From: <email@example.com>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 4/11/2006 11:24:49 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on April 11th, 2006

Comment: I am very heartened to see this commission looking at the California Criminal Justice System. I have worked with indigent criminal defendants, first at the trial level, and currently at the appellate level for almost 20 years. I have witnessed the difficulties with eyewitness identification; improper photo and in person line-ups; police and prosecutorial misconduct; and all of the other areas this commission plans on investigating.

One of the significant flaws in this system, as I have observed it over the years, is that the police and prosecution are not impartial, and some are zealots. Convictions at any cost seem to be the motto of the prosecutorial "team" all the way up the ladder, from the street cop, to the detective, to the district attorney's office, to the Attorney General's office. Many times these same attitudes are carried over to the judges appointed to the bench, largely from the offices of the local district attorney.

While I cannot envision a "training program" which would successfully change the attitudes of the prosecution team, I think without such a change, wrongful convictions and executions will continue to plague our system. It convicts and executes more minorities and more of the poorest members of our society, than any other class of citizens.

I would implore this commission to investigate the implication of the attitudes of those who are supposed to fairly and impartially investigate and prosecute crimes. It is these attitudes which lead to the other areas of difficulty which you undertake to study. Without these attitudes, eyewitness identifications would be more accurate; improper line-ups would not occur; false confessions could not be elicited; jail house snitches would not be utilized; and the criminal justice system would be what it was meant to be -- a search for truth, not a platform for promotions, political office, or personal gain.

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Comment: The state of our criminal justice system is appalling. Our jails are over crowded with people, many just waiting because there are no spaces available in the state mental hospitals or in treatment programs. I am sure that several of the people executed recently in California have been innocent of the crimes they were convicted of, however most people don't care. If we had better social services, we would have less need in have so many prisoners.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on April 11th, 2006.

Comment: No one in the state of California can have confidence in our criminal justice system as long as we continue to support California's Three Strikes Law as it is written today. California is the only state in the nation where the third strike can be any felony. California incarcerates 4 times as many inmates as all the other 25 three strikes states combined. A law that counts strikes for children as young as 16 years old. A law that effects blacks at 14 time the rate of whites. A law that give 25 years to life to drug addicts. With the largest prison system in the nation, we should be the lowest in crime rate yet that is not true. Strike-less New York has seen a greater decrease in violent crime and a decrease in prison population. Yet our legislators continue to support this unjust burden to taxpayers. There is no study ever written that support that three strikes works! Please amend it now, and put us in line with the rest of the nation.

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Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on April 11th, 2006

Comment: I would like to see the Commission adopt the 2003 ABA Guidelines for the Appointment and Performance of Defense Counsel in Death Penalty Cases as the proper standard and methodology for the appointment and performance of counsel in California and to encourage the Judicial Council to incorporate them as such in the California Rules of Court. This should be your first order of business and will greatly reduce the risk of the improvident imposition of the death penalty in our state courts. The USSC in Wiggins used the Guidelines for evaluating an IAC claim as the "well-regarded norms." These guidelines are not something to which we should merely aspire, they are the current standard of care.

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Date: 4/14/2006 1:22:30 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on April 14th, 2006.

Comment: I am glad to see such a commission.

I would like to know what evidence the commission is taking into account?

Who are the experts being consulted and how were they chosen?

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on April 15th, 2006.

Comment: It is absolutely ABSURD that you would form such a Commission without including even ONE exoneree. How can you go about your task with 100% honesty if you do not have on your Commission that one voice in the room who is a constant reminder for why you exist in the first place? This says to me, as a VERY concerned Californian, that your Commission has taken a paternalistic approach from the outset. Much the way kindergarten teachers don’t include their pupils in the lesson-planning process, you’ve chosen to “leave out” the wrongfully convicted as you decide the fates of those in their shoes. Furthermore, you’re doing so with the typical make-up of such bodies: mostly white males, with a couple of females and one or two people of color. That’s ridiculous.

If you attended the Faces of Wrongful Conviction conference (which I know some of the Committee members did), then you should have learned that “members of the institution” tend not to want to criticize each other. Prosecutor Millsap, of Texas, said, “The current D.A. should be skewering me, but she won’t because we are ‘of’ the same organization.” I don’t see how a Commission made up of a bunch of “State types,” including judges, WITHOUT THE INCLUSION OF THE WRONGFULLY CONVICTED, is going to be a success. While you may have representatives of organizations who work with the wrongfully convicted (I don’t know what you do, but I would HOPE you’d at least be wise enough to have THEM), it can never be the same as INVITING THAT ACTUAL VOICE onto your Commission. How DARE you be so dismissive and, again, paternalistic toward the wrongfully convicted? (“We don’t actually need YOU in the room. Somebody who’s talked to you will suffice.”) And how much honesty do you really expect from the Attorney General, a judge and others who are “of” the system that has erroneously jailed over 200 hundred people THAT WE KNOW OF?

I think your Commission is going to spend two years patting each other on the back for “examining the issues” and playing the polite-white game of not pointing fingers. My guess is, you’ll come away with the “conclusion” that although there is the occasional mishap in our criminal justice system, “California’s law enforcement agencies and judicial officers are, overwhelmingly (can’t leave out that word), doing a fine job with the resources available to them.”

What a shame.
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Date: 4/20/2006 1:48:46 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on April 20th, 2006.

Comment: Apparently CCFAJ intends to study and report on the use of scientific evidence in the administration of justice in California. As a forensic scientist who has worked in a private practice for 35 years in California, providing services for the criminal defense community as well as law enforcement, it is my expectation that the Commission will seek input from practicing forensic scientists who have a broad range of professional experience. Too often comments on forensic science issues comes from scientists who have spent their careers in law enforcement employment, or from academic scientists who have little experience and less understanding of the issues. I hope that the Commission will seek commentary from a broad spectrum of practicing forensic scientists.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on April 24th, 2006

Comment: I am a registered California Voter and a California Tax payer, for many years. I am "Opposed to Assembly Bill 1833, by Juan Arambula (D-Fresno). Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Legislation need not to make a "Broken system Bigger". Our justice system is so messed up, its hard for people to understand how messed up our California system is, unless you have been in the "Situation" where you have had a loved one either incarcerated and or falsely convicted of a crime. From the Friends Committee on Legislation, as they have "Stated" We need to insure that the administration of justice in California is just, fair, and "ACCURATE"...FROM BEGINNING TO THE END.

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Date: 6/25/2006 1:24:22 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on June 25th, 2006

Comment: With regard to the Commission's Recommendations on Lineups, the dissenters cited an Illinois study that suggested that sequential lineups are not more accurate than group lineups. My understanding of that Illinois study is that the study compared the rate of picking the SUPSECT, not the person proved to be the PERPETRATOR, and that it was not a double-blind study. The validity of the Illinois study holds up only if you agree with the statement by Ed Meese that if the suspect wasn't guilty, he wouldn't be being questioned by the police. The number of recent DNA exonerations (as mentioned by the Commission) casts considerable doubt on Attorney General Meese's conclusion in this regard.

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Date: 6/29/2006 7:12:55 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on June 29th, 2006

Comment: First, I commend the Commission on the 13 April 2006 Report and Recommendations Regarding Eye Witness Identification Procedures. It was informed and enlightened. Second, as a psychologist, how would I obtain a copy of the Peace Officers...Workbook referenced in footnote 5 of the Commissions' Report. Thank you.
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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on August 2nd, 2006.

Comment: Please examine all the cause's off wrongful convictions My brother William Cascio was sentenced to fourteen yrs. California's Criminal Justice is just not fair.
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recipient: info@ccfaj.org
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From: Brad Henschel <crusaderjd@yahoo.com>
To: John VanDeKamp <jvandekamp@dblip.com>, <guelmen@scu.edu>, <cboscia@scu.edu>
Date: 10/19/2006 3:04:08 AM
Subject: Getting Effective False Confession Elimination Legislature Signed by the Gov.

Dear Messrs. Van De Kamp, Uelmen and Boscia --

I am sending this email to you because the comment page for your commission did not send my message out to you and your committee members.

I know Dr. Leo very well, I have used his expert services in criminal trials. I know Harold Hall because I now write legal pleadings for an ICDA member, where Harold Hall works. I have followed this committee and it's work, which is badly needed.

Apparently the Governor did not understand that your commission is composed of law enforcement, prosecutors and public defenders.

The Governor did not approve of how the legislature did not make the rules by which police interrogations would result in dismissals.

I suggest that you have some Bar associations, such as the Beverly Hills Bar, LA County Bar, etc. give an endorsement to your findings, as well as some other bi-partisan organizations.

I also suggest that the new rules simply give the judge discretion under PC 1385, without mentioning dismissals. That allows the courts to take up the issue case by case.

The video and audio recording of interrogations should be made from the beginning and video cameras should be on all police cars in California. The reasons for this are many and varied.

One reason is to make sure that false charges are not made against police officers. Another reason is to encourage plea bargains in cases where the video shows evidence such as in DUI cases. Such video tapes would assist in making sure false confessions were not made.

I also suggest that proposals for new laws in this area be submitted to the rescom committees of various bar associations to submit to the conference of delegates to be presented to the legislature in conjunction with your committee recommendations.

I am the Sub-Committee Chair for two committees of the BHBA, The State Bar and practice of law and the Rules of Court. I am also on the legislative committee of the Criminal Courts Bar Association. I could see to it that both organizations submit the new proposals are submitted to the legislature and to have our lobbyists contact the governor and smooth out any problems he has with these new laws to protect law enforcement officers as well as the innocent.

I applaud your work and encourage you to continue to an effective result.

BRAD HENSCHEL

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 7th, 2007

Comment: Story of Interest - I heard so much about John Grisham's Book the Innocent Man and wanted to know more about the case and the other innocent man, Dennis Fritz. John Grisham tells only half the story. So, I read Journey Toward Justice by Dennis Fritz. Publisher Seven Locks Press 2006 ISBN 1931643954 and his Memoir touched my 62 year old heart I thought you may be interested in the book and story. I wrote a review about it. Here it is:

Dennis Fritz wrote of his plight with elegance. He was accused, convicted and imprisoned for 12 years for a crime he did not commit. Reading about his ordeal that examines the many mistakes and deceptions that led to his conviction and 12 year incarceration, makes you think this can happen to just about anyone. He was a school teacher and a family man before being accused. I was touched by the total amount of injustice that he received. A captivating story on both personal and more importantly legal level. The 12 years in prison he immersed himself in an intense study of the law and wrote hundreds of letters and appellate briefs in his own defense. He wrote in a way I felt his frustrations, anger and happiness and gave me great insight into a flawed justice system. Read his book and find out why he followed a certain Diet of his, sad true and amazing He writes about how he never Blamed the Lord He solely relied on his Faith in God to make it through. I was amazed how he worked diligently seeking his Freedom and how his Faith kept him emotionally stable during his time in prison.

Extraordinary book by a extraordinary Man. A Heartfelt Story

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Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 17th, 2007

Comment: i like killing the guys that murder others they should go to hell but only in the badest crime but if you kill for self defence its alright!
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Email: slipchristie@hotmail.com
submit: Submit Comment
recipient: info@ccfa.j.org
email: email@example.com
From: <email@example.com>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 1/18/2007 3:08:14 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 18th, 2007

Comment: Killing a human being is wrong, whether the crime is committed by a criminal or premeditated murder by the government...period! How can you teach that killing a person is wrong by killing people that committ the same crime???
Name: Ruben De La Cruz
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From: <email@example.com>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 1/22/2007 2:56:21 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 22nd, 2007

Comment: I read in the chronicle that Mr. vandekamp says the U.S. Supreme Court ruling striking down California's sentencing law will not apply to three strikes. However, if a jury was not informed that three strikes applied to a defendant wouldn't that affect the length of the sentence? thanks.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 29th, 2007

Comment: I'm writing to lodge a complaint about the entire court system of Merced County. My son-in-law was arrested on August 5th, 2006 after only a 2 hour investigation. The police officer used the Ramey Warrant to facilitate the arrest. He has been charged with 12 counts of PC 288(b)1 and after the Preliminary hearing 8 more counts, that are unknown to us. Mr. Green did not tell my son-in-law what they were. His bail is 2.4 Million dollars. This is excessive. His Public Defender has done nothing, but push him to waive his time. We have finally made it to the Pre-liminary hearing and our next court date is Feb. 13th. Mr. Green has not even subpoenaed his work records, which My daughter gave Mr. green the information way back in August. My son-in-law isn't the only person that is having this type of defense. Unless the defendant is pleading guilty, they are being forced to waive their time. I have been going to court every month since August and each time we are ther.

e, this is happening. I believe that the entire Merced County needs to have someone come in and investigate what they are doing. Mr. Green has never even tried to have the charges dropped for my son-in-law. He has also told my son-in-law that he has never handled a case as this. I believe that he should recuse himself and have someone who is knowledgeable in what is going on with this case take it. I have been here since 8-6-06 and really feel that things aren't being done right in Merced. Please let me know what can be done here.

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Date: 2/20/2007 8:32:47 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on February 20th, 2007

Comment: As a religious leader, executions have always been seen as immoral and as a Catholic priest the teachings have been made clearer and clear that there is NO reason in our society to support this. I would ask that we abandon this practise and spend the money to work on a justice system that reforms people so they can pay for their crime and return to public life or if they are to be imprisoned for life, that it allows them to be productive for themselves and the system and so that the victims families can receive some compensation. STOP STATE EXECUTIONS and review the "justice system" so it is fair and a reformative model not simply throwing away the keys...

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Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on March 6th, 2007

Comment: Excessive Bail:

I don't know if you let individual counties set bail schedules without interference or not, but let me please say, the basic Constitutional guarantee of "no excessive bail" is being routinely violated, the people who are supposed to uphold it, and this excessive bail forces entirely innocent people to plead guilty, or no contest to charges they are completely innocent of.

I know because it happened to me. I was completely innocent of a crime which I plead no contest to, partly due to lackluster defense lawyer, but also because I felt my business would fall apart if I stayed in jail for months awaiting trial.

I would also point out, the extremely high bail amounts, combined with the difficulty of successfully prosecuting a false arrest lawsuit against the police, (which I have also done) puts the police in the position of being able to put any person in jail, and thereby punishing them, because, rather than being let out as soon as they can put together reasonable bail, they will be either held until at least a preliminary hearing, or pay a bail bondsman at least several hundred, and possibly much more, to get out.

Of course, all of this tends to make the jobs of both the police and prosecutors easier. The prosecutors are able to pressure innocent people into taking plea bargains, rather than losing their houses and businesses, even in cases the prosecutors would not have been able to prove.

The police just have more power to threaten people, which, even if not used, makes it easier for them to apply pressure. Sometimes that's good, sometimes bad, but the Constitution says it's flat out not allowed.

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Subject: Public Comments / Questions

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Comment: When are you going to investigate abuses by the Child Protective Services?
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To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 5/2/2007 9:09:59 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on May 2nd, 2007 at 09:10AM (PDT).

Comment: Dear Commissioners,

As the mother of a wrongfully convicted son who was 16 at the time, I feel compelled to comment. There are many reasons for wrongful convictions. Each person involved has a self serving interest. Politics can and do play a big role. The motto is to be tough on crime. Attorney’s should have special training for murder cases. There should be a pool of special attorney’s to handle these cases that are not part of local politics so the defendant has a chance for a fair trial. Prosecutor is a term that means to prosecute it should be justice seekers. Generally people feel that law enforcement is always right. With the large numbers of wrongful conviction this is simply untrue. We need to have a better balance in the system. There are no words to describe the pain inflicted to families for wrongful convictions. The victims are equally traumatized.

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Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on May 24th, 2007 at 09:42PM (PDT).

Comment: Your report on scientific evidence is of high quality. However, I believe it overlooks the use of scientific evidence by an unaccredited federal government laboratory. This occurred in the recent Cnythia Sommer's murder trial in San Diego.

Your proposed solution of allowing cross examination of why the examiner did not pursue certification is not fully satisfactory in this case, as the answer would simply be, "It's not required." A better solution would be to determine what additional qualifications or procedures would be needed in order to attain certification.

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Date: 7/5/2007 8:33:13 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on July 5th, 2007 at 08:34PM (PDT).

Comment: How I can get my rights after been a cussed in charge from bad snitch and bad law enforcement in Fresno CA. you can read whole story in San Francisco and LA times news papers after you type the snitch name (Essam magid). I need your help for my rights. thank you Hassan
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Email: sflimo2002@hotmail.com
submit: Submit Comment
email: email@example.com
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To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 7/15/2007 7:09:48 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on July 15th, 2007 at 07:11PM (PDT).

Comment: I would like to know more about the growing epidemic of police and social workers coersing children into false accounts and accusations of abuse or molestation in california. It seems our state is on a "witch hunt" of sorts and will without due process or even supporting evidence choose a person that they know to be unable to afford private counsel and railroad them toward a wrongful conviction. There seems to be no recourse for a person of little financial means to fight the power of city, county, and state resources. How does one fight the good fight with truth, honesty, and integrity when opposed by such omnipotent impunity?

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Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on July 26th, 2007 at 04:07PM (PDT).

Comment: Why don't you treat dna test labs the way dentists do their labs. It appears that time has come for a new career specialty a dna- test-only lab that is separate from other forensic labs, requires at most a 2-year associate degree, aptitude in biological sciences, has a distinct licensed function and is accountable to its own set of standards the way a dentist hires out a lab tech for work.
Attempting to do this as a subfunction of a criminal lab is like hiring a physician to do janitorial work.
I have a plan to apply for a grant to build a new vocational school for dna-test-only labs and develop new jobs by the dozens for young scientists. This should be done in various locations where there is need for economic development.
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Date: 8/2/2007 2:30:45 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on August 2nd, 2007 at 02:33PM (PDT).

Comment: The death penalty disproportionately is given to black males.
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Date: 8/10/2007 9:58:03 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on August 10th, 2007 at 10:00AM (PDT).

Comment: My case was referred to in one of your articles, and I speak from a experience as to how a mentally ill individual can be easily influenced to confess to a crime that never took place. I was taught that police officers were "honest" which I no longer believe. Not only was I misdiagnosed with Multiple Personalities by a therapist who claimed to be an "expert" in her field because she was an integrated multiple. Prior to seeing Heather Mechanic, I had never been diagnosed with MPD/DID, nor have since been diagnosed with MPD/DID. My diagnosis is Major Depression. I have never been a violent person, and my need to please others in order to be accepted was exploited by Heather Mechanic, and the Police followed suit. The police knew that I was diagnosed with MPD/DID and used that diagnosis to their advantage. I believe that laws need to be enacted to protect individuals diagnosed with mental illness.

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Date: 9/7/2006 7:40:41 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on September 7th, 2006

Comment: We live in Del Norte County, California. My husband, our two younger son, and myself, witnessed the murder of our oldest son, who was 14 years old, by a person known to our family, on June 3rd, 2005. My husband and I made separate comments to several officers that our son had been deliberately killed and indicated who had killed him. However, our statements about the suspect and that fact that the suspect was present on the scene, were left out of the officer’s report. The sheriff, who is also the coroner, apparently decided our son’s death was an “accident.” After the very traumatic few moments while our son was being wheeled to the ambulance, and an escort to the chapel at the hospital, we were never contacted by the Del Norte County Sheriff’s Department or any other law enforcement agency regarding our son’s death. No further statements were taken, no investigation occurred, nothing. Our family was devastated & very traumatized by the horrifying nature of our son’s death. We waited for officers to contact us for some time. We eventually contacted the California Department of Justice and asked that they intervene on our behalf. We learned over the course of several weeks after our son died that the suspect’s mother worked at the local District Attorney’s Office and she admitted to us that her son had been on probation for beating another teen-ager (it turned out he thought the other teen was a “snitch”), that the suspect had been truant from a probationers-only school the day our son died, and we were to later find evidence to indicate that the suspect perceived our son to be a “snitch.” The suspect also left the state of California about two weeks after our son died, staying out of state for at least a month.

The Sheriff Department also recorded on July 28th, 2005 that our family blamed this same suspect for our son’s death (I have a copy of that report).

The California Department of justice informed us that we had to ask the Sheriff Department to investigate. The Sheriff appointed a Sergeant Steven to investigate in September, 2005. He was very disinterested and seemed determined that the original report was gospel (despite its obvious omissions) and that, despite what we were telling him, which was horrific, our son’s death was an “accident.”

Sergeant Steven’s report made no sense. He failed to report what we told him, reported things that - who knows where he pulled them from. He reported that he had checked with the probation department to see if the suspect was on probation in September or October, instead of June, when he killed our son. The sergeant interviewed people who were not actual witnesses, as if they were witnesses, and reported that the Department had no record of any accusations from our family against the suspect prior to September. It was - mmm - an outrage.

We went back to the DOJ and said, look, this officer put things in his report that we have proof are untrue and omitted other things we have irrefutable evidence of, what are you going to do now?

The DOJ informed us to file citizen’s complaints, go to the DA, and file complaints with the Grand Jury.

We did all of that.

The DA never responded to multiple phone calls, letters, faxes, and personal appearances by our family requesting an appointment and meeting.

We filed three complaints with the Grand Jury & got no acknowledgement or response on any of them.

We filed citizen’s complaints with the Sheriff’s Department, for failure to report accurately, failure to investigate a murder, and then for conducting a grossly negligent investigation.
Many months later, we received a response from the Sheriff/Coroner. He assured us that he had conducted an "internal investigation" and found our complaints to be "unfounded."

The Sheriff, Dean Wilson, went on to tell us that he had determined that the suspect had "not contributed to" our son's death.

I hate to point out the obvious here, but we watched the suspect kill our son deliberately. It is, wow, incredibly difficult to be sent a sanctimonious letter by a Sheriff who is effectively telling us - "uh, no, you didn't watch your son murdered, and that suspect didn't do it. Uh, huh, I know, because I'm the Sheriff."

This crap from the Sheriff is totally unacceptable.

I have no idea who is responsible for seeing that 1) murderers are brought to justice 2) incompetent or corrupt sheriffs are removed

But somebody should do something.

We were told by some legal resources clinic to contact the FBI. They didn't want to take a report and were far more interested in whether we were in the "habit" of complaining about police. Which we aren't.

We were advised to contact our representatives. We did. The only one who responded in any manner other than to say they were sorry they couldn't do anything was Mike Thompson's office. They said they would enquire with the DA about it. The Sheriff never sent the case to the DA for prosecution, therefore, the DA apparently has no involvement in the case.

We have been told that the Sheriff has "jurisdictional discretion."

This doesn't make much sense, because he is clearly and obviously abusing whatever discretion his office affords him.

It is ridiculous that this has occurred in America and even more outlandish that there is not one agency or organization that thinks that this is their problem.

You cannot have a fair administration of justice when there is a basic unfairness to the point where eye witnesses aren't even allowed to report a murder.

To whoever is reading this, you are more than likely mandated by law to report evidence of a murder, and probably police misconduct. When you read this and ignore your responsibilities, like every other damned government employee I have dealt with, you just remember when you go to sleep tonight that you have failed our family, failed our son, failed the justice community, and failed yourself as a human being.

And don't bother contacting me unless you have some intention of actively remediing this absolutely unacceptable situation.

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Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on September 17th, 2007 at 01:37PM (PDT).

Comment: my name is charles p peterson and i'm a blk man with no criminal background and a NASA engineer (search engine my name)and i have been OR'd for 6yrs, i am the perfect example of wrongful convicton, shasta county wont let me go so they are waiting til i die or committ a crime...first of all i dont believe in your cause base on the fact its just all talk, if you want to make a difference then you should be thinking about judicial misconduct and indictments just like i know you wont print this is how sure i am what you are trying to achieved here wont make a difference...if you want results now towards your wrongful conviction cause, this is what and how you should go about it, You take a recent wrongfully convicted person and paste his/her face on the front cover of a major newspaper and do it once a month with the heading saying " How wrongful convicting destroyed my family" and below that have it say " Has this happened to your family" trust me when i say the public will jump all over your cause...The reason why is...most wrongful conviction has nothing to do with going to jail or prison, it has to do with the public not wanting or willing to take time out to deal with the court system, and the worst wrongful conviction of them all is the one when the innocent is threaten or spooked into believing they are going to jail if they dont agree to the deal they offer via a public defender...if you people are serious i have all the factual documents you need to show what im saying is true, otherwise just keep telling people what they want to hear which is that you are doing something about wrongful conviction, as long as they hear it they are happy...Kinda like waiting for the end of the world, oh its coming but not in this/our life time...
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Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on October 10th, 2007 at 01:40PM (PDT).

Comment: First of all, kudos to CCFAJ in taking the initiative to invite public comments. This is very refreshing.

I worked for the Orange County Sheriff's Crime Lab for 27 years and retired as its Deputy Director in 2001. There are a number of us who worked in the field of forensic biology and understood the issues of wrongful convictions well. As retirees, we are in a unique position to offer unbiased expert advice. Moreover, we finally have the time and freedom to do so.

To identify these individuals and explore their interest in assisting CCFAJ, I would suggest that CCFAJ approach CAC (California Association of Criminalists) and CACLD (California Association of Crime Lab Directors) for a list of retired members and their contact information.

It is quite likely that you would find a few retired forensic serologists who would agree to serve CCFAJ in some capacity. I am one of them.

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Date: 10/14/2007 9:14:42 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on October 14th, 2007 at 09:18AM (PDT).

Comment: I was very saddened today to read that the Gov. had vetoed the three bills. They must not read what is happening across the nation daily. This is not only a California problem it is a nationwide problem. Counties and States tax papers will have to continue to pay settlements to inmates wrongfully convicted for years. The Gov. has no backbone to try to correct the problems that lead to overcrowding and wrongful convictions. What about the cases that DA and Police use informants to lie so that they get their own cases dismissed or no prison time. Charges should be brought up against those people. Lastly the inmate that has served years for errors that these bills would have corrected. This is a sad day for California.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on October 14th, 2007 at 09:46AM (PDT).

Comment: All forms of law enforcement are not looking at public safety. If they allow killers to be free while convicting innocent people. They should strive for certainty in locking up a guilt person. And where is the justice for the victims family. When the guilty person is still free to commit more crime and possibly to that same family. When law enforcement incarcerates a persoem they should be certain that that is the guilty person that can not prey on others. In LAC they had games as to how many people and cars they could impound and arrest in a 24 hour period. Again this is a sad day for California.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on October 15th, 2007 at 01:22AM (PDT).

Comment: The State of California must implement a statewide, independent, oversight and review agency, along with an ombudsman office, to respond to citizen complaints about county law enforcement officers and agencies. Law enforcement officer misconduct is both identifiable and preventable; however county law enforcement agencies have largely failed to properly investigate, address, or discipline misconduct incidents within their own agencies. Securing external oversight and review of officer or agency misconduct is difficult, complex, and lengthy, requiring citizens to amass substantial evidence that local authorities are unable or unwilling to investigate, address, or remediate alleged misconduct before the state will intervene in the interest of citizens and communities. This creates a situation where detrimental officers, policies, and practices, may continue, unabated, for many years before finally being subject to objective and disinterested review. The alarming potential for a significant number of wrongful convictions, failures to prosecute guilty parties, rights abuses, and police brutality, make this a matter of immediate concern.

The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation implemented a similar program to respond to numerous and serious problems identified in juvenile and adult facilities throughout California. However, no similar program exists to provide statewide, independent, oversight and review among California's 58 county law enforcement agencies. County officials retain almost exclusive jurisdiction over both crimes and complaints occurring in their counties, with no viable or timely method of independent review. Although some larger cities, such as Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Jose, have established independent county oversight agencies, such county-based agencies would be largely ineffective in many smaller counties, where lack of resources and insufficient diversity would hinder implementation.

A disinterested, statewide, oversight agency would be capable of conducting thorough, independent, and objective investigations into alleged officer and agency misconduct, while local agencies would be otherwise inclined to protect both their officers and themselves from discipline and potential liability. Statewide oversight holds the potential to quickly and effectively identify and eliminate officers disposed to engage in misconduct, necessarily reducing instances of wrongful conviction, and thereby improving the fair and equal administration of justice throughout California.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on October 15th, 2007 at 08:24PM (PDT).

Comment: I am all for your commission. My son was intimidated and coerced into prison by Riverside County DA investigators. They threatened to arrest me his mother if he did not take their deal. A Witness Intimidation charge that was made up. He gave up to protect me. That this happens in our justice system is deplorable and unjust. I was sickened when the governor vetoed every bill to protect us from out of control prosecutions. My story is worth hearing if you are interested.

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Date: 10/16/2007 3:43:49 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on October 16th, 2007 at 03:36PM (PDT).

Comment: My Name is Ivin Mood, I'm not the criminal type so periodic abuse that I sustain from business people who neglect to allow me to be employed because I have a misdemeanors record. It's mass destruction all around California a state considered to be a black hole, due to this economic oppression. Migrant workers choke the employment opportunity for non-skilled persons to a few crumbs. With the new bill passed by Gov Schwarzenegger which allows law enforcement personnel to distribute all information relating to individuals arrest records to every single nearby vigilante, that person comes across. It's bound to increase retaliatory conflicts it's terrorism. I have been the subject of aggressive treatment for three years now, because law enforcement persons enjoy the added drama. If I was a bad person the combative egomaniacs would have some damaged property.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on October 17th, 2006

Comment: Re: False Confessions. I am a 46 year old woman and has lived in Riverside all my life. I am victim of a breaking and forced entry then assault and battery that happened in my home and has permanently injured me. I tried to call for help... The INEXPERIENCED officer that showed up 23 mins. after my attempted 911 call was not interested in why I called and talked to the perpetrators instead as these men lied saying I stabbed one of them but there wasn't any wound. All the evidence of the breaking and entering in a sparebedroom window as it was kicked in was ignored. The leaded glass that is still broken in our front door was ignored and he had to knock on it! After giving me the impression he left I sat and wrote down everything that happened to report it to a cop that would investigate and arrest these guys. Instead an hour later I find myself arrested for what I had no idea. I was NEVER told in the 6 and a half hours I was in this cops custody (he had to call the paramedics for my injuries and was taken to the hospital) not once did he tell me what I was arrested for & never read me my rights when being interrogated by he and another officer that just happened by my hospital room. Even though I had involved my rights infront of my mother as he was taking me out to the car that he left me in on a VERY hot summer day with all the windows rolled up, no air conditioning for 20 mins. handcuffed behind my back crammed up in the back. I spent 12 hours of more trauma to my injuries. The police officer even lied about why I the paramedics were called. But, the paramedics knew what happened because they asked me. I found out 8 and half hours later what the charges were from asking the O.R. person! Meanwhile, the arresting officer Clarence Dodson of the RPD left the guys in my house. They called a buddy of there's and then I was robbed. The kicker to all this is I was forced to plea to a crime not only I did not do, but that happened to me! This was as due to my hired counsel who lied to me for 8 months while waiting for my trial he tells me at pre-trial I have to plea out because he "did absolutely NOTHING for my defense". The police report was so fraudulant anyone could see that it is all lies. Even down to the weight and descriptions of the guys who committed the crimes! I am dealing with post traumatic stress, I was devistated. But, refused several times saying I am INNOCENT! Then the threats came that were lies. Telling me I would be facing 9 months to 12 years because it was a strike! Well I just found out this last July it was NOT a strike. It was a misdemeanor assault that the prosecutor Jennifer Seltzer did not have a case. My hired counsel was admittedly beyond ineffective. I finally gave in and signed the plea agreement not knowing what to do, or the fact I was signing away my civil & constitutional rights that were violated and needed to be addressed. I had a moment while sitting in the court room and counsel had not given the papers to Seltzer yet, I came to my senses and mot ioned him over to me. As he leaned down I leaned forward and reached behind his back where he had my papers in his hand. Then took them from him. Then I ripped them up as I was sternly whispered to him "This is not right! I AM INNOCENT!" He freaked out. Seltzer was eavesdropping on what I was saying. She drops everything to turn around and stare me down until he threatens me back into it again. I finally gave in under this pressure. Then the court resumed its business. I read the second set of papers and noticed a bunch of things were added to it. I asked counsel how come all these extra things were on it...? As soon as I asked Seltzer gets up out of her chair and turns around and says directly at me: "You should have taken the first one!" she and I exchanged some words and counsel just stood there, and the fill in judge just sat as he did most of the time facing the wall to his right of the court room while the prosecutor played Judge, jury and hangman. I have been forced to say guilty to a crime I did not do. Thinking I hadn't any recourse because thats what I was informed of after court. I have recently found out differently. Now the problem is I need a habeas corpus to get a fair trial I was deprived of and to prove my Innocence. I have preserved the evidence that can show beyond any doubt because it is clear and convincing that I am innocent, I did lose some due to those guys had opportunity to destroy on my computer as they crashed both my harddrives to the point they were unrecoverable. I have photo's that I had taken (I have photographed for
attorneys in many court cases - I know what is evidence and how to properly record the info. for court), medical records, and physical evidence, plus witnesses to after the fact and of the robbery. I did not have a "criminal" record before this. I have been through breaking and entering before. It even hit the newspaper that time. If the prosecutor would have looked into my background she would have possibly questioned the validity of the police report. Since this has happened and the criminals have been given a free ticket to do as they please. Because the police dept. doesn't want to admit they were wrong let alone the DA's office. So they do as little as possible. Half the time the reports were not filed. They have put me in danger. I have been assaulted again by them and my life threatened in the future tense, ongoing stalking, and property damages like car windows being smashed ect. I have been a prisoner in my own home that I am afraid to be in. I no longer can go anywhere by myself not even out the front door. Or look out the front windows. I have the forms for the habeas corpus but I have no idea how to fill them out and not screw up my chances of getting a trial. I am INNOCENT and still being victimized!! What I observed in the courtroom as I sat there several days is enough to make your skin crawl. How Riverside is getting away with this is the way the court rooms are overcrowded and onlookers can not come in. It is a total breakdown of anything that can be called justice. How can I get this habeas corpus filled out? The least amount that is charged is $15,000. Being unemployed and permanently injured doesn't give me much of a choice.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on November 1st, 2007 at 10:23AM (PDT).

Comment: Hi!! My name is Ariselia Wernicke about a week ago I read the article about your office and I call your office talked to Mr. Miller about the case to see what you can do for my brother who is in jail at Corcoran ,Ca. I know you are not going to represent my case but anything would very helpful to change the system with all the problems we have specially when you come from another country. I want to thank you and Mr. Miller for helping innocent people!! Sincerely ARISELIA WENCICKE Miller  
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Date: 11/26/2007 12:30:52 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on November 26th, 2007 at 12:32PM (PST).

Comment: On all 3 of these bills there was more support than opposition. Our governor believes he’s knows better than all the experts. This is a recipe for nothing to change until we get legislators that understand what has been occuring. Doesn’t give citizens much hope since law enforcement and legislators love the tough on crime soap box and using continual scare tactics of criminals running wild in the streets. I am pretty fed up with the justice system and how slow they move. They just keep pushing all the tough decisions to the next legislative body.

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Date: 12/10/2007 12:21:35 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 12:26PM (PST).

Comment: RE: THE DEATH PENALTY.

As a criminal defense attorney of 11 years, I have personally experienced several situations wherein my clients would almost certainly have been convicted had it not been for a particular item of evidence, often DNA. This leads one to the inevitable conclusion that, in a similar number of cases where such evidence exists but was not detected or does not exist because of the nature of the crime, innocent people are being convicted. In other words, jurors can be mistakenly convinced of a person's guilt.

Such travesties are never acceptable. To impose death upon such an innocent person, however, takes away any hope at eventually proving their innocence and of living out their remaining years, albeit in confinement.

Surely, just one innocent person put to death is too much, and we would be blind to claim this has not happened nor will it happen just because we have no concrete examples to base it on.

I thank you for your consideration,

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 12:58PM (PST).

Comment: This note is regarding the upcoming hearings on the death penalty. Because of problems with juries, heavy skewing towards minorities, wrong information, or withholding of information that can lead to convicting an innocent person and more, I am AGAINST the death penalty.
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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 12:53PM (PST).

Comment: It is well-documented that our criminal justice system discriminates against the poor and in particular, poor people of color. In addition it has been proven, most recently by uncontested DNA testing, that many innocent people have been executed. For these tragic reasons alone, it is reprehensible to support the death penalty--we should join the rest of the civilized world in abolishing it forever.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 01:37PM (PST).

Comment: Death penalty is a barbarian practice, the USA should ban it completely. Besides if we are a christian country we have to be against it.
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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 01:34PM (PST).

Comment: I do not support the death penalty, and although I was a victim of amny heinous crimes which I barely survived, i.e. torture, starvation that lapsed into famine where all my teeth fell out, psychological torture and broken skull, and denial of all basic human rights, and the right to be saved from death when dying from said starvation and denied our most basic human rights, food and nutrition, and medical care. I have been a powerful advocate for those on Death Row. I am a religious leader with a 21 year ministry and with many friends on death Row who has informed the public in my early 20's. Now soon to die, I am publishing my 11th book about the death penalty and how it has effected my own life as a woman of profound compassion and my experiences on Death Row, the electric chair, and how I lost one I loved dearly to this device of blasphemed barbarism. I will NEVER support blasphemy, and although I was treated with a malignant form of ongoing prejudice because of being a blind albino, with many severe medical handicaps which brought on two terminal illnesses, and now dying woman, it makes no difference to this woman of God; this religious leader, this author.

I hate the death penalty, and since when does mortal man decided who lives and who dies, and before all of that even happens, these people suffer so tremendously as they are hidden form all of society? For it is my job as I have long ago been called by God, to expose the truth, as had I concerning political icons and faces in my state of Massachusetts. Being CONDEMNED means to LOSE ONE'S RIGHT TO LIVE; what the hell does that mean?! Only our Almighty God can perform this form of justice, not the other way around, as this form of said justice is DIVINE, and mortally inclined. There is one man on Death Row who has been there in Fla waiting to go to the electric chair since 1978, and he is now 62! Can you possibly imagine how this poor man has suffered?!! People like you cannot, because you choose not to see; to see the truth, as well as to lock within yourselves and see that we all succumb to our guilt instincts, and this is what execution is people! GIVING IN TO WAYWARD IMPU LSE AND GUT REACTIONS AND DISGUSING THIS EXECUTION UNDER A DOGMA THAT IS CLEARLY FAULSIFIED AS IT IS REALLY MURDER-CULLING OF ANOTHER INFORUNATE AND MISGUIDED HUMAN BEING. I tried to kill the man who brutally raped me, and nearly succeeded. Would you have done that to ME?!-Did you ever think that sometimes these people on Death Row have been victims like me-this woman of God?! This powerful advocate for the CONDEMNED.

I am also known by the state government as VOICE FOR THE CONDEMNED.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 01:48PM (PST).

Comment: + To whom it may concern,
PLEASE!!! Put an end to the Death Penalty! It is morally wrong, unjust and inhuman.
bless you and thank you

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 12:49PM (PST).

Comment: First, I believe the death penalty is cruel and unusual punishment. Second, our criminal justice systems make too many mistakes and innocent people are put in prisons.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 04:32PM (PST).

Comment: Execution by the state, no matter the way it is performed, is wrong; passing it off as someone else’s problem doesn’t remove your responsibility. Our Criminal Justice system is not infallible and the possibility of executing an innocent person is likely to have happened; I can’t live with that, can you? How about if it’s your innocent son or daughter? Restorative Justice has very positive results on society - we should be practicing this type of justice.

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Email: gailjonescaj@sbcglobal.net
submit: Submit Comment
email: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
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Date: 12/10/2007 4:37:12 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 04:42PM (PST).

Comment: A civilized, decent and humane society must always strive to behave humanely especially toward criminals. Its not about the criminals. Its about our moral code as a society. Currently we Americans are futilely struggling to sanitize the inherently unsanitary and inhumane act of execution while ignoring the fact that an inhumane act cannot be executed humanely.

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Date: 12/10/2007 4:38:47 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 04:43PM (PST).

Comment: I have been a defense attorney for 35 years and have been through 30 death penalty cases, most of them in Louisiana. I am now practicing in California. The emotional toll these awful trials and subsequent appeals and writs have taken on the client's family, the victim's family and myself is incalculable. At the end of trial, I have had many of the families on both sides of the question of life and death ask for life, while not a few of the clients request the ultimate penalty.

What a conundrum. and at what cost. The latest case I had came back to haunt me in 1996, the conviction having occurred in 1981. It had been up and down to the US Supreme Court three times. The Louisiana AG, at the pardon hearing, cited the cost of prosecuting the appeals and writs as a reason for denying the client a pardon. I testified that I was paid $2500 to defend the man and had no investigator and no assistance.

The pardon board came back 3-2 denying clemency. Antonio James died 8 hours later. The one virtue of this travesty was that Antonio James had found his God in the chaotic media frenzy surrounding his fate.

I envied him, and thought that he was the lucky one. He was going home, and the rest of us are left behind with the questionable wisdom of perpetuating the machinery of death. And at what cost?

Can't we remove this carbuncle on the face of American jurisprudence, enhance our reputation as a fair and just society and save some money into the bargain, all at the same time?

I hope this Commission will have the political stomach to declare that every life is precious and that taking it in the name of the People is alien to all that makes a nation just but merciful.

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Date: 12/10/2007 4:51:09 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 04:56PM (PST).

Comment: "How can killing someone for killing someone teach me that killing is wrong." My favorite line regarding the death penalty. No one has the right to take another's life, even "legally". Even if it could be justified, there are just too many prejudices (race, money, etc.) involved in the judicial process. Also DNA is not always used when available. There is no way to justify taking a life EVER!

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Date: 12/10/2007 5:20:04 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 05:24PM (PST).

Comment: Are we Americans the only Barbarians in the free world? Apparently organized religion has outlived it's usefulness - it was supposed to teach us to be kind to one another and to be stewards of the earth. Instead, we've apparently ignored the "Thou Shalt Not Kill".

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Date: 12/10/2007 6:02:37 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 08:07PM (PST).

Comment: Given that your commission was charged with examining ways of providing "safeguards and improvements" to the criminal justice system and ensure that the "application and administration of criminal justice in California is just, fair, and accurate," I personally see no better opportunity to do so than by abolishing capital punishment.

Since this particular penalty is unalterable and irreversible, and since our justice system, like all human institutions, will inevitably make mistakes—even if only rarely—the only way one can hope to safeguard the system is to remove capital punishment. I also believe this would improve the way our criminal justice functions insofar as it would remove the incredible waits on death row, waits that are absolutely necessary to ensuring that guilt or innocence is properly established.

For the record, I am not some bleeding heart liberal who thinks that all murderers are simply "misunderstood" or somehow can lay the blame for their actions on bad potty training or some such nonsense. I am perfectly happy to allow murderers to spend the rest of their lives in jail thinking about what they did. I just don't think capital punishment is an appropriate, practical or even very efficient punishment. Our tax dollars could be spent elsewhere and it would, in my view, improve the system of justice here in California.

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Date: 12/10/2007 8:11:07 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 08:16PM (PST).

Comment: End the death penalty. Violence cannot end violence--it only begins a vicious circle. Civilized human beings do not resort to revenge--they believe in forgiveness. Justice can be better served by a prison sentence--it is far more humane and leaves room for redemption. I am proud to live in Wisconsin where we have no death penalty and will work ceaselessly to ensure we never re-instate it.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 10th, 2007 at 09:03PM (PST).

Comment: As you deliberate, please consider the fact that the Death Penalty, like torture, violates basic human rights and international law. Because of its use of the Death Penalty, our State of California stands outside of international norms of decency such that we would not qualify to join the European Union. Rather than stand alongside the European nations and most of the nations of the world, instead we have aligned ourselves on the side of brutality with the likes of China, Iran, and that minority of nations for whom human rights are of small concern. Aren't we better than this?

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Date: 12/11/2007 9:32:07 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 11th, 2007 at 09:36AM (PST).

Comment: I am very strongly opposed to the death penalty.
Name: JM Walecki
Telephone: 909.593.3511 ext. 4192
Email: waleckij@ulv.edu
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gmail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
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Date: 12/11/2007 10:42:57 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 11th, 2007 at 10:47AM (PST).

Comment: There are so many cases where errors in DNA collection or lack of other evidence or just normal human flaws have contributed to wrongly convicted a person, how could we continue to enforce the death penalty? What about all of the hundreds, thousands of people that were later exonerated as DNA and other techniques have advanced? What if they had been executed?

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From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
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Date: 12/11/2007 7:59:10 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 11th, 2007 at 08:04PM (PST).

Comment: THERE IS NO ROOM FOR THE DEATH PENALTY IN A SO-CALLED "CIVILIZED" SOCIETY. WITH THE DEATH PENALTY, WE BECOME THE MURDERERS WE SAY WE CAN'T STAND. NO ONE IN A "SANER" STATE OF MIND WOULD KILL SOMEONE. THEREFORE, PEOPLE THAT DO THIS ARE MENTALLY ILL AND NEED TO BE TREATED AS SUCH. REMOVED FROM SOCIETY, BUT TREATED HUMANELY AND NOT KILLED BY THE STATE. THANK YOU.

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From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 12/12/2007 5:54:44 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on December 12th, 2007 at 05:59PM (PST).

Comment: First, I do not oppose the death penalty on principle. However, neither do I support the death penalty on principle. From a practical perspective, the current way the death penalty is being administered seems unsupportable. Therefore I oppose a continuation of the current system of administering the death penalty.
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Date: 1/2/2008 7:54:35 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 2nd, 2008 at 08:00PM (PST).

Comment: We need a sentencing commission in CA. Most everything that you have stated in your research I believe to be true. However, legislators will do nothing to change things until the tough on crime soap box is kicked out from under them. Crime and punishment topics should be off limits when politicians are running for office. They create the illusion of crime running wild in streets because their opponent may have suggested that we do something about our prison population. We need to take policy making crime laws away from legislators and put it into the hands of cabable, educated criminologists. We are buried in crime laws that do nothing but fill up our prisons and destroy families by turning our youth into hardened criminals because they have been thrown into prisons like chickens in lions cage. The public is pretty ignorant and uneducated and does not research things they vote for. Prisons are unpopular to the public so they should have nothing to say about the m. They put no thought into voting for stupid initiatives like the "Runners" keep throwing out there. No one thinks about the cost or if it is even doable. Jessica's Law scoops up all sex offenders when it was touted as "child predator" law. 3 strikes was sold to us as "3 violent offenses" look what it has become. It's not right and it's draining the general fund of billions with nothing to show for it.

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Date: 1/4/2008 11:34:19 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 4th, 2008 at 11:39AM (PST).

Comment: There are a number of reasons that I'm against the death penalty.
1. The poor do not get fair and adequate legal representation.
2. The present process is way too expensive compared to life without parole.
3. Innocent people are put to death.

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Date: 1/4/2008 1:22:47 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 4th, 2008 at 01:28PM (PST).

Comment: The Death penalty has been shown to do nothing to deter violent crime and its biases and false guilty's allow us as citizens to commit unjustifiable murder as a society.

Please end this inexcusable travesty of justice in our name.

Sincerely,
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From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfa.org>
Date: 1/4/2008 1:25:40 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 4th, 2008 at 01:31PM (PST).

Comment: The following is a poem written by Judge Roy Moore from Alabama. Judge Moore was sued by the ACLU for displaying the Ten Commandments in his courtroom foyer. He has been stripped of hisjudgeship and now they are trying to strip his right to practice law in Alabama! The judge's poem sums it up quite well.

America the beautiful,
or so you used to be.
Land of the Pilgrims' pride;
I'm glad they'll never see.

Babies piled in dumpsters,
Abortion on demand,
Oh, sweet land of liberty;
your house is on the sand.

Our children wander aimlessly
poisoned by cocaine
choosing to indulge their lusts,
when God has said abstinence.

From sea to shining sea,
our Nation turns away
From the teaching of God's love
and a need to always pray.

We've kept God in our temples,
how callous we have grown.
When earth is but His footstool,
and Heaven is His throne.

We've voted in a government
that's rotting at the core,
Appointing Godless Judges;
who throw reason out the door,

Too soft to place a killer
in a well deserved tomb,
But brave enough to kill a baby
before he leaves the womb.

You think that God's not angry,
that our land's a moral slum?
How much longer will He wait
before His judgment comes?

How are we to face our God,
from Whom we cannot hide?
What then is left for us to do,
but stem this evil tide?

If we who are His children,
will humbly turn and pray,
Seek His holy face
and mend our evil way:

Then God will hear from Heaven;
and forgive us of our sins,
He'll heal our sickly land
and those who live within.

But, America the Beautiful,
If you don't - then you will see,
A sad but Holy God
withdraw His hand from Thee.

~~Judge Roy Moore~~

This says it all. May we all forward this message and offer our prayers for Judge Moore to be blessed and
for America to wake up and realize what we need to do to keep OUR America the Beautiful.
Pass this on and let's lift Judge Moore up in Prayer.
He has stood firm and needs our support.
IN GOD WE TRUST!

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email: email@example.com
Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 4th, 2008 at 01:32PM (PST).

Comment:  First I want to commend the State Legislature for establishing such a commission. And secondly I thank you for the opportunity to offer my views.

12 years ago my twenty-three year-old son was murdered. Not one of those 4369 days did I live without thinking of my son and his loss of a promising future. But never once did I think vengeance or more violence was an appropriate response or solution to such horrible injustice. Most nations of our world (Over 130) have abolished capital punishment and have not suffered an increase in violence. Whereas most states in the U.S. cling to this barbarism AND experience an increase in violent crime. Capital Punishment did not deter the murderer of my son. A giant step toward a Fair Administration of Justice will be to abolish executions in our state and in our nation. We as a people are worthy and capable of a just alternative to all executions. Regardless of your views I thank you all for this important discussion, Derrel Myers

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Date: 1/4/2008 1:27:56 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 4th, 2008 at 01:33PM (PST).

Comment: I urge you to continue the moratorium on California's death penalty. As it stands now, it is "cruel and unusual punishment" and, as we all know, has been unjustly applied. Thank you.
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From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
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Date: 1/4/2008 1:47:21 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 4th, 2008 at 01:53PM (PST).

Comment: Happy New Year! And it will be a happy new year IF we can adapt a law against the Death Penalty for California and for the U.S.A. This violent punishment has not stopped the violence in our cities in the past, and there is no promise it will curtail the violence in the future. I support your efforts toward a non-violent solutions to punishment.
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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 4th, 2008 at 05:37PM (PST).

Comment: I oppose the death penalty because I know that in most cases, the poor defendant is the product of his or her environment. First they were abused as children who did not have love or proper training. And then they are abused when our system railroads them by using our thousands of government employees and tax dollars to overwhelm them.

Many times I have noticed some poor, hungry, and nervous black kid whose gun went off when he stole some food. He gets death.

Then you have the pretty white women such as Betty Broderick who was under a court order to stay away. The first jury was hung even though Betty stole keys, violated the restraining order, went to her ex's at night, and shot the ex and his bride in their sleep. Clearly unfair.

Aside from the mental anguish caused by any type of execution, there is often the use of bad witness ID. In rape cases, the FBI found that DNA showed that 33% of the studied incarceration cases was a result of bad ID or lying. Who knows what the percentage of wrong convictions is in murder convictions that have not been studied.

Then there is the matter of prejudiced judges and juries. For years our governors would not appoint any judge who did not believe in death to solve society's problems. We all know that a juror is required to be willing to give death before being allowed to sit on a capital case. That's certainly not a jury of one's peers as required by our Constitutions. We are stuck with very conservative judges and juries who want to help their government any way they can, such as by giving the prosecutor anything he wants.

I can go on and on about further unfairness.

Please stop the death penalty. There are none among us who are qualified to judge.

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Date: 1/4/2008 7:25:48 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 4th, 2008 at 07:31PM (PST).

Comment: The death penalty does no good. It's unevenly applied; it has less to do with justice than with the defendant's race, class, and financial resources. It shows inexcusable arrogance: the state can't create life; it has no business taking it. Let California leave the company of Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Burma, and join that of Canada, Mexico, Australia and all of Europe.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 5th, 2008 at 12:04PM (PST).

Comment: I am writing to in hopes that the Death Penalty in California will cease to exist. My husband and I constantly discuss the disparities involving various penalties for similar crimes. There is little consistency. It seems to depend on the prosecutor, set attitudes of the jury members and the amount of money, if any, the defendant has to spend. Further, it is costly to tax payers in California to kept people on death row for 25 years or more. Not to mention the numerous overturned convictions around the country for those lucky enough to have connected with The Innocence Project and the like. I'd rather give someone life without parole than be responsible for making the mistake of committing the murder of another innocent person. When you think about it, life without parole is, in itself, a more severe penalty.

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Date: 1/5/2008 1:44:49 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 5th, 2008 at 01:50PM (PST).

Comment: The death penalty victimizes all of us. Do not take a human life in my name.
Name: Jim Forsyth
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submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
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To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 1/5/2008 3:50:49 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 5th, 2008 at 03:56PM (PST).

Comment: The death penalty system is no system. There is no way to prevent innocent people from being murdered by the State. Killing to prevent killing makes no sense at all. Life imprisonment is an option for those who cannot be trusted to be with other people. A young friend of mine murdered and has been free and in society without incident for years. Rehabilitation is possible. There is no humane way to kill people. We must become at least as humane as most of the countries in the world who think the death penalty is barbaric, as I do.

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Date: 1/5/2008 8:20:22 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 5th, 2008 at 08:26PM (PST).

Comment: Hello I'm inquiring about your services pertaining to wrongful convictions. My mom was wrongfully convicted by the Brooklyn DA'S office using an officer to lie on the stand and falsifying records at her 1995 murder trial that are invalidated by the actual records that were retrieved by Donna Johnson from the Albany archives due to the intervention of administrative Judge Johnathan Lippman and the Kings County Clerks Office, that proves the prosecutors records weren't factual regarding the so called 1983 Mollinex evidence and that no charges were ever filed, nor was there any presentment to the 1983 grand jury regarding the 1983 Mollinex claim made by the prosecution at the 1995 murder trial. There is also no forensic evidence connecting my mom to the crime. The conviction was solely based on the perjured testimony of a police officer and the falsification of the 1983 court proceedings.

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 6th, 2008 at 09:48AM (PST).

Comment: The American justice system is seriously flawed. I do not feel this a NEW thing either. When you hear of stories such as Sacco & Venzetti it is an obvious thing that the death penalty has become a power trip to racists/politicians/law enforcement/egotripers. It is disgusting to think that innocent people have been put to death. It is also terribly wrong that with the technology we have today that there is not more carefulness to convicting someone of a crime. While an innocent person remains behind bars and in many case for decades the real perpetrator is running the streets unless they get caught red handed for another crime.

I am also disgusted that American corporations use prison to spend less money and fewer jobs are available to those who struggle everyday trying to make the American Dream. This is slave labor and because prisons make monies from this slave labor its not a well-known thing to American citizens. The prison system in America is one of the most corrupt. We (Americans) pride ourselves to be America the FREE, this is not true when politicians are OK with locking up innocent people and putting them to death to just get their rocks off. This is not OK to lock up someone when there is NO proof, except the egos of Americans wanting to save their jobs as police officers or prosecutors.

Whats even more is the POOR compensation prisoners have to go through once their innocence is proven by scientific evidence. Once an innocent person has proven their innocence they then have to go through even more court proceedings just to be compensated for the years of their lives that was taken from them by the state. This is a serious problem and the death penalty is barbaric and should be abolished not only in California but also in America. Wake up California! Wake up America!

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Date: 1/7/2008 10:01:33 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 7th, 2008 at 10:06AM (PST).

Comment: As a member of a Religious Community and a voter, I ask you to consider the morality of killing for a crime. Please use your wisdom and power to stop the second crime. Peace...

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To: <info@ccfa.org>
Date: 1/7/2008 12:46:02 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 7th, 2008 at 12:51PM (PST).

Comment: To whomever this may concern,
I would like to add my voice to the ones urging you to consider permanently ending the death penalty as a solution to violent crime. We know that solving violence with violence on perpetuates it. Furthermore, the possibility, no matter how small, that an individual could be put to death for a crime that he or she did not commit, is unconscionable and every moral level. I urge you to please rescind the authorization of the use of the death penalty for any reason. Our state has been a leader in many issues, let's continue to show that leadership again with this critical issue. Thank you very much, Kristina Strand

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Email: kers@mindspring.com
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 1/7/2008 4:45:04 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 7th, 2008 at 04:41PM (PST).

Comment: As a species, the human race has come so very far in a relatively short span of time. We overcame unpredictable, destructive forces of nature to thrive, and master stone and metals. We developed agriculture and prospered, beyond all odds. We faced our own barbarism countless times and in countless ways, but still managed to come together to create an industrial era full of hope and promise. An age where we successfully combat most plague and disease. Where information is shared freely, spanning the globe within seconds. Where we strive to overcome our fears, our anger, and our hurts, and band together en masse to help one another. Where we attempt to feed everyone on our planet and keep them healthy with advanced medical care. Where we work hard to provide global education so all people can lead better lives. Where we help others recover from tragedies, whether physical, emotional, or mental.

Of course we’re not perfect. Every day there are countless examples of the many ways we still harm one another. That ancient barbarism is still alive within us, but, as humans, we have been striving to overcome it and elevate humanity to a level we have never before attained.

In this era of enlightenment how can we allow barbarism, such as the death penalty, to legally exist, when we’ve shown, time and time again, how truly altruistic we can be? From a psychological viewpoint the death penalty simply satisfies a desire for revenge. This desire for revenge is a natural human emotion, and as a species, if we allow ourselves to give in to base emotions and behave barbarically? No matter the excuses given, murder is murder, and death is death.

Thank you for your time and attention.
Name: Sylvia Plumb, Psy.D.
Telephone: (626)422-2593
Email: drsylviaplumb@yahoo.com
submit: Submit Comment
email: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 1/8/2008 12:06:46 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 8th, 2008 at 12:11PM (PST).

Comment: I believe that if you truly educate yourself, and find the racial, costs, and the failure of the program working (putting people to death has not decreased crime) that capital punishment does not work. Thank you for listening.
Name: regina gregor
Telephone: 707-935-6312
Email: reginaed@mac.com
submit: Submit Comment
email: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 1/8/2008 5:31:38 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 8th, 2008 at 05:36PM (PST).

Comment: I am against the death penalty. Any death is wrong. Execution is a nicer way of saying killed. Two wrongs have never made a right.
Name: Gary W. Crawford
Telephone: (310) 391-5786
Email: gcrawford1@msn.com
submit: Submit Comment
email: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 1/9/2008 8:56:44 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 9th, 2008 at 09:02AM (PST).

Comment: I am against the Death Penalty, especially since it has been proven that innocent people have been wrongfully executed.
Name: Eloise Matthews
Telephone: 916-215-8355
Email: pcwn_21st@yahoo.com
submit: Submit Comment
email: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 1/11/2008 4:13:06 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 11th, 2008 at 04:18PM (PST).

Comment: I would like to comment on the death penalty appeal. I would like to say that I think the appeals need to take as long as they need to if it would save "one" life. I would like for the whole death penalty system to be to no longer be a part of this society. But because of hate in the hearts of men it is a part of our society. I ask, like it is asked in the bible, "What if it was you, or your loved one, would you vote to have them put to death?"
Name: A God fearing person
Telephone: 18005384635
Email: letgodbeethejudge@yahoo.com
submit: Submit Comment
email: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdoj.net>
To: <info@ccfa.org>
Date: 1/12/2008 6:41:32 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 12th, 2008 at 06:47AM (PST).

Comment: As I sit in a California court room I watch my son's life being taken away, it amazed me to see a Judge who appeared to be playing on the computer, having no apparent idea of what was going on in his court room. A police officer and DA acting as co-counsel then the police officer being called to testify as a DA witness. Witness' called repeatedly being caught in lies after the coaching of the District Attorney, a witness threaten with a bench warrant if he did not appear for the DA, what a farce. 12 side bars being called to limit the scope of the testimony which would have exonerated my son and a system designed to seek the truth fail at every juncture. Evidence and witness' being withheld by the District Attorney and a Public Defenders office limited to one paralegal and one investigator which denies fair and equal justice to anyone. This is why this family has started a petition in support of my son and we are gaining support daily as California continues to be a top ic of conversation because of these very issues. I therefore ask you to take a look at these issues which face many in the California Prison System today.

Name: Savannah Powe
Telephone: 678-414-8784
Email: savannahcpowe@bellsout.net
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e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <gilch@jafo.netdoj.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 1/28/2008 5:02:46 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on January 28th, 2008 at 04:51PM (PST).

Comment: From 1982-1987, I was the program administrator of the condemned in California. Having worked in the field (in a number of positions), classified thousands of inmates (including hundreds of condemned), reviewed many of the death cases on appeal, testified a number of times on death cases, compiled with a number of court cases involving inmates living conditions, I have developed my opinions on a number of issues:

Fact - the death penalty is not a deterrent as many claim;
Fact - capital punishment cases are substantially more costly than life or life without;
Fact - most on death row did not have the financial wherewithal to hire a 'Dream Team', many having to rely upon legal representation provided by the government;
Fact - we continue to allow the ultimate punishment to be reserved for the less fortunate, the poor and minorities (disproportionate number of blacks on California death row, as well as across the country);
Fact - we have made too many mistakes;
Fact - the death penalty is excessive, therefore cruel, in that other punishments can accomplish most of what the death penalty is supposed to. This issue is noted by Justices Marshal and Brennan in re: Furman.

Currently case pending in CA, which may revisit the 1972 U.S. Supreme Court decision of Furman, in the case of Troy Ashmus. With the implementation of Gregg in 1976, along with other so-called safe-guards, some indicated that the death sentence would no longer be seen as a random punishment meted out. However, having actually talked to, studied, classified, and reviewed the case factors of those on death row, one has to question if it is not continuing to be reserved for a select few.

Major Supreme Court decision pending on mode of execution. The practice of executions in past were found not to be in violation. From Wilkerson vs. Utah, 99 U.S. 130 (1876), to Frances vs. Rasweben, 329 U.S. 459 (1947), to Kemmler, 136 U.S. 436 (1890), which indicated that "Punishments were cruel when they involve torture or a lingering death." Questionable if lethal injection does in fact violate the 8th, in that does the process in fact involve torture and a lingering death.

Respectfully,

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Date: 2/12/2008 9:54:38 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on February 12th, 2008 at 09:52AM (PST).

Comment: Instead of diverting precious community resources into cost-prohibitive death penalty litigations, let us invest our state resources in measures that will truly bring a reduction in crime: education, recreation and vocational programs. The death penalty does not serve our communities or the victims of crime.

Name: Rabbi Jerrold Goldstein
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Email: jgoldstein2@sbcglobal.net
submit: Submit Comment
email: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafco.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 2/18/2008 10:20:59 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on February 18th, 2008 at 10:27AM (PST).

Comment: Dear California Commission,

After following the details of the Michael Crowe Interrogation issues, I applaud your efforts to bring an appropriate level of scrutiny to interrogations by videotaping them.

I would suggest, however, that you also address simultaneously the mistaken beliefs among many Police Departments and Prosecutors that coercive interrogations represent an acceptable/legal method of criminal investigation.

Police interrogators should receive extensive training regarding the techniques that are at greatest risk of false confessions, including:
1. False police claims of incriminating evidence
2. False threats of punishment upon conviction
3. False police promises of leniency
4. False police claims of eyewitnesses
5. False police info about the suspect’s rights
6. Extended interrogations (3 hours+)

These false information techniques that lead suspects to believe the police have (erroneous or even fabricated) evidence incriminating them may convince them that they have no choice but to confess. These techniques should be banned in any country that believes in the "Rule of Law".

I also am baffled as to why Gov. Schwarzenegger would reject the Commission's logical, reasonable, and low-cost recommendations on videotaping interrogations.

Name: Dwight Love
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Email: dlove1000@peoplepc.com
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To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 2/20/2008 7:22:51 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on February 20th, 2008 at 07:29PM (PST).

Comment: I agree with those who assert that because the State of California cannot provide adequate funding to meet the required attorney guidelines for capital cases - justice does not exist within this system for many of the parties involved; further pursuit of the death penalty should be prohibited.

Special Circumstance criteria needs to be overhauled and careful attention to Data Researchers' suggestions as to how the State handles its information should be considered.

When you've tread into quicksand, do you keep walking?

Sincerely,
Rebecca B.
Name: Rebecca Barker
Telephone: 951.680.6337
Email: barker45000@hotmail.com
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on February 23rd, 2008 at 10:29PM (PST).

Comment: February 23, 2008
(Via Electronic Mail)

Re: California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice

Dear Commission Leaders:

The tragic death of Arthur Carmona led me to the California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice ("Commission") website for the first time. In the midst of your busy schedules and commitments, please take note that Arthur's life path to protect the fair administration of justice, must continue in the future by those in positions to make a difference in our society. For this reason, I pray that the Commission fully understands the impact of denied fair administration of justice.

Arthur Carmona's ability to apply his wrongful criminal conviction in Orange County, toward advocating on behalf of others wrongfully convicted or accused of a crime, is a gift. As an advocate for clergy sex abuse victims and those who protect them as mandated reporters since 2004, I have witnessed shocking difficulties in seeking fair administration of justice in both criminal and civil courts.

Unfortunately, the ongoing abuses that lead to the denied fair administration of justice are far from disappearing. For this reason, it is imperative that the Commission makes a choice to investigate multiple denials of justice in addition to the consequences of the "death penalty."

It is my belief that non-politically connected children, adults, employees, journalists, attorneys, families and Whistleblowers, are not protected from political obstructions of justice and denied fair administration of justice. Public civil and criminal court records reveal serious inconsistent legal representation, judicial rulings and sentencing of the convicted. I have documented potential legal conflict of interests that continue to place the protections of minor children, mandated reporters and persons wrongfully accused of a crime for several years. Upon a request, copies will be provided.

Arthur Carmona is a typical example of a non-politically connected minor child, one who does not vote and/or contribute to political campaigns, that was caught in a vicious legal and political battle, without protection. Arthur had nothing to offer to his attorneys and prosecutors. Just like Arthur, survivors of sex crimes committed by employees of wealthy and politically-connected religious institutions, faced years of denied justice, without accountability. Trust me when I say, government, law enforcement, legal and religious leaders place their own personal gain before protecting those who cannot protect themselves. In sum, there are no resources for members of the public who seek justice and are forced to battle with Goliath, with no light at the end of the tunnel.

This letter is written with hope that the Commission will call upon survivors of clergy sex abuse crimes to share personal experience relating to denied justice. Please consider speaking to Whistleblower employees who were also denied justice. No child, adult, employee, journalist, attorney and/or concerned citizen should ever face denied justice from elected law enforcement and government officials. However, it happens every day and continues until corrective action takes place. I have personally witnessed approximately 6 years of writing letters to law enforcement, government, religious and legal leaders, relating to ongoing failures to protect minor children and Whistleblower employees. To date, my efforts have been met with deaf ears and blind eyes. In sum, many foxes are guarding the henhouse! While the
foxes guard, the hens are destroyed behind closed doors and via inconsistent backroom legal pleas.

Please contact me if you have any questions or would like copies of supporting documentation in support of statements included herein. Without justice, there will never be peace. Without peace, faith and our country’s laws are empty.

Respectfully,

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To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 2/25/2008 5:16:58 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on February 25th, 2008 at 05:23PM (PST).

Comment: I would like to have my case evaluated. I feel that I did not receive a fair trial. I would like to know whom I can contact to have my case reviewed. Thank You
Name: Gerald Mayewaki
Telephone: 310 532 4668
Email: sargiemyboy1@yahoo.com
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfa.org>
Date: 3/20/2008 6:33:15 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on March 20th, 2008 at 06:40AM (PDT).

Comment: the death penalty is right imagine your mom got killed wouldn't you want her killer to die??
Name: Dissey
Telephone: 407wdisney
Email: deathpenaltyrocks@aol.com
submit: Submit Comment
email: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 3/25/2008 5:13:53 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on March 25th, 2008 at 05:21PM (PDT).

Comment: My 17 year old daughter, Terri Lynn Winchell, was brutally tortured and murdered by Michael Morales who is waiting execution in San Quentin. This happened January 8, 1981, twenty seven (27) years ago. This waiting has kept her murder constantly before our eyes 24/7. There needs to be swift justice for our murdered children and loved ones. These death row inmates chose to take another life. They need to forfeit theirs. Only then can we put our nightmares to rest. If they are worried about pain, let them choose their own form of execution, but let it be done. Over two years wait for justice is too long. How about 27 years, one third of a lifetime? Where is the justice?

Name: Barbara (Winchell) Christian
Telephone: 916-687-8489
Email: Birdhaven@elkgrove.net
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 3/25/2008 6:27:13 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on March 25th, 2008 at 06:34PM (PDT).

Comment: Please continue to support the will of the people of the state of California and KEEP the DEATH PENALTY for the most severe crimes. Do not be swayed by the dishonesty of anti-death penalty.
Name: Mike Favetti
Telephone: 414-553-1927
Email: TacRiders@aol.com
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 3/25/2008 11:34:02 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on March 25th, 2008 at 11:41PM (PDT).

Comment: Gee, what a lopsided group of speakers! 3 victims' group that are anti Death Penalty and the ACLU.

Where is the other side? I feel this hearing should be canceled and moved to another date with more notice to all!

The Death Penalty has nothing wrong with it!
It just needs to be carried out much faster.

The lethal injection is NOT CRUEL & UNUSAL PUNISHMENT! The Brutal Killing of an innocent person is the REAL CRUEL AND UNUSAL PUNISHMENT.

The metal pipe used to beat my husband into a 41 day coma before passing away with 25 skull fractures is the cruel & unusual punishment made by a bad choice of another person. That killer needs to be held accountable for the bad choice he made.

We have a really sad society happening in this county where it is okay to take someone's life and not be held accountable for your choice. The killer should be freed to walk the streets again.

WHAT about the real victims? No thoughts are ever given to them or their family. Once the real victim is dead and buried, the Killer becomes the victim.

The day my husband can walk the face of this earth again is the day the killer can be released!

Leave the Death Penalty ALONE! Just speed up the process. It is a deterrent when carried out!
Name: Maggie Elvey
Telephone: 916-392-9330
Email: magilv@sbcglobal.net
Submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 3/28/2008 7:12:59 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on March 26th, 2008 at 07:20AM (PDT).

Comment: My father and son were murdered in Stockton in Dec. 2003. My family would have liked the killer, Wayne Osborg, Jr., to be executed, but we realized this event would never happen in California. Instead, the judge gave 2 life terms without parole for first degree murders. My fear is that Osborg will be released after I am dead as he is now 35 years old. Release mistakes do happen but dead is dead.
Name: Melinda Daugherty
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Email: mdaug42@yahoo.com
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 3/26/2008 7:18:38 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on March 26th, 2008 at 07:25AM (PDT).

Comment: yes on the death penalty did my daughteer have a choice to die NO.
Name: Pamela Montoya Schleeter
Telephone: 916-921-0644
Email: pamo56@aol.com
submit: Submit Comment
email: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: info@ccfaj.org
Date: 3/26/2008 9:07:05 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on March 26th, 2008 at 09:14AM (PDT).

Comment: I totally support the Death Penalty, and I feel if you do the crime then do your time and deal with what has been handed to you. Offenders know the outcome of the situations they put themselves into and know that murdering someone is not right. I really believe that our Justice System needs to be a little more strict, and set an example, maybe we need to be like other countries and have more severe penalties, and maybe people would think twice before taking the life of the victim and not only the life from the victim, the victims family, friends, and even themselves. I personally have had a loved one brutally taken from me, and the man that murdered my dear friend sits on death row as we speak, he showed no remorse, no emotion, why should people like him get a second chance when our loved ones did not have the option on a second chance? I'm for the Death Penalty 100%.

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submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <gilch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccsfaj.org>
Date: 3/28/2008 7:34:52 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on March 28th, 2008 at 07:42PM (PDT).

Comment: 3 registered voters in our household whole-heartedly support the death penalty.
Name: Kelly Rudiger Bingham
Telephone: 858-618-5765
Email: kelly@kellybingham.com
submit: Submit Comment
email: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 4/1/2008 11:12:46 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on April 1st, 2008 at 11:19AM (PDT).

Comment: It is clear to me from the testimony given at the Santa Clara hearing that there are multiple biases in the current approach to death qualification in jury selection. The only way to eliminate these biases would be eliminate this line of questioning prospective jurors. The result would be to get juries more representative in every way, including in their varying attitudes to the death penalty.

Name: beth weinberger
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Email: bethw0104@mindspring.com
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email: email@example.com
Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on April 23rd, 2008 at 11:15AM (PDT).

Comment: RE: ACCOUNTABILITY OF PROSECUTORS AND CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS:

I was falsely arrested by the District Attorney, on my way into court to have a probably void on the fact order dismissed -- the judge had refused to hear my side of the case, and, the petitioner also did not meet the statutory criteria for the order. The DA threw me into jail, set Bail at $500,000 and then went on to prosecute me on this order, and other provable void orders. The law: "One cannot be punished for void judgments..." I spent over a year in jail, much of it in 24 hour a day solitary confinement.

When my Public Defender had no time for my case, and never having met with me, or talked to me, she had me sent to Patton State Hospital as "court incommnetent." There I met many patients who were placed there because their Public Defenders "had no time for their case!"

Yes, I have filed complaints against both the District Attorney, and the Public Defender, and, The Justice Department is investigating Patton Hospital, and these policies.

Right now, today, I am writing a Motion To Have All Charges Against me Dismissed because of Prosecutorial Misconduct. But, will any of these attorneys really be disciplined?

I doubt it.
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To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 5/1/2008 5:10:57 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on May 1st, 2008 at 05:18AM (PDT).

Comment: States rely on Federal Funding for 67% of their budget. The distribution of the funds are tied to actual people, such as "the number of federally connected children" and a variety of judicial outcomes affecting the "wellbeing" of the population. The Result? People become commodities, and our freedom negatively impacts the State's General Fund. Judges end up makeing FINANCIAL rather than LEGAL decisions in order to meet the financial needs of their jurisdiction under government programs 'designed to address our social problems'. The solution is simple - separate funding from the number of 'disadvantaged people'. Wouldn't that create an incentive to perform better as Teachers, Health Care workers, etc. when "Funding Failure" ceases to be the model. (These facts are available at the US Census website.) Until that happens, we shall remain one nation, under surveillance, in custody, with liberty and justice for sale.
Name: Kimberley Gregory
Telephone: 630-828-6274
Email: Motherhood_And_Apple_Pie@hotmail.com
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfej.org>
Date: 5/14/2008 11:59:00 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on May 14th, 2008 at 12:05PM (PDT).

Comment: I do not believe in justice in this country because of what happened to me. I was forced to plea to a charge i didn't commit, even though i said i would plea TO THE ONE I DID COMMIT in order to get a chance of a shorter sentence. my "victim" was called a "hostile witness" because he wouldn't go along with the story the prosecutor made up—he stuck with the truth adn therefore was labeled. The detective-Cartmine Gallata-leaked the "victims" name to the media in hopes of intimidating him to change his story to get rid of the media presence at his house! As a victim, he is supposed to be notified of my release from prison, and he was not! What that says is they are not treating him like the victim they claimed him to be because he didn't go along with their story—this is wrong!!

Name: rebecca
Telephone: 6504659919
Email: beeba_97@yahoo.com
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 5/19/2008 8:44:35 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on May 19th, 2008 at 08:52PM (PDT).

Comment: Life Without Parole is a sentence the same as Death. Shouldn't there be ways to assess the convicted and decide whether or not they are able to re-enter into society? For example, Lifers are often reported to be role models of reform; good behavior should be a standard which assess someone's ability to be in the system (prison) and still manage to stay away from the inherent crimes which are prevalent in prisons today.
Name: Manpreet Bains
Telephone: (360) 606-5445
Email: manpreetkaurbains@yahoo.com
Submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 5/31/2008 4:59:16 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on May 31st, 2008 at 05:08AM (PDT).

Comment: I wish I could get help and justice with my fight that I will have because of Riverside County how they can take my rights away and act like I was the one who failed to do my job they disable me and took advantage of my right because I was a minor.

Name: Angela Mcghee
Telephone: 951)628-680
Email: angelamcghee@verizon.net
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@lafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 6/30/2008 10:54:35 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on June 30th, 2008 at 11:04AM (PDT).

Comment: Thank you. I hope the legislature follows your recommendations, and that Arnold either gets the message or is replaced with someone who is willing to act like they have some sense on this subject.
Name: Bryndis Tobin
Telephone: 415-786-3815
Email: erlasdottir@yahoo.com
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 6/30/2008 1:20:36 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on June 30th, 2008 at 01:29PM (PDT).

Comment: Very high quality review of the issue of the Death Penalty in California. I support your conclusions, in particular, abolishment of a costly and often times subjective penalty.
Name: H. Paul Overholt Jr.
Telephone: 626-794-1244
Email: overholts@earthlink.net
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 7/1/2008 7:34:52 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on July 1st, 2008 at 07:44AM (PDT).

Comment: Thank you for the report. With public opinion at 2 to 1 in favor of d/p, much work lies ahead to overturn the death penalty in California. Let us work that it may be so.

Name: Rita A. Kresha
Telephone: 510.428.1543
Email: ritakresha@att.net
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfej.org>
Date: 7/1/2008 9:28:00 AM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on July 1st, 2008 at 09:37AM (PDT).

Comment: What authority wrote the appeals process? The court or the legislature?
Name: WASH KOSTINKO
Telephone: 916-408-8575
Email: OUTOFWASH#AOL.COM
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccflaj.org>
Date: 7/1/2008 2:55:20 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on July 1st, 2008 at 03:04PM (PDT).

Comment: the whole system needs over haul the laws we the people voted in are not being followed or abided by inwhich has caused thousands of unjustly, unconstutional acts towards prisoners and on deathrow inmates. Taxpayers have been robbed systematically and the system has failed. first you cannot continue to stock the barn yard and dont expect life to be lost if you release some of the prisoner who have proven them selves worthy of a new life rehab them create jobs thats less money to be wasted and it must be applied to education. we have lost the superpower statis because of not investing in our own.deathrow should be determined by the people. there are prisoners from the 70 and 80s that there sentences need re examining for release those inmates are a waste of money. so in my conclusion as a taxpayer over haul the whole intirer CDC system and then you can see the money and then you can properly evaluated deathrow inmates with using fair determination legally. how can the people be with you if your not hearing the rights of the people. i am 17yrs old and if i can concluded base on the injustice that i have seen and studied my choose of becoming a judge in this new millium would change due to the corruption of systematic failure. i am the future if you would like to con tact me please fill free to...... thank you

Name: tina stewart
Telephone: contact me @3104196118
Email: sollardean@yahoo.com
submit: Submit Comment
email: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfaj.org>
Date: 7/1/2006 5:24:40 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on July 1st, 2006 at 05:33PM (PDT).

Comment: I believe that the spending of millions to enforce the death penalty is way out of hand and beyond a reasonable budget in these trying times.

Although the minority report suggests that the majority is biased against the death penalty, that doesn't change the "facts on the ground". The opportunity for injustice still runs rampant, as do the costs of the practice which has been abolished in most of the civilized world.

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Name: Fred Hurvich
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Email: FRICOLA@SBCGLOBAL.NET
submit: Submit Comment
e-mail: email@example.com
From: Chris Myers <glitch@jafo.netdojo.net>
To: <info@ccfa.org>
Date: 7/2/2008 3:14:22 PM
Subject: Public Comments / Questions

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by email@example.com on July 2nd, 2008 at 03:23PM (PDT).

Comment: When Riverside County gave my grandson, Sean A.L. Savre' a public defender, all she did was encourage him to plead guilty to a crime he didn't commit or she stated, he would definitely go to prison for 5 years and at the age of 18 he probably wouldn't fair to well. It even frightened me. He insisted he did not want to plead guilty to a crime he didn't commit. She made an agreement with the D.A. to charge him with assault with a deadly weapon causing GBI and terrified him into pleading guilty or going to prison! The original charge was burglary. How was she allowed not to do an investigation and demand to review the video of tape of the incident? The real guilty party is known to Sean and a large number of Sean's peers. The real criminal is very much shorter than my grandson. I believe this is a case of a Public Defender not doing her job. Her job, as I understand it, is to defend her client not to bully and terrify him into pleading guilty when he has clearly insisted on his innocence to clear her calendar. Is there any help available to him? Is there recourse against her. She must do this on regular basis because she wasn't the least bit uncomfortable with doing it. She ruined his life.
Name: Suzanne Vohs
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submit: Submit Comment
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