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Chief Justice Patricia Guerrero and Associate Justices
Supreme Court of California
Office of the Clerk, First Floor
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California 94102

RE: Request for Clemency Recommendation – California Death Sentences

Dear Chief Justice Guerrero and Associate Justices,

I have decided to exercise my constitutional authority to commute all California death sentences. My proposed clemency action will impose the same unconditional commutation on every condemned person: a sentence of life imprisonment without parole.

I now seek the Court's recommendation as required by article V, section 8, subdivision (a), of California's Constitution for the 382 condemned persons with more than one felony conviction. I respectfully request that the Court issue its recommendation by the end of this year so that I may act before the end of my term.

I now lodge that list with the Court, along with my open letter to all Californians about my reasons for this action and a statement explaining my understanding of my constitutional authority to take this action. I am not lodging these under seal, and I am making them publicly available on my website at www.gov.ca.gov/clemency.

I am also forwarding all of the records I have reviewed when making this decision. Those are limited to summary criminal history information (or RAP sheets). I ask the Court to lodge these records under seal.

As I near the end of my term, I will take this opportunity to thank the Court and its staff. I am grateful for the Court's partnership over the nearly eight years we have shared Constitutional clemency duties.

Respectfully submitted,



Gavin Newsom
Governor of California

Encl. Governor Newsom's Open Letter to All Californians
Explanatory Statement – Proposed Death Penalty Clemency Action
List of Intended Clemency Recipients Twice Convicted of a Felony