

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Arturo Aguilar

Arturo Aguilar, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 20, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crime of robbery. Specifically, Mr. Aguilar assisted in the robbery of a convenience store by driving a van. He served one year, six months prison, and two years, eleven months parole. He was discharged on August 4, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Arturo Aguilar has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, an order dated July 22, 2013, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Arturo Aguilar has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Arturo Aguilar a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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PARDON

Diana Akins

Diana Akins, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about June 10, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kings for the crime of bringing a controlled substance into prison. She served eleven months prison, and one year, one month parole. She was discharged on July 1, 2006, having completed her sentence.

Diana Akins has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda, an order dated October 2, 2014, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

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 of her residence since her release, Diana Akins has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Diana Akins a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jeffrey Brown

Jeffrey Brown, a resident of Nevada, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 12, 1993, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of driving under the influence, and vehicular manslaughter without gross negligence. He served one year prison, and one year, two months parole. He was discharged on March 10, 1995 having completed his sentence.

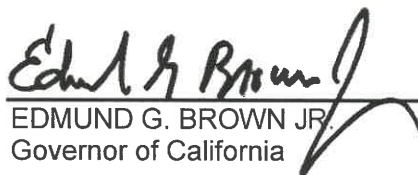
Jeffrey Brown has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Brown reports that he is clean and sober and participates in a twelve-step program. A close family member who wrote in support of Mr. Brown stated that while he could not undo the damage caused by the accident, "he has spent every moment of his life since the accident trying to honor the lives shattered that night, by living a life of honor and service and humanity. Granting Jeff's request for pardon will benefit not only Jeff but our society as well."

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 of his residence since his release, Jeffrey Brown, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jeffrey Brown a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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PARDON

Anthony Catanzarite

Anthony Catanzarite, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about July 18, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento for the crimes of possession of a controlled substance for sale, and taking a vehicle without owner consent. He served five years probation. He was discharged on June 6, 1999, having completed his sentence.

Anthony Catanzarite has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, an order dated January 20, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Anthony Catanzarite has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anthony Catanzarite a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Clarence Cooper Sr.

Clarence Cooper Sr., a resident of Missouri, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 19, 1970, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, for the crime of possession of dangerous drugs. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 19, 1973 having completed his sentence.

Clarence Cooper Sr. has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

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 of his residence since his release, Clarence Cooper Sr., has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Clarence Cooper Sr. a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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PARDON

Barbara Jo Davis

Barbara Jo Davis, a resident of Texas, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about August 8, 1966, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Diego for the crime of forgery. Specifically, Ms. Davis forged a series of checks totaling approximately \$200. She served two years, six months prison, and three years, one month parole. She was discharged on April 19, 1972, having completed her sentence.

Barbara Jo Davis has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated December 2, 2004, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Davis reports that she is active in her church and visits local nursing homes. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

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 of her residence since her release, Barbara Jo Davis has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Barbara Jo Davis a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
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Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
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Secretary of State

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PARDON

David de Noon

David de Noon, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 3, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Humboldt for the crimes of transporting a controlled substance, and possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served four years probation. He was discharged on November 3, 2007, having completed his sentence.

David de Noon has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Mendocino, an order dated June 29, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, David de Noon has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to David de Noon a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

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PARDON

Larry Pelino DeLa Rosa

Larry Pelino DeLa Rosa, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 24, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of attempted voluntary manslaughter. He served one year, one month prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on February 9, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Larry Pelino DeLa Rosa has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated January 13, 2011, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. DeLa Rosa is a registered nurse and is active in his church. Indeed, members of his church described Mr. DeLa Rosa as being a hardworking man providing for his children and his family. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Larry Pelino DeLa Rosa has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.


THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Larry Pelino DeLa Rosa a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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Billy Joe Duckworth

Billy Joe Duckworth, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 7, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crime of possession of controlled substances for sale. He served six months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on December 31, 1993, having completed his sentence.

Billy Joe Duckworth has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, an order dated August 4, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Billy Joe Duckworth has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Billy Joe Duckworth a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Angela Edzards (Legoretta)

Angela Edzards, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about February 18, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served three years probation. She was discharged on February 18, 2003, having completed her sentence.

Angela Edzards has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, an order dated June 1, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

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 of her residence since her release, Angela Edzards has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Angela Edzards a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Gregory Allen Fowler

Gregory Allen Fowler, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 7, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Inyo for the crime of driving under the influence with prior specific convictions. He served one year, four months prison, and two years, six months parole. He was discharged on September 25, 1996, having completed his sentence.

Gregory Allen Fowler has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated February 23, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Fowler attends a twelve-step program and has been sober for over a decade. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Gregory Allen Fowler has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Gregory Allen Fowler a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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State of California

PARDON

Robert J. Harwood

Robert J. Harwood, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 1, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crimes of burglaries, possession of a controlled substance for sale, and entering a noncommercial dwelling. He served six months prison, and two years parole. He was discharged on March 14, 2000, having completed his sentence.

Robert J. Harwood has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Francisco, an order dated November 2, 2011, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Specifically, Mr. Harwood stole a purse and was found in possession of controlled substances and other paraphernalia. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Robert J. Harwood has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Robert J. Harwood a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Vanna In

Vanna In, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. In lawfully entered the United States at the age of 3 as a refugee from Cambodia. He is under an order of deportation to Cambodia after living in the United States for 40 years as a lawful permanent resident.

Mr. In was sentenced on or about October 24, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno, for the crime of murder. Specifically, at the age of 17 Mr. In shot a rival gang member. He served six years, two months California Youth Authority. He was discharged on January 8, 2001 having completed his sentence.

Vanna In has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, after his release, Mr. In started Jobs of Hope, an organization devoted to assisting former gang members obtain jobs that helped dozens of individuals to turn away from gangs and become law abiding, productive citizens. After Mr. In returned to Fresno, he became a beloved youth pastor at a local Mennonite Brethren church. Hundreds of individuals wrote in support of Mr. In, testifying to his rehabilitation. One individual wrote that "he truly makes the community in which he lives a safer, healthier and more productive environment." Many individuals expressed alarm at the potential that Mr. In would be deported, such as one individual who wrote that deporting Mr. In "would be doing a disservice to the many people that Vanna can help in the future as well as improve the community that he so selflessly serves." While the seriousness of the crime can never be minimized, I believe that Mr. In should be permitted to have the chance at remaining in a community to which he has devoted a life of service.

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 of his residence since his release, Vanna In, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Vanna In a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 10th day of August, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Sandra Elaine Jones

Sandra Elaine Jones, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about January 23, 1991, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. She served eight months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on November 22, 1992, having completed her sentence.

Sandra Elaine Jones has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Kern, an order dated July 14, 2010, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

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 of her residence since her release, Sandra Elaine Jones has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Sandra Elaine Jones a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

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PARDON

Ronald David Knoy

Ronald David Knoy, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about May 2, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on May 2, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Ronald David Knoy has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno, an order dated December 2, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Ronald David Knoy has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ronald David Knoy a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


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Secretary of State

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PARDON

Louis Monroe Lagrand

Louis Monroe Lagrand, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about September 10, 2002, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served one year, four months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on March 11, 2005, having completed his sentence.

Louis Monroe Lagrand has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Solano, an order dated December 3, 2012, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Louis Monroe Lagrand has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Louis Monroe Lagrand a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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PARDON

Heng Lao

Heng Lao, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 30, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of assault with a deadly weapon, not firearm. He served two years prison, and three years parole. He was discharged on March 3, 2003, having completed his sentence.

Heng Lao has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated June 16, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Lao owns several businesses that employ over 30 people. An individual who has known Mr. Lao for over 25 years wrote that "his good character has helped many people" and that "our society and communities needs more people like Heng." By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Heng Lao has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Heng Lao a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 10th Day of August, 2018.



EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:



ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Federico Lua Lua

Federico Lua Lua, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 29, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare for the crimes of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs with prior convictions, and driving under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol level of .08% with prior convictions. He served one year, one month prison, and one year, five months parole. He was discharged on July 5, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Federico Lua Lua has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare, an order dated April 7, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Federico Lua Lua has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Federico Lua Lua a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADI, LA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Poppy Beltrand McCready

Poppy Beltrand McCready, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about October 29, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Monterey for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. She served three years probation. She was discharged on October 29, 1995, having completed her sentence.

Poppy Beltrand McCready has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Mariposa, an order dated May 4, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

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 of her residence since her release, Poppy Beltrand McCready has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Poppy Beltrand McCready a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jason Colvin McHann

Jason Colvin McHann, a resident of Utah, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about February 2, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Orange, for the crimes of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale, and possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on February 1, 2007 having completed his sentence.

Jason Colvin McHann has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen.

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 of his residence since his release, Jason Colvin McHann, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jason Colvin McHann a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jennifer L. Nice (Ungar)

Jennifer L. Nice, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about November 17, 2004, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Mateo for the crime of being an accessory. She served three years probation. She was discharged on November 17, 2007, having completed her sentence.

Jennifer L. Nice has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of El Dorado, an order dated July 18, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.


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 of her residence since her release, Jennifer L. Nice has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jennifer L. Nice a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jack Stanton Oates

Jack Stanton Oates, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 30, 1981, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served two years, two months probation. He was discharged on February 21, 1984, having completed his sentence.

Jack Stanton Oates has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated May 4, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Jack Stanton Oates has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jack Stanton Oates a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Jessica Osborne

Jessica Osborne, a resident of Washington, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about May 21, 1998, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Shasta, for the crimes of transporting a controlled substance under special circumstances, and possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. She served two years, nine months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on April 30, 2002 having completed her sentence.

Jessica Osborne has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law abiding citizen.

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 of her residence since her release, Jessica Osborne, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Jessica Osborne a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Rebecca Parks (Chiesa)

Rebecca Parks, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about June 7, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte for the crimes of receiving known stolen property and possession of a hypodermic needle or syringe. She served four years, three months probation, three months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on February 24, 2000, having completed her sentence.

Rebecca Parks has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated November 10, 2016, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. Indeed, Ms. Parks volunteers her time with a twelve-step program, and is employed in the mental health field. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

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 of her residence since her release, Rebecca Parks has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rebecca Parks a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla

ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Salvador Oswaldo Pineda

Salvador Oswaldo Pineda, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 22, 1988, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of assault with a firearm on a person, and shoot at an occupied dwelling. He served three years, four months prison, and one year, one month parole. He was discharged on July 20, 1992, having completed his sentence.

Salvador Oswaldo Pineda has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated November 3, 2016, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Salvador Oswaldo Pineda has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Salvador Oswaldo Pineda a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Clinton Lee Sattler

Clinton Lee Sattler, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about January 13, 1983, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. He served three years probation. He was discharged on January 13, 1986, having completed his sentence.

Clinton Lee Sattler has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated May 4, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Clinton Lee Sattler has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Clinton Lee Sattler a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Rosann Jean Sattler

Rosann Jean Sattler, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about January 13, 1983, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara for the crime of possession of a controlled substance. She served three years probation. She was discharged on January 13, 1986, having completed her sentence.

Rosann Jean Sattler has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Butte, an order dated May 4, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

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 of her residence since her release, Rosann Jean Sattler has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Rosann Jean Sattler a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

William Shields

William Shields, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about August 5, 1982, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare for the crime of planting or cultivating marijuana. He served two years, two months probation, and 180 days jail. He was discharged on October 9, 1984, having completed his sentence.

William Shields has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Riverside, an order dated January 5, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, William Shields has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to William Shields a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Bryan Keith Smith

Bryan Keith Smith, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about April 10, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of burglary. Specifically, Mr. Smith attempted to rob a home in order to support his drug habit. He served ten months prison, and one year parole. He was discharged on April 7, 1999, having completed his sentence.

Bryan Keith Smith has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of San Bernardino, an order dated August 13, 2015, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. Mr. Smith reports that he has been clean and sober for 20 years, and that he is active in his church. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Bryan Keith Smith has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Bryan Keith Smith a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Phal Sok

Phal Sok, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency. Mr. Sok lawfully entered the United States at the age of 3 months as a refugee from Cambodia. He is in removal proceedings to Cambodia after living in the United States for 37 years as a lawful permanent resident.

Mr. Sok was sentenced on or about April 14, 2000, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, for the crimes of robbery with the use of a firearm. He served fifteen years prison, and two years parole. He was discharged from parole on August 18, 2017 having completed his sentence.

Phal Sok has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. He has shown that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law abiding citizen. Indeed, Mr. Sok works at a non-profit dedicated to criminal justice reform, is active in the local immigrant community and with his church, and has the support of numerous elected officials. Individuals who know Mr. Sok have described him as “a tireless advocate for immigrants, particularly refugee children and youth,” and “a true American.” Many expressed their hope that he would be permitted to remain in the only country he has ever known and to continue working to better California.

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 of his residence since his release, Phal Sok, has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Phal Sok a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 10th day of August, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Gregory Robert Steele

Gregory Robert Steele, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 17, 1997, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years, six months probation. He was discharged on June 13, 2001, having completed his sentence.

Gregory Robert Steele has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated December 30, 2004, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Gregory Robert Steele has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Gregory Robert Steele a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Anthony Paul Torre

Anthony Paul Torre, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about June 12, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer for the crime of possession of a controlled substance for sale. He served five years probation, and 270 days jail. He was discharged on June 12, 2008, having completed his sentence.

Anthony Paul Torre has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Placer, an order dated January 9, 2014, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Anthony Paul Torre has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Anthony Paul Torre a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.



Edmund G. Brown Jr.
EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:

Alex Padilla
ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Edelmira Valencia

Edelmira Valencia, a resident of Indiana, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about May 26, 1994, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Sacramento, for the crimes of transporting or selling a controlled substance, and transporting a controlled substance for sale between noncontiguous counties. She served five years probation, and 33 days jail. She was discharged on May 26, 1999 having completed her sentence.

Edelmira Valencia has submitted to this office a formal application for executive clemency in the form of a gubernatorial pardon. She has shown that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law abiding citizen.

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 of her residence since her release, Edelmira Valencia, has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Edelmira Valencia a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses, including the right to own, possess, and keep a firearm to the extent permitted by California Penal Code Section 4854.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.




EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Ramiro Vega

Ramiro Vega, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about November 3, 1992, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno for the crime of possession or purchase of a controlled substance for sale. He served three years probation. He was discharged on November 3, 1995, having completed his sentence.

Ramiro Vega has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Fresno, an order dated February 3, 2017, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Ramiro Vega has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.


THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ramiro Vega a full and unconditional pardon for the above offense.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

ATTEST:


ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State

Executive Department

State of California

PARDON

Douglas Murray Weaver

Douglas Murray Weaver, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

He was sentenced on or about December 16, 2003, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of bringing controlled substances into prison, and transporting a controlled substance. He served 180 days jail, and three years probation. He was discharged on December 16, 2006, having completed his sentence.

Douglas Murray Weaver has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. He has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles, an order dated October 10, 2013, evidencing that since his release from custody, he has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted himself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that he be granted a full pardon.

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 of his residence since his release, Douglas Murray Weaver has paid his debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Douglas Murray Weaver a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


EDMUND G. BROWN JR.
Governor of California

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ALEX PADILLA
Secretary of State



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PARDON

Kapiolani Rebecca Yuhara

Kapiolani Rebecca Yuhara, a resident of California, has submitted to this office an application for executive clemency.

She was sentenced on or about March 31, 1999, in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Los Angeles for the crimes of possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, use or under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance for sale, and transporting a controlled substance. She served three years probation, five months prison, and one year parole. She was discharged on November 15, 2003, having completed her sentence.

Kapiolani Rebecca Yuhara has complied with the provisions of Sections 4852.01 to 4852.2, inclusive, of the Penal Code of California, which provide a procedure whereby a person may, after completion of their sentences, seek restoration of the rights of citizenship, and apply for a pardon. She has obtained from the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Santa Clara, an order dated January 13, 2017, evidencing that since her release from custody, she has lived an honest and upright life, exhibited good moral character, and conducted herself as a law-abiding citizen. By granting the Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that she be granted a full pardon.

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 of her residence since her release, Kapiolani Rebecca Yuhara has paid her debt to society and earned a full and unconditional pardon.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Kapiolani Rebecca Yuhara a full and unconditional pardon for the above offenses.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ardell Adams, Jr.

On September 18, 1993, Ardell Adams shot and killed Kristoffer Brown in a botched robbery attempt outside a market. On August 8, 1994, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Adams to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus five years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Adams has been incarcerated for almost 25 years and has expressed remorse for the crime he committed. In his commutation application, he wrote, "I regret every single second of that night, and I wish I could undo all the pain and suffering I caused the victim and everyone affected by my crime." He told an investigator that he applied for a commutation based on his positive programming and his terminal colon cancer. He said that he has been given only months to live due to his Stage IV colon cancer. Mr. Adams said, "Even if I don't benefit from this commutation, I'd still like to take responsibility for the crime and show that I am a better person and have changed, show that I am no longer a threat to society and that I have turned my life around."

Mr. Adams has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Adams has resided on the honor yard since 2014. He earned his GED, is currently enrolled in college classes, and completed vocational training in auto mechanics. An instructor in the vocational auto mechanics program wrote regarding Mr. Adams, "He has been a disciplined student and has been no trouble, working well with his peers and superiors." The instructor noted that Mr. Adams "has excelled and stood as an example to his peers," while also showing remorse for his past actions. Mr. Adams participated in self-help programs, donated to charity, and participated in the Inmate Peer Education Program. He currently tutors other inmates.

I am also moved by Mr. Adams's illness. He suffers from terminal colon cancer, which has metastasized to the rest of his body. Mr. Adams endured aggressive chemotherapy, which was ultimately unsuccessful. He is currently undergoing further treatment, but his life expectancy remains short. Mr. Adams has demonstrated his commitment to his rehabilitation. I believe that he has now fundamentally altered his way of thinking and is worthy of mercy. For all the foregoing reasons, I believe Mr. Adams has earned the opportunity to present his case immediately to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ardell Adams, Jr. to a total of 25 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Deryus Tramaine Brown

On January 11, 2004, 19-year-old Deryus Brown drove two fellow gang members into an apartment complex. One of Mr. Brown's passengers fired multiple shots into Mario Vasquez's car, hitting him once and killing him. On September 28, 2006, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Brown to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 25 years to life for gang and firearm enhancements. His crime partners – including the shooter – accepted plea deals and received shorter prison terms than Mr. Brown; they will be eligible for parole hearings in 2019 and 2020.

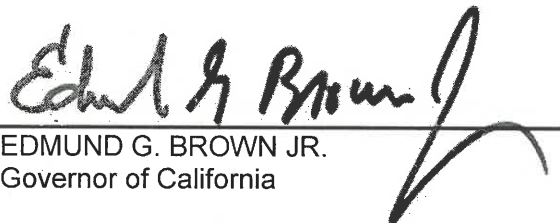
Mr. Brown is now 34 years old and has been incarcerated for 13 years. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct, has never been involved with drugs or violence in prison, and dropped out of his gang. Mr. Brown has participated in self-help programs, including Lifers With Optimistic Promise, Parenting, Defy Ventures, and the Truth Project. He is a member of the Gavel Club and the Inmate Debater's Organizational Group. Mr. Brown earned his GED and routinely receives above average to exceptional work ratings. In 2012, a correctional counselor commended Mr. Brown for his work ethic and wrote, "Brown has demonstrated professionalism, dependability, and efficiency in the performance of his duties." Mr. Brown told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings that he appreciates all that he has learned in prison and that he now has a much more profound respect for life.

When Mr. Brown came to prison, he had no hope of ever leaving. Despite this, he has distanced himself from the toxic influences of gangs, drugs, and violence. While he was the driver in a serious and fatal crime, there is no indication that public safety requires that Mr. Brown be incarcerated for the rest of his life. He has made admirable efforts to change his ways and has earned the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Deryus Brown to a total of 20 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Wayne Weston Burleson

In September 1997, Joel Baptiste and Wayne Burleson lured Stephen Preston into a borrowed van under the pretense that they were all going to steal rims from a Porsche. Instead, while they were driving, Mr. Burleson shot Mr. Preston in the neck, killing him. Mr. Burleson and Mr. Baptiste then stole Mr. Preston's money and watch. On December 10, 1999, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Burleson to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a four year firearm enhancement.

Mr. Burleson has now been incarcerated for more than 20 years. In his application for clemency, Mr. Burleson wrote that he began participating in criminal activity after his unstable childhood and the losses of his father, uncle, and a close friend to suicide, which led him to "abandon [himself] to drugs, drinking, and violence" when he was 18 years old. He reported that he has now been sober for 20 years and has dedicated himself to turning his life around. Mr. Burleson wrote, "I have made significant contributions to the lives of my peers and their families during my time in prison, and I think that I have significant contributions to make to society as a result of the things I have learned and the time I have invested in my maturation. And I will continue to make those contributions whether I receive a commutation or not."

During more than two decades in prison and with no possibility of parole, Mr. Burleson has been dedicated to transforming his life. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned his GED and a career readiness certificate from Baylor University. Mr. Burleson has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Denial Management, Alternatives to Violence, Nonviolent Conflict Resolution, and Victim Awareness. Through his positive attitude and behavior, Mr. Burleson has earned the respect of the staff members and prison volunteers who see him on a regular basis.

Most importantly, the warden of the prison where Mr. Burleson has been housed since 2012 has personally recommended him for commutation. He also receives excellent work ratings and commendations from correctional staff. A correctional sergeant who supervised him wrote, "Each and every day Mr. Burleson has come to work with a respectful, positive attitude [and] a want and desire to make a difference. . . . I am recommending, if Mr. Burleson is going to be given consideration to have his sentence commuted and/or a chance to prove himself to the parole board, he be given that chance." A correctional officer who has worked at CDCR for 22 years wrote, "Looking at the person that Burleson has become, I do believe that if he was granted a parole date, he would be successful and a great contributor to our society." In the event of his release, Mr. Burleson plans to live in a re-entry facility, and his friends have offered him employment and housing to help him transition into society.

Mr. Burleson committed a very serious crime, but it is clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct and rehabilitation in prison. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Burleson has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

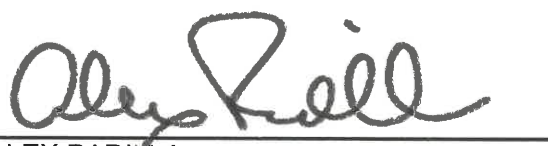
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Wayne Burleson to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.




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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Autumn Cruz

On January 25, 2005, Autumn Cruz and some fellow gang members decided to confront Melvin Liufau over the numerous calls Ms. Cruz had been receiving on a cell phone she purchased from Mr. Liufau. On the way to Mr. Liufau's house, Ms. Cruz suggested they rob Mr. Liufau. While attempting to rob Mr. Liufau, a fight broke out and Ms. Cruz shot Mr. Liufau, killing him. On July 20, 2007, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Cruz to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a 25 years to life firearm enhancement.

Ms. Cruz wrote in her application, "I committed my crime when I was a reckless, impulsive 20-year-old." She continued, "However, I am no longer that 20-year-old impulsive, self-absorbed little girl. I am a 33-year-old woman who takes full responsibility for the poor choices that led directly to the killing of Melvin Liufau." Ms. Cruz has been incarcerated for 13 years and has worked to turn her life around. She no longer associates with gang members, and has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation through her commitment to self-improvement and furthering her education. In her commutation application, she wrote, "I was once told that my sentence meant that I was not even 'worth' rehabilitating, again reinforcing the belief that I [was] 'worthless.' With a broken heart and broken spirit, I picked up the pieces, piece by piece and sought to rehabilitate myself with hard work, growth, and determination." She told an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, "Whether I get my sentence commuted or not, I'm going to continue to change...to grow and everything I learn, I'm going to continue to pass on, no matter what happens."

Ms. Cruz had no prior criminal history before committing this crime. She has resided in the honor dorm of her prison since 2014. A correctional officer wrote that "It is enlightening to witness Inmate Cruz become an avid mentor to her peers and her undeniable passion to help others, without being conformed to the negative environment around her." Ms. Cruz earned her A.A. degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences, and participated in numerous self-help programs, including Anger Management, Relapse Prevention, and Victim Impact Awareness. She is a participant of the Juvenile Offenders Committee, donated to charity, and contributed to several activities sponsored by the Big Sister Mentor Program.

Although Ms. Cruz is serving a sentence that gave her no hope of release from prison, she has dedicated herself to rehabilitation and education. Ms. Cruz is on the right track and should continue her efforts to improve her life in the coming years. For these reasons, I believe that Ms. Cruz has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

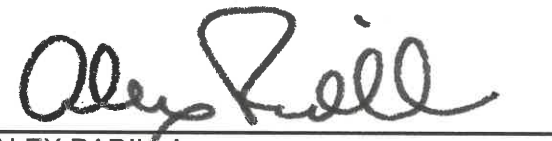
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Autumn Cruz to a total of 20 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.




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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Stephen Edmond Davis

On October 29, 1995, 19-year-old Stephen Davis and a friend were trying to buy methamphetamine from Willie Yen. During the transaction, Mr. Yen was shot and killed. On June 13, 1997, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Davis to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus four years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Davis cooperated with law enforcement during the investigation of the murder and at the time of sentencing, the investigating officer recommended a sentence of 25 or 30 years to life. The Probation Officer's Report found, "The defendant, especially if he is drug free, is not seen as a likely recidivist; rather, this offense and all of the circumstances (including state prison) which flow from it are likely to have a profoundly deterrent effect on him. If he is released in the future, it seems likely that he will do everything in his power to become a constructive force and productive member of society." Indeed, even faced with the prospect of spending the rest of his life in prison, Mr. Davis has committed himself to transforming his life.

Mr. Davis has only been disciplined six times during more than two decades of incarceration, and has never been involved with gangs or participated in violence. He has participated in college courses and has excelled in jobs in the prison, routinely receiving above-average work ratings. Mr. Davis has participated in mental health programs and self-help groups including Cognitive Behavior Therapy, Criminal Thinking, Responsible Living, Anger Management, and Houses of Healing. He worked with the DARE program to counsel at-risk youth on the consequences of using drugs. He has earned the respect of staff members and volunteers, including a conference sponsor who noted that Mr. Davis was a "constant mentor" to other inmates, and a clinical psychologist who observed that he was responsible, hardworking, and respectful. In 2017, Mr. Davis was one of five inmates at his prison selected to give a TED Talk and spoke about finding purpose in life.


The trial judge in this case, Judge Francis Hourigan, wrote recommending clemency, noting the tremendous growth Mr. Davis has made – he believes this "drug-free, mature 42-year-old man" is far from the 19-year-old drug user who committed this crime. Judge Hourigan wrote, "Mr. Davis will not be a threat to re-offend if he is released on parole." Additionally, the former deputy district attorney who prosecuted Mr. Davis's case, Todd Rubenstein, also strongly supports his commutation. He wrote that Mr. Davis was younger and more passive than his crime partner, that Mr. Davis was never offered a plea deal, and that there was "little, if anything," to distinguish Mr. Davis's crime from others that receive lesser sentences. Mr. Rubenstein continued, "Most significantly, Mr. Davis has positively programmed for 17 years and has done so without any reasonable expectation that he will ever be released. This single factor more than any other demonstrates a great deal about his character and how he will conduct himself if ever released." A retired police investigator who worked on Mr. Davis's case also wrote to me urging clemency, saying, "I feel Stephen Davis has paid his debt to society...He made a horrible mistake in judgement that night in 1995 and should not spend the rest of his life incarcerated." Mr. Davis has the support of his family and a plan for housing and a job upon release. He has a Narcotics Anonymous sponsor and a relapse prevention plan.

There is no question that Mr. Davis's crime was senseless and left Mr. Yen's family and friends reeling in grief. But I believe Mr. Davis's record in prison after 22 years is such that he ought to have a chance to make his case before the Board of Parole Hearings so that it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Stephen Edmond Davis to a total of 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 17th day of August, 2018.




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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Laverne Sharon Dejohnette

In 1994, Eddie Craven hired Laverne Dejohnette and Michael Phillips for prostitution. On April 9, 1994, Mr. Phillips and Ms. Dejohnette killed Mr. Craven in his home, ransacked his apartment, and stole his car and other possessions. On May 24, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Dejohnette to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

During an investigation by the Board of Parole Hearings, Ms. Dejohnette reported enduring an extremely difficult childhood. She was kidnapped by her abusive, alcoholic father and brought to California when she was just three years old. She endured sexual abuse from multiple family members, and was placed in foster care at age 13. Her foster mother introduced her to drugs and encouraged her to prostitute herself. Ms. Dejohnette ultimately ran away from home, and was working as a prostitute, using drugs, and living on the streets when she committed this crime. She is now 50 years old and has been incarcerated for 24 years.

In prison, Ms. Dejohnette has made a remarkable turnaround. In her application for clemency, she wrote, "I am no longer in denial of the destructive behaviors and the devastation and hurt I have caused. Today I have a strong desire to help others, especially incest survivors, that they may not find themselves in the same situations I landed myself in." Ms. Dejohnette stopped using drugs and reports that she has been now sober for more than two decades. She has never been involved with gangs in prison, and has not been disciplined for misconduct in years. Ms. Dejohnette has participated in numerous self-help programs including Celebrate Recovery, Anger Management, Alternatives to Violence, and Criminal and Addictive Thinking. She also created the curriculum for several self-help workshops, and facilitates multiple groups for her peers. Ms. Dejohnette receives positive work ratings, learned marketable skills during many years working in the Prison Industry Authority, and currently serves as an adult caregiver, helping elderly and infirm inmates who need assistance.

Ms. Dejohnette has also earned the respect and support of many staff members within the prison. Multiple officers have recognized Ms. Dejohnette for mentoring other inmates and encouraging them to renounce violence and pursue self-improvement. In 2017, a correctional officer commended Ms. Dejohnette for her work in the honor dorm and wrote, "Inmate Dejohnette is courteous, respectful, communicates effectively with both staff and her peers, and is eager to help others....Her desire towards self-improvement, rehabilitation, and serving as a positive role model in her community should be acknowledged." In 2015, a correctional sergeant who had known Ms. Dejohnette for 14 years wrote, "I have had an opportunity to personally observe her growth. . . . Her attitude continues to be positive in motivating others to strive for rehabilitation." Another officer praised Ms. Dejohnette as an example for other inmates and wrote, "I have personally observed her spending many hours counseling new inmates, and answering their questions about 'doing their time' in a more positive way." Additionally, the Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Ms. Dejohnette's case at an *en banc* meeting and recommended her for a commutation of sentence. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Ms. Dejohnette.

There is no doubt that Ms. Dejohnette committed a horrible crime after spending years lost in drugs and criminal thinking. However, despite serving a sentence that gave her no hope for release, she has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation and encouraged others around her to do the same. Ms. Dejohnette has earned the opportunity to present her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

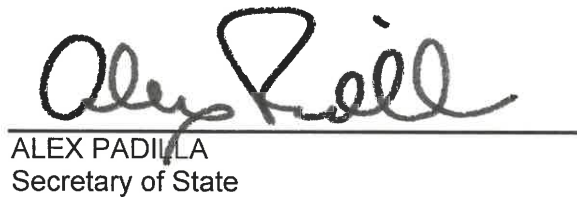
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Laverne Sharon Dejohnette to a total of 25 years to life.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.




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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Neilvert Remingo Delacruz

On June 12, 1995, patrolling officers noticed Neilvert Delacruz and his crime partner in an alley wearing ski masks and gloves, and armed with guns. Mr. Delacruz admitted he was contracted to kill Michael Snow in exchange for money and drugs. On October 1, 2009, the San Bernardino County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Delacruz to 25 years to life for conspiracy to commit murder.

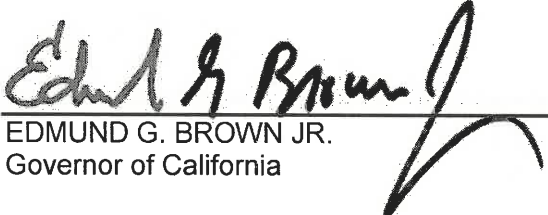
Mr. Delacruz was only 19 when he committed this crime, and has now been incarcerated for 20 years—over half of his life. During these years, he has shown exceptional commitment to rehabilitation and his conduct has been exemplary. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct. He earned a GED, an A.A. degree, and completed vocational training. He participated in self-help classes that targeted his issues with substance abuse, gang violence, and anger management. In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Delacruz explained, "I have learned a lot about myself being locked up....I made a lot of mistakes in the past and I have learned from them." In 2017, a correctional officer wrote, "[Mr. Delacruz] has maintained disciplinary free behavior and a professional working relationship with all staff as well as his peers. He has been responsible in handling sensitive materials and has worked independently with limited supervision, proving himself trustworthy, responsible, and competent." Mr. Delacruz attributes his rehabilitation to his faith and is now an ordained minister. Upon his release from prison, Mr. Delacruz plans to volunteer as a pastor and find employment.

I do not discount the serious nature of Mr. Delacruz's crime, but it is clear that Mr. Delacruz has taken his rehabilitation seriously and has matured from the young man who committed this crime. Based on his age at the time of the crime, his excellent conduct in prison, and his commitment to his faith and education, I believe that Mr. Delacruz has earned an earlier opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

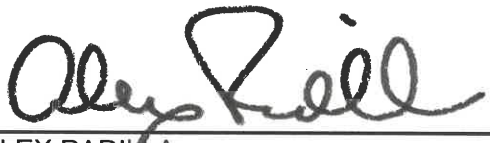
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Neilvert Remingo Delacruz to a total of 20 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Dennis Damar Edwards

In 1987, 20-year-old Dennis Edwards shot and killed Jeffrey Randle El. Mr. Edwards claims that he met Mr. Randle El in the middle of the night for a drug transaction, and shot him after they got into an argument. On January 5, 1988, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Edwards to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder.

Mr. Edwards applied for a commutation of sentence based on his rehabilitation during his incarceration. In his application, he wrote, "I believe a commutation and parole will allow me an opportunity to make a positive contribution to society and my own life. . . . I am a changed person." In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Edwards described the major role his faith has played in his transformation. He spoke passionately about working to turn his life around after taking Bible college classes and reading scripture.


Mr. Edwards has been incarcerated for 31 years and is 51 years old. He stopped associating with gangs more than a decade ago, and has only been disciplined five times for misconduct. Mr. Edwards has participated in multiple self-help programs, including Addictions and Abuses, Peacemakers, and Men for Honor, along with numerous religious correspondence courses. He earned his GED and is pursuing his A.A. degree from Lassen Community College. Mr. Edwards regularly receives positive work ratings from his supervisors, and earned vocational certification in Janitorial Services. He lived on an honor yard for inmates with good behavior for several years. Mr. Edwards plans to participate in a transitional housing program in the event of his release, and reports that he will seek support from family members and the church to help him transition back into society.

There is no doubt that Mr. Edwards committed a senseless crime. But he has made a credible commitment to changing his life and expressed sincere remorse. In his Board interview, he said, "I'm sorry about [the crime] and I apologize for that; I can't stop apologizing for that. But there's other things I can get into to help. . . . It's not about me, it's about what I can do for the next man." For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Edwards has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.


THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Dennis Damar Edwards to a total of 25 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Ronald Harrison George

In the fall of 1979, Ronald George and his brother conspired to kill Kenneth Earl over a drug debt. On December 3, Mr. George's brother struck Mr. Earl repeatedly with a wrench, killing him. On July 2, 1981, the San Mateo County Superior Court sentenced Mr. George to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. George has been incarcerated for almost 39 years and has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. In his commutation application, he wrote, "I can affirmatively state that I am not, now, the same person that I was 38 years ago. I have attempted to serve my punishment with an attitude of service, rehabilitation and penitence." He continued, "I have tried to live a life of service to others and clear morality, and have worked to better myself through self-help rehabilitative programs and education."

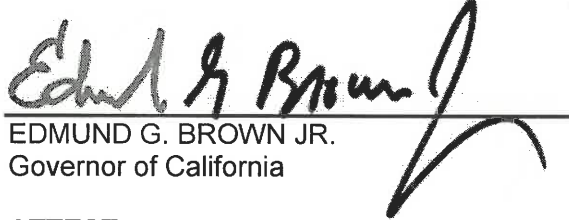
Mr. George's prison record is a testament to his statements. In almost four decades of incarceration, he has received only five rules violations, none of which were violent. He was last disciplined 24 years ago. Mr. George has completed vocational training in computer literacy and is taking college correspondence classes. He participated in self-help groups, the Addiction Counseling Program, and the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. In 2018, a supervisor commended Mr. George on his work ethic and attitude, noting that Mr. George "is always respectful in our interactions and has always shown a positive attitude towards staff and inmates alike." The supervisor wrote, "[Mr.] George is always willing to help inmates," and "is on a positive path and should be commended for his positive programming." Mr. George has served as a Youthful Offender Mentor, tutoring new students and acclimating them to the program. In 2017, a college coordinator with the Youth Offender Program wrote that Mr. George "has continually shown that he is a self-starter who needs little, if any, supervision in completing not only his assigned duties, but with all the volunteering work he does. . . ."

Mr. George wrote in his commutation application, "I am hopeful that I can be seen as the man that I now am instead of the 21-year-old impressionable mess of a boy that I was when I helped take a man's life." Mr. George has demonstrated that he has changed through his dedication to his rehabilitation. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. George has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ronald Harrison George to a total of 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 17th day of August, 2018.




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Gregory Gibson

In 1995, Gregory Gibson broke into two unoccupied houses and stole musical and electronic equipment, jewelry, and clothing. Mr. Gibson had previously been convicted of several other burglaries. On November 13, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Gibson to 30 years to life for burglary and a prior felony enhancement.

Mr. Gibson has now served more than two decades in prison and is 47 years old. In his application for clemency, he wrote, "I have come to a complete understanding of the root causes behind my drug abuse and criminal activities. I have and continue to take full and complete responsibility for my actions." In an interview with an investigator for the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Gibson explained that he started heavily using methamphetamine when he was 17 years old, and that his addiction quickly took over his life and led him into a criminal lifestyle.

The warden at Folsom State Prison recommended Mr. Gibson for a commutation of sentence. Mr. Gibson has been sober since 1995. He has participated for years in self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Relapse Prevention, and Celebrate Recovery. Mr. Gibson facilitated several groups focused on substance abuse and earned addiction treatment certifications from Palo Verde College and Stratford Career Institute. In 2017, the lead sponsor of a relapse prevention group praised Mr. Gibson for his contributions to the group and wrote, "His dedication to assisting others in their recovery is without parallel...He should be commended for his hard work and dedication to recovery." Mr. Gibson has also made other significant efforts to turn his life around. He earned his high school diploma and two A.A. degrees, and has completed several vocational certifications. He contributed to fundraisers for charity, regularly received excellent work ratings from his supervisors, volunteered as a literacy tutor, and participated in youth diversion programs. In 2014, he was one of just five inmates selected to participate in an international Narcotics Anonymous video conference.

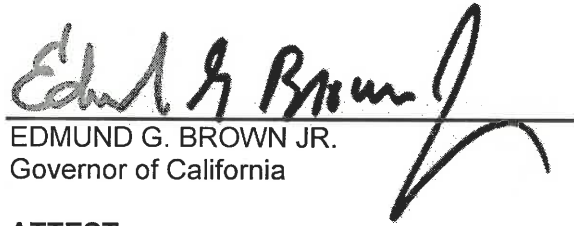
Mr. Gibson's case was reviewed by Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Lisa Chung; she wrote that in light of Mr. Gibson's "substantial efforts since his sentence and convictions to actively address his substance abuse issues, this court has no objection" to a grant of clemency. After conducting an investigation, the Board of Parole Hearings voted *en banc* to recommend Mr. Gibson for executive clemency. Additionally, the California Supreme Court made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Gibson.

It is clear that Mr. Gibson has transformed himself during his incarceration. He has demonstrated a strong commitment to his sobriety and shown that he is prepared to support himself and live a different life if released. I conclude that it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Gibson's sentence so that he can be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Gregory Gibson to 25 years.



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Jarrett Harper

In 1999, 17-year-old Jarrett Harper and a friend robbed Phillip Piazza and his brother in Mr. Piazza's home. Several weeks later, Mr. Harper returned to Mr. Piazza's house and stabbed him, then set the house on fire and stole Mr. Piazza's car. Mr. Piazza later died at the hospital during surgery. On May 10, 2001, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Harper to life without the possibility of parole plus 10 years for murder, arson, and two counts of robbery. Due to Mr. Harper's age at the time of the crime, subsequent U.S. and California Supreme Court decisions, and related changes to state law, he is eligible for youthful offender parole consideration in 2024.

During an investigation by the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Harper reported that the victim, Mr. Piazza, had sexually abused him for years starting when Mr. Harper was about seven years old. Mr. Harper told no one about the abuse until he was 13 and learned that his younger brother had also been sexually abused by Mr. Piazza. Because of their extremely unstable home life, the brothers pledged to keep the abuse a secret. In prison, Mr. Harper started a discussion group for inmates who had been sexually abused, so they could confront more directly – and share – their experiences. Mr. Harper explained that working to understand his past strengthened his commitment to helping others who had experienced similar trauma, and gave him more remorse for his victim. In his application for clemency, Mr. Harper wrote, "I desire to show that I have learned from my past terrible choices and tragic events that I cast on the Piazza family. I have matured into a moral, responsible, and positive contributor to society. I ask for a commutation because I am not the same young boy who committed crime eighteen years ago."

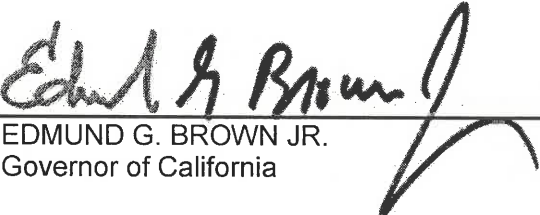
Mr. Harper is now 35 years old and has been incarcerated for almost two decades. He has only been disciplined four times during that time, and has never been involved with drugs or gangs. He earned his high school diploma and several vocational certifications, including one in paralegal studies. Mr. Harper has participated in numerous self-help classes including Victim Sensitivity Awareness, Anger Management, Getting Out by Going In, and Creative Conflict Resolution. He has also facilitated multiple groups for other inmates. In 2017, a correctional sergeant commended Mr. Harper for his dedication to Lancaster's Progressive Programming Facility and wrote, "He participates in numerous self-help groups and peer to peer classes, both as a student and a facilitator, working to improve himself while providing a positive example to his fellow inmates... If the opportunity to return to society were ever given, I believe that Inmate Harper would be a model citizen." In 2014, one of Mr. Harper's supervisors wrote, "I have been a correctional officer for over 20 years and I've rarely come across an inmate with such a positive attitude as Mr. Harper... if Inmate Harper were to be released, I would feel safe with having him as my next-door neighbor." Mr. Harper's fiancée, brother, and friends plan to help support him if he is released.

Based on his age at the time of this crime, his sincere remorse, and his commitment to rehabilitation, I believe Mr. Harper has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.


THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jarrett Harper to a total of 20 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 17th Day of August, 2018.




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Christopher Herrera

On May 25, 2010, Christopher Herrera and a fellow gang member drove past Juan Hernandez. Mr. Herrera pulled out a gun, yelled about a gang, and shot at Mr. Hernandez, hitting him in the leg. Mr. Hernandez survived. On October 07, 2011, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Herrera to 7 years to life for attempted murder and 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 32 years to life.

Mr. Herrera was just 15 years old when he was jumped into a gang and only 18 when he committed this crime. In his application for clemency, he described his conviction as a wakeup call that moved him to reevaluate his participation in the gang lifestyle. He wrote, "I wanted to become a better, productive individual and change my lifestyle. I transformed my life for the better . . . I realize the pain and destruction my old ways caused my family and my victim, and I am truly sorry for that and I would never go back that same path."

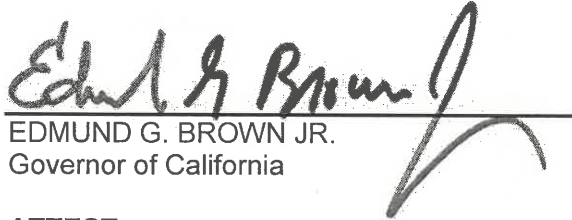
During almost eight years in prison, Mr. Herrera stopped associating with gangs and has committed himself to turning his life around. He is now 26 years old, has earned his GED, and is pursuing an A.A. degree. In 2017, Senator Andy Vidak, Assemblymember Vince Fong, and Congressman David Valadao each recognized Mr. Herrera for his completion of Bakersfield College courses in the Inmate Scholars program. Mr. Herrera routinely receives exceptional work ratings as a literacy tutor. One 2017 work report noted his "calm and understanding nature" and commended him for his passion for "not only enriching his own knowledge, but for showing, teaching and encouraging others to grow academically as well." The report concluded, "He has continued to be a positive role model for all students and encourages and challenges students to better themselves through knowledge and education." Mr. Herrera has also participated in self-help programs, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Getting Out by Going In, and currently volunteers with a youth diversion program. When he is released, he plans to stay away from his old neighborhood; he reported that he will live with his mother and hopes to start his own business using skills he has developed in prison.

When he committed this crime, Mr. Herrera was clearly a reckless teenager who was caught up in the negative influences of gangs and violence. In prison, he has shown himself to be a mature young man who has accepted responsibility for his actions and worked to better himself and those around him. I believe he deserves an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Christopher Herrera to a total of 10 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 17th day of August, 2018.




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Virgil Eugene Holt

In January 1989, Kwami Davies fired Virgil Holt from his job at a fast food restaurant. On April 19, 1989, Mr. Holt went back to the restaurant with a gun at closing time. He forced an employee into the walk-in freezer and warned that he would shoot him if he tried to leave. Mr. Holt found Mr. Davies and ordered him to open the safe. Mr. Davies refused, and Mr. Holt shot him multiple times, killing him. On October 31, 1991, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Holt to life without the possibility of parole plus four years for murder, false imprisonment, and a firearm enhancement.

While acknowledging the significant impact of his crime, Mr. Holt applied for clemency based on his record of rehabilitation. In his application, he said, "I am no longer the out of control, reckless, immature, and irresponsible person that I was almost 30 years ago." He described deciding to turn his life around after informing his daughter that he would never be released from prison. Mr. Holt wrote, "I needed to understand my old self and I wanted to be able to heal as much of the hurt and pain I'd caused as I could. . . . I have changed my thinking and subsequent behaviors and I am now committed to a lifestyle of growth through rehabilitation."


Mr. Holt is now 49 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly three decades. He earned his GED and is currently taking courses through Coastline Community College in pursuit of an A.A. degree. Mr. Holt has participated in multiple self-help classes, including Alcoholics Anonymous, Alternatives to Violence, Houses of Healing, and Victim Sensitivity. He works as a trainer for the Paws for Life program, in which inmates train shelter dogs to prepare them for adoption. Mr. Holt has lived for years on an honor yard, and earned respect from the staff members who see him every day. A correctional sergeant who supervises Mr. Holt commended him in 2018 for his work ethic and conflict resolution skills and wrote, "I've also had multiple discussions with Holt regarding his efforts and desires to maintain a course of growth and positive change. . . . I am confident that should Inmate Holt be released from prison he would be a law abiding citizen and an asset to any community." Also in 2018, a correctional officer who has known Mr. Holt for eight years observed that Mr. Holt was "a very positive minded, sociable, and very respectful inmate. . . . I am confident that should Holt be released from prison, he will avoid gang involvement and do extremely well in society." Mr. Holt has been accepted by several transitional housing programs that can help him in the event of his release from prison, and reports that he will also receive support from members of his family and religious groups.

I do not discount the gravity of Mr. Holt's offense, but I also cannot overlook the many strides he has made in prison. In recent years, it appears that he has made a major change and has been seriously dedicated to turning his life around. He is on the right track and should continue his efforts in the coming years. Given all this, I believe it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.


THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Virgil Eugene Holt to a total of 25 years to life.

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Hai Hong

In 1993, Hai Hong accompanied Aliyatham Silavong on a car ride. Mr. Hong fell asleep. Mr. Silavong broke into the Tanaka family's home and rounded up the four family members at gunpoint. Mr. Silavong demanded money and valuables, and took several of the family members to an ATM and forced them to withdraw money. Mr. Silavong woke Mr. Hong and told him to guard two of the family members at the house at gunpoint while he took the others to another bank. Mr. Hong, who was armed, sat in the living room with Janet and Greg Tanaka until a police officer who learned of the kidnapping knocked on the door. Mr. Hong was arrested as he tried to flee through a window; Mrs. and Mr. Tanaka were uninjured and escaped. On December 17, 1993, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hong to life without the possibility of parole plus four years for kidnapping for ransom and a firearm enhancement.

In his application for clemency, Mr. Hong described his rehabilitative efforts and his belief that his sentence was unduly harsh. He explained that at the time of the crime, he was a 24-year-old refugee from Vietnam who spoke no English, did not know in advance about his crime partner's plans to target the Tanaka family, and had little ability to navigate the legal system. In an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Hong reported that his father was put in a concentration camp in Vietnam. Mr. Hong only attended school until the third grade in Saigon, and lived in refugee camps for several years before a family member sponsored him to come to the United States. Mr. Hong asked for a second chance at freedom, and pledged that he would try to contribute to the community if released.


Mr. Hong is now 50 years old and has been incarcerated for 25 years. He had no prior criminal history, and he has only been disciplined three times for misconduct during more than two decades in prison. Mr. Hong has never participated in gangs, drugs, or violence. He participated in several self-help groups, including Life Skills and a group for inmates serving life sentences. He also participated in Buddhist programs for years. Mr. Hong is currently taking education classes to learn English, and told the Board investigator that he hopes to become a Vietnamese-English translator so he can help other refugees in need of translation services. Mr. Hong reported that his mother and sister will help provide him with housing and a job in the event that he is released.

Mr. Hong participated in a deeply troubling crime, and I have no doubt that his actions have had a long-lasting impact on the Tanaka family. However, Mr. Hong has no history of violence before or after this offense, and he has taken his rehabilitation seriously and has clearly expressed remorse. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Hong has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.


THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Hai Hong to a total of 25 years to life.

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Jonathan Hubbard

In 1977, Louis Lovely asked 22-year-old Jonathan Hubbard to participate in the robbery of a local gas station. On December 29, 1977, Mr. Hubbard, Mr. Lovely, Felix Wilson, and Henry Cousins pulled up to a gas station. After robbing the attendant Roberto Ramirez, Mr. Hubbard and Mr. Lovely shot and killed him. On February 8, 1980, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Hubbard to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 2 years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Hubbard is 62 and has now been incarcerated almost 40 years. He has committed himself to his rehabilitation through his exemplary conduct in prison and his dedication to self-improvement. Mr. Hubbard has had only one rule violation in the last 30 years. For the last 15 years, he has resided on the honor yard, reserved for inmates with good behavior. He has engaged in various self-help courses, including Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous, Anger Management, and parenting classes. Mr. Hubbard has donated to charitable causes and participated in a youth mentorship program. In 2017, a correctional officer on the honor yard commended Mr. Hubbard for his efforts and behavior. The officer noted that Mr. Hubbard's decisions are "positive, law abiding, and free from disrespect or violence." He stated that "if the opportunity to return to society were ever given, I believe that [Mr.] Hubbard would be a model citizen." In 2018, Senator Scott Wilk commended Mr. Hubbard on his participation in the Convicts Reaching Out to People program, noting Mr. Hubbard's commitment and service to the community. Mr. Hubbard's warden at Lancaster prison recommended him for clemency, praising his work and volunteer efforts. She commended him for staying free from disciplinary violations, drugs, and violence.

Mr. Hubbard's sentence gave him little incentive to change when he came to prison. He told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that although he had no chance of parole, he decided to take the initiative and turn his life around. Because of his youth at the time of the crime, his rehabilitative efforts, and the length of his incarceration, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jonathan Hubbard to a total of 40 years to life.

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John Revola Irving

On February 3, 1994, 18-year-old John Irving, Bernard Ontiveros, and several friends targeted Jose Contreras Vasquez because they believed that Mr. Vasquez had raped Mr. Irving's friend. They drove Mr. Contreras Vasquez around and then Mr. Irving shot and killed him. On April 18, 1996, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Irving to life without the possibility of parole plus four years for murder and a firearm enhancement.

During an interview with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Mr. Irving explained that he thought he was helping get revenge for the rape of his friend. Mr. Irving decided to make a positive change in his life after realizing the many negative consequences of his violent lifestyle. In his application for clemency, Mr. Irving described the rehabilitative efforts he has made since coming to prison. He wrote, "In the 23 years of being incarcerated I have rehabilitated myself through self-help classes in cognitive behavior therapy and with spiritual growth I have gained insight into my thoughts and actions. Through these personal developments I have learned the true meaning and understanding of empathy, compassion and forgiveness."


Mr. Irving is now 43 years old and has been incarcerated almost 25 years. He has only been disciplined three times, with the last violation two decades ago. He has never been involved with gangs or drugs in prison. Mr. Irving consistently receives above average work ratings from his supervisors; in 2018, one supervisor praised Mr. Irving as a "team player, highly adaptive to an ever-changing environment, with the potential for success in any professional environment." He has earned multiple vocational certifications and has lived on the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard at Lancaster, since 2010. Mr. Irving volunteers for a program that trains shelter dogs, and has designed and manufactured dog leashes, harnesses, and other equipment for the animals in the program. Mr. Irving has also been active in self-help groups, completing programs like Men for Honor, Houses of Healing, and Creative Conflict Resolution. In the event of his release, Mr. Irving plans to live in the Philippines with his wife and work with his brother.

There is no doubt that Mr. Irving perpetrated a senseless crime as a young man. But he has left violence behind and has instead dedicated himself to self-improvement in an extremely challenging prison environment. For these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Irving's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.


THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of John Revola Irving to a total of 25 years to life.

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Joaquin Jordan

Between May 22, 2000 and June 2, 2000, Joaquin Jordan robbed several businesses by either simulating possession of a weapon or brandishing a knife. On March 3, 2002, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Jordan to 25 years to life for robbery.

Mr. Jordan is 47 years old and has been incarcerated for over 16 years. Throughout his incarceration, he has sought ways to improve himself and has turned away from the substance abuse that drove his early criminal activity. Mr. Jordan proposed and developed the New Options for Wellness substance abuse treatment program, which he has facilitated since 2014, has attended Narcotics Anonymous for the past 12 years, and earned a Certification in Alcohol and Drug Studies through Palo Verde College. In addition to addressing his drug addiction, Mr. Jordan has earned three A.A. degrees in Human Services, Social Sciences, and Behavioral Science. Mr. Jordan has also committed to self-help programming; he has served as a facilitator for the Victims Awareness Offender Education Program for over a decade and has participated and facilitated classes in Anger Management, Domestic Violence, and Victim Impact.

Numerous individuals have concluded that Mr. Jordan is prepared for release including California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Secretary Scott Kernan, who in 2017 wrote that "Mr. Jordan has demonstrated exceptional behavior in prison and would not pose a threat to public safety if he were released from prison." In 2015, a chief deputy warden wrote that Mr. Jordan "has embraced everything he has learned and continues to demonstrate what the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations strives to produce." Also in 2015, a clinical psychologist who evaluated Mr. Jordan, wrote that Mr. Jordan "is bright, highly motivated, deeply committed to his self-improvement and is an excellent worker with good interpersonal and organizational skills. His level of discipline is striking." During the Board of Parole Hearings commutation investigation, a correctional counselor said that Mr. Jordan's "institutional performance/adjustment while being incarcerated has been nothing but exemplary." A correctional lieutenant who has known Mr. Jordan for over 15 years commended him for being "genuine, dedicated, diligent, and a hard worker." Furthermore, information and testimony Mr. Jordan provided led to the conviction of a double murderer, as documented in letters from the Los Angeles Police Department and District Attorney's Office.

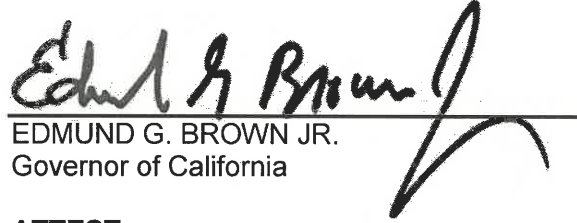
Mr. Jordan's warden wrote in support of clemency. After a background investigation was completed, the Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Jordan's case at an *en banc* meeting and referred his application with a favorable recommendation for a commutation of sentence. Additionally, the California Supreme Court made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Jordan.

In his application for commutation of sentence, Mr. Jordan wrote: "My crimes have had a toll that cannot be quantified, but I do understand the ripples I created resulted in untold damage and permanently changed the landscape of the lives of my victims. I do not know how far-reaching the damage of my individual acts have been, but I have attempted to atone in every way possible." I conclude that based on his record of rehabilitation, it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Jordan's sentence so that he can be released on parole.

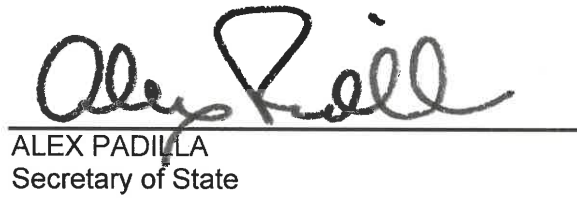
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Joaquin Jordan to a total of 19 years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.




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Hyung Jun

On March 14, 1990, Hyung Jun walked into a restaurant while high on cocaine to commit a robbery. He walked up to the register and ordered the cashier, Margarito Alvarado, to give him the money in the register. When Mr. Alvarado tried to run, Mr. Jun jumped over the counter and shot him once in the upper back. Mr. Alvarado died from his injuries one week later. On October 9, 1992, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Jun to life without the possibility of parole for first degree murder.

In Mr. Jun's application for commutation, he expressed sorrow and remorse for killing Mr. Alvarado. Mr. Jun wrote, "I took away his life. A life that I cannot make or bring back. There's no way I could make up for what I've done." However, he hopes to "one day live in [the] community as an upright person pursuing goodness for myself, for my family, for my neighbors, and for my community. A community which I've caused so much tragedy. A community I've destroyed. I hope [to] one day [have] an opportunity to contribute healing and positive influences."

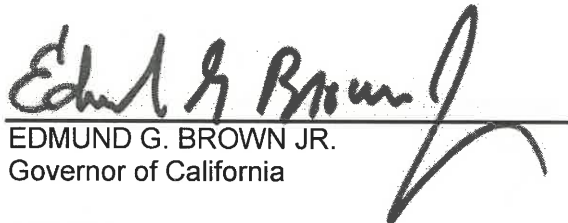
Mr. Jun was 18 years old when he committed this crime and has spent more than half of his life in prison. Although facing a prison sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Jun has made notable efforts to address the issues that led him to commit this crime. He has completed almost 11 years of substance abuse programming and has remained drug-free in prison. Within one year of being incarcerated, Mr. Jun earned his GED. He has resided on the Progressive Programming Facility for seven years and is participating in the Long Term Offender's Program. Mr. Jun has routinely received above average to excellent work ratings. Mr. Jun's supervisors characterize him as a self-starter, hardworking, and reliable.

Mr. Jun committed a senseless crime while addicted to drugs and spiraling out of control. It is clear that he has taken his rehabilitation seriously since coming to prison and has distinguished himself through his participation in self-help and his commitment to sobriety. For these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Jun's sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Hyung Jun to a total of 25 years to life.



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Kimberly LaBore

In 1998, Kimberly LaBore was addicted to methamphetamine and lived with several other people in an abandoned house. She, her boyfriend, and several other men participated in the murders of an unidentified man and Gaylord Chilcote. On April 23, 2001, the Santa Cruz County Superior Court sentenced Ms. LaBore to 60 years and 4 months to life for two counts of murder and two counts of robbery.

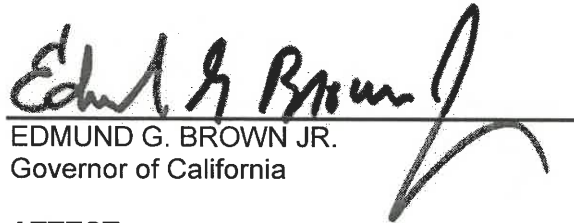
Ms. LaBore was recommended for a commutation of sentence by her warden. She is now 47 years old and has been incarcerated for almost 20 years. In her application for clemency, Ms. LaBore described her path to sobriety and expressed deep remorse for her participation in these crimes. She wrote, "Had it not been for my addiction and criminal lifestyle, I know these crimes would not have happened... My dream is to do my best to bring awareness to the death and mayhem addiction can bring to your life." Ms. LaBore explained that she mentors other inmates and facilitates substance abuse self-help programs as a way of continuing to make amends. Indeed, she has participated in numerous programs, including Narcotics Anonymous, Substance Abuse Treatment, and Beyond Violence. Ms. LaBore has only been disciplined once for misconduct during nearly two decades in prison. She is a certified addiction treatment counselor and has completed multiple other vocational programs. Ms. LaBore serves as a hospice volunteer, regularly receives exceptional work ratings, and earned an A.A. degree. Ms. LaBore lives in an honor dorm, donates to charity, and has been commended by staff members for her service to others. Ms. LaBore has been accepted to a transitional housing program, and her mother, stepfather, and aunt have offered to help support her if she is released.

Ms. LaBore participated in very violent crimes, and I know that the family members of her victims deeply grieve their loss. But Ms. LaBore has also made a remarkable commitment to her rehabilitation and sobriety. She has earned an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she can be safely released from prison.

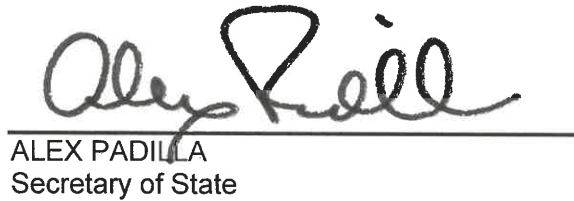
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kimberly LaBore to a total of 20 years to life.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th Day of August, 2018.


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David Bom Le

On June 3, 2006, David Le, Kam Wong, and Quac Ho attended a birthday party where they were confronted by a group they had fought with several weeks prior. Mr. Le and Mr. Wong retrieved guns and shot into the group, injuring My Ha and killing Chau Tran. On February 1, 2008, the Alameda County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Le to 15 years to life for murder plus a 25 year firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life. Due to Mr. Le's age at the time of the crime, subsequent U.S. and California Supreme Court decisions, and related changes to state law, he is eligible for youthful offender parole consideration in 2030.

Mr. Le has been incarcerated for over 12 years and has been a model prisoner. In his commutation application, Mr. Le stated, "Recognizing the harm that I have caused, I have committed myself to living upright, to come to term[s] [with] and cope with my feelings, to think twice about my decisions, and to serve my community." He told an investigator that when he arrived in prison he was determined to stay busy and better himself. He wrote in his application, "Today, I am committed to living a non-violent, crime free, and productive life in the interest of my community."


In prison, Mr. Le reflected on his "destructive behavior and unhealthy choices" and decided to dedicate his time and energy to self-improvement. Mr. Le has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. He earned his GED and an A.A. degree, and is currently pursuing a B.A. Mr. Le participated in self-help programs and volunteered as a literacy tutor and student teaching assistant. He has also worked at the San Quentin News since 2016 and currently serves as Circulation Manager. Mr. Le has earned strong support from staff through his efforts. The staff supervisor for the San Quentin News wrote in support of clemency, stating, "I observe in Mr. Le a mature, level-headed, goal-oriented adult who has educated [himself] and worked on rehabilitating himself to assimilate back into society." A principal with the education department wrote, "Mr. Le takes his responsibilities as both a student and a worker in the education department seriously and uses the opportunities offered at San Quentin to not only prepare himself for life outside of incarceration but to better himself as a person." A college program supervisor wrote that Mr. Le "has a sincere desire to help others improve themselves and is constantly working to increase his positive influence in the community. . . . Mr. Le has the personal stability and the professional, marketable skills necessary to function successfully in free society. I support his release without reservation."

While I cannot discount the seriousness of the crime Mr. Le committed, it is abundantly clear that he has distinguished himself by his exemplary conduct in prison. I believe Mr. Le has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.


THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of David Bom Le to a total of 15 years to life.



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Jack McFadden

In 1983, 19-year-old Jack McFadden participated in a kidnapping and robbery during which one of his crime partners killed one of the victims. Mr. McFadden fled to Nevada, where he committed another kidnapping and burglary. On July 15, 1986, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. McFadden to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. McFadden was incarcerated for over 22 years in Nevada before he was transferred to California, where he has served an additional 12 years for this crime. Mr. McFadden is now 54 years old. He has only been disciplined twice during his incarceration in California, and has not committed any violent acts. He has lived on an honor yard since 2012. Mr. McFadden routinely receives exceptional work ratings from his supervisors, has contributed to charity events, and participates in Paws for Life, a program that trains rescue dogs. The Director of Operations of Paws for Life stated that "Mr. McFadden has been an integral part of organizing the program and worked tirelessly to get the program up and running. Mr. McFadden is the natural leader of the group, which is made up of a very diverse group of men from all races, religions, past gang affiliations, educational and cultural backgrounds. In the event that Mr. McFadden is paroled, Karma Rescue is willing to offer him employment." Multiple correctional officers and staff members have also commended him for his positive behavior and work ethic. Mr. McFadden is currently earning his bachelor's degree from California State University, Los Angeles and a professor from the university noted that Mr. McFadden is "a rare and special man who...can bring a diverse group of strong personalities together," and offered him mentoring and help finding a job if he is released from prison.

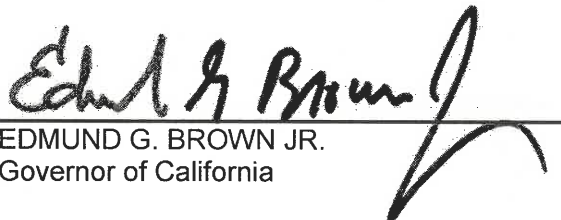
Debbie Asuncion, the warden at Lancaster prison, recommended clemency for Mr. McFadden. Additionally, Jessie Walsh, a retired associate warden from Nevada, has also recommended a commutation. Ms. Walsh wrote, "It is most unusual in my fifty years of experience in the criminal justice system for such change to be concretely demonstrated, and also completely new in my experience to express support for clemency given the seriousness of Mr. McFadden's offenses." She continued, "In my opinion, to continue incarceration for Jack McFadden without him having the opportunity for release would be counterproductive and unnecessary in terms of the impact [continued incarceration] would have for himself as well as the community and society as a whole."

In addition, Mr. McFadden's application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, which voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. McFadden. For all these reasons, I believe that Mr. McFadden has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jack McFadden to a total of 20 years to life.



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Ronnie Mohamed

On July 26, 1994, Ronnie Mohamed stole various items from Maria Trinidad's apartment, including a backpack, food stamps, cash, and a VCR. Mr. Mohamed was caught by officers near the apartment building's exit and arrested. On July 12, 1995, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Mohamed to 25 years to life for burglary under the three strikes law and 10 years for prior felony enhancements – a total term of 35 years to life.

Mr. Mohamed started committing burglaries as a juvenile and began selling drugs to support his own drug addiction. He stated in his clemency application that getting involved in drugs was at the root of his problems. During his time in prison, Mr. Mohamed has been committed to living a drug and violence free life. He has not been involved in any gang activity and has only been disciplined once while in prison.

Mr. Mohamed has been incarcerated for 24 years and is now 58 years old. He has taken college classes, participated in self-help programs, and completed vocational training. Mr. Mohamed has received above average work ratings, and his outstanding work performance and respectful relationship with both inmates and staff has not gone unnoticed. In 2018, a correctional officer wrote that Mr. Mohamed "exhibited the posture of rehabilitation and demonstrates his positive attitude in all affairs to prepare for society again." A visiting room sergeant who has known Mr. Mohamed for the past 10 years noted that he has always "maintained the same respect [for] staff, guests, and the inmate population." Mr. Mohamed was an original participant in the San Quentin Tennis Program and has encouraged other inmates to participate. In 2017, an associate warden wrote that Mr. Mohamed has been "instrumental" through the tennis program in "breaking down the inmate self-imposed racial self-segregation." The associate warden wrote that Mr. Mohamed is "mature, conscientious, and "dedicated [to making San Quentin] a safe environment for himself and others."

I note that Mr. Mohamed was recommended for a commutation by the Warden at San Quentin. Additionally, the Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Mohamed's case at an *en banc* meeting and recommended him for a commutation of sentence. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Mohamed.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Stephen Marcus, who reviewed Mr. Mohamed's case, wrote that the question of whether Mr. Mohamed should be granted executive clemency "should be determined, in large part, by his performance and record in state prison." Mr. Mohamed has remained dedicated to and focused on his rehabilitation throughout his incarceration. For all the foregoing reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Mohamed's sentence so that he can be released on parole.

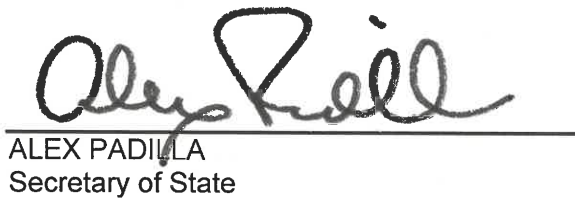
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Ronnie Mohamed to a total of 25 years.

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Quintin Orrin Morris

At around 1:45 a.m. on November 30, 1991, Zaida Correa and three friends, Livan Cartaya, Maribel Canizales, and Jose Corzo, returned to Ms. Correa's house after an evening out. As they walked toward the front door of the home four shots rang out, striking Ms. Canizales and Mr. Corzo. The gunman ran towards Ms. Correa, faced her, raised his weapon, and fired six more shots, somehow missing her. The shooter then ran across the street and got into the front passenger seat of a waiting car. Mr. Morris was arrested nearby and identified as the shooter. On February 16, 1994, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Morris to 33 years to life for three counts of attempted murder.

Mr. Morris maintains his innocence for this crime. No physical evidence ties Mr. Morris to the crime, and it is not clear what his motive for committing the crime would have been. Another individual confessed to the crime shortly after Mr. Morris' trial in the early 1990s and, when recently interviewed, continued to assert that he was the true shooter. An eyewitness who testified at trial has since indicated that the other man who confessed to the crime "resembled the shooter," and she questioned her previous positive identification of Mr. Morris. In 2000, a federal magistrate, Charles Eick, recommended that Mr. Morris seek clemency, saying, "on the present record as a whole, including the evidence obtained post-trial, this court has significant doubt regarding whether petitioner committed the crime of which he stands convicted." Additionally, the Board of Parole Hearings reviewed Mr. Morris' case at an *en banc* meeting and recommended him for a commutation of sentence. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Morris.

The trial judge in Mr. Morris' case was Michael Hoff, a retired 20-year police officer intimately familiar with the neighborhood where the crime took place due to his previous time as a watch commander there. After retiring from the Los Angeles Police Department, he practiced law for 15 years and served on the Los Angeles County Superior Court for 21 years. He presided over hundreds of similar criminal cases. During Mr. Morris' trial, the judge expressed grave concerns about the sufficiency of the evidence placing Mr. Morris at the scene of the crime and asked the deputy district attorney to consider dismissing the case. Judge Hoff said that he was "surprised" by the jury's verdict, and granted a new trial after the other individual claimed responsibility for the shooting. That decision was later overturned on appeal. In 2013, Judge Hoff wrote to support clemency and explained his concern with the eyewitness identification in the case. He said, "Had Mr. Morris' trial been a bench trial, I would have concluded that there was reasonable doubt as to his guilt and that the People did not satisfy their burden of proof." During a more recent interview with the Board of Parole Hearings, Judge Hoff said, "I don't think he did it. The witness identification was impossible. We took the jury out to the crime scene at night. We took them out there by bus. At night, they couldn't see anything. There is no way they could see what they said they saw."

Mr. Morris is now 53 years old and has been incarcerated for nearly 27 years. While incarcerated, Mr. Morris earned a GED. He has proven to be a hard worker and has received above average work ratings. Through his diligent efforts and thousands of hours of work, he has gained skills in metal fabrication. He has participated in self-help groups including Anger Management, Life Skills, Self-Development, and Interpersonal Skills. He has served as the co-chairman of his Alcoholics Anonymous group. He has not been disciplined for misconduct since 2012. One of his former attorneys wrote a letter of support describing him as “a model of positivity, gratitude, equanimity and generosity.”

In light of the significant doubt that judges have raised surrounding Mr. Morris’ conviction, along with his rehabilitative efforts in prison, I believe he should have an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Quintin Morris to a total of 25 years to life.

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Lawrence Udukobraye Pela

In 2007, Lawrence Pela committed multiple armed robberies of video game stores and a convenience store. Mr. Pela had a gun and wore a mask and gloves during each robbery, but no one was injured. On November 5, 2009, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Pela to 10 years for 9 counts of robbery plus an additional 36 years and 8 months for 9 firearm enhancements – a total term of 46 years and 8 months in prison.

Mr. Pela has now been incarcerated for almost 11 years. In his application for commutation, he described his dedication to his faith and the changes he has made in his life since coming to prison. He wrote, “I have improved my understanding and ability to articulate my thoughts, utilizing an awareness of how to avoid negative situations to make a difference in the lives of those in my community behind the walls and abroad... If I am granted this commutation, I will reenter society committed to serving others as I have done while in prison.”

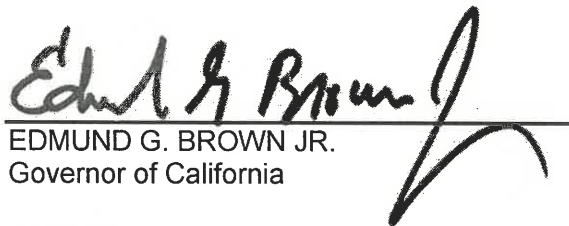
Mr. Pela has clearly dedicated himself to rehabilitation and turning his life around. He has never been disciplined for misconduct during more than a decade in prison. He is taking college classes and has been working in the Prison Industry Authority for years, learning marketable skills in carpentry. Mr. Pela has participated in multiple self-help classes, including Trauma and Victimization, Criminal Behavior, Transformative Justice, and Effective Communication. He has also been commended by volunteers and staff members who interact with him regularly. In 2017, the executive director of Restorative Justice praised Mr. Pela for his participation in a transformative justice symposium, writing, “Pela is commended for his efforts in supporting the needs of survivors of crime and increasing public safety.” In 2013, a correctional lieutenant applauded Mr. Pela for his participation in a program that counsels young people to stay away from the pressures of gangs, drugs, and violence. The lieutenant wrote, “His active participation in this program is evidence of genuine concern and commitment towards making a difference in the lives of at-risk youths in the community.” A number of other supervisors have commended Mr. Pela’s work ethic, positive attitude, and commitment to improving the institution. Mr. Pela plans to live with his mother and earn his bachelor’s degree when he returns to the community.

For all the foregoing reasons, I believe that Mr. Pela deserves an opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Lawrence Udukobraye Pela so he is immediately eligible for a parole hearing.



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Charlie Praphatananda

On April 4, 1997, Charlie Praphatananda and two others robbed Emiliano Coronado of twenty dollars. Later that day, Mr. Praphatananda shot and killed Robert Goodwin during a robbery. On January 5, 2001, the Riverside County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Praphatananda to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus 10 years for a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Praphatananda has been incarcerated for over 21 years and has been a model inmate during that time. In his commutation application, Mr. Praphatananda described how he came to understand that while he made some terrible choices leading up to, and including, his crime, "I haven't continued to live in those choices." Instead, he noted, "My time in here has been spent on improving myself as a person, by learning new ways of thinking and by participating in positive activities." He wrote, "I hope to one day not be defined only by my worst actions."

In prison, Mr. Praphatananda has been committed to his rehabilitation and earned the respect of staff. Mr. Praphatananda has been recommended for clemency by his warden. He has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. He has earned his GED, an A.A. degree, and is working towards his college degree in communications through the on-site bachelor's degree program at California State University, Los Angeles. Mr. Praphatananda has tutored fellow inmates studying for their GED and co-founded a book-sharing group to help inmates afford college. He instructs and leads a charity group that crochets items for donation. A lead administrator for the Lancaster Prison Program wrote that Mr. Praphatananda "is a great student, hard worker, and a perfect example of how education contributes to transformation." A faculty director of the program wrote that Mr. Praphatananda is "clearly and demonstrably not the man he was before coming to prison, but instead is now a mature, thoughtful, and loving adult, capable of becoming a productive asset to our society." He continued, "I have no doubt that if Charlie is released from prison he will continue to grow in ways that he did not know were possible and become 'so much more,' by bringing his compassion, patience and humanity into the world." Mr. Praphatananda has multiple job offers and support from family members upon release.

Faced with a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Praphatananda could have easily given up and lost himself in drugs, gangs, and violence. Instead, he focused on his rehabilitation. As Mr. Praphatananda wrote in his application, "I've spent half my life trying to better myself, to learn from the consequences that my actions had." Mr. Praphatananda has demonstrated sincere remorse for his actions and dedicated himself to self-improvement and serving others. For these reasons, I believe that Mr. Praphatananda has earned the opportunity to present his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

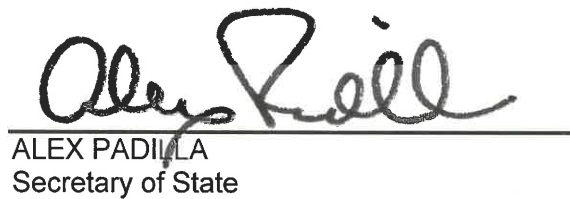
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Charlie Praphatananda from life without the possibility of parole to a total of 20 years to life.



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Alejandro Rosales

On September 24, 1999, a truck drove past Alejandro Rosales and one of its occupants flashed gang signs in his direction. Mr. Rosales pulled out a gun and fired multiple shots at the truck, hitting Jesus Villalobos in the chest and Antonio Perez in the arm. Mr. Villalobos died from his injuries; Mr. Perez survived. On July 18, 2003, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Rosales to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Rosales was 22 years old when he committed this crime; he is now 41 and has spent 18 years in prison. In his application for clemency, he took full responsibility for his actions and wrote that he regretted that the life he chose "brought so much pain not just to my loved ones, but also to those that my action hurt."

During his incarceration, Mr. Rosales has made notable efforts to turn his life around. Mr. Rosales has maintained a positive work record and served for several years as a lead porter. Mr. Rosales has been earnestly involved in self-help programs including Life without a Crutch and Alternatives to Violence, and is currently enrolled in an Anti-Recidivism Coalition program for youth offenders. In 2017, the sponsor for the Life without a Crutch program called him a "model for others to emulate," commended him for being "extremely dedicated in completing work assignments," and noted that Mr. Rosales "has also committed to a thorough self-analysis that has helped him to make a positive social behavior modification." The sponsor concluded, "I am confident that Inmate Rosales will do well in the future." In the event of his release, Mr. Rosales plans to seek services from a transitional housing program to help him re-enter the community. He has a mentor who has promised to help him if released and he reported that he is eager to rejoin his family and be a positive role model for those around him.

Despite serving a sentence that offered him no hope for release, Mr. Rosales has used his time in prison to reflect on his past and strive for a new, positive future. For these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.


THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Alejandro Rosales to a total of 25 years to life.



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Hugo Ivan Sanchez

In November 2004, Hugo Sanchez was a 16-year-old gang member. He shot at a car driven by Victor Lopez. Mr. Lopez was hit once in the face, but thankfully survived. On February 8, 2007, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Sanchez to 15 years to life for shooting at an occupied motor vehicle and 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Sanchez has been incarcerated for over 13 years and has dramatically turned his life around during that time. He told a Board of Parole Hearings investigator that at the time of the crime he was “spiraling out of control” and grieving because a rival gang had killed his friend. In his commutation application, Mr. Sanchez expressed shame at having committed this senseless act. He wrote that since coming to prison, “I have done everything within my power to learn how I ended up developing a warped belief system.” Regarding his rehabilitation, Mr. Sanchez stated, “I made that commitment to live a life worth living, my life has been transformed.”

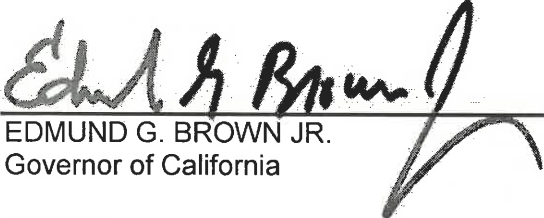
In prison, Mr. Sanchez has dedicated his time and energy to self-improvement and helping others. He disassociated from gangs, avoided drugs, and left violence behind. He has never been disciplined for any serious misconduct in prison. He earned his GED and participated in self-help programs, including acting as a facilitator and team coordinator for Alternatives to Violence. A prison coordinator for the Alternatives to Violence Project wrote regarding Mr. Sanchez, “It has been a pleasure of mine to watch Mr. Sanchez mature in his sense of responsibility to the community,” and noted that he “is remarkably intuitive in knowing how to interact with a variety of people.” Mr. Sanchez has also served as a mentor in the Youth Offender Program and as a peer health educator. A trainer in the Inmate Peer Education Program wrote that Mr. Sanchez “willingly educates across racial, political, and religious lines,” noting that he “has been selflessly committed to the program and is dedicated to educating his peers.” A fellow inmate wrote in support of clemency, stating that “Mr. Sanchez’s goal is to help those around him become better individuals,” and that he “does his best to inspire them to do their best.” Mr. Sanchez has a plan for his life after being released from prison that includes guaranteed housing, therapy, and a scholarship to continue his education.

I do not discount the gravity of Mr. Sanchez’s crime, but it is clear that Mr. Sanchez has distinguished himself as a leader and role model to other inmates. I believe Mr. Sanchez has earned an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.


THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Hugo Ivan Sanchez to a total of 15 years to life.

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Trina Sanders

Trina Sanders lived with her daughter Alisha Brown and Ms. Brown's fiancé, Jason Santos. On November 9, 2002, Ms. Brown, Mr. Santos, and Ms. Sanders had been drinking. Mr. Santos and Ms. Brown got into a physical fight and Ms. Brown pinned him down on the kitchen floor. When Mr. Santos got up off the floor, Mr. Santos threw a beer at Ms. Sanders, and she stabbed him once in the chest. Ms. Sanders called 911, but Mr. Santos died before the authorities arrived. On May 25, 2004, the San Joaquin County Superior Court sentenced Ms. Sanders to 25 years to life for first degree murder plus a one-year deadly weapon enhancement – a total term of 26 years to life in prison.

In her application for clemency and when speaking with an investigator from the Board of Parole Hearings, Ms. Sanders described her former addiction to drugs and her history as a victim of abuse. She recalled the physical and sexual abuse she suffered at the hands of her former partner; on one occasion, he raped her while she was pregnant and beat her with a cable cord until she had convulsions. He repeatedly threatened to kill her over the course of their relationship, and she described feeling like she was "always walking on eggshells." Ms. Sanders reported that after she moved in with her daughter and Mr. Santos, she quickly learned that Mr. Santos was physically, emotionally, and verbally abusive to her daughter. In 2003, a psychologist who specializes in intimate partner battery evaluated Ms. Sanders and concluded that she suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, and that at the time of the crime, "The violence there was triggering memories of her own life of violence... she felt quite threatened both for herself and others and acted quickly in self-defense or a perception of a need to defend herself."

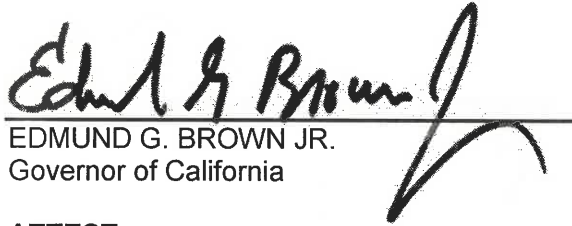
Ms. Sanders is now 58 years old and has been incarcerated for more than 15 years. She has no prior criminal history and has never been disciplined for any misconduct in prison. Ms. Sanders has shown a genuine determination to improve herself and live without violence. She has earned her GED and several vocational certifications, and has received positive work ratings from her supervisors. Ms. Sanders has completed many self-help programs, including Relapse Prevention, Substance Abuse Program, Beyond Violence, and Anger Management. She participated in multiple domestic violence awareness events and has lived in an honor unit since 2006. Ms. Sanders also volunteered for a group that helps prepare inmates for their release back into the community. A staff sponsor praised her for her commitment to the group and wrote that she "should be commended for her dedication to reducing recidivism, helping her peers, and working on her own rehabilitation." She has the support of her daughter and other family members, and has gained marketable skills through her many years of work in the Prison Industry Authority.

I do not discount the serious nature of this crime, and I note that several of Mr. Santos's family members wrote to me to oppose clemency and express their ongoing pain. However, after carefully weighing this matter, I believe that Ms. Sanders has demonstrated a serious, long-term commitment to rehabilitation and sobriety. Therefore, she deserves an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Trina Sanders to a total of 20 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 17th Day of August, 2018.


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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Jesse Vasquez

On March 3, 2001, 17-year-old Jesse Vasquez drove past Uriel Arellano and fired multiple shots at him. Mr. Arellano was hit in the legs and lower back, but survived his injuries. On February 28, 2003, the Orange County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Vasquez to 7 years to life for attempted murder plus a 25 years to life firearm enhancement – a total of 32 years to life.

Mr. Vasquez now seeks a commutation of sentence based on his age at the time of the crime and his subsequent rehabilitation. In his application, he wrote, "I am convinced that I would be a safe candidate and an asset to my community. I was 17 years old when I committed my crime. Since then I have matured and gained great coping skills. Prison saved my life – throughout my incarceration I have learned the importance of self-discipline, I have gained direction in my life, and I have a sense of purpose."

Indeed, Mr. Vasquez has used his 17 years of incarceration to make a significant transformation in his life. In nearly two decades in prison, Mr. Vasquez has never been involved with gangs, drugs, or violence. Mr. Vasquez earned his GED and an A.A. degree, and routinely receives above average work ratings from his supervisors. He has participated in self-help programs including Celebrate Recovery, Nonviolent Communication, and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. Mr. Vasquez is the managing editor for the San Quentin News and has facilitated a program for at-risk youth.

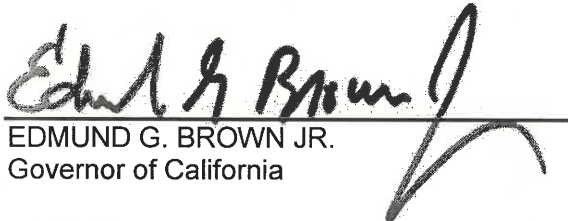
Mr. Vasquez has also earned the respect of those who work at San Quentin. In 2018, a staff member praised Mr. Vasquez's work ethic and wrote, "I have witnessed inmate Vasquez positively interacting and working with his peers, staff and volunteers. . . . I am positive that inmate Vasquez will not pose a risk to the community, shall he be granted parole." Mr. Vasquez's commutation is supported "without reservation" by a correctional lieutenant, who opined, "Vasquez is truly an inspiration to those here." Multiple individuals affiliated with the Prison University Project also supported Mr. Vasquez's commutation, including the academic program director, who said, "Mr. Vasquez has clearly spent a great deal of time considering the patterns that led to his incarceration and involvement in crime, and he is committed to changing his life and surroundings to avoid falling into those patterns in the future." Mr. Vasquez has already begun to prepare in case he is released from prison; he has a detailed plan for housing, reuniting with his family, and transitioning back into the community.

For all of these reasons, Mr. Vasquez deserves an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

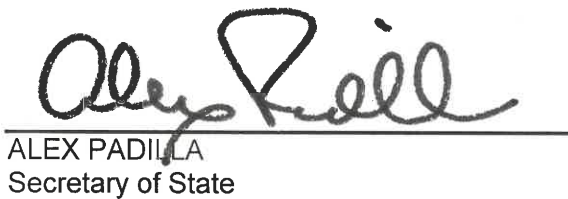
THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jesse Vasquez to a total of 15 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Thomas Joseph Yackley

In February 1992, Thomas Yackley stabbed Glenn McCarty, Michael Gamble, and David Spragno following an argument at a party. Mr. Gamble and Mr. Spragno died, but Mr. McCarty thankfully survived. On March 3, 1994, the Los Angeles County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Yackley to two consecutive counts of life without the possibility of parole for murder, seven years to life for attempted murder, plus nine years for great bodily injury, weapon, and prior felony enhancements.

In his application for commutation, Mr. Yackley expressed deep remorse for his actions, writing, "I have never forgotten about what happened and the people I hurt." He emphasized that he is a different person today than he was when he committed this crime at 22 years old. He wrote, "Over the past 26 years, I have made it a point to change and become a positive person no matter what comes my way."

Mr. Yackley has been incarcerated for over 26 years and is now 48 years old. There is no doubt that Mr. Yackley has made a serious transformation within prison. He was last disciplined for misconduct 16 years ago. Mr. Yackley has resided on the honor yard since 2003. He earned his GED, is currently enrolled in college classes, and completed vocational training in janitorial services. Mr. Yackley routinely receives exceptional work ratings from his supervisors and participates in Paws For Life, a program that trains rescue dogs. Mr. Yackley participated in self-help programs, including Anger Management, Getting Out by Going In, and Convicts Reaching Out to People. He completed American Sign Language classes and donated artwork to charity.

Mr. Yackley has earned the recognition of institutional staff, many of whom have commended him for his positive rehabilitation and were supportive of release. Debbie Asuncion, the warden at the prison in Lancaster, recommended a commutation of sentence for Mr. Yackley. In 2018, a correctional officer on the honor yard wrote that Mr. Yackley "is dedicated to not only improving himself, but to setting a positive example to his fellow inmates." The officer continued, "His desire to change and remorsefulness appear to be sincere and long-standing. He works well with staff and follows directions without supervision. All things considered, I expect that Mr. Yackley would transition successfully upon release." Another correctional officer on the honor yard commended Mr. Yackley in 2018 on his progress towards an A.A. degree and his leadership in a youth intervention program. The officer wrote, "Because of his efforts, the Convicts Reaching Out to People program will carry on strong, reaching countless youths long after Mr. Yackley returns to the community. He makes a positive difference in many people's lives, and he is to be commended for his efforts." Also in 2018, two correctional officers wrote, "It is clear that the decisions being made by Inmate Yackley are positive, law abiding and free from disrespect or violence." The officers wrote that they "believe that inmate Yackley would be a model citizen."

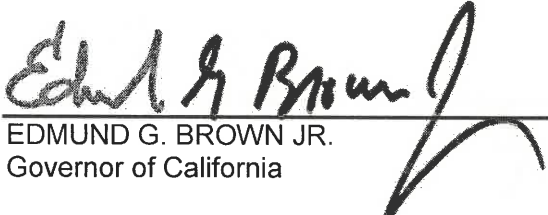
Additionally, his application was reviewed by the Board of Parole Hearings, who voted at an *en banc* meeting to recommend clemency. The California Supreme Court also made the recommendation required by the California Constitution for a grant of clemency to Mr. Yackley.

For these reasons, I believe that it is appropriate to reduce his sentence so that the Board of Parole Hearings can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Thomas Joseph Yackley to a total of 25 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Shadeed Wallace-Stepter

On July 28, 1998, 16-year-old Shadeed Wallace-Stepter and a friend were buying marijuana from Anthony Castro. During the transaction, Mr. Wallace-Stepter pulled out a gun and shot Mr. Castro. Mr. Castro was seriously injured, but survived. On March 10, 2000, the Sacramento County Superior Court sentenced Mr. Wallace-Stepter to 2 years for attempted robbery plus an additional 25 years to life for a firearm enhancement – a total sentence of 27 years to life.

Mr. Wallace-Stepter has now served nearly twenty years in prison and is 36 years old. He has maintained an excellent record – he has only been disciplined twice in almost two decades of incarceration and has never been involved in gangs, violence, drugs, or alcohol. In his application for clemency, he emphasized how much he has grown since committing this crime. He wrote, “I am no longer the 16 year old apathetic teenager... Today, I am a man who has addressed those needs and found healing by acquiring marketable skills that have positively empowered me.”

Mr. Wallace-Stepter’s commitment to self-improvement in prison has been impressive. He earned his GED, a business certificate, and an A.A. degree from Patten University. He has participated in numerous self-help programs including Narcotics Anonymous, Guiding Rage Into Power, Victim Offender Education Group, Restorative Justice, and Criminals and Gangmembers Anonymous. He has also facilitated groups for his peers, volunteered as a community peacemaker, and participated in forums with public officials. He helped produce San Quentin’s 2016 TEDx event and gave a speech on his passion for entrepreneurship. Mr. Wallace-Stepter has been praised by many members of the prison staff for his positive behavior and attitude. One correctional officer wrote, “It is my personal opinion that Mr. Wallace-Stepter has a lot to offer his community and especially our troubled youth of today. I think and know he will be a successful member to society if granted a commutation.” Another correctional officer also supported commutation and said, “All of my interactions with Inmate Wallace-Stepter have been of a positive nature. He has proven himself to be an honest and sincere individual who has made a legitimate change.”

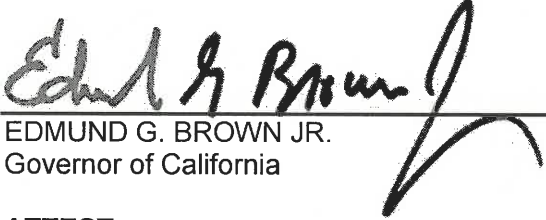
The Sacramento County District Attorney, Anne Marie Schubert, has asked that I grant Mr. Wallace-Stepter’s application for a commutation of sentence. She wrote, “He has been a model prisoner and has taken many positive steps towards personal growth and development that will benefit him when he is released into society. He has demonstrated remorse and a fundamental understanding of the impact his crime had on him, his victim and both their friends and family.” Mr. Wallace-Stepter also has the backing of several community organizations, has been accepted into a transitional housing program, and received a job offer from a family friend. In his application, Mr. Wallace-Stepter wrote, “It is now my mission to continue to make amends for the harm that I’ve caused by living a life of service and making a positive contribution to society.”

For all of these reasons, I believe it is appropriate to reduce Mr. Wallace-Stepter’s sentence so that he can be released on parole.

THEREFORE, I, EDMUND G. BROWN JR., Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Shaded Wallace-Stepter to a total of 19 years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 17th day of August, 2018.




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