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Board of Parole Hearings  
Attn: Nonviolent Parole Review Process  
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**Re: Inmate Ramon Aguilar; CDCR BC1851  
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2016004400, 2016008888, 2016021824  
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings February 1, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Ramon Aguilar. In January 2017, the inmate was sentenced to 5 years 4 months in prison, with approximately one year of credit for time served. Releasing the inmate now means he would serve about 40 percent of his actual sentence. This recommendation to deny early release is based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offense.
- 2) The inmate's significant criminal history.
- 3) The unreasonable risk of violence to the community if the inmate is released early.

## **CIRCUMSTANCES OF COMMITMENT OFFENSES**

### Case 2016004400

On February 15, 2016, the inmate was on the grounds of Port Hueneme High School. The Oxnard Police Department arrested the inmate on a warrant. At the station, officers observed a handgun at the inmate's feet as he was exiting the patrol vehicle. The handgun was a loaded Colt .22 semi-automatic firearm. The inmate admitted carrying the firearm, and he claimed he found it on a street corner. The inmate was on juvenile probation for bringing a knife to school grounds.

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Case 2016008888

Just two days after going into custody on the previous case, the inmate and another fellow gang member inmate, Jacob Salas, attacked a rival gang member, Jesus Armenta, while they were all housed in the same unit. All three individuals sustained injuries in the fight.

Case 2016021824

During the second week of May 2016, there had been multiple altercations between African-American and Hispanic inmates in the Ventura County jail. On May 14, 2016, the inmate, along with three other Surenos gang inmates, attacked several black inmates in custody. The inmate was identified as one of the attackers.

Shortly after the incident, the inmate's jail phone calls were monitored. In one conversation, the inmate admitted starting "a little riot with the niggers . . . I had to, I told you, there are things I can put aside and not do then there are certain things that no matter if I want to put aside, I can't. I'm sorry but there are things that I have to." In a subsequent jail visit, the inmate used several derogatory terms in Spanish to describe African American inmates. He laughed when describing the riot to his sister.

## **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

Like many criminal street gang members, the inmate's criminal history began as a juvenile. He brought a knife to school grounds, committed a group gang attack on another student, and participated in an armed robbery on a juvenile victim. As an adult, the inmate suffered several convictions for drug and alcohol related offenses.

## **DISCUSSION**

Granting early parole of the inmate poses a safety risk to the community. The inmate is a criminal street gang member who has engaged in multiple acts of violence both in and out of custody. The nature of the offenses demonstrates that he continues to embrace the violent gang lifestyle.

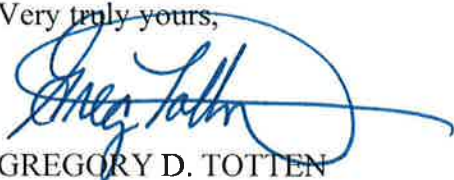
Even after the inmate was charged with one group attack while in custody, he continued to display his violent tendencies by engaging in a second group attack, in the company of other gang members. The inmate has made it clear that he will not follow the law, whether he is in or out of custody. The inmate is unable to refrain from participating in violent and dangerous criminal conduct. He should serve his full prison term.

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**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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory D. Totien", with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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