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RE: Santos, Vanessa; CDC # WE9066

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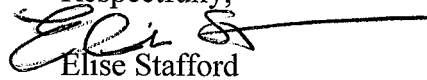
Thank you for the opportunity to address the Board regarding the Board's administrative review of inmate Vanessa Santos and her suitability for early release.

Inmate Santos was placed on probation in 2011 for two violations of assault with a deadly weapon. First, inmate Santos stabbed a victim in the arm with a knife. Nine days later, inmate Santos slashed the leg of a different victim with a knife and kicked her repeatedly while the victim lay on the ground. This second assault resulted in great bodily injury to the victim.

Despite being on probation, inmate Santos continued to commit new offenses. In 2014 inmate Santos was arrested for a misdemeanor violation of Penal Code 273.5. After a witness observed inmate Santos repeatedly hitting the victim in the head. The police responded and found inmate Santos still on top of the victim. Inmate Santos did not comply with orders from the police to get off of the victim and the responding officers had to drag her off of the victim. The victim had scratches to his face, too numerous to count, and a bloody nose. The victim told police that Santos had previously broken his nose.

In 2014 inmate Santos was driving on the highway when officers attempted to pull her over for speeding. Instead of yielding to the lights and sirens, inmate Santos sped up and exited the freeway. She drove up to 70 miles per hour in a residential zone and sped through two stop signs at that rate of speed before stopping for the police. While not a "serious" and "violent" crime, her actions were extremely dangerous and put the public at risk.

In short, permitting inmate Santos to obtain early release will place the citizens of California in immediate danger. Having demonstrated a past willingness to participate in extremely dangerous and violent crime, and a clear disregard for complying with police directives, inmate Santos is not an appropriate candidate for early release at this time.

Respectfully,

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