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RE: Mendez, Richard Ariel # F44505

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Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the administrative review of inmate Richard Ariel Mendez, # F44505, and his suitability for early release.

Mr. Mendez has a long criminal history spanning over 20 years. The inmate's offenses reflect a consistent disregard for the safety and personal property of others. Despite Mr. Mendez' denials of any gang involvement, the Sacramento County jail classifies him as a validated Varrio North Side Nortefio and has him listed as a "shot caller" for that gang. Taken as a whole, the inmate has demonstrated repeatedly that he is dangerous not only to specific individuals, but also the public at large.

Mr. Mendez began his criminal career in 1994 when he was convicted of vehicle theft and possession of a controlled substance, VC 10851(a) and HS 11377(a) (case #s 93F09575 and 94F01379). He received a sentence of one year in the Sacramento County jail.

In 1995, Mr. Mendez was sentenced to 101 months in federal prison by the United States District Court for his most serious crime, armed bank robbery. Mr. Mendez entered a bank, armed with a .22 caliber revolver and demanded money from a bank teller. Mr. Mendez escaped with approximately \$610 in cash from the bank. After being released from custody, he violated his parole with a drug offense and was sentenced to an additional 11 months in federal custody.

After being released from his federal parole violation, Mr. Mendez continued his life of crime. In early 2006, he was convicted of forgery and possession of a controlled substance, PC 470(a) and PC 496(a) (case #s 06F02218 and 06F01059). He received county jail time for both offenses. In September of 2006, Mr. Mendez was again convicted of vehicle theft, VC 10851(a), (case #06F07129) and received a sentence of 16 months state prison.

As a result of his most recent Sacramento County conviction in 2010 for VC 10851(a) (case #09F07822), VC 10851(a) and PC 2800.2(a) (case #08F09939), Mr. Mendez was sentenced to 10 years, 8 months in state prison. Mr. Mendez had been out of prison on parole for five months at the time of his arrest for that offense. Despite repeated encounters with the law, Mr. Mendez has failed to remain out of trouble for any notable period of time. These convictions were the

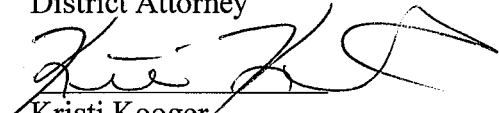
third and fourth for offenses wherein Mr. Mendez stole a vehicle and the second where he showed no concern for the safety of others. He again demonstrated his lack of maturity and most importantly, any concern for the safety and personal property of those around him.

Considering that Mr. Mendez' criminal career reflects over 20 years of criminal history which includes multiple convictions for felonies involving violence and disregard for public safety as well as the personal property of others, we strongly believe that he is not an appropriate candidate for early parole. Mr. Mendez has demonstrated repeatedly that he poses a viable and unreasonable risk to any community he lives in and that being on parole serves as no deterrent.

It is our hope that denying Mr. Mendez' early parole will give him the opportunity to utilize CDCR's various mental health and substance abuse programs to explore and put in to place a realistic parole plan for the future.

Respectfully,

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