### **PARDON**

### Marvin Balat

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:



#### **PARDON**

## Robert Baugh

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

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

Mr. Baugh complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On January 15, 2020, the Superior Court of California, County of Stanislaus, granted Mr. Baugh a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Baugh's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Baugh be granted a pardon.

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:



#### **PARDON**

### Sithy Bin

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:



### **PARDON**

## Bryan Brancato

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

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

Mr. Baugh complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On October 26, 2022, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, granted Mr. Brancato a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Brancato's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Brancato be granted a pardon.

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:

#### **PARDON**

## **Rudolph Brown**

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

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

Mr. Brown complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On November 17, 2023, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, granted Mr. Brown a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Brown's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Brown be granted a pardon.

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

#### **PARDON**

### **Kimm Coates**

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

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

Ms. Coates complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On November 19, 2004, the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego, granted Ms. Coates a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Coates's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Coates be granted a pardon.

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

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

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

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

GAVIN'NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:

#### **PARDON**

#### Alicia Cole

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

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

Ms. Cole complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On July 2, 2019, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, granted Ms. Cole a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that she has been living an upright life. By granting Ms. Cole's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Ms. Cole be granted a pardon.

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

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

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

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

GAVINNEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:

### **PARDON**

## **Dareyl Coleman**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:

### **PARDON**

### **Edward Garcia**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

**ATTEST:** 



#### **PARDON**

## **Joseph Hoover**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAVINNEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:



#### **PARDON**

### Julio Lopez

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:

#### **PARDON**

### **Brandon Matey**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

**ATTEST:** 



### **PARDON**

#### Gilbert Morua

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

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

Mr. Morua complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On June 18, 2021, the Superior Court of California, County of Orange, granted Mr. Morua a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Morua's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Morua be granted a pardon.

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



### **PARDON**

## **Richard Penry**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:

### **PARDON**

### **Brian Roth**

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

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

Mr. Roth complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On August 29, 2023, the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma, granted Mr. Roth a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Roth's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Roth be granted a pardon.

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:



#### **PARDON**

### **Eric Self**

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

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

Mr. Self complied with the provisions of California Penal Code sections 4852.01 through 4852.22, which provide a procedure after completion of sentence to seek restoration of civic rights and responsibilities. On October 6, 2017, the Superior Court of California, County of Fresno, granted Mr. Self a Certificate of Rehabilitation on evidence that he has been living an upright life. By granting Mr. Self's petition for a Certificate of Rehabilitation, the court has recommended that Mr. Self be granted a pardon.

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

**ATTEST:** 



## **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

## **Refugio Castillo**

In 1986, Refugio Castillo and his crime partners kidnapped two men who owed them money. The crime partners held them for ransom for several days and beat them. The victims were eventually released and survived their injuries. On April 26, 1988, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Castillo to life without the possibility of parole for kidnapping for ransom and five years for kidnapping, plus two years of sentence enhancements.

Mr. Castillo was 40 years old at the time of the crime and is now 78. He has been incarcerated for 38 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Castillo committed himself to his self-improvement. He participated in self-help programming and maintained a positive work history.

Mr. Castillo committed a serious crime. Since then, he has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Castillo's positive conduct in prison and his good prospects for safe community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Castillo merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:



### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

### **Edwin Celis**

In 2012, Edwin Celis shot and injured a rival gang member. Mr. Celis was also linked to a second shooting that did not result in any injuries. On May 2, 2014, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Celis to 30 years to life for two counts of attempted murder, plus 45 years to life of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 75 years to life.

Mr. Celis was 20 years old at the time of the crime and is now 32. He has been incarcerated for more than 12 years. While in prison, Mr. Celis has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming, completed vocational training, and is a certified peer educator. Mr. Celis earned his GED, an associate degree, and is currently enrolled in a bachelor's degree college program.

Mr. Celis committed serious crimes that injured the victim. Since then, Mr. Celis has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Celis's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Celis merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

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

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

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

GAVÍN NEWSOM
Governor of California

**ATTEST:** 



# STATE OF CALIFORNIA

### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

## **Corey Fernandez**

In 2010, Corey Fernandez fought with the two victims. He shot one victim and hit the second. Both victims survived their injuries. On January 9, 2012, the Superior Court of California, County of Yuba, sentenced Mr. Fernandez to seven years for attempted murder and one year for assault with a deadly weapon, plus 26 years and four months to life of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 34 years and four months to life.

Mr. Fernandez was 48 years old at the time of the crime and is now 63. He has been incarcerated for over 14 years. While in prison, Mr. Fernandez has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming and completed vocational training. Mr. Fernandez has been commended by prison staff for his successful rehabilitation, positive influence on others, and overall transformation.

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

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM
Governor of California

ATTEST:



### **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

### **Richard Garcia**

In 2009, Richard Garcia's crime partner fatally shot one victim and injured a second during a gang-related confrontation. On December 11, 2013, the Superior Court of California, County of Tulare, sentenced Mr. Garcia to 15 years to life for second degree murder plus a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Garcia was 23 years old at the time of the crime and is now 39. He has been incarcerated for 15 years. While in prison, Mr. Garcia has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has maintained an excellent disciplinary record, engaged in significant self-help programming, and completed vocational training. Mr. Garcia currently works as an aide serving other incarcerated people with disabilities. Correctional staff have commended Mr. Garcia for helping establish and successfully run a youth offender mentorship program at his prison.

Mr. Garcia participated in a serious crime that took one victim's life and injured a second. Since then, Mr. Garcia has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Garcia's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for safe community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Garcia merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

ATTEST:



## **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

## Kyle Gispanski

In 2007, Kyle Gispanski shot and injured the victim during a confrontation in a parking lot. On December 11, 2009, the Superior Court of California, County of Riverside, sentenced Mr. Gispanski to seven years to life for attempted murder and ten years for three counts of assault with a semiautomatic firearm, plus a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 42 years to life.

Mr. Gispanski was 22 years old at the time of the crime and is now 40. He has been incarcerated for 17 years. While in prison, Mr. Gispanski has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming, taken college courses, and maintained a positive work history. Mr. Gispanski has been commended by prison staff for his respectfulness towards his peers and staff.

Mr. Gispanski committed a serious crime that injured the victim. Since then, Mr. Gispanski has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Gispanski's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Gispanski merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

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

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

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

GAVIN NEWSOM

Governor of California

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## **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

### **Moises Huerta**

In 2006, Moises Huerta fired several shots at a group of teens, injuring four victims. On June 20, 2007, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Huerta to 28 years to life for four counts of attempted murder plus 100 years to life of sentence enhancements, a total prison term of 128 years to life.

Mr. Huerta was 20 years old at the time of the crime and is now 39. He has been incarcerated for 18 years. While in prison, Mr. Huerta has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming, earned his GED and an associate degree, and participated in a service dog training program. Mr. Huerta, who lived on an honor yard for several years before transferring prisons, has received numerous staff commendations for his respectfulness and self-discipline.

Mr. Huerta committed a serious crime that injured four victims. Since then, Mr. Huerta has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Huerta's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Huerta merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

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

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

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

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## **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

## **Allan Krenitzky**

In 1988, Allan Krenitzky fatally shot the victim, then stole his property. On June 2, 1989, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Krenitzky to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Krenitzky was 23 years old at the time of the crime and is now 60. He has been incarcerated for 36 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Krenitzky has demonstrated a strong commitment to his rehabilitation. He earned an associate degree, completed vocational training, and participated in extensive self-help programming. Mr. Krenitzky volunteers as a hospice care worker and has received commendations from correctional and medical staff for his respectfulness, positive attitude, and work ethic.

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

Mr. Krenitzky committed a serious crime that took the victim's life. Since then, he has dedicated himself to his self-improvement and becoming a productive individual. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Krenitzky's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Krenitzky merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

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

**THEREFORE**, I, **GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of Allan Krenitzky to 36 years to life.

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

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## **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

### **George Lucev**

In 1983, George Lucev and his crime partner planned to kill the victim, and the crime partner later fatally stabbed him. On June 28, 1985, the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, sentenced Mr. Lucev to life without the possibility of parole for murder.

Mr. Lucev was 20 years old at the time of the crime and is now 62. He has been incarcerated for 42 years. While serving a sentence with no hope of release, Mr. Lucev has demonstrated a strong commitment to his rehabilitation. He engaged in extensive self-help programming, completed vocational training, earned his GED, and completed college courses. He also helped expand a fitness program for disabled incarcerated people, for which he was commended by an associate warden.

Mr. Lucev committed a serious crime that took the victim's life. Since then, he has dedicated himself to his self-improvement and serving his community. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Lucev's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Lucev merits the opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

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

**THEREFORE, I, GAVIN NEWSOM**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the State of California, do hereby commute the sentence of George Lucev to 42 years to life.

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

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## **COMMUTATION OF SENTENCE**

### **Jose Santos**

In 2003, Jose Santos fatally shot a rival gang member and injured a bystander during a fight at a party. On October 31, 2006, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, sentenced Mr. Santos to 15 years to life for second degree murder, two years for discharging a firearm with gross negligence, plus a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 42 years to life. On May 28, 2024, the Superior Court of California, County of San Bernardino, resentenced Mr. Santos to 15 years to life for second degree murder plus a 25-years-to-life sentence enhancement, a total prison term of 40 years to life.

Mr. Santos was 22 years old at the time of the crime and is now 43. He has been incarcerated for 21 years. While in prison, Mr. Santos has dedicated himself to his rehabilitation. He has engaged in extensive self-help programming, completed several vocations, and earned an associate degree. Mr. Santos is also a certified alcohol and drug specialist who has received staff commendations for his integrity, dependability, leadership skills, and work ethic.

Mr. Santos committed a serious crime that took the victim's life and injured another. Since then, Mr. Santos has demonstrated a commitment to his rehabilitation and self-improvement. I have carefully considered and weighed the evidence of Mr. Santos's positive conduct in prison, the fact that he was a youthful offender, and his good prospects for successful community reentry. I have concluded that Mr. Santos merits an earlier opportunity to appear before the Board of Parole Hearings so it can determine whether he is suitable for release on parole.

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

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

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

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