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Board of Parole Hearings  
Attn: Nonviolent Parole Review Process  
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**Re: Inmate Martin Julio Sandoval, CDCR BG3818  
Ventura County Superior Court Case 2015010102  
Opposition Letter Due to Board of Parole Hearings August 5, 2018**

Dear Board Members:

This letter is written to recommend denial of early parole for inmate Martin Sandoval. On May 24, 2018, the inmate was sentenced to four years in prison. This recommendation to deny early release is based on:

- 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**

On March 29, 2015, the inmate was under a restraining order after battering his wife because she disobeyed his command to have sex. The inmate, a documented member of the Colonia Chiques criminal street gang, was sitting in a parked car with two other known gang members within a few miles of his estranged wife's residence. The inmate had a loaded .22 caliber revolver concealed in the right front pocket of his pants.

On December 5, 2016, while still under the restraining order, the inmate was riding in a car when it was stopped for a traffic violation. As officers approached, the inmate leaned forward and hid a stolen, loaded .40 caliber semi-automatic handgun beneath his seat. The gun was loaded with hollow point bullets.

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As of January 21, 2003, the inmate was prohibited for life from possessing a firearm following a sustained juvenile petition for robbery. As of September 7, 2010, the inmate was further prohibited for ten years from possessing a firearm following a misdemeanor conviction for spousal battery.

The inmate pled guilty to two counts of felony possession of a handgun within ten years of a conviction for misdemeanor domestic battery. He also admitted a strike prior for a serious and violent offense. He was sentenced to four years in prison.

### **CRIMINAL HISTORY**

At the age of 16, the inmate pressed a knife into the neck of teenager and demanded his wallet. Following a sustained juvenile petition for robbery, the inmate suffered a sustained juvenile petition for battery in 2003. He was also involved in a gang riot at the youth center while serving his juvenile sentence.

In 2010, the inmate commanded his estranged wife to have sex with him. When she refused, he hit her three times in the face, causing swelling. The inmate was convicted of spousal battery and restrained from contacting his estranged wife. In 2016, the inmate broke down the door to her home when she refused to let him in. Police found her cowering in a locked bathroom and arrested the inmate for violation of a restraining order and vandalism. Those charges were dismissed in 2018 with consideration for his guilty pleas to the commitment offenses.

While in the Ventura County jail pending his commitment offenses, the inmate ignored institutional rules and showed complete disregard to jail deputies. The inmate sustained 18 major write-ups. These ranged from possessing contraband, to deception, to creating disturbance within the jail. The inmate cannot follow rules inside or outside of custody.

### **DISCUSSION**

Granting early parole of the inmate poses a safety risk to the community. For 15 years the inmate has used force and fear to dominate vulnerable people, including a juvenile robbery victim, a juvenile battery victim, and the wife who once trusted him. On two recent occasions, the inmate has been armed with a loaded handgun, in the company of gang associates, near his ex-wife's home. The court's order to leave her in peace has been ignored. The court's order not to possess firearms has been ignored. The inmate's conduct demonstrates that he is dangerous and violent. He should not be released early from prison.

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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,



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