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Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings Correspondence-NVSS Post Box 4036 Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

RE: Charter, Michael CDC# AS5142

Board of Parole Members,

In 2013 Inmate Charter, who associates with "white pride" gangs, participated in an unprovoked, ruthless group beat down of another inmate. The victim was targeted because he did not want to associate with the white gangs. He was lured into the bathroom under the guise that another inmate wanted to talk to him. When the victim got into the bathroom, inmate Charter along with two other inmates, attacked the victim, repeatedly punching and kicking him in the face. As a result of the attack, the victim was briefly knocked unconscious. He suffered several lacerations to his face, had a tooth knocked out, and sustained two orbital fractures. In January of 2014, inmate Charter was sentenced to 2 years in the state prison for this violent assault.

Inmate Charter's 2014 strike conviction is not his only crime involving violence. In 2001, in the state of Virginia, inmate Charter was convicted of assault and battery. In 2009, inmate Charter was convicted of domestic violence. In that case, the defendant pushed his then girlfriend onto a bed, slapped her, pulled her hair and head-butted her several times during an argument. In 2011, inmate Charter was again arrested for domestic violence, but those charges were dismissed in exchange for his plea to weapons and drug charges. Sadly, the 2011 victim was not cooperative with police, but the 911 caller did tell officers that he watched inmate Charter drag the victim into a hotel room by her throat. When officers contacted the victim she had a swollen lip and several bruises on her body.

Inmate Charter is now 34-years-old, and committed his current offense, vehicle theft, while on parole for his strike prior. When inmate Charter was caught driving the stolen he was driving the car with another car's license plate, a shaved key, and was also in possession of several other shaved keys, thereby demonstrating a high level of criminal sophistication. Inmate Charter is obviously committed to a life of crime.

In addition to his violent tendencies, inmate Charter has consistently shown that he has no ability to confirm his conduct to the requirements of the law. Inmate Charter has also suffered misdemeanor conviction for drunk driving. In 2001, inmate Charter was given a huge break when he was convicted of a burglary in the state of Virginia, and had 5 years of state prison suspended. According to a Virginia representative, the defendant's performance on probation was poor as he failed to meet for several scheduled office visits and eventually fled the state. When Virginia failed to extradite the defendant, his probation case was eventually closed. When the defendant was placed on probation for his

2009 domestic violence case, his performance was also poor as he was eventually terminated from the Batterer's Treatment Program because he failed to enroll in the course.

Inmate Charter has proved that he is a poor candidate for early parole. Inmate Charter committed his current offense while he was still on parole for a violent group assault. During a time when inmate Charter should have been working on cleaning his life up, he instead chose to continue living the life of a criminal. I have no doubt that he will do the same if he is given another break. In the interests of justice and public safety, the Sacramento County District Attorney's Office strongly opposes inmate Charter's early release.

Respectfully,

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