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## RE: Firouzmandi, Firouz; CDCR # BD6153; Xref 4107741; DOCKET #16FE017763; SSD 16-273701

Inmate Firouz Firouzmandi is a well-established violent felon who has repeatedly demonstrated his disrespect for the rule of law by repeatedly trafficking large quantities of narcotics, possessing firearms, and possessing stolen property. Despite the many opportunities Inmate Firouzmandi has had to reform his criminal behavior over the years, he has made no attempt to forego his criminal lifestyle and has consistently put himself before the health and safety of the public. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his past criminal record demonstrate that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence and criminality to the community.

With respect to his most recent incarceration, on September 12, 2016, deputies with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department executed a search warrant at Inmate Firouzmandi's residence following an investigation into his involvement in narcotics trafficking. Upon entering the home, they observed Inmate Firouzmandi and two small children in the living area of the residence. A protective sweep of the area revealed a loaded .357 Ruger revolver. The weapon was subsequently determined to have been stolen from Shasta County. A large quantity of methamphetamine was found near the firearm. Deputies then recovered a sawed-off shotgun and two rifles, additional methamphetamine, as well as cocaine, Suboxone, morphine pills, and dozens of rounds of ammunition. As a result of this conduct, Inmate Firouzmandi was sentenced on June 19, 2017 and ordered to serve 8 years, 8 months in state prison. Now, a mere one year later, Firouzmandi seeks to be released. Yet, the aforementioned incident was hardly Inmate Firouzmandi's first foray into criminal behavior. At the time he was convicted of his present commitment offense, he had been involved in serious and dangerous criminal behavior for over a decade.

It is important to note that Inmate Firouzmandi had another felony case dismissed at the time of his plea in lieu of his current commitment offense described above. In that case, on August 16, 2016, Inmate Firouzmandi was contacted by responding officers in relation to a report of a possible burglary in progress. Inmate Firouzmandi was observed breaking through a fence in order to gain access to a trailer located in the backyard of a residence. It was later determined that Inmate Firouzmandi unlawfully possessed the trailer, which had been stolen from a victim. Again, this felony was only dismissed in lieu of Inmate Firouzmandi's plea to his current commitment offense described above.

As noted above, in the ten years prior to his commitment offense, Inmate Firouzmandi had numerous contacts with law enforcement resulting in numerous misdemeanor and felony convictions. Beginning in January 2006, Inmate Firouzmandi was convicted of being in possession of burglar tools and placed on three years informal probation. In March 2006, he was convicted of being in possession of a stolen 1992 Honda Civic. Although he was initially charged with one felony count of violating Penal Code section 496d(a), receiving stolen property, his matter was eventually settled as a misdemeanor and he was again placed on three years informal probation.

A mere four years later, in November 2008, in Placer County, Inmate Firouzmandi was placed on felony probation after being convicted of possessing methamphetamine for sale, a felony violation of Health and Safety Code section 11378. Inmate Firouzmandi was also convicted of possessing a loaded firearm. Seemingly escalating in dangerousness, he was sentenced to serve 16 months in state prison.

Following his release from prison, Inmate Firouzmandi was again convicted of possessing methamphetamine for sale in violation of Health and Safety Code section 11378 and again sentenced to serve another 16 months in state prison. These prison commitments obviously had little to no impact on his ability to refrain from illegally selling drugs as his current commitment offense involves the same illegal conduct.

As can be gleened from his past criminal record, Inmate Firouzmandi has an ongoing disrespect for the rule of law and a flagrant disregard for the safety and wellbeing of those around him. It is abundantly clear that should Inmate Firouzmandi be released, he will undoubtedly return to the criminal conduct he has engaged in for over a decade. His release would place the Sacramento community at risk of violence through his drug dealing and narcotics trafficking – not to mention his possession of firearms and stolen property. Each time that Inmate Firouzmandi has been given an opportunity to reform his behavior, he has seized that opportunity to engage in criminal conduct for his own personal gain. He should be required to serve the time imposed consequence of his current prison commitment. For these reasons, I respectfully request that parole be denied.

As we are given 30 days to respond, and we are not provided with any disciplinary history or any other information aside from the one page notice of parole review, I cannot comment on inmate Firouzmandi's prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is clear that inmate Firouzmandi should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Parole should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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