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CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON THE FAIR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES PUBLIC HEARING ON REMEDIES FOR WRONGFUL CONVICTION ON OCTOBER 17, 2007 IN SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA.

The California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice, created by the California State Senate to examine the causes of wrongful convictions and make recommendations and proposals to further insure that the administration of criminal justice in California is just, fair and accurate, announced that it will hold a public hearing to address the issues of remedies for wrongful conviction.

The hearing will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 at the Kennedy Commons on the campus of Santa Clara University, 500 El Camino Real, Santa Clara. The Commission issued a list of five sets of questions to focus its inquiry. Among the experts invited to address the Commission are Professor Myrna Raeder of Southwestern University Law School, a member of the American Bar Association Innocence Committee; Professor Justin P. Brooks of California Western School of Law, Director of the Southern California Innocence Project; and Professor Cookie Ridolfi of Santa Clara University School of Law, Director of the Northern California Innocence Project. Several California exonerees will also address the Commission.

This will be the sixth public hearing convened by the Commission. Prior hearings addressed the problems surrounding eyewitness misidentification, false confessions, testimony by in-custody informants, forensic evidence and professional responsibility of prosecutors and defense lawyers. Interim reports issued by the Commission addressing these issues can be viewed at the Commission’s website, www.ccfaj.org.