moved to live in San Jose and returned to Los Angeles in 1987. Adkins married Charles Sweed (**Sweed** — the homicide victim) in 1983, they had a daughter (**LaShaune**) in 1984, and she divorced him in 1986 after domestic violence. After the divorce, Adkins and I became romantically involved. In 1987, we moved into an apartment and our daughter (**Crissy**) was born in 1988.

Sweed, Adkins, and I never had any dispute, from 1987 through 1990, with exception to a July 4, 1990, incident where Sweed sucker-punched me through an open car window as I sat arguing with his mother. He, then, brandished a pistol ordering me to "leave;" which I did. A week later Sweed telephoned me and apologized for the incident. Subsequently, within days everything would return back to how they were prior to the July 4 event.

Adkins repeatedly voiced issues about 'where' we were living. Eventually Adkins and I agreed to a mutual separation Thanksgiving 1990. She and I located her an apartment and she moved in on or about December 1, 1990. On December 4, 1990, Sweed, a tow truck driver, contacted Keith Fields (**Fields**), Adkins younger brother, to inquire and obtain Adkins address to her apartment.

According to Adkins, Sweed arrived unannounced asking if he could wait there until it was time for him to make a 9 p.m. appointment. Adkins agreed. While there Sweed talked incessantly about 'getting even' with his girlfriend, Stacy Jordan (**Jordan**), for having him arrested (Section 3 (a), below). While there Sweed would repeatedly announce his location over his walkie-talkie radio to other tow truck drivers. At some point, Sweed requested a 'time check' over his walkie-talkie radio. Someone answered "9:05[p.m.]." Sweed told Adkins that he was late and rushed out the door heading towards his tow truck parked on the public street in front of Adkins apartment complex. (Documented by: Los Angeles County District Attorneys Office; Taped / Transcribed Statements of Rayshell Adkins, dated May 22, 1995.)

The Crime

Gary Brooks (**Brooks**) was walking across the street from Adkins' apartment complex and observed Sweed exiting the complex gate. As he continued, a second man emerged from a darkened carport, raised his left arm, and shot Sweed from behind before quickly running away out of sight.

Mildred Jackson (**Jackson**) was walking across the street from Adkins' apartment complex on her way to "buy more cocaine," when she observed Sweed exit the complex gate. As he continued, another man stepped from the carport shadows and shot Sweed from behind and quickly ran away out of sight.

After police and paramedics arrived, Adkins telephoned me requesting that I "come get the kids." I arrived at the crime location and went where directed by the police. While waiting, a huge confrontation occurred where Sweed's mother and brother loud and obnoxiously accused that I shot Sweed; in front of a large crowd of onlookers, including Brooks and Jackson.

Sweed, as a result of his gunshot injuries, tragically, was pronounced deceased

after emergency surgery at the hospital.

On December 5, 1990, police crafted a six picture photographic lineup (six-pack) placing my picture in the number two position. Brooks indicated picture number two, having originally said: he "looks an awful lot like" the shooter; but insisted that the shooter "had a mustache more like number four." On December 7, 1990, Jackson indicated picture number two, stating: "he reminds me of the shooter."¹

Subsequently, I was arrested on December 18, 1990, and charged with the murder of Charles Sweed.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation:

Executive clemency is represented to be a "fail safe" in the criminal justice system. As it can allow for correction where a fallible criminal justice system wrongly convicts the innocent person. Clearly as a discretionary *Act of Grace*, executive clemency exists to provide relief from *harshness* or *mistake* in the judicial process. Therefore, it allows the executive to consider a wide range of factors **not** comprehended by the earlier judicial proceedings and sentencing determinations.

That being noted, I have two reasons (a and b, below) for which I seek a sentence commutation; although one may appear antagonistic to the other.

a. Mistake In Judicial Proceedings

The 'personal life' of Charles Sweed was highly critical to my defense, but was excluded by the court's order. There was overwhelming evidence that Sweed was actively involved in a threat-filled street battle over towing territories with Micheal Mitchell (**Mitchell**), a rival tow truck driver that was also after Sweed's girlfriend—Stacy Jordan (**Jordan**). There brewed an ongoing and violent 'Love Triangle' between Sweed, Jordan, and her new beau Mitchell.

Sweed had and lived a problematic life separate from his mundane interactions with Adkins that was simply child custody and visitations with their child, LaShaune. Sweed was in a long-term romantic relationship with live-in girlfriend Jordan, that included 1990. Their relationship was volitile and Jordan began making accusations that Sweed was getting physically abusive with her because of her association with Mitchell.

The abuse caused Mitchell to confront Sweed about his treatment toward Jordan, which resulted in several publicly traded 'death threats' between the two. Fields was present on occasions when Sweed armed himself due to Mitchell's threats. (Documented: Habeas Corpus Evidentiary Hearing [LASC No. YA006130 (1994)]; Testimony of Keith Fields, at pp. 390-438.)

Across the summer of 1990, Sweed and Jordan's relationship deteriorated rapidly after Sweed caught Jordan out socializing with Mitchell; she had been out riding

1. Both Brooks and Jackson, however, testified at trial that they were shown an array of some additional 18 pictures, not only just a single six-pack picture lineup shown to them in court as suggested by testifying police.

around with Mitchell in his tow truck. Shortly after that, in late October 1990, Jordan moved out of Sweed's residence, leaving him to start a relationship with Mitchell.

Sweed literally drove around the city streets looking for Jordan. On November 21, 1990, shortly after midnight, he saw her driving Mitchell's car. Gave chase with his tow truck and eventually blocked her escape in a driveway. Sweed vandalized Mitchell's car and assaulted Jordan using a shovel. Police responding to 9-1-1 calls arrested Sweed for assault with a deadly weapon by Jordan's citizen's complaint. (Documented: Hawthorne Police Department Arrest Report for Charles Sweed; No. DR #90-17844, dated November 21, 1990.)

While police were still investigating the location of Jordan's assault, Mitchell arrived and was observed by police officers throwing a loaded handgun into a bush. Police arrested Mitchell for carrying a loaded firearm. Mitchell was also an ex-felon in possession of a firearm and is not reported in the noted report. (Documented: Hawthorne Police Department Arrest Report for Micael Mitchell; No. DR #17843, dated November 21, 1990.)

Mitchell was released on bail November 22, 1990. Sweed was released on bail November 27, 1990. On December 4, 1990, *just seven days after assaulting Jordan*, he was killed as he was leaving Adkins apartment complex, after repeatedly announcing his location to any other tow truck driver interested over his walkie-talkie radio.

Dispite the work / love triangle ongoing in Sweed's personal life, I was arrested on December 18, 1990, largely based on the eyewitness identifications, an incident with Sweed *five months earlier* (the July 4, 1990, assault by Sweed), and Adkins and my separation four days prior to his death in front of her apartment.

The Court excluded the Sweed, Jordan, Mitchell evidence based on its acceptance of the two eyewitness identifications **not** having been incorrect, dispite there being **no physical evidence**, otherwise, to corroborate either identification or my having been at the crime location at the time of its commission. There is [an] almost universal agreement that, in the words of Justice Felix Frankfurter, "[t]he identification of strangers is proverbally untrustworthy." (quoted in U.S. v. Wade (1967) 388 U.S. 218, 288.)

Separately, I contacted and spoke to juror Number Three, [REDACTED] called him on the telephone after trial, to discuss the alibi offered at trial. [REDACTED] indicated the *eyewitness versus alibi* evidence was a credibility contest, and both presented some degree of *doubt*. (See, attached—last page, Jury Request, dated November 15, 1995.) Their "doubt" was resolved, however, by concluding the alibi witnesses were my family and friends (actually neighbors) and *"may be just trying to keep [me] from going to prison."* That the eyewitnesses had been strangers and would have no reason to lie about what they saw. I did not think to ask whether "human error" had been considered in their deliberations of the identifications.

Should you consider that my alibi witnesses were absolutely truthful about my whereabouts on December 4, 1990, at exactly 9:05 p.m., two of those witnesses -- Emma and Donna Hines -- having been actually located by police detectives in an attempt to disprove that I even had an alibi in Bobby Sampson, then jurors convicted an innocent person on a speculation. I had been at my residence, where one would normally be in the presence of 'family and friends — who were actully neighbors.'

I ask that the Executive "consider... [these] factors not comprehended by the earlier judicial proceedings..."

b. Harshness In Sentencing Determinations

California law only provides for a mandatory minimum sentence of life without the possibility of parole (LWOP) where the lying-in-wait special circumstance was alleged and found to be true as in my conviction. Therefore, no consideration can be given to any of the 'individualizing' factors that serve to mitigate severity of this punishment by the Court.

Mitigating factors are such as my lack of a juvenile or criminal record, no gang affiliations or associations, no prior history of violence (other than the instant conviction), and having maintained constant employment for more than 10 years prior to this arrest; factors which have some intrinsic value representative that I am not the hardened criminal for which warrants a permanent removal from society under an LWOP sentence.

I do not in any way mean to minimize or disparage the death of Charles Sweed, only there should be no insurmountable barrier against mitigation of a sentence if it appears to have served its purpose. Prior to my incarceration, I conducted myself with sobriety and industry, exhibited good moral character, and conformed and complied with societies governing laws; but for this conviction. However, there is a legal presumption of the validity of a criminal conviction. Having accepted this presumption, I chose to avail myself of those opportunities presented to me.

While incarcerated I obtained my G.E.D. education certificate, a vocational silkscreening certificate (which permitted me to become a Prison Industry Authority silkscreening inmate worker), and satisfactorily performed every inmate work assignment I have ever been given for the past 25 years. Currently, however, I am without a work assignment since October 17, 2017, due to a double craniotomy for subdural hematoma after head trauma; an incidental fall from an upper bunk bed that has caused permanent head and shoulder injury.

Having maintained an exceptional behavioral record while in prison, I was able to participate at the Progressive Programing Facility at California State Prison — Los Angeles County (Lancaster) from 2010 through 2017. Currently I am housed at California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility — Level II, at Corcoran State Prison, due to a mandatory state-wide downward classification score change. As an LWOP, I am currently housed at the lowest possible designation for my sentence. In addition to my having programed exceptionally well throughout my entire term of incarceration, I have done so *disciplinary-free for 27 years*.

I ask that the Executive "consider... [my behavioral] factors not comprehended by the earlier... sentencing determinations[,] " not only from prior to my incarceration, but also my post-conviction 'good behavior' afterwards.

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

Recently California, in its efforts to reduce prison overcrowding, introduce several new regulations to "incentify" inmates' into "good behavior" by offering conduct and/or milestone credits, designed to advance an inmate's prison release date; thus, allowing the inmate to get out of prison earlier than their actual release date.

It does seem reasonable for inmates that model "good behavior" to be rewarded by some measure. I have *completed 27 years* of incarceration *disciplinary-free*, with no less than a satisfactory to excellent work-related history no matter the prison job assignment; having avoided any and all conflict with both staff and inmates, an unordinarily difficult thing to do in the highly hostile prison environment.

Given my current age (56), my lack of juvenile, criminal, or violent history (other than the instant conviction), a California Static Risk Assessment score of 1 (1 out of 4 being the lowest and the least likely to re-offend), a commutation of sentence will then place my conviction within the review of the Board of Parole Hearings to decide when my sentence appears to have served its purpose. To determine if and/or when it is reasonable and safe for my release back into the community. In addition to the Board of Parole Hearings review, the Governor of the State of California has final review of their decision to either permit or revoke any release of me back into the community.

Based on the above, given the two-tier system of parole review, I request a commutation of sentence.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Moises Huerta

In 2006, Moises Huerta fired several shots at a group of teens, injuring four victims. On June 20, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Huerta to 28 years to life for four counts of attempted murder plus 100 years to life of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 128 years to life.

Mr. Huerta was 20 years old at the time of the crime and is now 39. He has been incarcerated for 18 years. While in prison, Mr. Huerta has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming, earned his GED and an associate degree, and participated in a service dog training program. Mr. Huerta, who lived on an honor yard for several years before transferring prisons, has received numerous staff commendations for his respectfulness and self-discipline.

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

This act of clemency for Mr. Huerta 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 Moises Huerta 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 18th day of April 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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

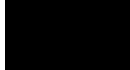


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APPLICATION FOR A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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 [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.)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Huerta, Moises Date of Birth: 

CDCR Number: F78228 Social Security Number: _____

Name of Facility/Prison: Folsom State Prison Facility/Prison Address: 300 Prison Road, Represa, CA 95671

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):
Please see the attached conviction appendix.			

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).

Please see pages 2-3 and Exhibit A of the attached letter.

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

Please see pages 5, 7-10 of the attached letter.

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).

Please see pages 3-7 and Exhibits A, B, C, D, and E of the attached letter.

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

I, Moises Huerta, 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)

 for Moises Huerta
Applicant Signature

June 23, 2023
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.

Moises Huerta (F-78228) – Conviction Appendix

Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. TA086493-02

Date of Crime: 09/07/2006

Date of Conviction: 05/30/2007

Age at the Time of Crime: 20 years old

Four Counts of Cal. Penal Code §§ 664-187(a) Attempted Murder (Life with Parole)

Cal. Penal Code § 12280(b) Possession of Assault Weapon (Two Years)

Cal. Penal Code § 245(a)(2) Assault with a Firearm (Two Years)

Four Enhancements: Cal. Penal Code § 12022.53(d) Discharge of Firearm (25 Years to Life)

Enhancement: Cal. Penal Code § 12022.5(a) Use of Firearm (Reduced to Four Years)

June 23, 2023

VIA E-MAIL

Governor Gavin Newsom
Office of the Governor
Attn: Legal Affairs
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Moises Huerta (F78228), Application for Commutation of Sentence

Dear Governor Newsom:

Moises Huerta respectfully requests a commutation of his 105 years to life sentence, allowing him the opportunity to demonstrate to the Board of Parole Hearings that he no longer poses any danger to the community. Mr. Huerta was born into a family of active gang members, and his father physically and verbally abused Mr. Huerta from a young age. As a result, Mr. Huerta found comfort and acceptance in the gang lifestyle that his uncles and cousins exposed him to as a child. With numerous family members in the gang lifestyle and an abusive father, it is no surprise that Mr. Huerta turned to gangs at a young age. By age 20, Mr. Huerta had become deeply entrenched in the gang lifestyle – the only lifestyle he had ever known. However, in 2012, after being sentenced to what amounted to life without parole, Mr. Huerta made a different choice and committed himself to rehabilitation despite the lifestyle he had grown up with.

Over a decade ago, Mr. Huerta made the difficult and dangerous decision to reject the gang lifestyle by disassociating from the gang. He has worked diligently to become a stellar student, a model inmate, and an upstanding member of his prison community. Mr. Huerta participates in all available programming and dog training, and as a Ready4Life coach, he has even committed himself to other inmates' rehabilitation by facilitating self-help groups, specifically for Spanish-speaking inmates. Mr. Huerta is a role model for those around him.

Mr. Huerta has earned an opportunity to demonstrate that he no longer poses a danger to society. His dramatic turnaround in prison and longstanding commitment to prosocial living are remarkable. Mr. Huerta has been disciplinary-free since his transformation in 2012. After



spending years doing the difficult work of genuine rehabilitation, Mr. Huerta has earned a meaningful opportunity for release. Mr. Huerta is ready to be a positive, contributing member of society and respectfully requests that his sentence be commuted so that he is able to demonstrate to the Board of Parole Hearings that he no longer presents a danger to society.

I. CASE HISTORY

A. Family and Social Background

Mr. Huerta was born and raised in Compton, California to a family of active gang members. His family lived with his grandparents, and because Mr. Huerta's parents were constantly working, his grandparents primarily raised him and his five younger siblings. His father was an alcoholic, who verbally and physically abused Mr. Huerta throughout his childhood. His father would often target Mr. Huerta specifically as the oldest of the six children. His father's behavior made Mr. Huerta feel "unwanted, belittled, humiliated, [and] powerless" and contributed to his low self-esteem at a very young age. (Ex A, Life Story at 11). The generational cycle of violence and abuse was normalized in his family because his father, uncles, and cousins had all been treated the same way. As a result, Mr. Huerta believed that the abuse, violence, and mistreatment were all normal aspects of childhood.

The constant physical and verbal abuse led Mr. Huerta to resent his father, and as a result, at age six, Mr. Huerta found comfort in spending time with his uncles and cousins, who were all active gang members. Because his uncles and cousins would not abuse him the way his father would, Mr. Huerta found what he thought was the acceptance and respect he was longing for. Whenever he spent time with his uncles and cousins, he felt "empowered, accepted, valued, and loved" – a stark contrast to how his father made him feel. (Ex. A, Life Story at 12). Mr. Huerta saw his uncles and cousins as his role models, and consequently, their criminal and gang lifestyles quickly appealed to Mr. Huerta. The gang lifestyle was all Mr. Huerta knew. It was a constant presence throughout his childhood, and his entire family and peers widely accepted and validated this lifestyle. Following his uncles and cousins' paths, Mr. Huerta became a "Fuck My Enemy" gang member by the time he was 12 years old.

When he was 14 years old, Mr. Huerta was with his cousins and friends at a park when a car drove by and began shooting at them. Mr. Huerta was shot in both thighs. Today, Mr. Huerta notes this event "when [his] life spiraled out of control." (Ex. A, Life Story at 13). After the drive-by shooting, Mr. Huerta concluded that being a gang member meant kill or be killed, and he began to carry a gun as a way to feel safe. He felt humiliated that he was shot, and he subsequently became angrier and resorted to violence as his default coping mechanism. He fought anyone he perceived as a threat, particularly rival gang members, and turned to alcohol and marijuana to cope with the pain and embarrassment he felt after being shot. At age 16, Mr. Huerta was expelled from the Compton Unified School District for punching a student, who was a rival gang member, while wearing brass knuckles.

B. Commitment Offense

Mr. Huerta's criminal lifestyle culminated in the shooting that resulted in his life crime. A week prior to the commitment offense, a rival gang member shot at Mr. Huerta in front of Mr. Huerta's dad, uncles, cousins, and friends. Mr. Huerta felt humiliated and challenged in front of his role models, and he vowed to retaliate as a way to solidify his status among his older peers.

On September 7, 2006, when Mr. Huerta was only 20 years old, codefendant Antonio Zavala informed Mr. Huerta that Arnold Mota, a rival gang member who was friends with the gang member that shot at Mr. Huerta, was walking down the street with his friends. Mr. Huerta impulsively grabbed his gun and got into the passenger seat of Mr. Zavala's car. As the two boys searched for Mr. Mota and his friends, Mr. Huerta feared that his gang and family would reject him for failing to retaliate, and he thought that by retaliating, he would solidify his status within his gang. Once they found Mr. Mota and his friends, Mr. Huerta exited the vehicle and shot his gun five times, hitting four of the boys. When Mr. Huerta returned to his grandparents' house, the police arrested him. The four victims were hospitalized for their injuries and released shortly after.

C. Conviction and Resentencing

Mr. Huerta was convicted of four counts of attempted murder; assault with a firearm; and possession of an assault weapon. The court sentenced Mr. Huerta to serve life plus one hundred years in prison, including four consecutive life terms for the attempted murders with a consecutive 25-year-to-life enhancement for each attempted murder and a five-year enhancement for use of firearm. The appellate court reduced the gun use enhancement to a four-year term.

II. POST-CONVICTION TRANSFORMATION

A. Mr. Huerta's Early Adulthood

By the time Mr. Huerta entered prison at the age of 21, being a gang member was the only lifestyle he had ever known. For the first five years of his incarceration, Mr. Huerta continued to seek acceptance through his gang. Older gang members expected and encouraged Mr. Huerta to live up to the image he had created for himself. Mr. Huerta's constant fear of rejection, which stemmed from his childhood trauma, greatly contributed to his criminal behavior and thinking, and he wanted to elevate his status as a gang member, regardless of the consequences. From 2007 to 2012, Mr. Huerta's resulting criminal behavior culminated in three Rules Violation Reports, with the last one in 2012.

B. Mr. Huerta Disassociated from the Gang

After Mr. Huerta incurred a rules violation for possession of a deadly weapon in 2012, he was placed in the SHU. During his SHU term, many of the negative emotions he felt as a child began to resurface. He had spent much of his childhood and early adulthood creating and living up to the image of being a violent gang member, yet he still felt sad, lonely, and empty. Mr. Huerta was faced with the difficult question of why he felt this way, despite living up to the gang's expectations for him. He began to question why he was always getting himself in trouble

and whether he could take his life in a different direction. Mr. Huerta's SHU term was the first turning point in his rehabilitation journey.

Once Mr. Huerta was released from the SHU in January 2013, he decided to take his life in a different direction and enrolled in self-help groups. While on the waitlist for programming, Mr. Huerta spent more time in his cell away from the gang and created rules and guidelines for himself. He separated himself into a different category among the gang and described himself as "half-way in," meaning he was no longer engaging in criminal acts but had not yet fully dissociated. In 2015, Mr. Huerta began programming in Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous.

Attending Criminal Gangs Anonymous (hereinafter, "CGA") helped Mr. Huerta take the final step in completely dissociating from his gang. In CGA, he listened to former gang members' stories, which showed him that there was a different way to living than the only lifestyle he had ever known. After spending some time being "half-way in" his gang, Mr. Huerta made the difficult and dangerous decision to completely abandon the only lifestyle he had ever known. He stopped spending time with his fellow gang members and told them that he was no longer going to participate in the same lifestyle. Although the social isolation initially caused him to consider going back to the gang, Mr. Huerta remained committed to his education and continued in self-help programming and therapy. The men in self-help programming embraced him and provided him with a new sense of community.

In 2016, Mr. Huerta's father passed away from cirrhosis. Traumatized and resentful from the physical and verbal abuse, Mr. Huerta had not spoken to his father in the years leading up to his death. When his father passed away, Mr. Huerta dealt with conflicting emotions of resentment towards his father for the abuse and guilt for not forgiving his father before he passed. As a child, Mr. Huerta saw that his father always got along with his uncles and cousins. This caused young Mr. Huerta to conclude that if he were more like his uncles and cousins, who were gang members, his father would love him and treat him better too. Following his father's death, he realized he no longer needed that validation from his father. After opening up to his mother more, Mr. Huerta was finally able to let go of the last pieces that emotionally tied him to his past lifestyle and promised his mother he would continue to change his life for the better.

III. MR. HUERTA HAS EARNED THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD OF PAROLE HEARINGS AND DEMONSTRATE THAT HE CAN SAFELY BE RELEASED.

A. Mr. Huerta Deserves a First Chance to Appear before the Board of Parole Hearings.

Mr. Huerta is now 37 years old, having spent most of his adult life incarcerated. Mr. Huerta made the difficult and dangerous choice to abandon the only lifestyle he had ever known. Since 2012, Mr. Huerta has remained disciplinary free and demonstrated long-standing, meaningful, and genuine change. As a result of his behavior, Mr. Huerta's classification score has continuously decreased, dropping to the minimum score of 19 points.

Multiple CDCR correctional staff members have recognized Mr. Huerta's long-standing commitment to his change, and Mr. Huerta has gathered numerous laudatory chronos for his behavior in prison. (See Ex. E, Laudatory Chronos). Correctional Officer J. Garcia, who "interacted with [Mr. Huerta] on an almost daily basis," stated that Mr. Huerta "has made a diligent effort to remain discipline free and to program positively" and "will be able to integrate into society successfully and . . . make a positive contribution to the community and to society." (Ex. E, J. Garcia's Laudatory Chrono at 137). Correctional Officer J. Lopez documented that Mr. Huerta has a "helpful and positive attitude" and "is respected by staff and inmates." (Ex. E, J. Lopez's Laudatory Chrono at 133). Correctional Officer J. Rodriguez commended Mr. Huerta for "his respectful, helpful, and positive attitude towards both Staff and Inmates," diligent efforts in self-help programming, "deliberate efforts to have positive interactions with Staff members," "willingness to lead by example while assisting other inmates to make positive changes," and contributions and dedication to the Paws For Life program. (Ex E, J. Rodriguez's Laudatory Chrono at 135).

Members of non-profit organizations who witnessed firsthand Mr. Huerta's contributions to self-help programs also commend Mr. Huerta for his commitment to his rehabilitation and have pledged their support to him during and after his incarceration. Jesuit Restorative Justice Initiative Retreat Director Arturo Lopez describes Mr. Huerta as "a true demonstration of the power of the human spirit to change his life around and become someone new" and "a living testimony of deep remorse and redemption." (Ex F, Arturo Lopez's Support Letter at 184). John Alan Foster of the Prison Contemplative Fellowship at Folsom State Prison states that Mr. Huerta actively "participates in [their] discussions and is intentional in encouraging other inmates to com[e] to the Fellowship" and "has a clear awareness of who he is in his long journey of incarceration." (Ex F, John Alan Foster's Support Letter at 186). Frances McGinley, Healing Dialogue and Action Program Manager, stated that Mr. Huerta's "leadership inspires [her] work, as [Mr. Huerta] is the embodiment of rehabilitation" and his return to the community "will increase public safety because he will work selflessly towards reconciliation and be a role model for the restorative path he has chosen." (Ex. F, Frances McGinley's Support Letter at 188).

Additionally, former inmates speak highly of Mr. Huerta's character and commitment to his rehabilitation. (See generally Ex. F, Support Letters). Formerly incarcerated Dara Yin, who met Mr. Huerta at CSP-LAC, recalls Mr. Huerta's willingness to help facilitate the Community Restoration Training class when asked and states, "We are lucky to have had him be part of our team, and I know he has helped so many people with their recovery." (Ex. F, Dara Yin's Support Letter at 167). Justin Hong, a former lifer who met Mr. Huerta at the Progressive Programming Facility at CSP-LAC, stated that he watched Mr. Huerta's "growth as not only someone who was coming to terms with the choices he made but someone actively making amends by helping those around him and sharing his testimony." (Ex. F, Justin Hong's Support Letter at 168). Allen Burnett, a former LWOP, also met Mr. Huerta through groups at the Progressive Programming Facility at CSP-LAC, describes Mr. Huerta as "considerate, caring, and dedicated to practicing amends and higher education." (Ex. F, Allen Burnett's Support Letter at 165).

1. *Education*

Shortly after Mr. Huerta was released from his SHU term, he received his high school equivalency certificate in 2012. (Ex. B, High School Equivalency Certificate at 45). He found value and power in his education and continued to take college courses to earn his Associate of Arts degree in social and behavior science. Mr. Huerta has excelled in his education, earning A's and B's, receiving Dean's Honors and Vice Presidential Honors, and obtaining his AA degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences. (Ex. B, Lassen Community College Transcript at 35-38; Ex. B, AA Diploma at 37). Today, Mr. Huerta continues to take college courses in hopes of one day transferring to California State University to obtain his Bachelor's degree and eventually his Master's degree in social work.

2. *Self-Help Programming*

Mr. Huerta has been committed to self-help programming since he first began programming in 2015 with Narcotics Anonymous and Alcoholics Anonymous. While at Lancaster State Prison, Mr. Huerta participated in the Progressive Programming Facility. Correctional Officer C. Ellwart commended Mr. Huerta for always “lead[ing] by example and participat[ing] in numerous peer to peer, self-help, and educational classes, such as AA/NA, Alternatives to Violence, Criminal Gangs anonymous, and others.” (Ex. E, C. Ellwart Laudatory Chrono at 134). Since 2015, he has successfully completed dozens of programs, such as Criminal Gangs Anonymous, Education Diversion and Goals to Endeavor, Lifer Support Group, Parents on a Mission, Cell Phones in Prison, and Gang Awareness and Recovery. Tapping into his creative side, Mr. Huerta has also participated in the Arts in Corrections Program through California Art Council and Theatre Inside.

In addition to his commitment to his own rehabilitation, Mr. Huerta has found a passion in helping other inmates in their rehabilitation journeys. Mr. Huerta is a Ready4Life Coach for Creating Restorative Opportunities and Programs and facilitates Spanish self-help programs for Spanish-speaking inmates. Through his own experiences in prison and in self-help programming, Mr. Huerta realized that a significant number of incarcerated men are unable to seek self-help programs because they do not speak English. As a result, Mr. Huerta and a few other inmates have taken it upon themselves to translate self-help programming to ensure that Spanish-speaking inmates have access to these vital resources. In doing so, Mr. Huerta has felt empowered by the framework of incarcerated men supporting one another in their rehabilitation, and he has found a sense of purpose through helping his fellow inmates commit to their rehabilitation.

3. *Paws for Life K9 Rescue*

In 2018, Mr. Huerta became involved in Paws For Life K9 Rescue (hereinafter, “PFL”), a dog training program for inmates, and is a Certified Dog Trainer. PFL has been the most impactful program for Mr. Huerta as “it gave [him] a new sense of responsibility that made [him] feel worthy.” (Ex A, Insight Statement on Life Crime and Experience in Prison at 17). As a Certified Dog Trainer, Mr. Huerta trained rescue dogs to prepare them for adoption. Through Paws For Life, Mr. Huerta has successfully put the knowledge and skills he learned through self-

help programming into practice. Mr. Huerta has taken on numerous leadership roles within the program, such as Team Leader, Public Relations Coordinator, Facility Co-Manager, and Operations Manager. He was even selected to participate in PFL's Service Dog Program, in which he "voluntarily committed his time and effort into training service dogs for the benefit of military veterans diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and firefighters in need of emotional support." (Ex. C, C. Haggins and Jon Grobman's Laudatory Chrono at 51). Through the Service Dog Program, Mr. Huerta has "directly contribut[ed] to society by [training] highly sought-after service dogs, which are in great demand by veterans and first responders." (Id.)

Jon Grobman, Director of Programs for PFL, has commended Mr. Huerta numerous times for his "patience and emotional awareness when dealing with over one hundred (100) PFL trainers and an additional six to seven hundred (600-700) non PFL participants on the yard." He further acknowledges that Mr. Huerta "understands that there are multiple personalities on [the] yard, which requires him to have an empathetic mindset, along with other positive coping tools." (Ex. C, Jon Grobman's Laudatory Chrono at 52). Even when Lancaster's Progressive Programming Facility was placed on modified program due to the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020, Mr. Huerta continued to volunteer to take care of the dogs. Lancaster's Facility A Captain, R. Johnson, commended Mr. Huerta for "work[ing] tirelessly [to ensure] that the socialization, training, administrative tracking, and healthcare needs of each dog was met." (Ex. C, R. Johnson Laudatory Chrono at 64). Despite the fact that the housing unit was placed on quarantine, Mr. Huerta "continued to place the welfare of the dogs first," and his actions were "aligned with [CDCR's] goals of offender transformation and rehabilitation." (Id.)

4. *Mr. Huerta's Continued Success at Folsom State Prison and Future Goals*

In 2022, Mr. Huerta was transferred from Lancaster State Prison to Folsom State Prison. Despite this significant change in his life and his routine, Mr. Huerta has remained committed to his full rehabilitation, demonstrating his genuine change. At Folsom, Mr. Huerta continues to facilitate self-help groups, including Spanish self-help groups. LTA S. Crain, who has "witness[ed] the kind of help and coaching [Mr.] Huerta has given to fellow participants in the CROP program," stated that Mr. Huerta "has demonstrated self-awareness," "shown empathy as a leader," and "put time and care into helping himself as well as others." (Ex. E, S. Crain Laudatory Chrono at 132).

Mr. Huerta continues to engage in self-help programming and take college courses so that upon release, he can transfer to a California State University in pursuit of his Bachelor's degree. One of Mr. Huerta's goals is to earn his Master's degree in social work and use his education and personal experiences to work in youth diversion. He also hopes to continue his passion for providing incarcerated individuals, particularly Spanish-speaking individuals, with the proper resources and program to engage in self-help and fully commit to their rehabilitation. (See generally Ex F., Short and Long Term Goals at 152).

B. Mr. Huerta's Young Age Supports His Request for Commutation.

1. *The Principles Underlying the Constitutional Limits on Juvenile Sentencing Support Commutation.*

Mr. Huerta's YPED is 2029, which will enable him to appear for his initial parole consideration hearing.

Current law recognizes that youth differ from adults in ways that are constitutionally significant in criminal proceedings. (See *Miller v. Alabama*, 132 S. Ct. 2455, 2469 (2012); *Montgomery v. Louisiana*, 136 S. Ct. 718, 733 (2016); Senate Bill No. 9 (2011–2012 Reg. Sess.); Senate Bill No. 260 (2013 Reg. Sess.); Senate Bill No. 261 (2015 Reg. Sess.)) These differences include “immaturity, impetuosity, and failure to appreciate risks and consequences,” “recklessness,” “heightened capacity for change,” and an inability to extricate oneself from a family or home environment “no matter how brutal or dysfunctional.” *Miller*, 132 S. Ct. at 2469. California laws recognize that those youthful characteristics remain relevant until a young person reaches their mid-20's. In 2017, the California legislature recognized that youth up to age 26 deserve special consideration of these mitigating factors. (Assembly Bill 1308 (2017 Reg. Sess.))

Consideration of the *Miller* factors demonstrate that waiting until 2029 for parole consideration is not appropriate for Mr. Huerta, who was only 20 years old at the time of his crime. His crimes did not result from irreparable corruption. He was immature and susceptible to negative peer influence, which often came from family members in the gang, further diminishing his culpability for his crime. Mr. Huerta's commitment offense stemmed from his violent, gang-infested home environment and his inability to extricate himself from his family and home environment. However, since 2012, Mr. Huerta has demonstrated precisely the growth and rehabilitation that *Miller* and *Montgomery* contemplate for young persons.

C. Mr. Huerta Understands His Causative Factors and the Devastating Impact of His Crime and Gang Lifestyle.

Despite the circumstances he grew up in, Mr. Huerta does not make excuses for his criminal behavior and continues to demonstrate remorse for his crime and early behavior in prison. Mr. Huerta has programmed extensively to understand and address the causative factors of his crime. He has worked to heal from his childhood trauma and gain insight into the patterns that led to his violent behavior and gang involvement. He has developed a comprehensive understanding of the factors from his childhood that led to his involvement with gangs, the cycle of violence in his family, and the full impact of his decision to follow in his cousins and uncles' footsteps. By addressing these factors and consequences, Mr. Huerta has been able to rehabilitate and live in amends to his community.

Today, he does not try to justify or diminish his choices and actions. Instead, he accepts full responsibility for his commitment offense and the impact it had on his victims, their families, and the community. To his victims, he writes:

“I am responsible for the agony you and your famil[ies] have endured because of my actions. I regret destroying the sense of safety [for] you and your famil[ies]. The violent crime I carried upon you is disgraceful. I regret the fear, pain, sorrow, and grief I have caused you and your family.”

(Ex. A, Remorse Letter to Omar Ramirez at 7).

Mr. Huerta is able to acknowledge his choices and behavior were driven by his criminal and gang beliefs, which “reflected the destructive lifestyle [he] was addicted to and was living at the time.” (Ex. A, Insight Statement on Rules Violation Reports at 21). He acknowledges that his early prison behavior “put people’s lives in dangers and [] perpetuated the violence that has plagued the prison system for generations.” (Id.) Today, he holds himself “fully accountable and understand[s] that [his] unlawful conduct harmed innocent people,” including the prison, the community, the victims and their families, and his own family. (Id. at 22). Further, correctional officers who have interacted with Mr. Huerta commend him for “tak[ing] personal responsibility for his actions and display[ing] good conduct and emotional intelligence. (Ex. E, Y. Sanchez’s Laudatory Chrono at 139).

D. Mr. Huerta has Extensive Parole Plans and a Strong Support Network.

Mr. Huerta has a strong support network and parole plans that will ensure a smooth transition to society. Throughout his incarceration, Mr. Huerta has maintained strong relationships with his family members and friends. His fiancé, siblings, and friends have pledged to support him in his transition to society by providing him with the necessary resources to succeed. (See generally Ex. G, Support Letters).

Mr. Huerta has further developed strong relationships with community members through his extensive involvement in self-help programming and the PFL program. (Id.) PFL Director of Programs Jon Grobman describes Mr. Huerta as “an incredible, kind-hearted person who has facilitated his rehabilitation through an effective pairing of positive thoughts and positive action.” (Ex G, Jon Grobman Support Letter at 176). President and founder of PFL Alex Tonner stated, “It is no overstatement to say that Mr. Huerta’s invaluable contributions to the PFL program have been immeasurable.” (Ex G, Alex Tonner’s Support Letter 178). Because of Mr. Huerta’s dedication to the program, PFL has pledged to offer Mr. Huerta “services that would support [him] in his transition back into the community,” “employment opportunities,” and “an enthusiastic reference.” (Ex. G, Jon Grobman’s Support Letter at 176; Ex G, Alex Tonner Support Letter 178). In her letter of support, Anti-Recidivism Coalition Manager of Storytelling and Productions Zeara Alvarez stated that she is “confident, if given the opportunity, [Mr. Huerta] will maintain a successful, productive path and continue to be a positive asset to his peers, his family, and to society,” and the Anti-Recidivism Coalition is committed to support Mr. Huerta “during and after his incarceration.” (Ex. G, Zeara Alvarez Support Letter at 185).

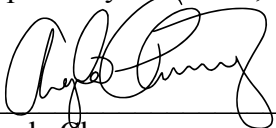
Mr. Huerta plans to parole to Los Angeles and stay in transitional housing as he adapts to life outside of prison. Despite the fact that Mr. Huerta is not yet eligible for parole hearings, non-profit organizations, such as Homeboy Industries and Insight Garden Program, and

transitional homes, such as Mass Liberation, have already pledged their support to Mr. Huerta's transition. (See generally Ex. F, Parole Plans). Upon release, Mr. Huerta plans to transfer to a California State University to earn his Bachelor's degree and work towards his Master's degree in social work. He hopes to one day use his education and personal experiences to focus on youth diversion and also provide accessible self-help resources for inmates, particularly Spanish-speaking inmates.

IV. CONCLUSION

Mr. Huerta has worked diligently and tirelessly to change his life. Despite being born into a gang and sentenced to 105 years in prison at age 20, Mr. Huerta turned away from the gangs and embraced educational and self-help opportunities to better himself and positively impact the community. He has garnered support and recognition from CDCR staff, supervisors, non-profit organizations, and fellow inmates for his notable contributions to the prison and the community at large. He has dedicated his rehabilitation to also making larger, positive impacts on the community through the Paws for Life Program and as a Ready4Life Coach facilitating self-help programs for Spanish-speaking inmates who otherwise would be unable to access these resources. His compassion and dedication inspire those around him, and his accomplishments will continue to be a positive force in society when he is released. Mr. Huerta respectfully requests that his sentence be commuted such that he is able to present himself to the Board of Parole Hearings to demonstrate that he no longer poses a danger to public safety.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Allan Krenitzky

In 1988, Allan Krenitzky fatally shot the victim, then stole his property. On June 2, 1989, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Krenitzky to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Krenitzky was 23 years old at the time of the crime and is now 60. He has been incarcerated for 36 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Krenitzky has demonstrated a strong commitment to his rehabilitation. He earned an associate degree, completed vocational training, and participated in extensive self-help programming. Mr. Krenitzky volunteers as a hospice care worker and has received commendations from correctional and medical staff for his respectfulness, positive attitude, and work ethic.

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

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

This act of clemency for Mr. Krenitzky 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 Allan Krenitzky to 36 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 18th day of April 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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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.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Allan David Krenitsky Date of Birth: [REDACTED] Inmate ID: #E21478

Address: Box 409060, 13-142L, Ione, CA. 95640 Facility: Apple Creek State Prison

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			

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

See attachment

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

See attachment

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

See attachment

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):

I have paid no money/gift to anyone to assist me in the preparation of this application.

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, Allan David Krenitsky, 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.

Allan David Krenitsky
Applicant's Signature

March 25th 2018
Date

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

My name is Allan David Krenitsky. I'm 53 years old and have served 30 years on a sentence of Life Without the Possibility of Parole (LWOP). I received this sentence in 1989 after I pled guilty to a capital murder charge with a special circumstance of robbery.

I was sentenced to LWOP because, as stated in the Probation Report issued in 1989, I represented "an extreme danger" that needed to "be removed from the community indefinitely." (Probation Report, p 13.) When that report was written, that statement was true, but it isn't anymore -- and it hasn't been for a long time.

I made two irrevocable decisions before the age of 25: I took a man's life and gave up my own. I'm asking for a commutation of my sentence because over the course of these last three decades, my personality, beliefs, and behavior have changed dramatically as a result of my experiences with a series of serious health issues, rehabilitation programs, and, perhaps most significantly, the examples set by those around me -- both good and bad.

When I committed my crimes, I was a deeply insecure youth who devoted most of his energy to hiding his perceived weaknesses under a veneer of arrogance and false bravado. I lacked the ability to think beyond the present moment. I thought the best defense was a good offense, and was willfully blind to the harm my words and actions did to others. But, over time, I have come to terms with the insecurity and anger that compelled my younger self to reckless, violent behavior. I've worked for many years to exorcise what demons I could, and to find healthy, constructive ways of dealing with the wounds that will always remain. I've also worked hard to find and encourage the good in me. And while I am deeply ashamed of some of the things I've done, I am proud of the progress I've made and the person I've become.

Years ago, I read an interview in the San Quentin Times of an inmate who'd received a commutation of an LWOP sentence. The journalist asked him how he felt about having earned and received justice. He responded that he had received mercy, not justice. That resonated with me.

I took a man's life, and therefore cannot in good conscience argue that it would be unjust to keep me in prison for the rest of mine. That is why I'm asking for mercy, in the form of an opportunity to go in front of the parole board and prove that I am a different, better man who would be a positive addition to a community, not a threat to it.

MY CONVICTIONS

Offense(s)	Dates	County of Convictions	Sentences
Burglary	1983	Los Angeles Co, CA	1 yr - Time served
Attempted Armed Robbery Strong Arm Robbery Forgery/Uttering	1984	Warren County, VA	10 yrs - 4 yrs Suspended
Capital Murder	1988	Los Angeles Co, CA	LWOP

I realize that the list of my convictions reads like a case of textbook progression, and perhaps it is, though it didn't feel that way when it was happening. When caught, I immediately admitted and pled guilty to each of these offenses. I never went to trial. This means that a lot of the details of my crimes are not available in my record. Ugly and painful as these details are, I have included them in this application, so that you can see not just what I did, but who I was.

FORMAT OF THIS APPLICATION

For organizational purposes, I'm going to examine my life in stages based on psychological health and development. While much of what follows will be in rough chronological order, some of my issues, like depression and drug use, spanned a decade or more of my life.

BECOMING A CRIMINAL

For years I had issues discussing my childhood abuse because it felt like I was trying to use it as a justification for my later behavior, which it clearly isn't. There are plenty of children who grow up in abusive homes and become healthy, productive members of society. My brother and sister are good examples of this. So, while the abuse excuses nothing, it is the source of much of the insecurity and self-loathing that drove me in my early years.

I was the third child in a middle-class family. Most of my childhood was spent in Winchester, Virginia where my father, an engineer, owned a ranch. My father was an alcoholic, and when he drank he often became violent. His favorite target was my mother, but he did not spare us kids. The beatings were often severe. I remember being stitched up at the kitchen table instead of taken to the hospital. I have bones that were broken and did not heal correctly because they were left to mend on their own, and one particularly brutal beating left me half deaf in my left ear.

Devastating as my father's abuse was, perhaps more damaging to my young psyche was being sexually abused from the ages of 5-14 by a close family friend who we kids called "Uncle Earl".

As I entered adolescence, my emotional response to being beaten by my father and molested by my uncle was that I felt weak, emasculated. Worse, I was convinced that everyone could see that weakness in me. This feeling was exacerbated by two other events in my childhood in which I was targeted by sexual predators, both of whom selected me from a group of my peers. I've since learned that abusers are able to recognize vulnerable children, but, at the time, I believed there was something about me that invited that sort of attention. This, coupled with the verbal/psychological abuse from my father, created a strong sense of self-loathing in me.

After spending a socially awkward childhood, I found my niche in my teens. The secret to my success, perversely enough, was waging a sort of war against myself. If something scared me, I felt compelled to do it, so that the other kids wouldn't see how weak and cowardly I really was. Thus, I became known as the guy who could not refuse a challenge: the first one to throw a punch in a fight or throw a rock through a window on a dare.

My daring persona garnered me a certain amount of positive attention with my peers, but every day I went home where the abuse continued, reminding me of who I *really* was. So, at the age of 16, I ran away to Los Angeles (LA) where I could finally and completely reinvent myself.

In LA, I had hoped to become “Ultimate Allan”, though I had no fixed idea of who that person was, but right from the start everything went wrong. I couldn’t find work, and, in a very short time, ended up on the street. It was not long before I was trading sex for food and a place to stay. This wasn’t at all what I’d hoped for, but I kept telling myself things would get better.

I made friends, mostly other kids my age who were on the skids, and that’s where I got my first real exposure to the criminal world. Abuse aside, I’d been a church-going, middle-class youth who sang in the choir. Initially, my conscience rebelled against stealing or being involved with drugs. But going with them when they delivered cocaine to hilltop house parties in Hollywood felt glamorous. We hung around with some older biker-types, and they talked a lot about loyalty and protecting one another, which were concepts that appealed strongly to me.

Soon, my friends were having me tag along when they robbed empty houses. I refused to go in at first, and would stand on the street and play lookout. They’d come out with the loot and give me five dollars. The money made an impression on me. I told myself they weren’t really hurting anyone, and robbing houses had to be better than what I had been doing to get by. A few months after they first started taking me along, I volunteered to go inside with them.

Though criminal life was new to me, I think I fell into it fairly easily because my middle-class home had been such a sham, with my mother and us kids hiding our bruises while we smiled at church every Sunday. It felt like whatever wrongs these “crooks” were doing, at least their problems were out in the open. At the time, that seemed cleaner to me.

BURGLARY

I’d been robbing houses for about a month when I was caught – just one day after my eighteenth birthday. After the arrest, I felt humbled and deeply ashamed of myself. I spent six months in jail in CA. When I talked to my parents on the phone they seemed to want me to come home, and I hoped that maybe while I’d been gone things had changed. So, after I got out of jail, I went back to Virginia.

ATTEMPTED ARMED ROBBERY, STRONG ARM ROBBERY, BAD CHECK

I’d returned home feeling defeated, but being back there, where my father was still drinking, and I was constantly seeing the places I’d been abused as a boy, made me feel worse than I could have imagined. Everywhere I looked I was reminded of the victim version of myself I hated.

I tried to spend as much time away from the house as possible. I connected with a couple of brothers, Scott and Ronnie Milburn, who I’d known in school. They were local hooligans who used drugs and were known to steal, drink to excess, and generally get up to no-good. I tried to impress them with stories from my time in California, all of which I greatly exaggerated. I’d

bragged and acted against my nature before, but this was when I first started creating a fictional history/character for myself.

I'd been back in Virginia about eleven months when, one day, the Milburn brothers and I went out drinking. We were low on cash, and, as usual, they started talking about some of the capers they'd pulled to get money. I began telling stories to match, and they started goading me. They said I was all talk, and that I probably hadn't done anything in L.A. One thing led to another, until, somehow, it came down to my having to snatch a purse in order to prove myself.

I'd never done anything like that and had no idea how to go about it, but I felt compelled to go through with it. They picked a spot, and I went up to the first older woman I saw, pulled my pocket knife, and demanded she give me her purse. I must have looked as scared as I felt, because she started yelling at me. I was horrified and ran away.

When I got back to where the Milburn brothers were waiting for me, they asked for the purse and I had to tell them that I'd fled without it. They laughed and laughed and laughed. Finally, I demanded to be given another chance. This time, I didn't bring the knife, because I knew I would never use it. Instead, I tried to just grab the purse and run. Between the alcohol and the fear, the details of what happened have always been a blur for me, but I know I was absolutely determined to come away with the purse, and that I did.

That same day, Scott told me he'd stolen a check, but that he didn't dare sign or cash it. Still trying to impress them, I volunteered to do it for nothing.

A day or two later, I was arrested. When I heard the details of what I'd done, especially about how the second woman was injured when I pushed her and pulled the purse away, I felt physically sick with myself. I kept thinking about the little old ladies at church, who'd always been kind to me, and what they would think of me now. It didn't take me half a minute to decide to plead guilty. At that point, I would have accepted any sentence rather than face the woman I'd hurt in court.

PRISON IN VIRGINIA

When I went to prison in Virginia one of the first things I learned was what made a "tough guy" -- and what made a victim.

Any hint of homosexuality/bisexuality was the end of all. Seeing people being victimized because it was believed that they'd engaged in non-heterosexual relationships made a very strong impression on me. My old fears and insecurities became stronger than ever, and I was determined to do whatever it took not to be a victim.

The acting skills I'd been honing since childhood kicked into overdrive. The guys in prison prized "heart", mostly meaning some sort of courage or will to fight, above all else. So, I got into a lot of fights, most of which I lost and lost badly, but I learned that it wasn't the winning that mattered as much as the trying. I also began emulating the guys around me, talking and dressing

like they did. Four years later, when I was paroled, I knew I wasn't really one of them, but I could do a fair impersonation.

My time in prison in Virginia is a turning point in my descent into criminality, because before then I didn't know who I wanted to be. The only thing I knew was that I didn't want to be weak and vulnerable. But Virginia prison gave me a solid vision of what non-victims looked like -- and, accordingly, a model of who I needed to become.

BECOMING THE MAN I THOUGHT I WANTED TO BE

Contrary to appearances, I did not pursue a path of destruction with the single-minded determination my record would indicate. Upon being released from prison in Virginia, there was a brief period of time where a different sort of life seemed possible.

When I paroled I reconnected with an old girlfriend named Brenda. She had a daughter, who, I believed at the time, was mine. We moved in together, and I got a job as an industrial mechanic. I rented an apartment and we set up house. I found that I enjoyed domestic life. Working and supporting my little household gave me a sense of worth and belonging I'd never experienced before. But, after just a few months, the old boyfriend sued for custody of the child, and rather than engage in a court battle, Brenda went back to him, taking the child with her.

This devastated me. I felt worthless and stupid for ever having believed the child was mine or that I could have made that sort of a life work. I stopped going to my job and began sleeping at family and friends' houses rather than returning to my empty apartment.

I still needed money to live, so I got a new, "tough guy" job at a biker bar, and began bragging to high heaven to anyone who'd listen about my California adventures, expanding considerably on the truth. To hear me tell it, I was Sonny Barger, Scarface, and Cool Hand Luke all rolled into one.

I lived from one moment to the next, spending as much time as I could drunk and high, and spinning my tall tales. When my Mom called to tell me that I'd missed my check-in and that my probation officer was looking for me, I was genuinely shocked, as I'd been so consumed with self-pity that I'd lost all sense of time.

While working at the bar, I attracted the attention of a young waitress named Kelly who liked listening to my stories. I became involved with Kelly, and often stayed with her at her friend's trailer. When the landlord threatened to kick everyone out, Kelly, her best friend, Wendy, and I decided to go to the place I'd spent so many hours glamorizing: Southern California.

CAPITAL MURDER

Before we left we prepared for the trip. We planned on driving Wendy's car, so Kelly sold hers, and, at my suggestion, we went and bought a gun. The gun was ostensibly for protection, but one of the things I'd learned in prison was that every self-respecting tough guy had to have a gun.

By the time we arrived in L.A, we were low on resources. The girls expected me to connect with all my high-powered biker and drug-cartel buddies, most of whom were made-up. I did look around for any of the old faces, but soon found that everyone had either moved on or was in jail.

After a couple of days, the situation became dire. There was no money for food, gas, or lodging. The pressure on me mounted by the minute. For one, these girls had trusted me and I felt responsible for them. But I also had selfish motives -- I'd worked hard to build up my image and now it was on the verge of tumbling down around me.

I was desperate to buy time. I had no plan. Thinking ahead wasn't something I was capable of, as evidenced by the predicament I was then in. I knew only one sure way to get money fast: let someone pick me up for sex.

I gave the girls a vague excuse and headed to Santa Monica Blvd. I had the gun with me, as I almost always did when I went somewhere. I wasn't there long when Dr. Berman picked me up. He took me to his place. My head was buzzing. I hadn't done anything like that in a long time and it was harder than I remembered. I kept thinking about the guys in the Virginia prison and what they'd think. At some point I knew I couldn't go through with the sex, but he'd given me the money shortly after we'd arrived at his house. I needed it, and couldn't even consider giving it back. That's when it first occurred to me to rob him.

While I'm trying to decide what to do, we are in Dr. Berman's living room, where he is trying to make conversation. I've gone quiet, and so he decides it's time to go to the bedroom. He gets up and tells me to follow. I do, feeling numb, zombie-like. As he is walking to the stairs, he unzips his pants and takes out his penis. It's then I start to feel panic. I'm reminded of being a kid, following my uncle. We approach the bottom of the stairs, and I know from when we came in that his bedroom is on the right. If I'm going to stop this, I have to act soon. I pull the gun from my waistband, thinking all I have to do is point it at him and demand his money.

As I'm doing this, images of him overpowering me and taking the gun from me are flashing through my mind. The bedroom is just a few steps away now, and the panic has gone from red to white hot. I point the gun at the back of his head. I decide to cock it before I say anything, just to give myself that much more of an advantage, but when I do, the noise is so loud in that hallway -- and it terrifies me. I know he must have heard it, that the whole thing is now inescapable, and that at any moment he is going to turn around and confront me. Before he can, I pull the trigger.

There was no coherent thought, no plan or intent. Just raw, unadulterated cowardice.

THE AFTERMATH AND PLEADING GUILTY TO LIFE WITHOUT PAROLE

After firing, my only thought was to run, but I was on the wrong side of town. I decided to take his car. I had to get the keys out of his pocket. His body had fallen at an odd angle, so that he went to his knees then fell forward, hitting the wall/door-frame and sliding down into an almost sitting position. All I remember feeling is horror as I searched his pockets and took the keys.

Once I leave, the first thing I think about is what I'm going to tell the girls. I can't let them know that I let a man pick me up for sex, so I start concocting a story. When I meet up with them, I tell them that I was hired by my friends in the Hell's Angels to "take care" of some guy. In the car, I found a plastic credit card holder that had Dr. Berman's ID on one side and two credit cards on the other. I tell the girls that I was given the car and credit cards as payment. Incredibly, they believe me.

In the hours and days that follow, I also start concocting a story for myself, something that would reconcile the tough guy image I'd adopted in Virginia prison and the thing that I'd just done. Instead of being a coward who, even with a gun in his hand, was too afraid to face a man and rob him, I become the super-straight, tough-guy who killed a homosexual because he tried to have sex with me. It's hard for even me to understand this now, but, at the time, I think this was supposed to prove how absolutely not gay I was.

After the crime, I keep talking big, using Dr. Berman's credit cards and driving his car. I made no attempt to escape. I didn't even really think about that -- or anything else for that matter. I divided my time between local motels and bars, drinking, getting high, and lying. In hindsight, I think part of me was just waiting for the police to show up and put an end to it, which they did about a week later.

As always, I admit my guilt, but say little more. At first, I try to cooperate with my Public Defender, who's been told by the Deputy DA prosecuting the case that he isn't sure he wants to seek the death penalty. (See Public Defender's Special Circumstance Update, Dated 11/22/88.) Accordingly, my attorney advised me that my sentence will likely be either 25-life or, if they do seek the death penalty, LWOP. He told me that while the DA might seek a death sentence, the chance of a jury actually sentencing me to death was slim.

In jail, I start asking around, trying to get a sense of what's in store for me. I was told by everyone that the difference between 25-to-life and LWOP was in name only, because in 1988 "killers" were not being released on parole. After hearing that, my interest shifts from my trial/defense to preparing myself to spend the rest of my life in a CA prison.

On a side note, around this time, I hear for the first time that the police believe Dr. Berman was killed "execution style" possibly while on his knees. This theory is based on the position of his body when the police arrived and the fact that the bullet was found in the carpet under him. (See Investigator's Report.) Because I never went to trial this theory was never proved/disproved. However, the police suggested it, and it was even mentioned in court, so I think it bears examination here.

Then, as now, I cannot say for certain why his body and the bullet were found as provided in the investigator's report. I shot him as described above, i.e., from behind while we were both standing. The bullet trajectory described in the autopsy report (entering beneath the left ear, and exiting from the right side of the forehead) is consistent with my recounting. (Autopsy Report, p11, 20F.) But I know all too well what it looks like. I almost think it would be easier to explain forcing

him to his knees in a fit of insanity or rage than it is to insist that it happened as I've described, especially with my history of tall tales. But, it did happen as I've described.

I can't prove what I'm saying, I wish I could. But if there's any doubt, I implore whoever is reading this to review my criminal history, which shows that I consistently went to great lengths to avoid any sort of confrontation with my victims: I ran when the elderly woman yelled at me, I committed a stabbing assault on my cellmate while he was sleeping, and, significantly, I've pled guilty to every crime I've ever committed -- I couldn't even face my victims in court. I did not shoot Dr. Berman when he was on his knees. My argument in support of this assertion is not that I was too good of a man to have done it, but that I was too much of a coward.

In 1988 - 1989, I was too focused on finding out what life in prison was going to be like to worry about clarifying facts. I talked to the guys in the jail and they gave me an overview of what to expect. A lot of what they described sounded similar to what I'd experienced in Virginia, except the prison gangs here, like the AB, had more power. Most notably for me, someone told me that when I was sent to a prison, the gang members at that prison could get my arrest/court records and read the details of my crime. Around the same time, I started hearing rumors from back home that one of the girls I'd been having sex with when I worked at the bar had HIV/AIDS.

This decided me. If I went to trial and tried to get 25-to-life, the details of my crime -- what I had really been doing at Dr. Berman's house, my childhood history of sexual abuse, and even the consensual bisexual relationships I'd engaged in while in LA as a youth, would almost certainly come out, and I couldn't allow that to happen. Besides, if I did have HIV, I would be dead in a few years anyway. So, even though as far as I knew my Public Defender was still negotiating with the DA's office concerning whether or not the death penalty would be sought, I contacted my attorney and asked if he could make a deal for LWOP. (See Public Defender's Special Circumstance Update, Dated 3/20/89.)

About a month later, the deal was made and I was off to prison.

STABBING ASSAULT ON CELLMATE

Even before I got to prison, I felt like I was being sized up by everyone around me. Puffing my chest out became my full-time occupation. While still in jail, I'd started jumping on anyone who scared me -- always in front of the guards so that they could break the fight up. I would then go into my routine, trying to convince everyone what a tough customer I was.

I wish I could say that when I got to prison I was consumed with guilt over having killed another human being, but I wasn't. I was far too focused on the present moment and on myself. Whenever any guilt or bad feelings started to squeak through, I pushed them down by wrapping my crime in ever more elaborate justifications -- my latest version was that Dr. Berman was not just a homosexual, but a pedophile, and that by killing him I had spared an unknown number of boys the suffering I had experienced.

In hindsight, I think this rationalization came about because I subconsciously redirected all the anger I felt for my Uncle Earl, and all the disgust I felt with myself for my subsequent

homosexual activities, towards Dr. Berman. The more I hated him, the less ashamed I felt. And all the while, I was careful to keep the actual details of my crime as far from my mind as possible.

Shortly after being transferred to prison I was placed in a cell with Vincent (Vinnie) Ratazak. Vinnie was known to be a violent and dangerous character. At that time, I was still running my mouth, building myself up and bragging about my time in Virginia prison. This got under Vinnie's skin. Finally, one day he publically directed an insult at me that had overt sexual undertones.

This played into my fear of being sexually victimized, and I was convinced that if I started my time in prison that way, I'd be a victim forever. Following my usual pattern, I started talking big, but when the time came to act on my threats, I was scared. I wanted to back out, but I'd already told too many people I was going to teach him a lesson. I never wanted to kill him, I didn't even really want to hurt him -- though I did. I just needed to prove to him and to everyone else that I couldn't be victimized.

The night I attacked him, I waited until he was asleep, and then, after working my courage up, I poked him with the knife to wake him up so he'd fight, and to make what I was doing feel more like self-defense -- even though it wasn't. Afterwards, I told myself that I had to do what I did, that I'd been protecting myself, but even I had a hard time swallowing it, because attacking an unarmed man in his sleep looked too much like what it was: another cowardly action.

REALIZING I HATED THE PERSON I HAD BECOME

My sentence and the stabbing assault on Vinnie gave my other tall tales a certain amount of credibility, and I began to notice other inmates treating me with something like respect -- or fear. Given where I'd been aiming, this should have made me happy, but the closer I came to being the person I thought I wanted to be, the less I liked myself.

My first real wake-up call came in 1990 on the bus ride to Pelican Bay (PB). I was being sent to the SHU as a result of my poor behavior and the stabbing assault on Vinnie. PB SHU was the tough-guy major leagues, but all I felt was scared. On the bus, there was an old convict who'd been in the SHU for about a year, and he described to us newcomers what it was like. He talked about the isolation, how there was no yard, just a concrete room to run around in circles in for an hour a day. It sounded like a dungeon.

The conversation chilled me. I remember looking out my window as we were going through the Redwood forest. It was beautiful, and all I could think was how I would never see it again. A song by Bob Seger, "Turn the Page", came into my head. The part where he sings about being up on a stage and "playing star again" spoke to me. I wondered what role I was going to have to play now. I felt disgusted with myself, and I remember thinking, over and over, "What have I done?"

The feeling of dissatisfaction lasted after I got off the bus, and I began to think for the first time about my future and how few opportunities were left to me. I had made the criminal major leagues, but I didn't like myself any better for it. In fact, I didn't like myself at all.

In 1991, I was transferred to Tehachapi Prison and assigned a psychiatrist named Dr. Haskell. I had seen therapists before, and, during my sessions, I'd spouted the same nonsense to them I did to everyone else. But Dr. Haskell got through to me. For the first time, I talked openly about my childhood: about being abused by my father, and even about Uncle Earl and the sexual abuse.

He recommended psychotherapy. I was 27-28 now, and tired of making stupid decisions and feeling out of control. The idea that some, or all of that, might be fixable, excited me, gave me hope. I'm not sure if it was the time for reflection prison had given me, or maybe it was just growing up, but I was ready to make a change.

A short time later, on Dr. Haskell's recommendation, I was sent to CMF-Vacaville, Dept of Mental Health. I was there about a month, during which time I was interviewed by therapists and psychologists to see whether I was a good candidate for their psych. program. At the end of the month, the panel met with me to inform me that I'd been rejected. A lot was said, but the words I remember most clearly were spoken by one of the psychologists who, when explaining why I wasn't a good fit for their program, said, "You hurt people, Mr. Krenitsky."

I was genuinely stunned by this. Since I'd come to prison, and even before that, I'd been so insulated by my rationalizations that I hadn't gotten a sense of how other people saw me. Afterwards, I tried to make sense of it by re-examining some of my past actions from a more objective perspective. For the first time, I explored the idea that other people might not think that the violence I had engaged in was as justifiable, or as purely defensive, as I liked to think it was.

The reaction of the hospital staff wasn't the only indicator that there was a flaw in my thinking. Since my teen years, I've been a social, talkative person. This continued in prison, but, during my interactions with prison staff, I'd noticed some of them looking at me with fear and disgust. At first, I told myself it was because they were lumping me in with all the other "animals" around me, and that they didn't realize that I was different -- that I wasn't a bad guy. The trip to CMF-Vacaville showed me how wrong I'd been. As far as the good, law-abiding people of the world were concerned, I was one of those animals.

MY EARLY ATTEMPTS AT SELF-IMPROVEMENT

The hospital visit was one of the biggest turning points in my life, because it forced me to take a long, hard look at myself. The view was sobering. I'd been emulating the "bad guys" for so long that I'd effectively become one.

My justifications still protected me from the full weight of my guilt and responsibility for the wrongs I'd done, but the thought that good people despised or were afraid of me was unbearable. I decided it was time to make a change.

Violence was the first and biggest issue I had to address. My relationship with violence is a complicated one. You would never know it judging by my actions, but violence has always been abhorrent to me. I grew up anxiously waiting for the day I'd grow strong enough to pull my father

off of my mother and be able to beat him like he beat us. From the start, violence was a source of horror in my life but, at the same time, it was a necessary tool if I wanted to protect myself and those I loved.

In 1993, I was sent to Lancaster Prison. It was a battlefield. The Whites and Southern Mexicans were at war with the Blacks and Northern Mexicans. Every day someone was being attacked/killed. A few years prior to this I would have viewed that situation as an opportunity, but I hadn't been there more than a couple of days before I realized I couldn't do it anymore -- that I didn't want to do it anymore.

After the Psych-Program debacle, I began asking around. I learned that HIV inmates were sent to CMF-Vacaville, and I knew from the time I'd spent there that those yards weren't nearly as violent as those on the mainline. I'd suspected I had the disease since shortly after my arrest, but I had been too afraid to get tested, mostly because of the stigma of homosexuality associated with AIDS/HIV at the time. But getting tested was my only way out, so I took it.

I asked to be tested in the summer of 1993, and when the results came back "positive", I was almost glad.

As soon as I got to CMF-Vacaville, I started trying to rehabilitate my image. One of the ways I did this was by using the "tough guy" reputation I'd cultivated to look out for people who were less able, or less willing, to defend themselves.

The racial politics of prison life have never sat well with me. Having grown up in Virginia, I have retained some of my southern drawl. That, and my very Eastern European surname and physical appearance, suggests to many certain racist affiliations. But one of the things that kept me from buying into the idea of racial hierarchies was the fact that I'm of Jewish descent.

In the 1990's, there was an influx of racist prison gangs, and anti-semitism was on the rise. It became increasingly common for me to see older and less physically fit Jewish inmates being harassed. I was young and spent a good portion of every day working out. I used my newfound muscles, and the image I'd cultivated on the mainline yards, to intimidate these harassers.

I almost liked this new version of me. It made me feel good to believe I was finally on the side of "right". So good, that I tattooed a star of David on my stomach and could routinely be found marching around the prison yard flaunting it.

I had tested for HIV to get away from violence, but I told myself that this was different. That the skinheads were the aggressors, and I was just defending myself and other Jews. I know now that I wasn't preventing racist violence half as much as I was provoking it, but it took me some time to figure that out.

What I couldn't, or chose not to, see at the time was that many of the guys I provoked didn't want a fight anymore than their Jewish targets did. A fair number weren't "true-believers", but were young, misguided kids new to prison and trying to fit in. Something I, with my past,

should have understood. I did get wise to myself eventually. I had the tattoo covered some years later, but once I'd started the ball rolling it wasn't easy to stop, especially as I was still highly goadable.

Botched and ultimately destructive as it was, this was my first taste of the satisfaction there was to be had in helping other people.

Another way I tried to improve myself when I got to CMF-Vacaville was by visiting HIV/AIDS patients in hospice care. Because of the widespread fear of the disease at the time, AIDS patients received medical care, but little to no human contact or emotional support. I would sit with them, bring them ice cream, and, if they wanted, hold their hand and listen to their life stories.

This is the first life choice I made that I feel entirely good about. That said, the experience was bittersweet. In those inmates, most of whom died lonely and plagued with regret, I saw my future. I learned finally and completely that there was no glamour or nobility in the life of a convict -- the life I'd chosen for myself. The romanticized vision of the criminal world that I'd based my life around crumbled.

A NEW LOW

Once the last vestiges of nobility or romanticism had been stripped from life in prison, I began to feel the full weight of the damage I'd done to my life and to the lives of those who cared for me.

When I was in my 30's, my Mom was diagnosed with breast cancer. I tried to get an interstate transfer for compassionate reasons, but it fell through and she died without my ever seeing her again. My Dad grew older and stopped drinking. My brother and sister wouldn't talk to him, so he turned to me, and in the last four or so years of his life, we began to communicate openly and honestly.

He'd been the bogeyman of my childhood, but, in the end, I forgave him, because I understood what it was to make bad, destructive choices that you regretted but were unable to change.

Also around this time, my health began to worsen. Since coming to prison, I'd also been diagnosed with HEP-C, the progression/symptoms of which were greatly intensified by the HIV meds available at the time. Things got progressively worse for me, and around 2005, my CD4 count dropped to the point of having full-blown AIDS.

I was only in my late 30's, early 40's, but death seemed very near. I sunk into myself. I had a past I hated and no future at all. There were times that I became so despondent that I attempted to hurry the process along.

From when I first entered prison, one of the ways I dealt with depression was by using illegal drugs. On the outside, I'd been more of a social user than an addict. But, in prison, with my sentence and medical problems, I began to indulge freely.

I hadn't been using for long when I decided to deal drugs in prison as well. Dealing insured access to the drugs I was using in ever-increasing quantities, and the money and influence that came with being a drug dealer was not without appeal. However, my stint as a drug dealer was short-lived, no more than a few years. I dealt drugs primarily to two kinds of people: people like myself, who were terminally ill, and people who were addicted and had been killing themselves slowly for years. The first group didn't bother me. I understood them, but the second got under my skin. Some of these addicts were young and had relatively short sentences to serve. I didn't like playing any part in their march to self-annihilation. I had enough on my conscience without adding to it.

By 2010, I'd quit habitually use drugs. I say "habitually" because for years after I'd "quit", I would, every once in a while, get high, mostly to relieve physical pain associated with my illnesses or to mentally escape when things became too bleak.

As medical treatments improved, and my health and prospects with them, I gave drugs up completely. I've now been 100% clean for the past three years. During that time I've had several serious medical issues, including the loss of my left eye. But even when my pain was at its worst, I wasn't tempted to use again. I have too much to lose now and nothing to gain. Besides, having the respect of myself and of others makes me feel better than shooting drugs into my body ever did.

My thirties through my early-mid forties was probably the least hopeful period of my life, but I learned a great deal about myself -- and not all of it was bad. My past was undeniably ugly, and my future prospects bleak, but I didn't kill myself. Even at my lowest, some part of me held on to hope. I wanted my life to be more, to mean more than what it had.

At the time, having HIV and HEP C meant that dying was not something I could avoid, but I decided that dying an ignorant, violent criminal who'd done more harm than good in his life was.

THE ASCENT: THERAPY, GROUPS, AND SELF-EDUCATION

One thing about dying was that it encouraged a lot of intense self-reflection. There I was, ostensibly at the end of my life, and I didn't really understand the first thing about me. I knew I wasn't a psychopath, I'd cried through enough Hallmark Christmas Specials to be reasonably certain of that. But, if I wasn't a psychopath, then how had I been capable of doing the terrible things I had done?

The suicide attempts and depression had gotten me sent to weekly therapy sessions. My experience with Dr. Haskell had discouraged me from getting help for some time. But, as I had to go to the sessions anyway, I decided that instead of seeing the therapist as yet another audience to dazzle, I would try to talk to them and see if I couldn't maybe learn something.

Fortunately, I had some very good and very patient therapists. I learned to talk *and* listen. Every time one of them would bring up a psychological issue during our talks, I'd ask them to recommend books that explored the subject in greater detail. I'd then get those books, read them, and come back for my next session eager to discuss what had connected for me and what hadn't.

Over time, I gained a better understanding of why I had done the things I had. Another thing that helped me gain perspective was going to groups. There, I heard other inmates' stories and was surprised by how much I had in common with some of them. This realization was not entirely positive, as some part of me still wanted to see myself as different --- better somehow.

Ultimately, I learned that the "good guy" "bad guy" distinction I'd based my earlier attempts at reform on was meaningless, because human beings are more complex than that. The same person could do good things one day and bad the next, or vice versa.

I also began to understand that having done bad in the past didn't prevent a person from doing good in the future. Some of my groups were led by men who had committed multiple murders or who had been in and out of prison half a dozen times or more before their current stint. And these same men had turned their lives around, and had devoted any number of years to helping others change too. Their reform was real -- I could tell because I saw it and because I felt it myself.

REMORSE

As a result of the revelations and insight that came from reflection, therapy, and groups, the revisionist histories I'd built around my crimes began to drop away, and, for the first time, I had to accept, fully and completely, that I, and I alone, was responsible for the things I had done.

This was easier in some instances than in others. Some of my crimes I had regretted immediately and completely, like the purse snatchings. Others I'd managed to hide from. The answer to the question I'd posed to myself above, about how, if I wasn't a psychopath, I'd been able to do the terrible things I had, was that I cut off the empathic bridge between myself and my victims by villainizing them.

Accordingly, the next step on my path to rehabilitation was unvillianizing the people I'd hurt.

I'd villainized Vinnie by telling myself that I stabbed him as an act of self-defense, because he had wanted to victimize me.

It didn't take too much reflection to realize what some part of me had always known: Vinnie and I were a lot alike. We were both big-mouths who liked playing tough guy. In reality, I don't know that Vinnie ever meant any harm toward me at all. More likely than not, he just said what he did to rattle my chain. I've said a lot of similar things myself without having any intent to do actual harm. And if someone had stabbed me every time I'd started running off at the mouth, I wouldn't have made it out of my teens. The truth is, whatever Vinnie's intentions were, there were a million and five other ways of dealing with that particular situation. I chose the one I did because

I wanted to make an impression, not just on him but on the entire inmate population of the California prison system. Vinnie wasn't the dangerous "bad guy" in that scenario, I was.

Reflecting on what I did to Dr. Berman was extremely difficult for me. For many years I had tried very hard not to think of Dr. Berman at all. When I did, I told myself he was a pedophile, like my Uncle Earl, and that by killing him I had spared children the abuse I'd suffered. This justification/rationalization of what I did is now more painful for me than any other aspect of my crime, because I not only took a man's life, but I then, for my own selfish purposes, defiled even the memory of that life.

The truth is, Dr. Berman picked up a 23 year-old man to have sexual relations with -- not a boy. If he'd wanted a child prostitute in LA in 1988, he could have found one. His death was a result of *my* psychological issues and problems with sexuality, not his.

At that time in my life, my head was a mess. I was running from myself and so wrapped up in my own chaos that I couldn't look ahead or even around me, to see the consequences of the things I was doing. But there is no justification for what happened -- for what I did. No amount of understanding, remorse, or penance on my part can give Dr. Berman his life back, or even take back the years that I spent maligning his name.

At this stage in my life, remorse and compassion for Dr. Berman comes easily but painfully. Especially now that I'm of a similar age. I'm keenly aware that I took from him the thing I am now asking for: a future. A chance for a life filled with simple, good things: to take road trips, go camping and fishing, walk on the beach, to have holiday dinners with friends and family, and to grow old surrounded by the people I love and who love me.

THE MAN I AM TODAY AND HIS REQUEST FOR MERCY

I realize that I don't have the dazzling, spotless record some of the inmates who apply for commutations do, but, for all that, the change in me is no less real or permanent.

It has been six years and four months since I've gotten a write-up. I regularly attend CGA, NA, VAOP, and Anger Management groups, and am a facilitator for CGA. I'm getting ready to finish my first semester in college, and, so far, I'm earning straight A's.

In the past few years I've developed strong relationships with people in the outside world. I'm currently in a romantic relationship with a woman I met via correspondence. We've been together for a year-and-a-half now. This relationship has been a blessing for me in so many ways. Not the least of which is that it has provided validation for all the work I've done on myself over the years. A woman like her could not love me if I had not changed, if I hadn't become a better man.

It has also helped crystallize in my mind the sort of future I'd want for myself if I were ever released from prison. At this stage in my life, I dream of simple things: going camping, going fishing on a lake, building things -- anything, just so long as it involves using power tools, and going shopping for whatever food I want and being able to cook it in my own kitchen. All I need

to be happy is a job that pays enough to live and the opportunity to spend every day I can with the people I care about.

Another thing I would like to do if I could is finish my college degree and work, or volunteer, as a counsellor serving the HIV/AIDS community. I've had the disease for over thirty years now, and it has had a profound effect on every aspect of my life. I spent 14 ½ years on segregated yards designed to house HIV inmates, and there we became like a family, regardless of things like race. It's a community I care deeply about, and I believe I have something of value to contribute to it.

As for current dangerousness, I've experienced enough violence and misery to last ten lifetimes, and there isn't any aspect of criminality that has the least appeal to me anymore. There hasn't been for a long, long time. Besides, I wouldn't make much of a criminal even if I was so inclined. I'm 53 years old and have a whole litany of health issues: long-term HIV, cirrhosis of the liver, I'm half deaf in one ear, and I lost part of my left foot, and, more recently, all of my left eye due to infection caused by inadequate medical care. Plus, I have more aches and pains than I have room to list. Bad as that may sound, advancements in medical science have made it possible for me to live longer than I ever imagined possible, and I hope that there are a good number of productive years left ahead of me.

As for triggers and old bad habits, some of them I battled through, and some of them I aged out of. Feeling that I had to prove my masculinity was the personality defect that caused the most grief when I was young. But I'm getting to be an old man now, and it has been a very long time since that sort of thing held any sway over me. I now know that there are as many ways to be a man as there are men, and all the "tough guy" stupidity I bought into as a young kid doesn't do anything but mess up people's heads. On a related note, any questions I ever had about my sexuality were answered a long time ago, and I no longer feel shamed or emasculated by either the abuse I suffered as a child or the consensual relationships I engaged in later on.

A few other things I lacked in my youth that came with age and experience are insight, foresight, and the ability to accept responsibility for the things I've done. I believe most of this has been covered in the sections above, so I won't reiterate it in too much detail here. But over the years I've gained insight, or the ability to look beyond a person's words or actions to try to find the source of the feelings that compelled them. It's a normal, natural part of my life now, and I can't imagine navigating the world without it.

I feel similar about thinking ahead and trying to surmise the likely consequence of the things I'm saying and doing. It's so natural for me to plan and consider now that not doing it seems impossible, hopelessly irresponsible, and just plain stupid.

Accepting, internally and externally, the full responsibility for the things I've done has been more difficult for me. Inside of myself, I *always* know where the blame lies, but, every once in a while, especially when I'm talking to someone I admire or want to impress, I find myself "rationalizing" or making excuses. When that happens, I have to stop, try to shake off my

defensiveness, and start again. It is sometimes hard to live under the shadow of the terrible things I've done, but I feel like I owe complete honesty to my victims. It's the least I can do.

On a related note, I have a well-documented history of self-aggrandizing and telling tall tales. I know now that, in my own way, I was trying to give myself the illusion of having value because I really felt worthless. I didn't think anyone would like or respect who I really was, so I had to create a "better" version of me. The problems this caused are many. Over time, I learned that you can't have real relationships or form genuine connections with people when you're lying to them. Even if they don't find out -- which they eventually will -- they aren't connecting with you, the real person you, but with a fantasy version of yourself. It's ultimately an empty relationship for both parties. There were plenty of times in my young life when I had a large circle of "friends" and still felt completely cut-off and alone.

I don't know what specifically changed me here, but I think one of the things that helped was cleaning up my act. When I wasn't actively doing stupid things, I didn't feel as stupid, and when I did good things, I felt good. It gave me a sense of worth I'd never had. All I know for certain is that several years ago I got tired of always being "on the stage". It was exhausting. And I was even more tired of being alone. These days, I'd rather have one genuine friendship with a person who knows how stubborn and persnickety I can sometimes be, and that I'm not the world's toughest or coolest character, than have half a dozen people admiring how well I can fake it.

And, finally, violence is another thing I have struggled with throughout my life. As I mentioned above, I used to think of violence as a defensive tool. However, that rationalization no longer works for me. Tools help build things, violence only tears things down. Over the years, I've learned how to talk things out, and, perhaps more importantly, how to walk away when I can't. I don't know how to say it except to say that violence has lost its shine. Everything bad in my life can be traced back to violence in one form or another. Sometimes I was the victim and sometimes I was the villain, but it was always the same result: misery. I have things in my life now that I want and people who I love and who love me. I have hope, and I wouldn't dirty my life, or risk what I have now for anything in the world.

CONCLUSION

I have spent a total of 34 years of my life in prison. At this point, no aspect of the criminal lifestyle holds any sort of appeal for me. Quite the opposite. I know all too well where those roads lead.

In recent years, the laws have been changing to take into account data gained from scientific studies that have shown that human brains do not fully develop until the age of 25. (See Attached Letter from Tracy Young, Staff Attorney for Board of Parole Hearings). The results of these studies have always interested me, because, while I did not become a "good" man at 25, all of my most violent and destructive decisions, i.e., to shoot Dr. Berman, to stab my cellmate, and even the decision to plead guilty to life without parole rather than go to trial in order to save face, were all made when I was under the age of 25. Back then, I was so short-sighted that even now I have trouble understanding what I was thinking, or, more accurately, why I wasn't thinking.

That young man belonged in prison. If I hadn't been arrested when I was, it is all too likely that I would have gone on doing reckless, stupid things, and that more people would have been hurt. That said, I've done a lot of living and growing over these past 30 years, and the man I am now is not the man I was. For me, there is no possibility of a relapse into my old ways, because I cannot turn back time and unlearn all the things I now know.

Having spent so much of my life dying, I know the value of every minute of every day. And I was ashamed and alone for so long that it is impossible for me to take someone's faith and affection for granted. I know, from hard-won experience, that there is no greater honor than to win the trust and good opinion of people I respect. I could not forget these lessons. I could not be tempted into throwing the only things of value in my life away. It's just not possible.

On July 3, 1988, I took Bernard Lawrence Berman's life, and I will carry the guilt and responsibility for that with me for the rest of my days. I've spent untold hours praying for forgiveness and searching for ways to make amends, to level the scales, so to speak. But I don't think it can be done -- not really. All I can do is be the best person I can be, and show respect for him by never denying or attempting to justify the great wrong I did him.

This is my plea for mercy. I am asking you for an opportunity to one day go before the parole board and prove that I have changed, and to show that I am now someone who would find great happiness in the ordinary, and strive for the remainder of my life to do good, and to make a positive contribution to society.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Addendum: Character letters are available upon request. Time was a concern, so I'm sending this without.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Cleveland Lindley

In 1995, Cleveland Lindley committed an armed robbery. On December 26, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. Lindley to 75 years to life for three counts of robbery plus 30 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 105 years to life.

Mr. Lindley was 25 years old at the time of the crime and is now 55. He has been incarcerated for more than 29 years. While in prison, Mr. Lindley has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has participated in extensive self-help programming and maintained a positive work history. He lived in an honor dorm before transferring to another prison and participated in a service dog training program. Prison staff have commended Mr. Lindley for his compassion, maturity, and strong work ethic.

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

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

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

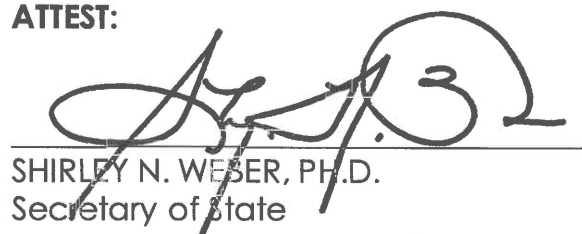
THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Cleveland Lindley to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon grant of parole 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 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



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





OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

APPLICATION FOR A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Complete this application to request a commutation of sentence (a reduction of sentence/punishment) from the Governor. 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 www.gov.ca.gov/clemency or mail a request for information to: Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, Sacramento, CA 95814. There is no application fee and a lawyer is not required to apply for a commutation.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary.)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Cleveland Lindley Date of Birth: [Redacted]
CDCR Number: E43370 Social Security Number: [Redacted]
Name of Facility/Prison: California Institution for Men Facility/Prison Address: [Redacted]

1. Conviction Summary (Note: The Governor’s Office will review a complete copy of your criminal history report.)

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, County of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: 2nd Degree Robbery (PC 212.5 B), 10/9/1995, San Bernardino County, 105 years. 3 Life Sentences.

Were you under 26 years of age at the time of the crime(s) for which you are seeking a commutation of sentence? [X] YES [] NO

Table with 4 columns: Crime(s), Date(s) of conviction, Location of conviction(s), Sentence(s). Row 1: 2nd Degree Robbery PC 212.5 (B), 5/30/1989, 6/16/1989, 6/17/1989, 4/24/1989 San Bernardino County. Row 2: 2nd Degree Robbery PC 212.5 (B), 6/10/1989, 10/9/1995, Los Angeles County, 7 years total (including both lines)

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

On October 9, 1995 I intentionally used a gun to rob a McDonalds. I used hostility, fear, and intimidation as a means to force the workers to give me \$600 for my selfish gain.

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

A commutation would be a mercy that would allow me to be 100% present with my family and community. My mother is currently bed ridden after having a stroke, being there for her during this time would be the ultimate liberation.

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).

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

I, Cleveland Lindley, 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 San Bernardino County. *(Name of County or Counties)*

Applicant Signature

10/24/2023
Date

Submit this completed 2-page form to the **Office of the Governor, Attn: Legal Affairs/Parole and Clemency, 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, 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.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

George Lucev

In 1983, George Lucev and his crime partner planned to kill the victim, and the crime partner later fatally stabbed him. On June 28, 1985, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Lucev to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Lucev was 20 years old at the time of the crime and is now 62. He has been incarcerated for 42 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Lucev has demonstrated a strong commitment to his rehabilitation. He engaged in extensive self-help programming, completed vocational training, earned his GED, and completed college courses. He also helped expand a fitness program for disabled incarcerated people, for which he was commended by an associate warden.

Mr. Lucev committed a serious crime that took the victim's life. Since then, he has dedicated himself to his self-improvement and serving his community. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Lucev'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. Lucev merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

This act of clemency for Mr. Lucev 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 Lucev 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 18th day of April 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**In re George Samuel Lucev
Petitioner,**

**Application for
Commutation of Sentence**

**Case No. A903668
(Los Angeles County Superior Ct.)**

**APPLICATION FOR
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APPLICATION FOR A COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

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APPLICANT INFORMATION
(Attach additional pages as necessary.)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Lucev, George Samuel Date of Birth: [REDACTED]/62
CDCR Number: D-10108 Social Security Number: _____
Name of Facility/Prison: Mule Creek State Prison Facility/Prison Address: PO Box 409090, Ione CA 95640

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):
First Degree Murder	May 3, 1984	Los Angeles	LWOP
PC 187, 190.2 (15), 190.2 (a)(1), 190.2 (b)			

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):
N/A			

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

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

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Please see attached.

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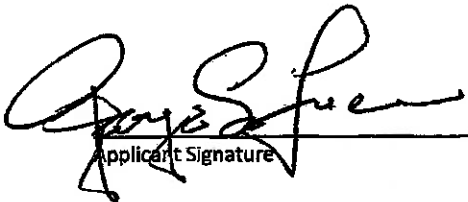
Please see attached.

APPLICANT DECLARATION

Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent

I, George Samuel Lucev, 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

2/11/2021
Date

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ADDENDUM TO THE APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Introduction

TO THE HONORABLE GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

Pursuant to Penal Code section 4800 and Article V, Section 8, of the California Constitution, Petitioner George Samuel Lucev is requesting that the Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom commute his sentence of **life without the possibility of parole to an indeterminate sentence of 25 years to life with the possibility of parole.** Mr. Lucev has no prior arrest history. He was received into the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) on July 8, 1985, subsequent to his conviction for Murder in the 1st degree, with special circumstances (financial gain).

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Petitioner, George Samuel Lucev, was found guilty by jury on April 10, 1985, for first-degree murder with special circumstances (financial gain). On January 21, 1983, Vladimir Walter Jelenic was stabbed to death by Michael Pena (age 17) as he entered his residence. The investigation revealed that George (age 20), and the victim's wife, Donna Jelenic (age 38), with whom George had been having a sexual relationship for 5 years prior to the murder, had solicited Michael Pena to murder Mr. Jelenic. Evidence adduced at trial indicated that George and Donna Jelenic solicited Mr. Pena who accepted the proposition for payment of \$5,000.00.¹ Pena later testified at trial under a grant of immunity that George expected to marry Donna and to manage Vladimir's hardware store after the killing.

¹ See Probation Officer's Report, attached hereto at Exhibit B.

George feels deep remorse for his reckless and heinous conduct. He accepts full responsibility for his actions and the senseless murder of Vladimir Jelenic and the lifelong suffering his family, friends, and the entire close-knit San Pedro Croatian community have endured.

George has matured significantly throughout his 38 years of incarceration. His ability to understand the motivations behind the murder of Mr. Jelenic has evolved through the many therapeutic programs and rehabilitation options offered by CDCR.

For many years, George did not understand that he had been the victim of sexual abuse. He believed, as many in society still do, that minor boys are not victimized and do not suffer adverse consequences by being seduced by adult women into having sexual relationships. In many areas of society, it is considered a badge of achievement for a teenage boy to have been chosen as a sexual partner by an adult woman. George now clearly sees the devastation caused not only in his own life but also in the lives of his victims by having been sexually abused by his co-defendant, Donna Jelenic, coupled with his own character defects.

The record demonstrates that since the age of fifteen, George was groomed and manipulated by Donna, a close family friend who was nearly twenty years his senior, into participating in a sexual relationship.² The impact of this abuse on his emotional development was devastating in many ways, not the least of which was that he was drawn into and asked to solve Donna's very adult problems, which as a teenager he was completely unequipped to do. This inappropriate sexual relationship combined with his teenage immaturity and defects of character created an intense loyalty to Donna, making George extremely vulnerable to Donna's

² See Probation Officer's Report, attached hereto at Exhibit B.

manipulation in turning him against Vladimir, a man who had been a second father to him, and taking steps to bring about his murder.

The impact of Donna's sexual abuse of George can also be seen in his decision not to accept a plea of 15 years-to-life offered by the District Attorney. George turned down the plea because it would have required him to testify against Donna, which he could not bring himself to do. For this reason, he went to trial and was ultimately convicted and sentenced to LWOP. It is important to note that the District Attorney's plea offer indicates that a sentence of 15 years-to-life was considered fair for the level of George's involvement in the crime. Donna Jelenic was also convicted and sentenced to LWOP.

In 2018, Donna's LWOP sentence was commuted by then-Governor Brown to life with parole³, and in 2019 she was released from prison after being found suitable by the parole board. George's other co-defendant, Michael Pena, the actual killer, received a sentence of 15 years-to-life. Pena remains in prison today because of multiple denials of parole suitability.

Regardless of George's state of mind and the extenuating circumstances presented herein, George committed an unspeakable act and he deserved to be punished to the full extent of the law at that time. However, justice will be greatly served by a grant of commutation for George Lucev today.

CAUSATIVE FACTORS

For many years George refused to accept the fact that he was powerless over drugs and his unhealthy desire for acceptance from women. Unfortunately, it took his life crime to force him to come to terms with this. Years of therapy, prayer, and self-help programs have given

³ See Commutation of Donna Jelenic, attached hereto at Exhibit J.

George significant insight into the motivations that led him to commit his crime, and the harm he has brought to the Croatian Community. He has detailed his criminal causative factors in a 17-page essay entitled Insight Into Causative Factors, Impact of Crime, Responsibility and Remorse.⁴ Below are some of the underlying reasons why he committed his life crime:

Greed – George had an insatiable desire to obtain financial wealth by any means possible

Vindictiveness – George had a desire to seek revenge or pay back perceived wrongs with a greater wrong

Recklessness – George had a disregard for the danger or safety of self or others

Unhealthy desire for acceptance – George had become psychologically dependent upon others' acceptance of him (especially, women)

Inability to deal with life's stressors – George lacked the coping tools to deal with stressors of life, resorting to reliance of other defects

Extreme short-term thinking – George lacked purpose, direction, and future goals; he only focused on the present and did not envision a future beyond the immediate days, weeks and months

Impulsivity – George lacked discipline and self-control in managing urges and impulses

Poor choices & decision-making skills – George was incapable of identifying, assessing, and creating options and then choosing the best alternative

Lack of emotional control and other negative feelings – George lacked the ability to control his emotions unto negative actions; and experienced negative self-talk that overpowered his rational mind

Manipulation – George would try to obtain what he wanted through lying, conning, and taking advantage of a person by whatever means necessary

Irresponsibility – George did not care about the consequences of his actions, and did not practice responsible behavior

POSITIVE FAMILY & SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

Despite his 38 years of incarceration, George has maintained strong ties with his family through visits, letters, and authorized phone calls. He has also developed positive relationships

⁴ See Statement of Insight, attached hereto at Exhibit C.

with several correctional staff and free-staff members who either endorse his request to have his sentence commuted to life with the possibility of parole or have written letters/chronos affirming his positive changes and long-term growth. Such supporters include Wendy Burgess, retired Correctional Counselor for whom George worked as a clerk for nearly two years; April Eckhart, Staff Services Analyst and Self- Help Sponsor at Mule Creek State Prison; Jared Seide, Executive Director of Center for Council; Anne Lent, Altoona Full Gospel Church Prison Ministry; Chaplain Matthew Feldmeth; his mother Rina Lucev; and his brother Daniel Lucev. All of these individuals attest to the growth in George's character, emotional and spiritual development, and insight and remorse.

NOTABLE QUOTES

Retired Correctional Counselor Wendy Burgess writes, "I met George Lucev in the mid-1980's at CCI, where I was employed as a Correctional Sergeant in Culinary. He was assigned as a kitchen worker. He was always personable, worked hard, and was well thought of by both correctional staff and inmates. He made an impression as a capable and trustworthy worker and human being.

"I next saw Lucev while assigned as a Correctional Counselor-I at CSP-LAC. He was assigned to me as a Clerk for nearly two years. He proved to be a valuable asset to me in my position in a Level IV housing unit...Lucev had a calm and sincere manner which allowed him to serve as intermediary on several occasions and defuse situations not only between inmates but between inmates and staff. He performed his job with ease and his praiseworthy reputation resulted in him being requested to fill vacancies in other administrative offices from time to time.

"I had several occasions to discuss with him his commitment offense. It so happened that I had previously worked in CIW as an Acting Sergeant in the mid-1980's, and I worked with his co-defendant. Like Lucev, she was competent and articulate and easy to work with in her clerical position. This gave me additional insight into the offense which brought Lucev to prison as a young man. After reviewing his commitment offense and the totality of the circumstances, I urged him more than once to seek assistance in somehow fighting for a resentencing. It seemed to me at the time his sentence was extreme and not consistent with the sentences of his co-defendants.

"I wholeheartedly recommend Lucev be granted a sentence commutation and the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings for eventual release."⁵

⁵ See Support Letter, attached hereto at Exhibit E.

April Eckhart, Staff Services Analyst and Self-Help Sponsor at MCSP writes, "Please let this letter serve as a request to consider commutation of sentence for G. Lucev. I have known George for many years now through various self-help groups which I have sponsored or covered for other self-help sponsors. He is a positive influence for the members in the groups when it comes to his recovery and his peers respect him and his opinions on personal matters in their lives. George is very dedicated to his recovery in his groups as well as helping others with their recovery and self-growth. George is a great asset to all of the self-help groups he attends and facilitates. He should be commended for all his hard work and dedication to his recovery and helping other inmates with their recovery as well.

"In the time I have known George, I have seen tremendous growth in his character and thought process mentally, emotionally and spiritually. He has been respectful to all staff, his peers, and myself at all times that I have interacted with him or observed him in groups or on the yard. I believe putting Mr. Lucev back out into the community will be an asset for everyone he comes in contact with. I believe he will be a productive member of society and give back to whatever community he resides in."⁶

Then-Correctional Lieutenant G. Noguchi writes, "Inmate LUCEV is assigned as a PIA Food & Beverage Packaging. I have personally had the privilege to supervise Inmate LUCEV as a Sergeant and as a Lieutenant here at MCSP. I have witnessed Inmate LUCEV report to work on time with a positive attitude and maintain a professional working relationship with staff and inmates. LUCEV takes pride in its work and assures a clean environment for all. LUCEV has even gone above and beyond to help other inmates sanitize their living conditions and the community showers other inmates share. LUCEV continues to remain disciplinary free and is always trying to better himself for society."⁷

CALPIA Superintendent II Tony Tozi writes, "Throughout the last two years inmate Lucev has been trained and certified as a machine operator on the (ARTYPAC-75H) Horizontal packaging machine. He has been an exemplary employee and has shown he works well with staff and inmates alike. Lucev has good work ethic and has been punctual on his daily attendance to work. In addition, whenever a new employee needs assistance he takes time to explain how production is expected to proceed and attempts to mitigate any confusion on the production line. He should be commended for his above-average attitude."⁸

EDUCATION

Despite the many restrictions to educational/vocational opportunities for an inmate serving a sentence of LWOP within the CDCR, George has taken advantage of each of them.

⁶ See Support Memorandum, attached hereto at Exhibit E.

⁷ See CDCR-128B, attached hereto at Exhibit H.

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He earned his High Equivalency Certificate and went on to participate in Ohio University's Independent Study Program in 1997, receiving a grade of A.

Through California's Prison Industry Authority (CAL-PIA), George became certified in industrial dryer safety & operation, Food & Beverage Packaging proficiency, proper cleaning and sanitation, operation controls and safety. He completed the ServSafe California Food Handler Assessment, successfully completed TPC Training's study of Cleaning Chemicals. He later became a Certified Washroom Technician through the Association of Linen Management.

In 2020, he commenced taking classes in Vocational Computer and Related Technology. His instructor, T. Neeley, noted that although his performance has been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, he "continued to participate exceptionally well by completing all assigned homework on time and to the best of his ability."

YOUTHFUL CHARACTERISTICS

Without question, at the age of 20, George was an impulsive drug addict whose life was unmanageable. George clearly lacked the coping skills to make prosocial choices. He was unable to appreciate the consequences of his actions. His susceptibility to negative peer and adult influences and rash behavior was undeniable. However recent scientific evidence has shown that young adult development in certain areas of the brain, specifically, those affecting judgment and decision-making, do not fully develop until the early to mid-20s. Numerous studies have confirmed that the process of brain development continues well beyond the age of 18. This research has been relied upon by judges and lawmakers. George is well aware he does not qualify for Senate Bill 261 consideration. However, his age of 20 at the time of his life crime should be a relevant factor when considering his commutation request.

As noted above, George was twenty years old at the time of the crime. While the U.S. Supreme Court decisions issued since 2005 (e.g., *Roper v. Simmons*, 543 US 551 (2005); *Graham v. Florida*, 560 US 48 (2010); *Miller v. Alabama*, 567 US 460 (2012)) directly relate to children under the age of 18, key research in juvenile development has established the adolescent brain does not fully mature until around age 25. In *Roper*, the Supreme Court noted that young people "are more susceptible to negative influences and outside pressures; lack the ability to extricate themselves from crime-producing settings; and have difficulty weighing long-term consequences." It is clear that all of these factors played a significant role in George's situation.

As noted above, numerous studies have confirmed that the process of brain development (especially in the areas of judgment and decision-making) continues into the mid-20's. This research has been relied upon by judges and lawmakers, and are the basis for a series of California laws providing for special Youth Offender Parole hearings. Unfortunately, SB 260, SB 261, and AB 1308 all exclude people serving LWOP. However, if George's LWOP sentence were to be commuted, he would become eligible for a Youth Offender Parole hearing under AB 1308.

EVIDENCE FOR SAFETY IN RELEASING LONG-TERM PRISONERS

There is substantial evidence showing that convicted murderers who have served twenty or more years have an extremely low recidivism rate. A landmark case, *Unger v. Maryland*, provides important information in this regard in the form of a "natural experiment." In *Unger*, approximately 185 prisoners, most of whom had been convicted of murder and rape and had been incarcerated for decades, were released in 2012 when their convictions were overturned due to unconstitutional jury instructions. According to the November 2018 report, "The Ungers: 5

Years and Counting,"⁹ all but one of those released were safely reintegrated into society. The report argues for a "reconsideration of policies that continue to lock people up based solely on the severity of their underlying offense," including people like George. It also underscores the cost savings (an estimated \$100 million in the first year alone) which could be achieved by reducing Maryland's geriatric prison population.

Public safety concerns over releasing violent offenders can also be addressed by strong research findings on recidivism rates for convicted murderers. For example, according to the Center on Media, Crime, and Justice at John Jay College, "Of 368 convicted murderers granted parole in New York between 1999 and 2003, six, or 1.6 percent, were returned to prison within three years for a new felony conviction—none of them a violent offense." As well, "Life in Limbo,"¹⁰ a 2011 Stanford University study of 860 murderers paroled in California, noted that only five returned to prison for new felonies, and none for murder.

PAROLE PLANS

George has extremely well thought out and detailed relapse prevention and parole plans,¹¹ and excellent support from family and friends. His mother Rina and brother Daniel will do everything possible to assist him in his transition to the community. George has been accepted by two transitional houses (Eden Ministries and Optima Transitional) and has been offered employment by Matthew Feldmeth of Hollywood Impact Studios and Santa Barbara Surfacing.

CONCLUSION

⁹ See Report, attached hereto at Exhibit K.

¹⁰ See Report, attached hereto at Exhibit L.

¹¹ See Relapse Prevention & Parole Plans, attached hereto at Exhibit F.

George is no longer the same person he was when he committed his life crime. His ability to understand the motivations behind his crime has evolved through the therapeutic processes offered by the CDCR, and he has been disciplinary-free for the past five years. His programming and Christian lifestyle have allowed him to identify his past defects of character and the causative factors of his criminality. This was only done through hard work and his unwavering commitment to self-analysis. He has written a detailed relapse prevention plan which has enabled him to manage stressors while imprisoned and will assist him in the free community. His rehabilitation has enabled him to have the coping skills to flourish in prison and, God willing, perhaps someday in the free community.

Mr. George Samuel Lucev respectfully requests that the **Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom commute his sentence of life without possibility of parole to an indeterminate sentence of 25 years to life with the possibility of parole** because George is a rehabilitated inmate. He continues to better himself through institutional programs, his religious services and self-therapy. His commitment to Jesus Christ is unwavering and has enabled him to have the coping skills and prosocial mentality to make the right choices.

Respectfully Submitted,



Susan E. Lawrence, M.D., Esq.

Dated: 02/27/2021

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Mario Magallon

In 1998, Mario Magallon committed several robberies. During one robbery, he forced the victims to drive to another location. During another robbery, Mr. Magallon and his crime partner beat and injured the victim. On March 30, 2000, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Magallon to 50 years to life for two counts of kidnapping to commit robbery and 50 years to life for two counts of robbery, plus eight years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 108 years to life.

Mr. Magallon was 29 and 30 years old at the time of the crimes and is now 56. He has been incarcerated for 26 years. While in prison, Mr. Magallon has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has participated in extensive self-help programming, completed vocational training, earned his GED, and taken college courses. He is currently training to become a certified alcohol and drug specialist. Correctional officers and staff have commended Mr. Magallon for his work ethic, reliability, and teaching ability.

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

Mr. Magallon committed serious crimes. Since then, Mr. Magallon has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Magallon's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Magallon 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. Magallon 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 Mario Magallon to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon 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 28th day of August 2025.



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GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

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



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APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Mario Magallon Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 68 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]

Address: Valley state prison, P.O. Box 92, Chowchilla, CA. 93610

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):
Robbery (Attempted)	1992	LOS ANGELES	32 months
Robbery 2nd	1992	LOS ANGELES	(same sentence)
SEE Attachment please			

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

see Attachment

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

see Attachment

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

see Attachment

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

2. Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation:

In 1998 I kidnapped and robbed Mr. Gabriel Sanchez as he was delivering a pizza. Days later I kidnapped and robbed Mr. Garcia as he was leaving a liquor store. Additionally, on two separate occasions I robbed Mr. Alfaro. As a result of these choices I was subsequently sentenced under the "Three-Strikes" law to 108-Years to Life.

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation:

In 2005 I was the victim of a battery during which time I was stabbed. This traumatic event had a significant impact upon me as I found myself not thinking of me, but of those who I had victimized, Mr. Sanchez, Mr. Garcia, and Mr. Alfaro. Everything I was feeling: scared, confused, unsure about the future, wondering why me; I realized then these were the things that I had caused them to feel. The difference is that I made choices in my life which put me in dangerous situations, whereas they were each going about their day-to-day lives when I forced my way into their day, ruining their sense of peace and security, traumatizing and victimizing them and countless others. Since the time of my own assault I have taken steps to change my life. In 2006 I sought help making these changes by enrolling in self-help programs. With the help of these programs I have come to many realizations about myself and the belief system I had then. Through these programs I have developed a new belief system and can honestly say that I no longer engage in criminal thinking or behaviors. With the help of these programs I have been able to take on the mindset that one less criminal, means one less crime, means one less victim. I now strive to be of service to those in need, contributing to my community through positive behavior.

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

I do not believe that I should be granted a pardon or commutation. I accept and understand that as a result of the choices I made at that time to victimize others, I was sentenced according to the law. It is my hope that mercy be shown to me in the form of this review process which takes into consideration the changes I have been able to make to become who I am today as a result of my continuous and ongoing self-discovery and recovery efforts.

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 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, Marib Magallon, 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 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.

Marib Magallon 7-30-18
Applicant's Signature Date

*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

Karina Poncio

In 2000, Karina Poncio's crime partner fatally shot one victim and injured a second in a gang-related confrontation. On January 23, 2003, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, sentenced Ms. Poncio to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Ms. Poncio was 21 years old at the time of the crime and is now 47. She has been incarcerated for 24 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Ms. Poncio has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation. She has engaged in extensive self-help programming, completed vocational training, and earned three associate degrees. Ms. Poncio is currently training to become a certified alcohol and drug specialist and has been commended by prison staff for her excellent work ethic, respectful demeanor, positive programming, and communication skills.

Ms. Poncio committed a serious crime that took one victim's life and injured a second. Since then, Ms. Poncio has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Ms. Poncio's positive conduct in prison, the fact that she was a youthful offender, and her good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Ms. Poncio merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for release on parole.

This act of clemency for Ms. Poncio 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 Karina Poncio to 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



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GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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



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.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Karina L. Poncio Date of Birth: [REDACTED] 1978 Inmate ID: W97734
Address: PO Box 1508 Chowchilla, Ca 93410 Facility: CCWF

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):
<u>Vandalism</u>	<u>1993-1997</u>	<u>Orange</u>	<u>Juvenile Hall</u>
<u>Juvenile Record</u>	<u>1993-1997</u>	<u>Orange</u>	<u>CYA (Ventura)</u>

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

At the age of 21 I was an active gang-member of a criminal street gang. On May 5, 2000 I willingly and deliberately drove through the streets of what I knew were "rival territory". I did so with the intention of running into guys from the alley boys street gang. I
(see attached)

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

I am requesting a commutation as a result of the indeterminate sentence I received for a crime I committed at the age of 21. I am pleading to those allotted the duty of making such decisions to reconsider my sentence and afford me the opportunity to go before the Board
(see attached)

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

At last I have built up the courage to request a commutation. All these years I was living my life as if I had no other alternative than to succumb to growing old and dying in prison.

Today, I am humbly asking for an opportunity to prove that I am capable
(see attached)

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):

N/A

1 found myself at a two-way stop when I spotted two vehicles
 2 one to my right and the other to my left. It was at that
 3 moment that I was faced with the decision that would to my
 4 detriment change the course of my life forever.

5 The guys in the vehicle to my left appeared to be gang
 6 members, hence the turn I took. I approached their
 7 vehicle and asked them what gang they were from. Prior to
 8 their response having been completed, my co-defendant
 9 (the passenger in my vehicle) fired in their direction. I
 10 sped away unbeknownst to the outcome of my recklessness.
 11 I later learned that Juan Villa was shot; however, fled the
 12 scene and Juan Guillen (the passenger) died of a gunshot
 13 to his head.

14 A fatality occurred due to my irresponsible and
 15 reckless life style. I was the reason for lives to have
 16 been emotionally and mentally scarred permanently.

17 I was eventually charged with murder and found
 18 guilty of the crime I indeed committed. I was sentenced
 19 to life without the possibility of parole.

1 of parole in order that I may one day be considered suitable
2 for parole.

3 I was left hopeless at a young age when I was told matter-
4 of-factly that I would die in prison. Such statements were
5 perhaps well deserved; nevertheless, it was ~~around~~ mental
6 punishment being imposed on a young adult at best. By
7 saying that I would like to assure that I am in no way
8 undermining the severity of the crime.

9 What I am requesting is the chance to establish as true
10 the distinction between the woman I am (and have become), as
11 opposed to the child I was upon arriving to prison.

12 Furthermore, the shift in laws and bills that have recently
13 taken place are an opportunity for somebody like myself
14 to fight for my freedom. The adjustments that are occurring
15 in the justice system provide hope for those of us with the
16 incentive to change. I am literally begging that my request
17 be taken into consideration. I am terrified of my case being
18 ~~looked~~ over-looked

19 By being commuted my achievements and accomplishments
20 can be noticed and evaluated by the Board of Parole and
21 ultimately decide whether or not to find me suitable. I
22 have no doubt I can achieve suitability.

23 I have been incarcerated almost two decades. Please
24 consider commuting my life without parole sentence I
25 received for the crime I committed at 21 years old.

1 of living my life as it was intended to do so — in a healthy
2 manner, as well as proving to be productive to society.

3 I have indeed lost years of my life here; nevertheless,
4 in the midst of it all I gained knowledge and acquired
5 tools that have assisted me in transforming into the person I
6 have become. I opt to perceive this experience as having
7 saved my life.

8 In the year 2000 I was young and immature to say the
9 least. I knew nothing and did not have the capacity to
10 fully comprehend life's worth. I committed a horrendous crime
11 that caused pain to a number of people without any regard.

12 I am now a few months short of 40 yrs. old and am a
13 woman whose thoughts and actions differ largely in comparison
14 to what they were in my youth.

15 A commutation should be granted for two reasons. I can
16 assert with confidence that I am not the person I use to
17 be. Growth and maturity have taken its course in my life and
18 as a result the manner in which I think and react has
19 evolved positively. Also, I am now a person who desires
20 to give back to society by advocating to and for those
21 children who are going through similar situations as I once
22 did. I want to shine light on my mistakes, further emphasizing
23 on the dire consequences that follow. Young people need to see
24 the affect that our choices have directly and indirectly on our
25 victims and families — on society as a whole.

26 Furthermore, I have a fire that has ignited inside of me
27 longing to prove that change is in fact possible.

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1 I was born into a family I wasn't aware was dysfunctional.

2 My father was an alcoholic and my mother was an emotionally and
3 mentally abused woman. She stayed with my father inspite of the
4 abuse she was enduring.

5 My father eventually reached a point in his life that was compe-
6 lling enough to force him to make the change to save his life or die.
7 I was 4 years old when he discovered A.A. and from that point
8 on everything my dad lived for pivoted. Alcoholics Anonymous became
9 the second most important thing in his life after his children.

10 At that point in my life I thought we were a "normal" family.
11 We did everything together as a family. We traveled — mostly as
12 part of A.A.; however, we had the fortune to visit our country of
13 origin. We had dinner every night together, every holiday we spent
14 together — we did what families do. It was a very happy time.
15 A simple but joyous life.

16 Both of my parents were equally involved in the decisions that
17 pertained to the kids. I was encouraged to play instruments,
18 therefore I learned to play the violin and the piano. I
19 performed at recitals, and played at the church we were
20 members of. All through Jr. High I was co-parented by both
21 parents. I was constantly under tight scrutiny. Amid all of this
22 they had arguments and disputes — all of which we were
23 unbeknownst to the reasons. We were too entertained by our
24 activities perhaps.

25 At 14 yrs. old the news were broken to us that they
26 were divorcing. It came to no surprise that they both were
27 in agreement to a separation. It was at that precise moment
28 that I began my destructive life style. 3235 Executive Report on Competency 2021r

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1 negligence and abandonment I was able to get away with things
2 I was once prohibited to do.

3 I then sought out people to fill that void and the story of my
4 life again changed. I now counted on the gang members to "look
5 out" for me since parents no longer cared to do so. The
6 gang made me love the feeling of once again having a family.
7 I disliked feeling abandoned, so feeling like I belonged was
8 the best thing that could have happened to me.

9 In short... That is how I became a gang member. I
10 can further elaborate; nonetheless, will make this brief. Please
11 note that I am in no way afraid to expose myself or my life.
12 I am willing to expose anything you may want to open up
13 fully. I actually welcome the opportunity to expose my downfalls
14 in order that other children and/or parents don't ignore the
15 blatant signs of an abused or neglected child.

16 I have now learned a number of things through groups
17 I have taken. Henceforth, should an elaboration of that be
18 needed I am prepared to do so upon request. I will
19 enclose a copy of some of my accomplishments.

20 Thank you for your time.

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Christian Rodriguez

In 1996, Christian Rodriguez fatally shot one victim and injured a second during an attempted robbery. On April 20, 1999, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Rodriguez to life without the possibility of parole for murder, nine years for attempted murder, one year and four months for two counts of attempted robbery, plus 26 years and eight months of sentence enhancements.

Mr. Rodriguez was 19 years old at the time of the crime and is now 47. He has been incarcerated for 28 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Rodriguez has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming, completed several vocations, and earned multiple associate degrees. He has also maintained an excellent disciplinary record. Mr. Rodriguez has worked as both a youth offender and peer literacy mentor, and correctional officers have commended him for his leadership and rehabilitative gains.

Mr. Rodriguez committed a serious crime that took one victim's life and injured a second. Since then, Mr. Rodriguez has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Rodriguez'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. Rodriguez 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. Rodriguez does not minimize or forgive his conduct or the harm it caused. It does recognize the work he has done since to transform himself.

THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Christian Rodriguez to 28 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



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



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

APPLICATION FOR EXECUTIVE CLEMENCY

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: CHRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ Date of Birth: [Redacted] - 77 Social Security Number: [Redacted]

Address: IRONWOOD STATE PRISON, P.O. BOX 2199, BLYTHE, 92226

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):
NO PRIOR CONVICTIONS			

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

PLEASE SEE ATTACHMENT

3. Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):

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

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NONE

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I, CHRISTIAN RODRIGUEZ, 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 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

2-16-17

Date

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

2) Briefly describe the circumstances of the crime(s) for which you are requesting a pardon or commutation.

In the fall of 1994, I discovered that my girlfriend Angelina Mancines was pregnant with my first-born son at the age of seventeen years old. In the spring of 1995, I dropped out of South Gate High School and began looking for employment. I went to the Unemployment Office in the city of South Gate, and I was subsequently referred to a job interview at R & D Lighting in the city of Compton. There I was interviewed by the warehouse manager James Leslie Van Sickle, who hired me as an employee at the company sometime in the beginning May of 1995. A few months later, I was terminated from the position for not keeping up with daily workload.

About a year later, in the fall of 1996, Mr. Van Sickle, no longer employed at R & D Lighting, came to my residence frequently to discuss a plan of hiring someone to kill the owner of Silent Movie Theater. One month into my nineteenth birthday, I agreed to kill Mr. Austin and Ms. Giles for a total of \$30,000.

The following is short summary of the facts regarding the case: James Leslie Van Sickle worked as the projectionist at the Silent Movie Theater, which was owned by Lawrence Austin. Mary Giles worked in the theater selling tickets. Mr. Van Sickle was named in Austin's will as the sole beneficiary of Austin's estate and was the beneficiary of two bank accounts owned by Austin. The estate was valued at \$800,000, and the bank accounts held \$86,000 as of the end of December 1997. In order to realize his interest in Austin's estate and bank accounts, Mr. Van Sickle had for some time been planning the murder of Austin by means of a fake robbery. In 1996, Mr. Van Sickle hired me to kill Austin and Giles, and to make the killing appear as if it occurred during the course of a robbery of the theater. Mr. Van Sickle provided the handgun and designed how it should appear when the event would occur.

On January 17, 1997, I went to the theater, bought a ticket, and waited. When the lobby was clear of patrons, I pretended to be interested in purchasing tickets to future shows. As Mr. Austin was obtaining the tickets from the ticket booth, where Ms. Giles was working, I demanded that Mr. Austin hand over the money from the cash box. Then, I shot Mr. Austin and Ms. Giles, killing Mr. Austin, ran through the theater shooting in the air, and left the theater through the back door.

On March 9, 1997, I was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department. After a few hours of interrogation, I confessed and admitted my involvement in the murder and attempted murder of Lawrence Austin and Mary Giles, which was tape-recorded. During that interview, I had admitted to receiving \$1000 in cash as a small payment. In addition, I wrote a hand-written confession and expressed my remorse and guilt for the crime I had committed at the age of nineteen.

3) Explain why you are requesting a pardon or commutation.

I have been sentenced to life without the possibility of parole plus 37 years. All post-conviction remedies in the courts have been exhausted. A commutation of my LWOP sentence is my only opportunity to seek the possibility of parole.

- 4) Provide a brief statement explaining why you should be granted a commutation.

Under the California Code of Regulations Title 15, Division 2, Broad of Prison Terms, Section 2402 – Determination of Suitability, Subsection (d) Circumstances Tending to Show Suitability, I, humbly and respectfully, believe that my twenty years of incarceration, evidenced by self-improvement, advanced education, and efforts in rehabilitation, will demonstrate that I am a suitable candidate for the exercising of executive clemency by Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.

NO JUVENILE RECORD

Prior to my offense, I did not have any juvenile felony adjudications for assault or other felony crimes with a significant potential for personal harm to victims other than my Life crime.

STABLE SOCIAL HISTORY

I lived in Los Angeles, California up until the age of approximately 10 years old when we later moved to the city of South Gate. At that time, my dad, Manuel Rodriguez, who was from Mexico, owned a small manufactured clothing store in downtown Los Angeles. My mom, Cecilia Rodriguez, who was born in El Salvador, worked for a company selling vitamins and other products. Both of my parents do not have a criminal history or a history of substance abuse. I never witnessed any violence between my parents. They both eventually became U.S. citizens. I am very fortunate to have both of my parents still alive. Until this day, we maintain contact with one another and they occasional visit me. Just before my Life crime, they both got divorced.

I have two younger brothers – I being the oldest. They both do not have a criminal record or history of substance abuse to my knowledge. All three of us maintain a good and present relationship with one another. My middle brother, Andy Rodriguez, graduated from Long Beach State University with a Bachelor's degree in Philosophy, and is currently married with two children. My youngest brother, Emmanuel Rodriguez, went to computer tech school and is not currently married. I occasionally receive visits from both of them.

While living in Los Angeles, I attended 97th Street School Elementary with no problems of violence. When we moved to South Gate, I attended South Gate Junior High School. I ran track and field, lifted weights, and began to play flag football. I didn't have any problems there either. Afterwards, I went to South Gate High School and played high school football, basketball, and baseball. On my 11th grade year, due to family problems and substance abuse, my girlfriend got kicked out of her house and ended up living with me for approximately 8 months. We eventually broke up shortly thereafter. A few months later, I met Angelina Mancines, who is the mother of our now 21-year-old son. Towards the end of my 11th grade year of high school, I dropped out and began looking for employment. My maintain contact with my son, Christian Angel Rodriguez, who is currently attending Pasadena Community College with the goal of earning a degree in Business Accounting.

Prior to my Life crime, while I was in 7th and 8th grade, I worked for the Press Telegram Newspaper in North Long Beach selling newspaper subscriptions. In addition, I periodically worked with my dad, as a handyman, repairing houses for his friend who was a real-estate agent. I also worked shortly for R & D Lighting in Compton; for two agencies in the city of Downey, Preferred Personnel of California and Extra help (don't recall the exact name); a wholesale company in Orange County, as a salesman; and as a security guard for a company in the city of Commerce. I first owned a 1963 Volkswagen Bug, then a Mitsubishi small car, and finally a 1986 Pontiac Grand AM. I received my driver's permit around 16 years old and later my driver's license. While incarcerated I have worked from the year 2000 until the present. I have worked as a kitchen worker, teacher's aid, chapel porter, chapel clerk, Inmate Assignment Office clerk, Recreation clerk, Program clerk, College Program clerk, and now assigned as a college tutor.

Finally, I am not a gang member or a part of a prison gang. I still remain in contact with childhood friend dating back from high school. In addition, I remain in contact with many of my cousins who live in different states. I am very fortunate to have their full support. I do not have a history of mental problem or substance abuse other than minimal usage of alcohol and marijuana prior to my incarceration twenty years ago as a youth. My disciplinary history is free from assaults or physical violence, and I do not have any positive drug tests while in-custody.

SIGNS OF REMORSE

From the inception of my arrest to my conviction, I have admitted and acknowledged my regrettable role and inexcusable involvement in the murder of Mr. Austin and attempted murder of Ms. Giles. Nonetheless, at the age of nineteen, looking back, I honestly didn't possess at the time of my admission to the crime, the scope and magnitude of how it impacted Mr. Austin and his family, Ms. Giles and her family, my community, and my own family; and why I choose to carry out this disgraceful and cruel act upon two innocent people.

Despite the fact that I had no incentive or hope of getting out, I still searched profoundly within myself to discover the defects of my personal character – its remedy – and what led me to reach a point in my young adult life to take away the life of Mr. Austin and nearly the life of Ms. Giles. During my penalty phase of my trial, I agonizingly learned of how my selfish and poor choice affected the lives of countless people directly and indirectly. Ashamed and embarrassed for what I did, on one occasion I got on my knees and cried out to God asking, why did He let me do this? Why couldn't he prevent me from doing this? It was unbearable as I faced Ms. Giles and her family, the family of Mr. Austin, and the rest of the community as evidence was given for what I did. It was during this period of soul-searching that on November 19, 1997, I surrendered my life to Jesus Christ and became a born-again Christian and sought thereafter to adhere and apply the biblical principles into my life. Right after I got sentenced, feeling mortified by what I did, I felt compelled to breakup with my girlfriend because I felt unworthy of continuing my relationship with her. Subsequently, through the course of time, I gradually began to understand in-depth the underlying factors that influenced my thoughts, feelings, and conduct, and how I was able to make the terrible choice to kill Mr. Austin and Ms. Giles for financial gain. In search for recovery and healing, I began to learn about my deep-rooted issues, which started by prior and repeated experiences, that eventually led to my Life crime. Through the continual application of biblical principles and participation of rehabilitative programs, I

developed a genuine need and understanding of empathy that affected my life towards spiritual wholeness. Here is a brief outline of what I have been able to learn about myself and the insight I have gained into my life crime from my Christian faith, spiritual mentors, inmate mentors, self-help groups, Correctional officers/staff, and my family. Nearly twenty years of incarceration have given me sufficient amount of time to mature, develop an understanding of my causative factors into my crime, learn about the impact of my crime, helped me take full and complete responsibility of my actions, and assisted me in demonstrating remorse for what I have done.

INSIGHT: CAUSATIVE FACTORS, IMPACT OF CRIME, RESPONSIBILITY, AND REMORSE

I. INSIGHT

On January 17, 1997, I killed Mr. Lawrence Austin and attempted to kill Ms. Mary Giles. This was a deliberate choice that stemmed from my childhood. Some of my personal experiences and traumas had a significant influence on my defects of character that started when I was young. While living in Los Angeles, prior to moving to South Gate, my dad's business collapsed and eventually closed through other small business companies faltering in their payments. As a result, we lost our house and ending up living with my grandma. Witnessing the financial stress on my parents and the experience of relocating to another part of town left my younger brother and I with an unpleasant impression of insecurity and instability.

While living with my grandma, my uncles made indirect comments that we were eating all the food. I began to gradually, develop anger towards them. So my brother and I, began to steal food from the local markets to avoid being accused of eating everything. I felt as though we were an inconvenience and a burden to them. Afterwards we moved to the city of South Gate, I began working with my dad repairing houses. While I was attending South Gate High School, in the summer, I would go with my dad to various locations to help him fix and repair damaged houses that needed improvements. On this one occasion, we were working on a house in East Los Angeles. We were installing roof shingles. While coming down from the latter to pick up another buddle of shingles, my dad was climbing up the latter. I usually would hold it until he finished getting off it. However, this time I thought I was fast enough to grab a few things when the latter slipped and fell down. I watched my dad fall face down from the top of the roof. This accident caused my dad to have an instant stroke. He was half paralyzed and was unable to speak properly for nearly a year. I felt completely responsible for what happened to my dad. Tormented by this experience, it got worst when it was later discovered that during this time my mom was having an affair. A few months later, my two brothers and I have to decide whom we would stay with. My youngest brother had no choice, but my middle brother and I decided that we would move and stay with my dad. Again, we were losing our house and had to move somewhere else. However, this time the circumstances were a lot different. I was under tremendous stress blaming myself for what I felt was partially my fault. I developed resentment and anger towards my mom for leaving my dad and us. If the accident didn't happen, I said to myself, maybe my parents wouldn't be in this situation. Prior to moving, my dad asked me if I could pay half of the rent on a monthly basis. I agreed, even though, I was struggling financially to support my girlfriend, my

son, and myself. I didn't want to abandon my dad in the condition he was in, nor did I want to leave my middle brother. I felt obligated to stay.

In early fall of 1996, while most of these events were transpiring, my girlfriend was living with me. Unfortunately, with not excuse for my actions, I was caught with another woman. My girlfriend, who is the mother of my son, ran across the street while cars were passing and attempted to be hit by one of them. That event, along with everything else going on in my life, caused a tremendous amount of stress that at the time I was unable to deal with. As the weeks passed by, my girlfriend temporarily stayed with her sister while I tried to restore what I had done. She wanted us to get our own place; I told her that I would save up to make that possible. Desperate to show my genuine remorse, I got a tattoo with her name on my chest. She shortly thereafter got my name tattoo as well on her back. It was during this vulnerable period in my life, as a young man, that Mr. James Leslie Van Sickle contacted me and presented his plan to hire someone to kill the owner of the Silent Movie Theater. Desperate and vulnerable, I accepted to carry out this regrettable act. I thought I could salvage what I had done to my dad, my brothers, and my girlfriend and little baby son.

II. CAUSATIVE FACTORS

Through thoughtful reflection, these are the underlying reasons why my Life crime occurred:

- Unhealthy Need to be in Control: I thought I knew better and could change my outcome with the problems I was facing
- Selfish and Self-Centered: I developed a sense of entitlement because of all the bad experiences I went through
- Inability to Cope and deal with Life Stressors: I failed to ask for help or advice. I used immoral means to achieve things on my own
- Poor Choices and Bad Decision-Making Skills: Overwhelmed by emotions and impulsivity. I did not know how to identify, assess, create options, and choose the best moral alternative
- Impulsivity: I lacked self-discipline and was unable to manage my urges
- Low Self-Esteem: I had a very poor image of myself through past failures
- Warped Beliefs: I lacked a moral foundation and possessed distorted principles that developed through negative experiences

III. IMPACT OF CRIME

Mr. Lawrence Austin was 74 years old when I took his life. Ms. Mary Giles was in her early 20's when I attempted to take her life. I stole the remaining years of Mr. Austin's life, and undoubtedly, caused physical, psychological, and emotional pain and grief to Ms. Giles. Mr. Austin's family, as well as, Ms. Giles' family and the attendants of the theater will always feel the grief of Mr. Austin's death and pain Ms. Giles suffered. My selfish act may have created self-blame on both families and friends after this traumatic experience. In addition, My inexcusable act also affected tax payers, the judicial system, law enforcement, paramedics, local business

owners, costumers who attended the theater and nearby businesses, the community and my entire family. Society and the State of California were all affected by my crime.

IV. RESPONSIBILITY

Prior to becoming a suspect in my committed offense, I did not come forward. This showed that I was unwilling to accept responsibility for what I had done. Today, I accept full responsibility for my Life crime, but accepting full responsibility also means knowing what I am responsible for.

I was an immature and flawed individual at the time of my committed offense. I am responsible for not addressing my flaws before my life crime occurred. I am responsible for not having the decency and moral courage of reporting Mr. Van Sickle's plans to murder innocent people to law enforcement. I am responsible for the cruel manner in which Mr. Austin died. I am responsible for the gunshot wound Ms. Giles received in the chest. During my trial, I learned the extent of Mr. Austin and Ms. Giles injuries. When I shot Mr. Austin in the head that killed him instantly. I seen the scar of the gunshot wound Ms. Giles received in the chest during trial. I am responsible for being selfish, impulsive, and reckless; and for the poor choices I made on January 17, 1997. I am responsible for lying in wait, carrying a gun, driving to the theater with the intent to kill Mr. Austin and Ms. Giles without defense. I am responsible for causing fear and confusion to all the attendants that went to the theater that night when the crime took place, I am responsible for the grief I caused both Mr. Austin and Ms. Giles families, which will endure for the rest of their lives. I am responsible for leaving the community and with the knowledge that violent crimes now occurs in the place where they live. I am responsible for the State of California taxpayers having to pay for my 20 years of incarceration. For all this, I take full and complete responsibility.

VI. REMORSE

On January 17, 1997, I had absolutely no empathy for Mr. Lawrence Austin and Ms. Mary Giles, not did I any respect for their right as human beings. I seen and treated them as an opportunity for self-advancement and personal appeasement. During the 20 years of my incarceration, I began to gradually mature and develop a transformation from apathy to empathy. I began to reflect on my own emotions and circumstances in my life that eventually led me to seek help and healing. I am remorseful for denying Mr. Austin's human right to life. I am remorseful for the pain and grief I caused Ms. Giles. I am remorseful for the suffering I caused each family member of both families as they discovered what happen to Mr. Austin and Ms. Giles. I am remorseful for the fear I caused the community.

Remorse is demonstrated by making amends and through empathy. Empathy is putting myself in the shoes of Mr. Austin's family and Ms. Giles and her family, and viewing the crime through their eyes. There are three types of amends: direct amends, indirect amends, and living amends.

I have made direct amends by writing a personal letter to Mr. Austin's family and Ms. Giles, apologizing and by expressing regret for what I did to them. Included here are the actually letters I wrote.

Indirect amends involves giving time and money. The criminal court judge placed a \$2,000 direct order of restitution. I have paid in full my restitution as evidenced by a copy of my CDCR Inmate Statement Report dated 2/7/2017. I have included a copy. In addition, I have dedicated my time to serve within the local chapel and am currently a facilitator for certain self-help groups.

Living amends is doing what is necessary to make my community safe, even though, I am not there physically. I conduct and teach classes in the chapel for those who attend on a weekly and monthly basis. There I have the great honor of serving and showing kindness, compassion, and preparing young men who are eligible of being released to become better men than when they first came in. While at Ironwood State Prison, I have written a Mentoring Manual for the institution for consideration and am presently working with Youth Offenders at the institution. A sample of the mentor applications I designed are included here as well.

APOLOGY LETTERS

Apology Letter to the family of Mr. Lawrence Austin

Apology Letter to Ms. Mary Giles

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jose Santos

In 2003, Jose Santos fatally shot a rival gang member and injured a bystander during a fight at a party. On October 31, 2006, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. Santos to 15 years to life for second degree murder, two years for discharging a firearm with gross negligence, plus a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 42 years to life. On May 28, 2024, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, resentenced Mr. Santos 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. Santos was 22 years old at the time of the crime and is now 43. He has been incarcerated for 21 years. While in prison, Mr. Santos has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming, completed several vocations, and earned an associate degree. Mr. Santos is also a certified alcohol and drug specialist who has received staff commendations for his integrity, dependability, leadership skills, and work ethic.

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 self-improvement. 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 release on 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 Jose 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 18th day of April 2025.



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 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.)

Name (Last/First/Middle): Santos JOSE Rodolfo Date of Birth: [REDACTED]-81
CDCR Number: F-67174 Social Security Number: [REDACTED]
Name of Facility/Prison: Valley State Prison Facility/Prison Address: P.O. Box 92
Chowchilla, Ca 93610

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):
P.C. 12022.53(D)	12-13-04	San Bernardino	25 yrs.

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):
P.C. 261.5	06-08-01	San Bernardino	45 days jail

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

Please See Attached (2)

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

Please See Attached (3)

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).

Please See Attached (4-A and 4-B)

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.

None

APPLICANT DECLARATION

Complete the following statement after you have served your Notice of Intent

I, Jose Rodolfo Santos, 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 San Bernardino.
(Name of County or Counties)

Jose Santos
Applicant Signature

6-18-21
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.

2.

On October 31st 2003 I Jose Santos Attended a party for Halloween and in an disagreement with Jesse Avalos shot him twice murdering him. I also shot Jesse Avalos in the Arm causing injury.

If I would receive a commutation it would allow me to go to the board sooner and allow me the opportunity to demonstrate my growth insight and accomplishments.

Today I have had a chance to challenge my distorted views, beliefs and destructive behaviors. I had a lot of resentments which I could not process, I blamed the world, my parents and society for my problems. But today my values have changed and with that my dreams and goals.

I also would like to finish my certification as an Alcohol and drug counselor and come back and work for the Substance Abuse Program (SAP) as a drug counselor. I should be certified in March of 2021. I want to give back to the youth. I was a youth offender (22 years old) when I committed my life crime. So I want to instill hope in other youth through my life and testimony.

4.

My life since my conviction was a journey. I was battling addiction but in June of 2007 I became sober and started my recovery. I was just tired of living the life of lies manipulation and substance abuse. In my recovery I stepped into the program of CGA Criminals Gangmembers Anonymous and stated for the first time, that I was an addict. In my recovery I met many pro-social people who encouraged me to pursue my education in which I obtained my GED and am nearly completing my associates Degree

One of the biggest issues that I faced in my recovery was my self-worth and finding value and motivation in my self. I had for some time given up on life and I took that mentality with me when I entered into the prison system. But as I started to set goals in my life I started to build self esteem and self care. I got involved with programs such as Celebrate Recovery and Victims impact which addressed my self centered thinking.

I also worked in the P.I.A optical lab which was my first vocational trade. I became certified as an Optician and Final Inspector. In My Recovery

I found the desire to give back to my Community in honor of Jesse Avalos whom I took his life. So I signed up for the Youth Offender Program in which we mentored the youth that came to prison between the ages of 18 to 24. I truly love working with the youth and today understand how impactful a person can be if he just listens to someone and gives value to his feelings.

In my past I was not in touch with my feelings. All I knew was that I was angry and that the world was against me. This is what I would tell myself. But today I see that my belief was warped, today I see much good in the world. I see inspiring people and loved ones who are on a good path. I also am daily addressing my fears, insecurities and negative self-talk. Today I can be honest with my peers when I need help or can receive honest feedback.

I have no 115's in my entire incarceration or no new convictions.

My goals are to work at a Detox center and to eventually become a field director. Also I would like to after completion of parole to return the Department

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Kevin Schrubb

In 2003, Kevin Schrubb and his crime partners robbed a bank at gunpoint. On November 4, 2004, the Superior Court of California, County of Placer, sentenced Mr. Schrubb to 25 years to life for assault with a semiautomatic firearm, 12 years for four counts of robbery, four years for evading an officer, plus 102 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 143 years to life. On July 21, 2023, the Superior Court of California, County of Placer, resentenced Mr. Schrubb to 100 years to life for four counts of robbery, 25 years to life for assault with a semiautomatic firearm, plus four years for evading an officer, a total prison term of 129 years to life.

Mr. Schrubb was 41 years old at the time of the crime and is now 63. He has been incarcerated for 22 years. While in prison, Mr. Schrubb has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming, taken college courses, and completed vocational training. Mr. Schrubb has been commended by correctional officers for his successful rehabilitation, work ethic, and willingness to help others.

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

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

This act of clemency for Mr. Schrubb 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 Kevin Schrubb 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 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



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

APPLICATION FOR COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Kevin R. Schrubb, I

Birth Date: [REDACTED] 1962

Inmate ID: #V-55932

Address: 1 Main Street, San Quentin, California 94974

Facility: San Quentin State Prison

1. Conviction Summary:

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries			
Offenses:	Date of Offenses:	County of Convictions:	Sentences:
Misdemeanor Battery	12/1/1980	Fresno	60 Days Jail
Second Degree Burglary	12/22/1981	Fresno	1 Year Jail
Second Degree Burglary	1/12/1983	Fresno	2 Years Prison
Assault w/Firearm	1/16/1986	Fresno	5 Years Prison
Receiving Stolen Property	8/24/1989	Fresno	16 Months Prison
Robbery w/Firearm	10/2/1990	Hampton Roads, VA	12 Years Prison
Misdemeanor Larceny	10/2/1990	Hampton Roads, VA	CC w/Above
Grand Larceny	4/21/1999	Hampton Roads, VA	6 Years Prison
Receiving Stolen Property	4/21/1999	Hampton Roads, VA	CC w/Above

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

In March 2003, I and several of my codefendants (there were a total of 3), one of which was Jabari Williams (Williams), who was a wrestling coach for Oro High School in Fresno, California. Williams had taken a group of Oro High students to participate in a wrestling tournament in Northern Sacramento County. While there, Williams scouted out the Bank of America branch in Loomis, California, and upon his return to Fresno he contacted me and Leestantian M. Green (Green), whose brother is a cousin of Williams and also my second cousin, and Green to inform us of a potential bank to be robbed. After meeting and discussing the particulars of how all three of us would rob the bank, Green contacted

another individual whose name I've forgotten, to be the fourth person in the robbery. On the evening of March 16, 2003, the four of us traveled to Northern Sacramento in 2 cars and got 2 rooms at a Motel 6. While there we consumed large amounts of alcohol and marijuana; I also smoked crack cocaine. Later that night, after midnight, all 4 of us drove around looking for a cargo van for me to steal and for us to use as the getaway vehicle after the robbery. After I stole the van, we drove to the Loomis Bank of America to plan our escape route.

On the morning of March 17 I and my three codefendants all drove to the area where we planned to stash Williams' car and the car that Williams' girlfriend had rented, which was driven by Green; I drove the stolen van. Upon arriving at a field near the bank, my codefendants parked the other cars in the field then entered the van with Williams getting into the driver's seat, as he was the getaway driver, and proceeded to the bank. The plan was that I would enter the bank first with a gun drawn and secure it, while Green and the 4th individual would enter the bank after I, jump over the tellers' counter and retrieve money from all tellers who were at their stations. It was my decision to be the gun-man because I did not want my younger codefendants to injure anyone unnecessarily or accidentally. After entering the bank I held the gun directly in front of me so it would be visible to everyone in the bank with the muzzle pointed towards the floor. I asked a gentleman that was at the counter to please step back from the counter to avoid any unintended physical contact between us after I advised everyone that a robbery was being committed. I then took up a position at one end of the customer side of the tellers' counter to provide cover for my codefendants who removed cash from the teller cans. I then exited the bank following my codefendants, we all entered the van and left, but were followed by 2 persons in a car who reported our escape route and descriptions. After ditching the van in a field and entering our vehicles, Williams and I arrived at an intersection before Green and 4th person who were directly behind us; I immediately noticed a Sheriff's cruiser on our left at the intersection turn his

emergency lights on when he spotted us, so I told Williams to make a right turn and “hit it” (speed off) so that the cruiser would chase us and allow the other two codefendants to get away with the money. We then took the deputy on a high-speed chase exceeding 100 miles per hour at times and with me throwing the gun I used in the robbery out of the car’s passenger side window. After arriving at a three-way intersection at too fast a speed, Williams crashed into an embankment and was knocked unconscious; I was able to free myself from the wreckage and fled on foot, but subsequently surrendered to the police.

I was subsequently convicted of 17 felony counts and 2 misdemeanor counts for the crimes associated with the bank robbery, and initially sentenced to an aggregate prison term of 340 years to life under California’s Three Strikes Law. However, the sentencing court, of its own accord, reduced my sentence to 304 years to life. On August 10, 2016, I was resentenced to an aggregate prison term of 133 years to life for, inter alia, robbery with use of a firearm, under California’s Three Strikes law. My sentence encompassed 50 years of enhancements pursuant to §12022.53(b), and an additional 50 years of enhancements pursuant to §667(a). Therefore, my sentence was enhanced by 100 years above and beyond the Three Strikes sentence of 33 years to life.

3. Explain why you are requesting a commutation:

1. I have learned my lesson, recognized my many defects, and affected great personal change within myself in order to conform to society’s norms. There is no greater motivation for change than a multi-century prison sentence, which forced me to acknowledge the damage I have caused, accept accountability for my actions, and work diligently to conform my attitude and behaviors.

2. After taking an unbiased inventory of myself, warts and all, I came to the realization of how destructive I have been throughout my life. Following this revelation, I understood that part of my problem centered around my mental health fitness, so I took the advice of close family, friends and professionals, and sought mental health treatment and counseling with the goal of addressing those issues of concern. (see Exhibits 1 & 2) I thereafter participated in mental health treatment and counseling for over 13 years to address those issues which resulted in great personal improvement.

3. I have done everything I could to convey my apologies to the victims of my most recent crimes, and remorse for the harm I have caused them as a result of my actions. (Exhibit 3) Additionally, I have instituted comprehensive rehabilitative programming that has enabled me to partially repay my debt to society, above and beyond my prison sentence, in order to atone for my transgressions.

4. I have completed substance abuse programming to address my substance abuse problems, which was also part of my mental health treatment. Coupled with resources available upon my release, I have a robust plan to help me remain sober.

5. Following my acceptance of responsibility, holding myself accountable for my acts, comprehensive rehabilitative programming, mental health treatment and counseling, and addressing my substance abuse issues, I am no longer a danger to public safety. I have also generated a comprehensive Parole Plan (Exhibit 4) that will adjust to my future needs and circumstances, and contains information and contacts that will provide me with access to help and services designed to aid me in my transition back into society.

6. Lastly, my current age (57) has brought about a wisdom in me that I never thought I could ever attain, and with it an understanding of my role in society.

If I am granted a commutation that allows me to be released early, I would not be a further threat to public safety and will become an asset to any community I am paroled to. I am wholehearted and remorseful not only for committing the crimes I'm currently serving a sentence for, but also for all previous criminal acts I was and was not held to answer for, and I apologize profusely for the harm I have caused all of my victims, my community, the City of the Loomis, the County of Placer, and society at large. After gaining insight into myself and why I committed the criminal acts that brought me to prison this time, I am completely and utterly ashamed of my behavior and actions. Subsequent to my enlightenment, I made 7 attempts to convey my letters of apology and remorse to my victims (Exhibit 3), and even though my Eureka moment came 15 years after the crimes, I still felt it necessary, then and now, to at least attempt to convey my apologies and remorse to my victims with the hope they would receive them, which included the City of Loomis and County of Placer.

A portion of those letters are herein quoted for your kind notice: "Understanding that you may not care one iota of what happened to, or with me after I was transferred to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), I find it necessary to inform you that for the last 15 years I've not sat and watched television, played games and sports, and taken what I've done to you for granted. After my arrival into CDCR I reflected on what I had done to you and your community and began to examine myself, warts and all, in order to take a moral inventory of myself and my life, and I found myself very woefully wanting and in dire need of positive change. Thus I began my journey of self-check and complete rehabilitation, not for selfish reasons, but to better myself and to be able to hopefully convince a younger version of me not to leave prison and victimize society as I've done, and as a way for

me to give back. I've worked 12 hours a day 7 days a week since my incarceration, taking and attending every self-help group and program that I could enroll in, participating in Bible studies/courses, and arriving at the cusp of earning my Associate degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences, specifically to learn about myself, why I engaged in criminal acts, and aid my growth. I've stayed out of trouble and I give back to my community (prison) in an attempt to repay society, as a whole, in the best and only way I could: counseling youth and preaching nonviolence and abstention from criminality, refusing to commit or condone criminal acts, and, fostering pro-social personal growth.

"So in closing, again, I deeply apologize to each and every one of you, the City of Loomis and County of Placer, for the harm I caused you by the criminal acts I committed against you and your community, ..."

Once again, I am very truly sorry for the crimes I've committed against my victims and all others involved and affected by this case. I am also humbly requesting a commutation of my sentence based on these additional following reasons:

A. After accepting full responsibility for my current crimes and my past criminal acts, I set out to understand what motivated me to live a criminal lifestyle for a good portion of my life thus far and commit the crimes for which I am currently serving a prison sentence for;

B. Based on good conduct and my rehabilitation of myself where I've greatly matured to the point where I would serve society better within a free community rather than in prison much longer. Because I've ascertained the appropriate changes that needed to be made in my life to change my

behavior through education, training, mental health counseling and attending groups and programs designed to help me to better understand my past, myself and society's requirements;

C. Because I've effectuated, and internalized, the changes necessary to mold myself into a law abiding tax paying citizen with a desire to rebuild and positively contribute to the communities I've worked so hard to destroy in the past; and,

D. Because I believe that my sentence is unfair, and I am no longer a danger to society. The sole reason I believe my sentence is unfair, after accepting full responsibility for my crimes, is due to the aggregate sentence I received of 133 years to life which was reduced from 1,010 years consecutive to 19 life terms.

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

Governor, I would like to be granted a commutation because I've worked extremely hard and diligently to recognize my problems and worked to fix them over the past 16+ years of my incarceration. I participated in mental health counseling and set for myself a rigorous rehabilitative program in order to address my criminality and mental illness, and to develop pro-social skills in order to conform my behavior to societal norms.

I enrolled into voluntary educational programs in order to do positive things with my time after vowing to change my destructive behavior. Following my vow to dedicate myself to total rehabilitation, I enrolled into Coastline Community College at my earliest opportunity where I earned 27 college credits, which coupled with my previous college credits, I am 3 credits shy of earning my Associates Degree. I majored in the Behavioral and Social Sciences because this major would be more valuable to me in my

quest for complete rehabilitation, and would also help me better understand my diagnosed mental illnesses (Exhibits 1 & 2) and assist with my mental health counseling. My mental health counseling coupled college studies on human behavior and self-help groups and programs, has allowed me to recognize my mental deficiencies, take corrective measures to help retrain my way of thinking to an acceptable level, and has provided me with the tools to take corrective measures to regulate my behavior.

I've taken many self-help programs in order to gain insight into my past criminal behavior and its effects on society, and develop proper behavior and coping skills. These programs have trained me how to maintain my faculties in stressful situations, stay positive, remain rational, and to move forward in a positive manner. I have also taken these programs to help me deal with anger management, insecurities, low self-esteem, trust issues, self-awareness, negative self-talk, stress, as well as to better understand toxic behaviors and patterns in order to build better life skills and to embrace accountability. And on the topic of accountability, I've attempted to have letters of apology and remorse forwarded to my victims (Exhibit 3), and attempted to repay society by engaging in pro-social behaviors by counseling youth, preaching nonviolence, and abstention from criminality, refusing to commit or condone criminal or rule-breaking acts, and fostering pro-social personal growth and behavior.

I have also developed a Parole Plan that contains an Anger Management and Mental Health Decompensating Plan (Exhibit 4), to aid me in my transition back into society. The above, taken together with my rehabilitation, growth and maturity, insures that I am no longer a threat to public safety.

Summary of Relevant Personal History and background:

The following factual recitation of my history and background is being presented in order to inform you of the challenges I faced during my upbringing that laid the foundation which influenced my subsequent behavior. Most of the facts presented below were testified to by my late mother, Ms. Helen M. Jackson; my late sister, Mrs. Lynette M. Green-Tate; and, myself, at the sanity phase of my trial matters. My sister, Mrs. Tate, also wrote a letter to Dr. Sidney K. Nelson, the People's designated doctor for the sanity phase of my trial matters, to provide him with a brief summary of how she and I were raised and the difficulties we faced. (Exhibit 5) I am unsure if this letter was entered into my trial record. The purpose of this recitation is for informative purposes only and not an indictment of my family and those that were in authority over me while I was a minor. Nor am I using these facts as an excuse for my decades of criminality, only that they helped shape me into the person I was when I committed my latest crimes.

My younger sister (Mrs. Tate) and I were abandoned by our mother, for the second time, at ages 5 and 4 respectively, who had me at 17 years of age. I was primarily raised, during my formative years, by my late maternal Aunt, Ms. Evarine (Aunt Eva) Williams, with only sporadic contact with my mother during those years, and no knowledge of my father. My Aunt Eva was a mean woman that kept a filthy home, and as a result of her favorite mottos, ("Kids are to be seen and not heard", and "Kids are to do what they are told and not ask grownups questions.") I learned early on in life not to question those in authority over me and to curb my inquisitiveness. Many of those in authority over me were criminals of nearly every stripe, including my older male cousin whom we were raised with, Lee Daniel Williams (Lee), who molested my younger sister (Mrs. Tate) and forced me to participate when I was about 8 years old and she was 7. Aunt Eva's home was a roach and rat infested government subsidized apartment on the worst side of Fresno that was always over-occupied. We lived with Aunt Eva and her

sometimes live-in boyfriend, with 4, and sometimes 5, of her children (including Lee), in a 4 bedroom apartment. I was introduced to marijuana at around age 8 by Lee and I began dealing marijuana for my late Aunt Earnestine "Peggy" Williams (Aunt Peggy) at around 10-11 years old; alcohol was prevalent in our family with two of my maternal uncles being alcoholics. It was common for many older family members to give me "sips" of alcohol around special occasions and holidays, more regularly with my alcoholic uncles (Jimmy Jackson and Robert Jackson) who I often sought out for a "sip" whenever they came around because they always had a bottle. My Aunt Eva was also a very strict disciplinarian who enforced compliance with her mottos and undeclared rules with an iron hand. Asking adults questions even remotely related to his supervision or instruction would result in a "beating" with an extension or electrical cord, Aunt Eva's favorite instruments of correction, which left deep welts and cuts. She administered beatings (her term) to her children, me and my sister alike. Sometimes she would mete out a beating immediately following an infraction, and at other times she would allow them to accumulate like a bank account, with a warning that she owed the offending child a certain number of beatings, which she would "redeem" at the most unexpected times. A fairly common occurrence was when I was exiting a bath still naked and wet, or getting up off the toilet half-naked (me & my sister were not allowed to lock the bathroom door when utilizing it.), or she would wake me from a dead sleep (he was a heavy sleeper) with an extension cord beating for an infraction that may have occurred hours, days or even weeks prior. If one of my teachers phoned home with a bad report about me, Aunt Eva would not warn me of an impending beating; it would just be sprung upon me when I walked in the door from school with no explanation for the beating being given prior to the beating, allowing me no chance of making my case. I recall once receiving a beating for an infraction I had not committed while at school, because my teacher called Aunt Eva by accident, meaning to call the parents of a schoolmate of mine, Willie Dunham, instead. My name at that time was Kevin Willis and Willie and I were mistaken for each other; even when we were in the Wakefield School for Boys me and Willie were regularly

mistaken for each other. I became so afraid of surprise beatings that I would physically and mentally cringe at the sound of Aunt Eva's raised angry voice; I became so afraid and paranoid at using the restroom that at times I would defecate on myself. After moving in with our mother she and a play aunt, Ms. Shirley Thomas (Aunt Shirley & my mother were one-time prostitutes w/ the same pimp), were helping to clean my room when she discovered a messy pair of my underwear under my bed. Her disgust was too strong to allow her to ask me about how that happened and what was wrong. However, Aunt Shirley asked me why I had done that and I explained as best I could; only then did my mother begin to come to grips about the trauma I suffered under at Aunt Eva's. As a further result, I went without baths for long periods for fear of receiving a surprise beating while exiting the bath tub, which continued into adolescence; my mother would have to force me to take a bath, and sometimes telling me that I was as funky as a goat, sometimes lasting less than 5 minutes.

My mother was eventually forced to retrieve my his sister and I from Aunt Eva's by family members who felt it was time for her to take care of her own children. My mother moved us to a lower middle class neighborhood from the poverty stricken area we were raised during our formative years (5-11 for me & 4-10 for my sister Lynette). I then began to be psychologically abused by my mother not long after we arrived to her apartment, as I did not feel wanted and believed my mother resented the fact that she had to again take care of us and that she was not in my father's life, a professional blues musician (Robert "Chick" Willis). She did not physically beat me as Aunt Eva did, but she used words that cut just as deep as Aunt Eva's extension cord beatings, which broke my spirit. When she became angry she put me down, calling me "stupid", a "dumb assed nigger", a "stupid ass black motherfucker", among many other epithets, as if I was not her child. These episodes would occur when I expressed a thought or plan that she didn't like or approve of, or an attitude I exhibited that rubbed her the wrong way. Every time she became upset at me she would tell me that I needed to go find my father. One episode that

inflamed her ire was related to my dreams of becoming an architect, as I was forever drawing houses, and the apartment's floor plan. On career day in elementary school I excitedly informed my teacher that my dream was to become an architect; this drew a quizzical look from her. Not long after career day that teacher scheduled a parent/teacher conference with me in attendance, and along with a discussion about my grades and behavior, my teacher informed my mother that I chose a career as an architect because I knew that it was a challenging profession, and when I failed at it I could blame it on the fact that it is a hard profession to master. She suggested that it would be better if I considered a trade where I could work with my hands, like an auto mechanic or carpenter. My mother did not protest or object, but agreed with this teacher's assessment. This same teacher had told me on more than one prior occasion that I was going to wind up in prison.

This caused my grades to suffer further (while living at Aunt Eva's I flunked second grade) and forced me to chronically run away from home, and eventually drop out of high school. One particular episode that helped convince me that I couldn't please my mother and to drop out of high school was when my mother asked me what freshman classes I was taking; I reluctantly told her, with one class being French. I was required to take a foreign language class and Spanish was full (Fresno had a large Latino population). My mother exploded in questioning my decision to take French but not awaiting an explanation. She went on to state, "What nigger speaks French!!!" Less than 6 months later I had had enough and dropped out of school. One of my mother's oft repeated sayings was that "Life is a bitch and then you die." I now understand what she meant. When I was caught after running away from home several times, I felt constrained from informing the authorities about my home life, as I was always taught not to trust the authorities, and to never be a "stool pigeon." So I bottled all of this abuse up inside. I couldn't talk to my mother, or any of my other family who were also afraid of her, because at the first thing I said that she didn't like or approve of when she attempted to talk to me, would cause

her to explode into shouting and calling me foul names for what seemed like long periods at a time, many times at the dinner table where I would have to remain until she finished berating me. This was witnessed by my sister and sometimes by one of my mother's boyfriends who would not intervene for fear of, what I now know, her turning her wrath upon himself. This caused me to further limit my communication with adults, especially those in authority over me, and limiting my responses as much as I could to monosyllabic answers.

I was about 8 or 9 years old at the time when I first smoked weed, being introduced to the drug by my older cousin Lee, and thereafter he was my main supplier until I started dealing for my Aunt Peggy. Aunt Peggy was the cool aunt that allowed me to work for her on weekends at the various night clubs and bars she managed. When she would come home late at night, she would tell me that she had something for me but I had to find it in her purse or car in the morning. During the years at Aunt Eva's I was bullied by some of the neighborhood kids, several of them members of the Mayo family. Several of the Mayo brothers would force me to pay them not to be attacked by them or their brothers; I took money from my Aunt Eva's purse and stash. He stash consisted of \$2 bills but mainly half-dollar pieces. They would also force me to steal candy from the neighborhood stores for them on a fairly regular basis or face getting beat up. I now believe that these episodes/trauma form the basis for my life of stealing and robbing. Aunt Peggy was also the first person that introduced me to dealing marijuana. These are the origins of my alcoholism, drug addiction and kleptomania, that set the stage for my life up to the point in 2005 that I had an epiphany, and embarked on my journey of self change. As stated before, I do not present these embarrassing facts as an indictment of my and family, as I loved them all. They are offered to help assist you Mr. Governor in determining whether I deserve an opportunity for an early release from prison.

The major events that caused me to reevaluate my life, behaviors and actions, and then diligently work to change them for the better, are as follows:

a. My mother's testimony at my trial acknowledging her selfishness in wanting to "get hers," which caused her to abandon and neglect my sister and I;

b. Complete abandonment of me by my entire family and friends , with the exception of my sister, Lynette M. Tate, following my arrest for the current crime;

c. The Deputy District Attorney Garen Horst's statement at my trial that it pained him that he had to sentence me to life in prison, as he felt that I was intelligent and could have become whatever I put my mind to if I was given a chance;

d. Judge James Roeder's statement at my trial, concurring with DDA Horst's assessment that it was a waste that I had to go to prison for the rest of my life, as he felt that with the right support and guidance I had the ability to become whatever I wanted;

e. My oldest grandson's plea asking me to be good so I could come back home to him soon. He was 5 years old at that time and is now a Division I Bowl Champion for the Fresno State Bulldogs football team; he attends college on a full-ride scholarship;

f. My desire to change my way of thinking, living and behaving, as I've become sick and tired of screwing up and hurting the people who loved me and others; and

g. Following a physical attack upon me by my cell-mate while incarcerated at the Pelican Bay State Prison. This gave me a front row seat of what it felt like to be a victim and I did not like it at all, which gave me a new perspective about how all of my victims felt when I stole the van from River City Aquatics that they used to run their business, frightening the employees and patrons of the bank I robbed, scaring the other motorists during the high-speed chase after the robbery, and the officer's apprehension of searching for an armed bank robber after a high-speed chase in a wooded area.

I sentenced myself also to the atonement for my crimes in addition to my sentence, which the court was unable to do. I'm remorseful, and completely ashamed of my behavior and actions and have been for a very long time now. But atoning is different. It cannot be imposed from outside or granted to someone just because they have served a number of years against their will in prison. The Greek Stoic Philosopher Epictetus taught that evil does not naturally dwell in the world or in people, but arises when we lose sight of our true aims in life. Our true purpose. I know I can never undue my crimes, but I believe that I still have a purpose on earth and by fulfilling it I will somehow get right with my life again and regain sight of my true aims in life. I'm not sure myself how that will happen, however, I will continue to diligently work toward that purpose and I trust that I will know it when it happens.

At the time I committed the robbery and associated crimes, I was unemployed and had been so for a while, which made it very difficult for me to support my third child, Jamorie R. Threat (now 16 years old), and assist his mother with child support. Both were living in Virginia Beach, Virginia at that time. I was doing odd jobs for one of my cousins and her friends, temp work and recycling aluminum cans and scrap metal to make ends meet because I couldn't find a decent job. I was also an addict and forced to enter into a relationship with a woman who had seven children in order to ensure that I had a roof over my head. I thank God for my arrest, and the fact that no-one was hurt during the robbery,

because I was forced to remain in the jail for approximately two years, which forced me to quit the drugs and alcohol cold turkey. I've now been 15 years plus drug and alcohol free, and I've attained job skills and education that will enable me to obtain gainful employment that pays a living wage upon my release. Had it not been for that long jail stay, I don't believe I would have been able to overcome my addictions in prison due to the ready availability of drugs and prison made alcohol. So when I made it to prison I was able to concentrate on my commitment to rehabilitation.

In 2005 I began to speak my rehabilitation and reparation for the wrongs I've committed against my family, my community and society, into being. I committed myself to self-improvement and whole heartedly sought to rehabilitate myself at all costs, while encouraging others to do the same. I've avoided drugs and alcohol, mentored other prisoners to leave that life behind, and it has been my mission to make something useful come out of my current incarceration to correct all the wrongs I've committed throughout my lifetime.

CONCLUSION

Wherefore, in view of my growth, maturity and rehabilitation, I humbly request a merciful grant of a commutation of my sentence that will allow me to be released early from prison, or allow me an opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings to prove my worthiness for release.

I realize that what I'm asking for is serious and carries with it a tremendous amount of responsibility, and I understand that my accomplishments alone has not earned me a last chance at freedom. However, if granted a commutation I will be eternally grateful for your mercy and I will redouble my efforts to pay my debts to society, and I will continue to strive to become a contributing

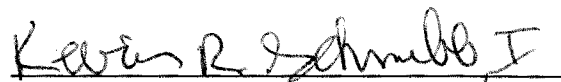
member of society. I plead for an opportunity to right all of my wrongs Mr. Governor, and I promise you that you will not regret allowing me that high privilege.

Governor, you are my last and only hope of making it out of prison at a time when I am able to leave prison at an age where I can build a life, repay my community, contribute to the good of society, and have some time with my children whom I've been estranged for many years and my grandchildren, none of which I am acquainted. Please understand that I've spent an inordinate amount of time in prison and I've lost a great many family and friends since my initial incarceration. I have a lot to make up for and a large debt to repay, and I am hoping you will allow me the opportunity to begin the payment of the second half of my debts to society as I have learned my lesson.

In closing I thank you in advance for your much hoped for serious consideration of my Application and prayed for mercy, as I remain

Most Humbly Yours,

February 15, 2019


Kevin R. Schrubb, I

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Cuong Tran

In 2011, Cuong Tran's brother asked him to hire someone to kill the victim. Mr. Tran attempted to hire someone who was actually an undercover officer. On April 24, 2012, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced Mr. Tran to 25 years to life for conspiracy to commit murder.

Mr. Tran was 31 years old at the time of the crime and is now 45. He has been incarcerated for 14 years. While in prison, Mr. Tran has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in significant self-help programming, taken college courses, and maintained a positive work history. Mr. Tran is also a certified alcohol and drug recovery specialist who has received commendations from correctional officers for his positive attitude, patience, and dependability.

Mr. Tran committed a serious crime. Since then, Mr. Tran has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Tran's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for safe 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 release on 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 Cuong 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 28th day of August 2025.



GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

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

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Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. · State Capitol · Sacramento, California 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 redacted (hidden) before it is made available to the public.**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: Cuong Tran Date of Birth: [Redacted] 80 Inmate ID: A-L3711

Address: P.O. Box 8101, San Luis Obispo Facility: California Men's Colony

1. **Conviction Summary:**

List all prior convictions, including any in other states or countries. <u>Attach additional</u>			
Offense(s):	Date of offense(s):	County of conviction(s):	Sentence(s):
PC 182 (a)	6/15/2011	Santa Clara County	25 years - life

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

Please see attachments.

3. **Explain why you are requesting a commutation (attach additional pages as necessary):**

Please see attachments.

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

Please see attachments.

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):**

n/a

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, Jessica Delgado, 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. 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.

 for Cong Tran
Applicant's Signature

8/27/18
Date

n/a

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

Application for Commutation of Sentence

(Attachment Addressing Questions 2, 3, 4)

Circumstances of the Crime

Cuong Tran¹ was convicted of a violation of Penal Code section 182(a)(1) [Conspiracy to Commit First Degree Murder]. The circumstances of the crime² originated with Mr. Tran's younger brother, Kevin Tran, kidnapping a man named Peter Lam. Thereafter, Kevin Tran attempted to extort Peter Lam's family. Shortly after his arrest Kevin Tran conspired to kill Peter Lam to prevent his testimony while in custody at the Santa Clara County Department of Correction [Main Jail]. An undercover officer was assigned to investigate and pretended to be a contracted "hit" man. **Cuong Tran** contacted the hit man, pursuant to a request from his brother, and arranged to exchange \$400 for a rifle. **Cuong** was arrested on June 15, 2011. He was tried jointly with his brother, Kevin Tran.³ Both were found guilty⁴ on November 1, 2011.

The sentencing options available to the court were: 1) a grant of formal probation or 2) an indeterminate term of 25 years to life in prison. Typically, courts are not faced with such an extreme difference in punishment options. At the sentencing hearing the judge commented:

...the legislature has presented the Court with two start alternatives: credit for time served or an indeterminate life sentence...[t]his case has troubled me...I don't think I've ever had such start alternatives, and I've tried a lot of cases over the last 20 years (See Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings, April 24, 2012 included in Section 11 herein.)

Although the Department of Probation had recommended a grant of probation, the judge sentenced Mr. Tran to an indeterminate term of 25 years to life in prison.

Reason for Commutation Request

Mr. Tran is requesting a commutation because he has made substantial efforts to avail himself of rehabilitation opportunities. He has addressed any and every negative behavior he possibly could during the service of his sentence as a review of this application will reflect.

¹ Please note that **Cuong** sometimes uses the Americanized name "Mike" and is sometimes referred to as Mike in the attached documents.

² Section 11, attached herein, contains several documents from the trial proceedings detailing the circumstances of the offense.

³ **Cuong** had been offered a nine-year determinate sentence, however, the offer was a "package" negotiation which would have required Kevin Tran to accept his offer. Kevin Tran refused to accept a plea bargain. As such, **Cuong** was never able to avail himself of the determinate term sentence. Details related to this issue are included in Section 11 in the transcripts of the sentencing hearing.

⁴ Kevin Tran was found guilty of other offenses against Peter Lam: charges he did not have in common with **Cuong** Tran.

Counsel is making the commutation request because an indeterminate life sentence is disproportionately harsh for Mr. Tran's conduct. He did not commit any act of physical violence. Mr. Tran has always acknowledged that his actions caused harm, "I am going to use this opportunity to apologize to you and your family for all that you were put through...I hope you can accept my apology, and I hope you find it in your heart to forgive me."⁵ Inasmuch as the trial court felt uncomfortable with the disparate choice between probation and a life sentence, jurors also struggled with the guilt decision. One juror reported that he "would have found Mike guilty of a lesser charge" if he had been given that option.⁶ The juror also commented that he "would want the judge to sentence Mike to the least amount of time. Another juror commented that it had not been easy to find him guilty because he was a "very sympathetic character."⁷ It would be in the best interests of justice to review Mr. Tran's conduct while serving his sentence thus far to determine whether completion of a life sentence is warranted in his case.

Conduct and Character Supporting a Grant of Commutation

Expressions of Remorse

As indicated above, Cuong, expressed remorse for his actions in the trial court. He has authored a very detailed letter to Peter Lam, the victim in this case, which is enclosed in Section 2. The other attachments in Section 2 reflect Mr. Tran's attempts to reconcile/understand the context within which his criminal behavior occurred to better cement his commitment to live crime-free. "I chose not to address my character defects, so it was only a matter of time before I blew up. When I finally did, Peter Lam became my victim."⁸

Letters and Support from Family and Friends

Cuong has been fortunate to maintain quality relationships with friends and family regardless of his incarceration. Their continued support will undoubtedly buttress his re-entry into the community should his commutation request be granted.

"He has a lot of remorse for the pain he has caused everyone. His desire right now is to be a contributing member of society. He also wants to find a way to help prevent others from end up in jail or prison."⁹

Others have noted the change in Cuong.

"He was still that kind hearted man I knew, but now a humanitarian, eager to teach and share his knowledge of faith and art to his fellow inmates for their welfare."¹⁰

⁵ Reporter's Transcript of Proceedings, January 6, 2012, attached in Section 11.

⁶ Statement of Juror #5 (last name redacted), attached in Section 11.

⁷ Statement of Juror #7 (last name redacted), attached in Section 11.

⁸ "Insight Letter" by Cuong Tran, attached in Section 2.

⁹ Letter from Meilyn Ortencio, attached in Section 3.

¹⁰ Letter from Larame Ortencio, attached in Section 3.

"Seeing his works of art, given the limited resources he has had in rehabilitation, has really shown the character of a person who truly has atoned for one's transgressions."¹¹

"Cuong has much more to do in this world and much more to provide for others outside of a cell."¹²

Letters from Professional Collaborations While Serving Sentence

Cuong Tran discovered his love for art while in prison. The Executive Director for the Museum of Social Justice notes that "unlike many artists who simply want to be known...he was clear that practicing his art was part of his rehabilitation."¹³ Further, she notes that "[w]hen his artwork is sold, he always donates the proceeds to charity."

In her letter, Dr. Unique Shaw-Smith discusses her work with **Cuong** and other inmates developing an art exhibit on the campus of California State Polytechnic University.¹⁴ Dr. Shaw-Smith, discusses **Cuong's** journey from discovering his own artistic expression to developing an art program in the California Men's Colony. She notes that **Cuong** "has not just served time, he has transformed the way his peers view art and has left an indelible mark on those he has encountered."

Mr. Tran's commitment to art and rehabilitation brought him into contact with Professor Larry Brewster, who has spent over thirty years evaluating fine arts programming in California's State Prisons. **Mr. Tran** and Prof. Brewster co-authored a chapter in a book entitled *Today I Gave Myself Permission to Dream: Race and Incarceration in America*.¹⁵ The chapter is entitled "Art Between the Bars: In Search of Self and Fellowship." The chapter begins by noting the collaboration between Governor Jerry Brown and Eloise Smith, then director of the California Arts Council. Without the groundbreaking work by Ms. Smith and Governor Brown, **Cuong** would not have had the opportunity to discover his art or engage in the deeply interpersonal journey of rehabilitating his mind and soul.

Service

The letters attached and the many laudatory "chronos" and certificates reflect **Cuong's** impressive efforts to rehabilitate himself in prison. So often in life one finds that service has a curative impact on the spirit. In addition to "self" improvement, **Cuong** has manifested a strong commitment to help inmates who he "lives" with. Most recently, **Cuong** has been working as an aid for Developmentally Disabled inmates. A few letters from inmates who he has helped are attached in Section 6.

¹¹ Letter from Aielo Jimenez, attached in Section 3.

¹² Letter from David Khanuakayev, attached in Section 5.

¹³ Letter from Rev. Jennifer Gutierrez, attached in Section 4.

¹⁴ Letter from Unique Shaw-Smith, attached in Section 4; see also Section 8 which includes media coverage of the exhibit as well as student "reflections" of **Mr. Tran's** art work.

¹⁵ Edited by Erin Brigham and Kimberly Rae Connor, 2018, attached to Prof. Brewster's letter in Section 4.

Faith Based Support and Re-Entry Plans

Mr. Tran appreciates the importance of preparing for re-entry into the community. Attached in Section 7 are several letters from faith-based volunteers who have worked with him. Sister Mary Hodges addresses the two Rules Violation Reports that **Cuong** sustained in 2012 and 2015. Carl Hunter, who has been involved in prison ministry for six years, writes that “Cuong stands out as the man who is most intentional about his improvement and dedication to helping others.”¹⁶

Cuong has also drafted a “Relapse Prevention Plan” and a document entitled “Parole Plans.”¹⁷ In these documents he reviews a clear structure for recognizing “warning signs that indicate I may relapse into negative thinking processes...” He also lists all of his short and long term goals for success.

CDCR Programming and “Central” File

Mr. Tran’s central file is replete with laudatory “chronos” and good acts. He has participated in a wide range of programs designed to address important rehabilitation topics: alternatives to violence, anger management, addiction, domestic violence awareness, victim awareness and negative lifestyle choices. His file also reveals positive work supervisor reports wherein he is routinely evaluated as “exceptional” and “above average.” The “chronos” also track his commitment to art and rehabilitation. He is a positive contributor in the prison ecosystem, routinely donating books to the library and volunteering with the Literacy Council to tutor non-literate inmates. The many certificates he has accumulated reflecting his achievements are attached in Section 9.

As noted above, **Mr. Tran** has sustained two Rules violations: a 2017 incident for possession of a cell phone and a 2012 incident involving fighting in the library. **Mr. Tran** accepted responsibility for both incidents. His credit loss was restored on July 6, 2016. His “central” file ins attached in Section 10 with the addendum from **Mr. Tran’s** records attached as Section 10a.

Mr. Tran’s classification reports reflect a California Static Risk Assessment (CSRA) score of 1, the lowest score possible.

Respectfully submitted,


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¹⁶ Letter from Carl Hunter, attached in Section 7.

¹⁷ Included in Section 7.

REPRIEVE CERTIFICATES

2025

Governor Newsom's 2025 Reprieve Grants

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Pitts	Kenyon	K38617	11/21/2025	370

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

REPRIEVE OF SENTENCE

Kenyon Pitts

In 1995, Kenyon Pitts and his crime partners kidnapped the victim during a robbery. Mr. Pitts led police on a highspeed chase that resulted in a car crash that killed the victim. On December 18, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Pitts to life without the possibility of parole for murder. On February 5, 2025, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, resentenced Mr. Pitts to 15 years to life for second degree murder and seven years to life for kidnapping for ransom, plus two years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 24 years to life.

Mr. Pitts is now 51 years old and has been incarcerated for 30 years. On October 8, 2025, the Board of Parole Hearings ("Board") conducted a hearing and found Mr. Pitts suitable for release on parole.

I have carefully considered and weighed the Board's determination that Mr. Pitts is suitable for release on parole and other relevant case factors. I have concluded that Mr. Pitts's temporary transfer to an appropriate alternative placement in the community to continue serving his sentence until he is released on parole is consistent with public safety and in the interest of justice.

This temporary reprieve does not minimize or forgive Mr. Pitts's past misconduct and the harm it caused, nor alter his conviction or sentence.

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 Kenyon Pitts 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. Pitts 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. Pitts'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 21st day of November 2025.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gavin Newsom', written over a horizontal line.

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Shirley N. Weber', written over a horizontal line.

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