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

RE: People v. Anthony Vela – CDCR No. BG4796

Despite numerous efforts to rehabilitate Inmate Vela, he has disregarded all resources and opportunities given to him and elected to commit himself to criminal activity. At the age of thirtysix, he has committed six felonies and six misdemeanors. When he committed his current offense, he was on three grants of felony probation. The circumstances surrounding his current conviction, coupled with his prior criminal record, including his strike prior, shows that he poses an unreasonable risk of violence to the community.

His committing offenses are just the latest installment in a lengthy resume. Inmate Vela's committing offenses come from two separate dockets. The first involved a report of a runaway female where officers eventually located Inmate Vela with the runaway.

However, officers did discover that Inmate Vela was in possession of a stolen vehicle and he pled to violation of Penal Code section 496d(a). The second committing offense is for violation of Vehicle Code section 10851

was found in possession of another stolen vehicle. He resolved that ease for a violation of Vehicle Code section 10851.

His committing offenses are predicable considering his history, which clearly shows that he has never learned from his mistakes, disregards his probation commitments, and shows no signs of rehabilitation. Inmate Vela has a long history of theft and various forms of battery. He committed a misdemeanor violation of Penal Code section 12031 in 2003, misdemeanor Penal Code section 242 in 2004, and misdemeanor Penal Code section 594 in 2005. In 2007, he was convicted of Penal Code section 245(a)(1), a misdemeanor. While on multiple grants of misdemeanor probation, he was convicted of Penal Code section 496(a) in 2009. In 2011, he committed his strike offense. While on probation for that offense, he was convicted of misdemeanor 243(e)(1) in 2015, followed by convictions for Vehicle Code sections 10851 in 2017 and again in 2018. His committing offense is his third felony vehicle theft.

In Inmate Vela's strike offense, he attempted to break into the victim's home in violation of Penal Code section 459, burglary in the first degree. The victim reported that he was home with

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his family when Inmate Vela and a female were at his front door, trying to open it. They left and then returned a few seconds later and jumped the fence into the victim's backyard. Inmate Vela was at the back door, messing with the door knob. When Inmate Vela and the female saw the victim, they ran off. First degree burglaries are concerning because they violate the victims' safe havens – which is why we treat them as strikes. Because Inmate Vela is willing to violate such a place, coupled with the fact that he has violated multiple grants of felony probation, shows that he should serve his maximum confinement time.

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 Vela prison conduct. However, from the record that is available it is clear that Inmate Vela should not be released as he poses a significant, unreasonable risk of violence to the community. Parole should be denied.

Regards,

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