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Non-Violent Second Striker Board of Parole Hearings
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RE: Vang, Toua Steve; CDCR # AW8059
Sacramento County Court Case# 14F01803

Kum Zing Tong is a violent criminal street gang who are known simply as "KZT". KZT is known to have committed multiple shootings and multiple homicides in Sacramento.

KZT *claims*, as its territory, the Southeast Sacramento neighborhoods of Glen Elder and Avondale. KZT asserts its claim over these communities by instilling fear through the violent actions of gang members like Inmate Vang. The primary activities of KZT are narcotics trafficking and sales, shootings, felony assaults, burglaries, and robberies.

Inmate Vang is a menace to society and routinely demonstrates a blatant disregard for the law. A review of Inmate Vang's criminal record shows that he has devoted his entire adult life to KZT and perpetuating violence in the community. Sacramento Gang Detective Hasegawa chronicled Inmate Vang's known involvement with KZT for the purpose of adding a gang enhancement at preliminary hearing to the two charges he was then facing: Possession of Cocaine for the Purpose of Sales (over two ounces of cocaine) and Possession of Marijuana for the Purpose of Sales (over 180 marijuana plants). Although Inmate Vang entered into a plea agreement for a four-year prison term prior to adding the gang enhancement, he is not similarly situated to other Inmates convicted of the same commitment offense. The fact that Inmate Vang is a gang member engaged in selling *multiple ounces* of cocaine *in furtherance of* and *for the benefit* of KZT sets his case apart from small time, non-violent individuals who have been sentenced to prison for engaging in the sale of cocaine. By selling cocaine for the benefit of and in association with a violent criminal street gang, Inmate Vang's conduct is inextricably linked to the violence KZT inflicts upon Sacramento residents.

Inmate Vang is 34 years old. [REDACTED]

and [REDACTED] has been an active KZT gang member for his entire adult life.

[REDACTED]

In 2001, Inmate Vang believed someone had stolen from him. Based upon this belief, Inmate Vang confronted the victim with nine other individuals including KZT gang members. Several gang members of the ten person group held the victim at gun point. While the victim was constrained, outnumbered and helpless, Inmate Vang struck the victim in the head with a hammer. Based upon this conduct Inmate Vang was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon, the strike offense he admitted in his commitment offense. He was sentenced, in that case, to a two-year state prison commitment and five years of probation. Inmate Vang could have taken that conviction as a wakeup call and chosen to turn his life around. Instead, upon his release he continued to associate with KZT gangsters.

In 2010, Gang Detective Hasegawa located Inmate Vang with four other known KZT gang members. He was wearing KZT gang attire and was revalidated as a KZT gang member.

In 2011, Gang Detective Hasegawa made contact with Inmate Vang – once again he was wearing KZT gang attire.

In 2012, Gang Detective Hasegawa conducted surveillance of a known gang area and saw Inmate Vang associating with nine other known KZT gang members.

In 2014, Gang Suppression Officers located over two ounces of cocaine in Inmate Vang's BMW. They later searched his home and located over 180 marijuana plants in various stages of maturity. Inmate Vang's room was adorned with KZT gang imagery, KZT symbols, and pictures of Inmate Vang with known active KZT gangsters.

When Inmate Vang is eventually released, he will undoubtedly continue to commit crimes as a member of KZT, just like he did when he was released from prison after serving his commitment for his 2001 strike offense. Providing him with a reduced prison sentence would demonstrate to Inmate Vang that his violent gang conduct will not be harshly punished, and his early release would endanger the safety of the citizens of Sacramento County.

The District Attorney of Sacramento County urges the Board to deny this violent gangster an early release.

Respectfully,



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