

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

**PARDON**

**Melissa Arechiga**

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

On June 20, 1996, 21-year-old Ms. Arechiga was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, for carjacking and accessory after the fact. She was sentenced to three years and eight months in prison.

Ms. Arechiga has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On January 10, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Ms. Arechiga a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Arechiga's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Arechiga 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, Ms. Arechiga merits this pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ms. Arechiga a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 26th day of June 2020.



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**ATTEST:**

ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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**PARDON**

**Jesus Avendano**

Jesus Avendano, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

In the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, 24-year-old Mr. Avendano was convicted for maliciously setting fire to property on June 5, 1998, which was modified to arson of property on December 13, 2018. He was sentenced to three years of probation.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Avendano a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Steven Bohannon**

Steven Bohannon, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On November 4, 1994, Mr. Bohannon was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Imperial, for grand theft. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 180 days in jail.

Mr. Bohannon has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On March 1, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus, granted Mr. Bohannon a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Bohannon's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Bohannon 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, Mr. Bohannon merits this pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Bohannon a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Carlos Castaneda**

Carlos Castaneda, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On August 6, 1995, 21-year-old Mr. Castaneda was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, for possession of marijuana for sale. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 12 days in jail.

Mr. Castaneda has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On January 9, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, granted Mr. Castaneda a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Castaneda's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Castaneda 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, Mr. Castaneda merits this pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Castaneda full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Tina Conklin**

Tina Conklin, a resident of the State of Washington and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 5, 1987, 23-year-old Ms. Conklin was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara for possession of marijuana for sale. She was sentenced to two years of probation.

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

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ms. Conklin a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Stephen Frize**

Stephen Frize, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On October 31, 1997, 24-year-old Mr. Frize was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, for exhibiting or drawing a firearm and carrying a loaded firearm. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 365 days in jail.

Mr. Frize has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On October 12, 2018, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, granted Mr. Frize a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Frize's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Frize 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, Mr. Frize merits this pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Frize a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Richard Gamez**

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

On October 11, 1995, 21-year-old Mr. Gamez was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, for presenting a false claim for payment of a loss or injury. He was sentenced to five years of probation and six months in jail.

Mr. Gamez has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On February 27, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of El Dorado, granted Mr. Gamez a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Gamez's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Gamez 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, Mr. Gamez merits this pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Gamez a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Robert Ilgenfritz**

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

On August 20, 2009, 21-year old Mr. Ilgenfritz was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, for possession of a controlled substance. He was sentenced to two years in prison.

Mr. Ilgenfritz has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On January 24, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Ilgenfritz a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Ilgenfritz's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Ilgenfritz 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, Mr. Ilgenfritz merits this pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Ilgenfritz a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Chheng Lao**

Chheng Lao, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On February 27, 1996, 21-year-old Mr. Lao was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, for the crime of first-degree residential robbery. He was sentenced to six years in prison.

Mr. Lao has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On February 26, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Mr. Lao a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Lao's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Lao be granted a full pardon.

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

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Lao a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Ny Nourn**

Ny Nourn, a resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

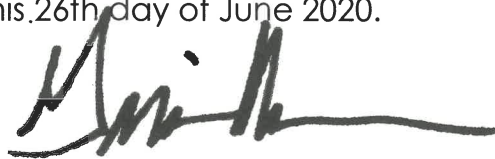
On January 27, 2003, Ms. Nourn was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, for first-degree murder and arson of property. On January 18, 2008, Ms. Nourn was resentenced to second-degree murder. She was sentenced to 15 years to life in prison. She committed this crime when she was 18 years old.

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

By the laws of this state it is proper that I, as Governor of the State of California, give testimony that, by her good conduct in the community, Ms. Nourn, merits this pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ms. Nourn a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Richard Morrison**

Richard Morrison, a resident of Colorado and a former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

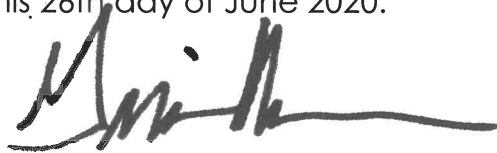
On August 8, 1994, 22-year-old Mr. Morrison was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, for the felony crime of attempted second-degree burglary. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 120 days in jail. In 2004, this conviction was reduced to a misdemeanor pursuant to Penal Code section 17, subdivision (b)(3).

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

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Morrison a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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**PARDON**

**Sopheha Om**

Sopheha Om, a resident of Cambodia and former resident of California, has applied for executive clemency.

On March 10, 2006, 23-year-old Ms. Om was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, for acquisition of an access card. She was sentenced to two years in prison.

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

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Ms. Om a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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PARDON

Christopher Osborn

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

On September 13, 2002, 21-year-old Mr. Osborn was convicted in the Superior Court of California, County of Orange for possession of marijuana for sale and selling or transporting marijuana. He was sentenced to three years of probation and 180 days of jail.

Mr. Osborn has complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On March 5, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles granted Mr. Osborn a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Osborn's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Osborn 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, Mr. Osborn merits this pardon.

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby grant to Mr. Osborn a full and unconditional pardon for the above case.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Dwayne Allen

In 1979, Dwayne Allen and his crime partner shot and killed Chhotubhai Patel during a robbery. On August 8, 1979, the Superior Court of California, County of Kern, sentenced Mr. Allen to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Allen was 21 years old at the time of the crime and is now 62. He has been incarcerated for 41 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release from prison, Mr. Allen has dedicated himself to rehabilitation. He has resided in an honor dorm for many years. Mr. Allen earned his GED, completed vocational training, and maintained consistent employment throughout his incarceration, routinely receiving exceptional work ratings from his supervisors. He has been commended by prison staff for his positive attitude, great work ethic, and respect for staff and other inmates.

Mr. Allen committed a serious crime that ended the life of Mr. Patel. Since then, Mr. Allen has worked to improve himself. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, his advanced age and long-term confinement, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Allen merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, hereby commute the sentence of Dwayne Allen to 41 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Andrew Aradoz

In 2007, Andrew Aradoz fired several shots at a group of rival gang members, injuring Salvador Torres. On October 9, 2009, the Superior Court of California, County of Yolo, sentenced Mr. Aradoz to seven years to life for attempted murder, six years for assault with a firearm, eight months for theft or unauthorized use of a vehicle, plus an additional 11 years of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 24 years and 8 months to life.

Mr. Aradoz was 14 years old at the time of the crime and is now 27. He has been incarcerated for 12 years. While in prison, Mr. Aradoz has demonstrated a strong commitment to his rehabilitation and has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. Mr. Aradoz earned his GED and is currently enrolled in college courses. He participated in self-help programming and completed vocational training. Mr. Aradoz has been praised by his supervisors for his work ethic and positive influence on others.

Mr. Aradoz committed a serious crime that injured Mr. Torres. Since then, Mr. Aradoz has taken responsibility for his actions. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Aradoz's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Aradoz merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Andrew Aradoz to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon a grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Kathy Baker

In 2006, after arguing with her ex-boyfriend Douglas Winfree, Kathy Baker and her crime partner went to Mr. Winfree's home and Ms. Baker's crime partner shot Mr. Winfree. He survived his injuries. On March 19, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Ms. Baker to 25 years to life for conspiracy to commit a crime plus five years for assault with a firearm and a one-year deadly weapon enhancement, a total prison term of 31 years to life.

Ms. Baker is now 61 years old and has been incarcerated for 14 years. While in prison, Ms. Baker has devoted herself to self-improvement. Ms. Baker has maintained a perfect disciplinary record. She has engaged in extensive self-help programming and has resided in an honor dorm. Ms. Baker received commendations for her conduct from staff. A correctional officer praised Ms. Baker for her positive behavior, helpfulness, and efforts in rehabilitation.

Ms. Baker participated in a serious crime that injured Mr. Winfree. Since then, Ms. Baker has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Ms. Baker's positive conduct in prison, her advanced age, and her good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Ms. Baker merits an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Kathy Baker to make her eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon a grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Carl Banks

In 2007, Carl Banks shot and killed Lloyd Stallings in a gang-related crime. On September 25, 2009, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Banks to 15 years to life for second degree murder plus a 25-years-to-life firearm enhancement, a total prison term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Banks was 16 years old at the time of the crime and is now 29. He has been incarcerated for 12 years. Mr. Banks has expressed genuine remorse for his crime. While in prison, Mr. Banks has maintained a good disciplinary record, has participated in significant self-help programming, and has been consistently enrolled in educational coursework.

Mr. Banks committed a serious crime that ended the life of Mr. Stallings. Since then, Mr. Banks has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Banks's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Banks merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Carl Banks to 15 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Isaac Belmontez

In 2011, Isaac Belmontez was arrested for shooting and injuring two rival gang members. On September 7, 2012, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. Belmontez to 15 years to life for attempted murder, one year for assault with a firearm, plus 29 years and eight months to life of firearm and gang sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 45 years and eight months to life.

Mr. Belmontez was 23 years old at the time of the crime and is now 32. He has been incarcerated for eight years. While in prison, Mr. Belmontez has committed himself to self-improvement efforts. Mr. Belmontez has lived in the Progressive Programming Facility, an honor yard, since 2017. He has maintained a good disciplinary record. Mr. Belmontez has participated in self-help programming and is enrolled in college courses. He currently works as a GED Clerk and has been commended by prison staff for his good conduct.

Mr. Belmontez was convicted of a serious crime that injured two people. Since then, Mr. Belmontez has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Belmontez's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Belmontez merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Isaac Belmontez to 10 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Louis Calvin**

In 2005, Louis Calvin fatally shot Wayne Shaw during an altercation in a parking lot. On October 20, 2006, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Barbara, sentenced Mr. Calvin to seven years to life for discharging a firearm from a motor vehicle at a person with a 25-year firearm enhancement, plus eight months for carrying a concealed weapon, a total prison term of 32 years and eight months to life.

Mr. Calvin was 45 years old at the time of the crime and is now 60. He has been incarcerated for 15 years. Mr. Calvin has expressed sincere remorse for his crime. Since entering prison, Mr. Calvin has worked hard to better himself. He has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record, participated in self-help programming, earned a vocation, and is currently enrolled in college courses. Mr. Calvin has earned commendations from prison staff and work supervisors.

Mr. Calvin committed a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Shaw. Since then, Mr. Calvin has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Calvin's positive conduct in prison, his advanced age, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Calvin merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Louis Calvin to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon a grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 26th day of June 2020.

GAVIN NEWSOM  
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**ATTEST:**

ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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**COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

**Yesica Cambero**

In 2004, Yesica Cambero drove her crime partner to the location where he shot Isauro Rodriguez, a rival gang member. Mr. Rodriguez survived his injuries. On December 13, 2004, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Ms. Cambero to seven years to life for attempted murder plus a 25-years-to-life firearm enhancement, a total prison term of 32 years to life.

Ms. Cambero was 17 years old at the time of the crime and is now 33. She has been incarcerated for 16 years. She has expressed sincere remorse for the crime.

While in prison, Ms. Cambero has committed herself to her self-improvement. Ms. Cambero currently lives in an honor dorm. She has participated in extensive self-help programming, earned three vocations, and is currently enrolled in college courses. Ms. Cambero works as an offender mentor intern and has been recognized for her participation in a youth diversion program. She has been commended by prison staff for her positive attitude, helpfulness, and efforts at rehabilitation.

Ms. Cambero participated in a serious crime that injured Mr. Rodriguez. Since then, Ms. Cambero has dedicated herself to her rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Ms. Cambero's positive conduct in prison, the fact that she was a youthful offender, and her good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Ms. Cambero merits an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

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



**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Yesica Cambero to make her eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon a grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.



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

GAVIN NEWSOM  
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**ATTEST:**

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

ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Yu Chen

In 1995, Yu Chen fatally shot Eric Liu, a romantic rival, during an argument. On January 29, 1997, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Chen to 25 years to life for first degree murder plus a ten-year firearm enhancement, a total prison term of 35 years to life.

Mr. Chen was 32 years old at the time of the crime and is now 57. He has been incarcerated for 24 years. Mr. Chen has expressed sincere remorse for killing Mr. Liu. While in prison, Mr. Chen devoted himself to his self-improvement. Mr. Chen has maintained a perfect disciplinary record in prison. He earned his GED, an associate degree, and completed vocational training. Mr. Chen currently participates in The Last Mile Computer Coding program.

Mr. Chen committed a serious crime that ended the life of Mr. Liu. Since then, Mr. Chen has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Chen's positive conduct in prison, his long-term confinement, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Chen merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Yu Chen to 25 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Paris Dixon**

In 1981, Paris Dixon and his two crime partners entered the apartment of Adolph Clark, an elderly apartment manager, to rob him. During the robbery, Mr. Dixon violently killed Mr. Clark. On September 28, 1982, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Clark to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Dixon was 25 years old at the time of the crime and is now 63. He has been incarcerated for more than 38 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Dixon dedicated himself to his self-improvement. Mr. Dixon has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record over the past 21 years. He has completed self-help programming and is actively involved in youth diversion and mentorship.

Mr. Dixon has been commended by prison staff, including an associate warden who noted that, over the years, Mr. Dixon has sought out and pursued numerous avenues to better himself and the prison community. Mr. Dixon has resided in an honor dorm since 2000. Mr. Dixon's work supervisors have given him excellent ratings. Several correctional staff commended Mr. Dixon, detailing his good work ethic, positive attitude, and ability to work well with inmates and staff. Mr. Dixon has served as a Senior Representative of the Men's Advisory Council.

Mr. Dixon committed a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Clark. Since then, Mr. Dixon has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, his advanced age and long-term confinement, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Dixon merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Paris Dixon to 38 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

James Heard

In 1998, James Heard, shot his romantic rival, Christopher Chessmar. Mr. Heard then directed his crime partner to shoot Mr. Chessmar. His crime partner complied, killing Mr. Chessmar. On March 20, 2000, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Heard to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Heard was 22 years old at the time of the crime and is now 44. He has been incarcerated for more than 21 years. He has expressed sincere remorse for killing Mr. Chessmar.

While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Heard devoted himself to self-improvement. Mr. Heard has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record while in prison. He has completed self-help programming and earned an associate degree and art certificates.

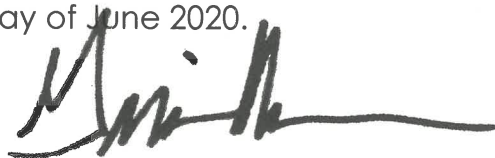
Prison staff, including work supervisors and correctional staff, have commended Mr. Heard for his generosity and artistic talents, as well as his interpersonal and leadership skills. Mr. Heard has lived in an honor dorm since 2004. He has donated his artwork to various charitable causes. Mr. Heard has also volunteered his time to crochet hats and scarves for charity.

Mr. Heard committed a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Chessmar. Since then, Mr. Heard has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, his long-term confinement, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Heard merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

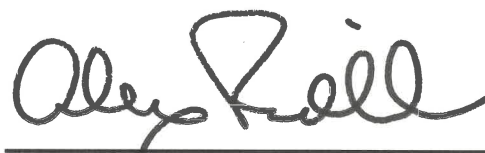
**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of James Heard to 25 years to life.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Frank Marquez

In 2007, Frank Marquez robbed several businesses at gunpoint. Nobody was injured during the commission of these crimes. On August 30, 2010, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Marquez to three years for robbery plus a 20-year firearm enhancement and a ten-year gang enhancement, for a total sentence of 33 years.

Mr. Marquez was 17 and 18 years old at the time of these crimes and is now 31. He has been incarcerated for more than 11 years.

Since entering prison, Mr. Marquez has devoted himself to his self-development. Mr. Marquez has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record while in prison. He has completed self-help programming and earned a GED and three vocations.

Mr. Marquez committed serious crimes. Since then, he has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Marquez merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Frank Marquez to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon a grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Duncan Martinez**

In 1990, Duncan Martinez's crime partner fatally stabbed their roommate and fellow college student, Ronald Baker. Mr. Martinez was present, helped cover up the crime, and stole from Mr. Baker. On November 22, 1996, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Martinez to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Martinez was 20 years old at the time of the crime and is now 50. He has been incarcerated for more than 25 years. He has expressed sincere remorse for Mr. Baker's murder.

While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Martinez committed himself to self-improvement. Mr. Martinez has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record while in prison. He has completed self-help programming and earned an associate degree.

Mr. Martinez has been commended by correctional staff, and the warden of his prison recommended him for clemency. Mr. Martinez has lived in an honor dorm since 2001. He has participated in Paws For Life, a dog training program, since 2014.

Mr. Martinez participated in a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Baker. Since then, Mr. Martinez has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, his long-term confinement, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Martinez merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Duncan Martinez to 25 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Jose Martinez**

In 2005, Jose Martinez and his fellow gang members went to the home of a rival gang member, Cesar Sanchez, and Mr. Martinez or one of his crime partners shot and killed Mr. Sanchez. On January 30, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Santa Clara, sentenced Mr. Martinez to 15 years to life for second degree murder plus a 25-years-to-life firearm enhancement, for a total sentence of 40 years to life.

Mr. Martinez was 16 years old at the time of the crime and is now 31. He has been incarcerated for more than 15 years. He has expressed genuine remorse for his role in Mr. Sanchez's death.

While in prison, Mr. Martinez has engaged in significant self-development. He has earned two vocations and has participated in an art therapy group, creating and painting murals at his prison.

Mr. Martinez committed a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Sanchez. Since then, Mr. Martinez has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Martinez merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jose Martinez to 20 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

David Phillips

In 1996, David Phillips killed Michael Alvarado by asphyxiation while robbing him in Mr. Alvarado's home. On May 19, 1998, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Phillips to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Phillips was 20 years old at the time of the crime and is now 45. He has been incarcerated for more than 24 years. He has expressed sincere remorse for killing Mr. Alvarado.

While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Phillips dedicated himself to self-improvement. Mr. Phillips has completed significant self-help programming and earned two vocations.

Mr. Phillips has also earned commendations from prison staff, including work supervisors and correctional officers. His work supervisor commended him for reducing costs and assuming sophisticated duties on the job. Mr. Phillips was also commended for his high level of competency and aptitude for operational functions.

Mr. Phillips committed a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Alvarado. Since then, Mr. Phillips has devoted himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, his long-term confinement, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Phillips merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of David Phillips to 25 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Jered Pillsbury**

In 2012, Jered Pillsbury broke into a veterinary hospital and stole an autoclave machine, then robbed a fire store at gunpoint and stole from the safe. On January 10, 2014, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Mr. Pillsbury to three years for robbery plus a ten-year firearm enhancement, for a total sentence of 13 years.

Mr. Pillsbury was 32 years old at the time of the crime and is now 40. He has been incarcerated for more than seven years.

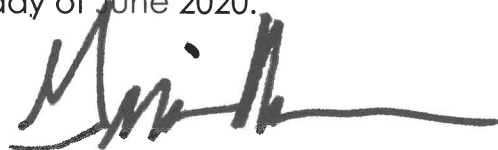
Since entering prison, Mr. Pillsbury has made efforts to improve himself. Mr. Pillsbury has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. He has engaged in self-help programming and earned two vocations. Prison staff have commended Mr. Pillsbury for his work as the facilitator and lead dog trainer in the Veterans Service Dog Program.

Mr. Pillsbury committed two serious crimes. Since then, Mr. Pillsbury has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Pillsbury merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Jered Pillsbury to make him eligible for immediate parole consideration and release upon a grant of parole subject to all applicable review periods.

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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Richard Ponce**

In 2000, Richard Ponce and his crime partner went to the home of Efrain Esteves to rob him. Mr. Ponce threatened Mr. Esteves with a knife, then his crime partner fatally shot him. On November 20, 2002, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Ponce to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus an additional 10 years and four months of sentence enhancements.

Mr. Ponce was 31 years old at the time of the crime and is now 51. He has been incarcerated for more than 19 years. He has expressed sincere remorse for his role in the murder of Mr. Esteves.

While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Ponce devoted himself to his self-development. Mr. Ponce has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record while in prison. He has engaged in self-help programming and earned a vocation.

Mr. Ponce committed a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Estevez. Since then, Mr. Ponce has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Ponce merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Richard Ponce to 19 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Adolfo Quiroz**

In 2004, Adolfo Quiroz shot Felix Garcia in the leg. Mr. Garcia survived his injuries. On May 5, 2008, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Quiroz to a term of seven years to life for attempted murder plus a 25-year firearm enhancement, for a total sentence of 32 years to life.

Mr. Quiroz was 17 years old at the time of the crime and is now 33. He has been incarcerated for almost 14 years. He has expressed sincere remorse for harming Mr. Garcia.

Since entering prison, Mr. Quiroz has devoted himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Quiroz has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record while in prison. He has engaged in self-help programming and committed himself to service. He recently served as vice chairman and secretary for the Inmate Advisory Council. Mr. Quiroz served as a board member and secretary for Narcotics Anonymous meetings. He also obtained a vocation in Industrial Safety & Health.

Mr. Quiroz committed a serious crime that injured Mr. Garcia. Since then, Mr. Quiroz has dedicated himself to his self-improvement and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Quiroz merits an earlier opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Adolfo Quiroz to 14 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Miguel Ruiz**

In 1989, Miguel Ruiz was hired to kill David Werner by Mr. Werner's daughter. Mr. Ruiz held down Mr. Werner while his crime partner fatally stabbed the victim. On December 4, 1992, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, sentenced Mr. Ruiz to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Ruiz was 21 years old at the time of the crime and is now 52. He has been incarcerated for more than 29 years. He has expressed sincere remorse for Mr. Werner's murder.

While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Ruiz devoted himself to his self-development. Mr. Ruiz has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record while in prison. He has completed significant self-help programming and prison staff has consistently commended Mr. Ruiz for his good work ethic and his leadership skills.

In addition to participating in self-help programming and work, Mr. Ruiz has participated in the Prison of Peace program as a certified trainer and mediator, mentoring cohorts of fellow inmates on reducing violence and promoting peaceful conflict resolution in prison. Mr. Ruiz has also volunteered his time as a literacy tutor with Literacy Volunteers of America.

Mr. Ruiz committed a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Werner. Since then, Mr. Ruiz has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, his long-term confinement, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Ruiz merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Miguel Ruiz to 29 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

Cindy Thao

In 2005, Cindy Thao and three crime partners planned to rob Mai Vang. During the robbery, Ms. Thao's crime partner shot the victim, killing him. On April 20, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento, sentenced Ms. Thao to a term of 25 years to life for first-degree murder plus a one-year firearm enhancement, for a total sentence of 26 years to life.

Ms. Thao was 21 years old at the time of the crime and is now 36. She has been incarcerated for more than 14 years. She has expressed genuine remorse for her role in Mr. Vang's death and has accepted full responsibility for her actions.

While in prison, Ms. Thao has devoted herself to self-development in prison. Ms. Thao has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. She has earned five vocations and she is currently enrolled in college courses. Ms. Thao resides in the honor dorm at her prison. She has been praised by prison staff for her positive attitude, work ethic, and efforts in rehabilitation.

Ms. Thao committed a serious crime that took the life of Mr. Vang. Since then, Ms. Thao has dedicated herself to becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of her positive conduct in prison, the fact that she was a youthful offender, and her good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Ms. Thao merits an earlier opportunity to make her case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether she is suitable for parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Cindy Thao to 15 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Issa Wajeel**

In 2008, Mr. Wajeel shot and killed Michael Firkins, who was on Mr. Wajeel's property illegally. On May 6, 2011, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. Wajeel to 25 years to life for first-degree murder plus a 25-years-to-life firearm enhancement, for a total term of 50 years to life. Mr. Wajeel had no prior criminal record.

Mr. Wajeel was 50 years old at the time of the crime and is now 62. He has been incarcerated for nearly 10 years. He has expressed genuine remorse for his crime.

Since entering prison, Mr. Wajeel has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record. Mr. Wajeel has been a leader in restorative justice programming, and a prison chaplain commended him for his dedication to the faith community.

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

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Issa Wajeel to 15 years to life.



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COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE

**Thomas Waterbury**

In 1980, Thomas Waterbury shot and killed his wife, Deborah Waterbury. On November 9, 1981, the Superior Court of California, County of Amador, sentenced Mr. Waterbury to life without the possibility of parole for murder plus a firearm enhancement.

Mr. Waterbury was 22 years old at the time and is now 61. He has been incarcerated for more than 39 years. He has expressed sincere remorse for Mrs. Waterbury's murder.

While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Waterbury dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. Mr. Waterbury has maintained an exemplary disciplinary record while in prison. He has completed self-help programming and obtained a bachelor's degree in theology and a master's degree in ministry.

Mr. Waterbury has earned the commendation of prison staff, including work supervisors and correctional staff. He has volunteered his time to teach and lead other inmates in the Breaking Barriers and Prison Ministries programs. Mr. Waterbury has held the title of Provost for the School of Ministry at Mule Creek State Prison since 2013. He facilitated an Urban Ministry Institute class and developed and taught courses for the School of Ministry. He has helped develop software that CDCR uses in its pharmacies and warehouses.

Mr. Waterbury committed a serious crime that took the life of Mrs. Waterbury. Since then, Mr. Waterbury has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation and becoming a productive citizen. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of his positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, his advanced age and long-term confinement, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Waterbury merits the opportunity to make his case to the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for parole.

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



**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Thomas Waterbury to 39 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 26th day of June 2020.

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

GAVIN NEWSOM  
Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

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

ALEX PADILLA  
Secretary of State