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Board of Parole Hearings  
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**Re: Inmate Mauricio Gomez; CDCR Number BC1854  
Ventura County Superior Court Case Number 2015020955  
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings October 11, 2017**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Mauricio Gomez. In January 2017, the inmate was sentenced to seven years in prison. Granting the inmate early parole now would mean he would only serve approximately 40 percent of his actual sentence. This recommendation is based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offense.
- 2) The inmate's criminal history and failure to be crime free.
- 3) The unreasonable risk of violence to the community if released early.

## **CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMMITMENT OFFENSE**

On June 30, 2015, a witness reported that he saw a young male running through an apartment complex in Southside Chiques gang territory in the city of Oxnard. Soon thereafter, a dark-colored Ford Explorer vehicle arrived and passenger Joseph Coronado exited with a long-barreled firearm. The witness described the firearm as having a pistol grip, wooden handle, and long black barrel. The other passengers in the vehicle yelled, "He's over there, he's over there!" The suspect with the shotgun disappeared into the complex, following the young male.

Coronado later returned and entered the waiting vehicle. The vehicle fled westbound. Shortly after, witnesses heard loud shots. Some individuals from an adjacent park walked over and indicated that the suspects were from the Colonia Chiques criminal street gang.

The young male victim later reappeared and told residents of the apartment complex that his name was "Daniel." The victim eventually left the scene and was not located by responding police officers.

Several minutes later, police stopped a black Ford Explorer approximately two miles from the incident. Four members of the Colonia Chiques criminal street gang were in the vehicle. The inmate was in the rear passenger seat next to Coronado. A shotgun was wedged between the two men in plain view. The shotgun matched the description given by witnesses at the apartment complex. The rear left window was broken and there was glass on the rear left floorboard. Witnesses later identified Joseph Coronado in a photo lineup.

The inmate was arrested and later pled guilty to conspiring to commit an assault with a firearm, in violation of Penal Code section 182/245(a)(2). He further admitted the crime was committed for the benefit of a criminal street gang. On September 8, 2015, the inmate was placed on formal probation for three years and ordered to serve 365 days in jail. However, after failing on probation, the inmate was sent to prison for seven years on January 18, 2017.

## **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

The inmate has a juvenile criminal history, along with his current adult felony conviction. Crimes for which the inmate has been convicted:

- February 2014 - Penal Code section 29610 (juvenile felony), possession of a firearm by a minor
- March 2014 - Penal Code section 242 (juvenile misdemeanor), battery.
- August 2015 - Penal Code section 182/245(a)(2) + 186.22(b) (felony), conspiracy to commit assault with a firearm for the benefit of a criminal street gang (current case)

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## **DISCUSSION**

If granted early release, the inmate clearly presents a danger to the public. For his 2015 conviction, he was initially given a local term in custody and placed on probation. His performance on probation was extremely poor. He failed to report to probation on multiple occasions, failed to test for controlled substances, and possessed firearms on multiple occasions. For example, on February 2, 2016, officers conducted a probation search at the inmate's residence. They located a .38 caliber handgun in a room adjacent to the inmate's sleeping area. The inmate's clothing was also in the room along with a rifle case containing .22 caliber ammunition.


Just two months later, on April 4, 2016, officers observed the inmate in a parking lot while they were in pursuit of other Colonia Chiques gang members. The inmate ducked between two vehicles. Officers located a loaded .38 caliber handgun underneath one of the vehicles.

The inmate is a member of one of the most violent criminal street gangs in Ventura County. Although he is young, his criminal record is riddled with violence and firearm violations. The inmate is unquestionably a violent risk if released from prison.

## **CONCLUSION**

The inmate poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community if granted early parole. I respectfully request the Board deny early parole for the inmate.

Very truly yours,



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