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Non Violent Parole Review Process Board of Parole Hearings Correspondence – NV P.O. Box 4036 Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

Re: MINJARES, ERIC CDC # BI8166

Court Docket: 17FE012789/18FE012350

Inmate Minjares is a well-established violent felon, and should not be paroled. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction and his prior criminal record show that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

The inmate's committing offense arose on July 7, 2017, when Sacramento Sheriff's deputies observed him driving a vehicle and fail to stop at a stop sign-controlled intersection. When they attempted to stop him, he did not yield; rather, he accelerated rapidly away reaching up to 75 mph. During his attempted escape, he drove onto the sidewalk, into oncoming traffic, and through another stop sign. Worse, this driving pattern encompassed a residential neighborhood at approximately 6:30 p.m., when citizens would have recently returned to their homes. The inmate ultimately struck a center median block, causing one wheel from his vehicle to break off, before he crashed through the backyard fence of a residence. When Inmate Minjares' vehicle came to a stop within the backyard, he fled on foot, along with is passengers. The property observed the crash and subsequent flight. He informed deputies that the owner, inmate had removed a handgun from his person and throw it to the ground, before another passenger picked it up and threw it again, this time into the bushes. Deputies later detained Minjares and recovered the handgun, which they found to be loaded and not registered to him. A result, the inmate was convicted of unlawfully carrying a loaded firearm in public and reckless driving while fleeing from peace officers.

While released from bail on the above offense, the inmate continued to commit crime. On June 25, 2018, he was stopped by Sacramento Police Department officers who recognized that he had an active bench warrant after failing to appear at a court date. After the vehicle stop, officers found another loaded handgun in his vehicle, as well as a 50-round drum of ammunition in the trunk. As a result, the inmate was convicted of another count of unlawfully carrying a loaded handgun in public, with an out-on-bail enhancement.

With two felony firearms offenses in just under one year, it is apparent that inmate Minjares has no regard for the safety of ordinary citizens or their property. This is well demonstrated by the utterly senseless vehicle pursuit that he engaged with officers, that actually left his car in the

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lawn of Mr. In addition to the above offenses, he also suffered a misdemeanor conviction in 2017 for resisting arrest. The inmate has engaged in a pattern of criminal conduct that puts both civilians and officers in danger.

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 Minjares' prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is clear that inmate Minjares 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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