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Board of Parole Hearings  
Attn: Nonviolent Parole Review Process  
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**Re: Inmate Morales, Miguel Angel; CDCR AX8590  
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2015005162 and 2015004823  
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings May 24, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Miguel Morales. On August 14, 2015, the inmate was sentenced to 8 years 8 months in prison. Releasing the inmate now means he would serve less than 40 percent of his original sentence. This recommendation to deny early release is based upon:

- 1) The inmate's commitment offenses.
- 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**

The inmate was sent to prison on two separate cases. In case 2015005162, gang task force officers arrested the inmate on a warrant and conducted a probation search of his residence. Inside they found scales with heroin and methamphetamine residue, clear bags, Western Union and MoneyGram receipts, the inmate's paystub, 434.6 grams of methamphetamine, three bags with 86 grams of additional methamphetamine, a plastic bucket containing one full pound of methylsulfonylmethane, a box containing 38 rounds of 9mm ammunition, a spare 9mm magazine, a loaded 9mm Smith & Wesson handgun, and \$3,800 in cash. He was arrested for and pled guilty to felony violations of Health & Safety Code sections 11351, 11370.2, and 29800.

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In case 2015004823, deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop of the inmate after he committed a traffic violation. The inmate failed to yield, instead accelerating to over 70 mph in a residential area, colliding with victim Eloisa Robles with such force that it rolled her vehicle completely over. The inmate then exited his vehicle and fled the scene, before being detained at gunpoint. He displayed symptoms of being under the influence of a controlled substance and was found with methamphetamine pipes on his person. He was booked for felony violations of Vehicle Code section 2800.2, 23153(e) and several additional charges. He pled guilty to 2800.2 and 23153(e).

In addition to the crimes for which the inmate was convicted, he was charged with and admitted four Penal Code section 667.5(b) prison priors for prison commitments dating back to 2003.

## **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

The inmate's criminal history spans four decades, beginning with juvenile theft offenses in the mid-1980s. In 1990, he was arrested for commercial burglary and found in the company of gang members from the Moorpark Locos gang, with which he has a long affiliation. In 1994, he was arrested and convicted of physically assaulting a juvenile. He was sentenced to 48 months in state prison. Between 2003 and 2005, the inmate was arrested on numerous occasions for possession of drugs in sales quantities and with sales-related paraphernalia. On at least one occasion, he was in possession of a handgun.

The inmate has been arrested and convicted of dangerous high-speed pursuits, showing willful and wanton disregard for the safety of others, on at least three occasions. During each one of these events the inmate endangered numerous civilians, including minor children who were in the car with him on one such occasion. In 2012, the inmate drove while under the influence of alcohol, colliding with two other vehicles and causing injury. A sig sauer handgun was found in his vehicle, and he proceeded to threaten an officer with his connections to the Moorpark Locos and the Mexican Mafia. The inmate has been so uncooperative during probation and parole searches such that officers in 2015 were required to deploy the Emergency Response Team to accomplish a routine search. The inmate's criminal history is riddled with violence, gang activity, drug sales, theft, reckless driving, DUI, parole holds, and probation violations.

## **DISCUSSION**

This inmate is a grave danger to the community and poses an immediate safety risk to society. He is a criminal street gang member who has been unwilling to relinquish his

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connections to the Moorpark Locos gang during more than 30 years of contact with law enforcement. During that time, the inmate has violently assaulted others, driven under the influence of alcohol and drugs, and has, on at least three occasions, fled from officers at high speeds. He is routinely found with large quantities of drugs, and drug-trafficking materials. He has freely admitted that he is a drug dealer with multiple contacts from which he obtains his drugs in bulk. The inmate shows no compunction for his actions and has made no serious attempt to alter the patterns in his life, despite upwards of four separate prison commitments and numerous stays in county jail.

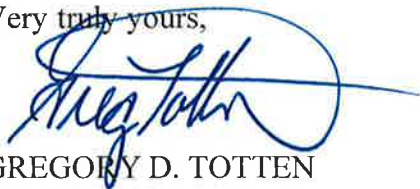
Perhaps worst of all is the inmate's utter lack of regard for other drivers on the road. He has driven under the influence and caused injury in at least two instances. His driving is so reckless that he managed to completely roll over a victim's car by striking it at a high speed in one of the present cases. He has fled from police with children in his vehicle. Nevertheless, his view of reality is so flawed that, in his sentencing report for the above-cases, he complains that he feels he is serving "too much" time.

This inmate has displayed throughout his life a disregard for the law. He is a hardened gang member, engaging in a sophisticated enterprise with a dangerous gang. His conduct demonstrates that he will violently offend again and again, each time he is released. His victims, and the community, should have the peace of mind knowing that he will serve his full prison term.

## **CONCLUSION**

The inmate poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community if granted early parole. I respectfully request the inmate be denied early parole.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Totten", written over a circular blue stamp or seal.

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