

To: Captain Hill; Correctional Counselor Yamamoto;  
Inmate Classification Committee (I.C.C.);  
and to the Warden and Staff of CSP-Sac.  
From: Chaplain William Goeke

November 5, 2005

Re: **\*\*\*REQUEST TO RETAIN I/M JOSEPH HUNT (D-61863) AT C-FACILITY;  
SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS \*\*\***

I want to make a record of why it would serve our institutional goals to retain three inmates assigned to the C-Facility Chapel. This memorandum will focus on one of them, I/M Joseph Hunt.

I/M Hunt has been a Chapel Clerk at C-Facility since March of 1998. He has outstanding clerical and English composition skills.

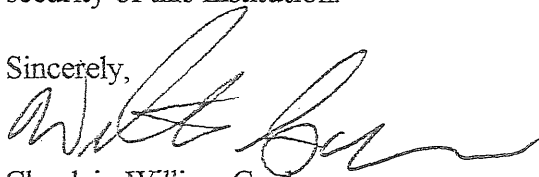
From an institutional perspective, what makes I/M Hunt worth retaining is his ability to function as a 'junior minister' -- or, if you will, as a 'deacon' to our Chapel program. Over the years he has put thousands of hours into specialized training programs. Those courses have equipped him to lead chapel programs -- including Men's Group circles, meditation groups, and Christian programs -- and to be of service to prisoners in need of spiritual counsel.

I/M Hunt was present for the founding of the Men's Group at B-Facility. When he was transferred to C-Facility, he was assigned the task of recruiting for the program. For the next five years, he was the 'lead-man' on the project, helping host hundreds of Men's Group meetings. With eight years of experience in the Men's Group, I/M Hunt is able to serve as an "elder" in the Circle. His is a voice of healing and compassion. The other men look to him for direction and encouragement. Along with I/M Rick Misener, he is one of the two inmates capable of ensuring the program's continued vitality on this yard.

I/M Hunt has distinguished himself through hard work, initiative, and loyalty to institutional goals as expressed through the Chapel programs. In a normal week, over 700 ducats are issued for the Chapel. Chapel programs have been instrumental in reducing the incidence of violence and suicide among the C-Facility population, while channeling energies toward spiritual goals and reintegration with society.

Please take our seven-year investment in I/M Hunt, his unusual skill set, and his honest effort to be of service at C-Facility, when deciding whether or not to transfer him. I would appreciate it if he was retained. In my judgment he makes an unusually positive contribution to the safety and security of this Institution.

Sincerely,



Chaplain William Goeke,  
Catholic Programs, CSP-Sac.

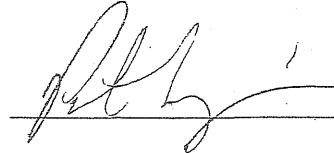
NAME & CDC #: HUNT, D61863

HOUSING: B5-224

This informational chrono is being written to acknowledge I/M HUNT for performing above and beyond during his employment as an Inmate Library Worker. I/M HUNT performed duties and responsibilities normally spread through three different clerks for a prolonged time. His organization skills and knowledge of pertinent legal matters was most helpful to his fellow inmates. I/M HUNT is to be commended for his job performance.



D. Brunk, Senior Librarian, PVSP



P. Longoria, Vice Principal, PVSP

cc: C-File

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Inmate

Date: October 3, 2017

INFORMATIONAL CHRONO

11/10/2017

GOVERNOR JERRY BROWN  
1315 10<sup>th</sup> STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CA. 95814

Re: Joseph Hunt

Dear Governor Brown,

As the Catholic Chaplain at California State Prison – Sacramento I journeyed with Joseph Hunt on his path of self-discovery. I have known Joseph Hunt for over 15 years. He was my Catholic Clerk in C Facility at California State Prison – Sacramento for approximately 3 years.

I found him to be an asset to the Catholic Program and to myself. He fulfilled his duties with commitment and integrity. I had complete confidence in him. I also was able to observe him interact with other prisoners on the yard. He always made himself available to their needs. He has been a model prisoner for many years. He exuded a non-threatening personality to everyone.

I am not a Pollyanna. I was held hostage as a young man, at knife point, by a desperate youth. Due to this unbelievable traumatic experience I developed an attitude of “Lock all the Bastards Up and throw away the key; kill all of them on death row”. There was a time in my life where I would “bet my life” I would never work in a prison. Yet God has such a profound sense of humor. My work in the prison was the most challenging and rewarding experience of my life. I only tell you this so as to give you a bench mark for qualifying what I am saying.

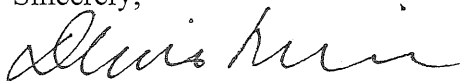
Joseph Hunt made my ministry and work in prison worthwhile.

He participated in the Inside Circle Men’s Group meetings in C Facility. This is an ongoing journey in Self-discovery. It takes real courage, in a maximum security prison, to belong to this group. Violent men, outside the group, do not understand what goes on inside these circles. We’ve had gang members drop out of gangs when given the chance to grow and discover who they are. We’ve also had gang members drop out of the group due to outside yard pressures and threats to their life. It took real courage for Joseph to stay in the group, but he would not be denied. What happens in the group is transformational and not every man is capable of having their feet “Held to the Fire”. There are no games played. The men themselves determine what man is capable and mature enough to weather the maelstrom the group dynamic creates for each man. Men develop a keen awareness that these groups are lifesaving and will not do anything to jeopardize this gift. Over 40 men have paroled who have committed to these groups. We have a recidivism rate of less than 1 %.

I pray that you would truly consider his commutation application.

If you would like further information you may contact me at: [dmerino@mccpros.com](mailto:dmerino@mccpros.com).

Sincerely,



Dennis Merino, Deacon, Catholic Chaplain (Retired)  
California State Prison - Sacramento

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

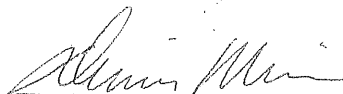
AWARDED TO

JOSEPH HUNT

*MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP TRAINING  
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NAME and NUMBER

HUNT

D-61863

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This laudatory chrono is being generated in regards to inmate Hunt, D-61863. During Hunt's time at Pleasant Valley State Prison (PVSP), Facility B, I have worked as a Security Patrol Officer in the Program Office for 3 years, and as a Second Watch Building Floor Officer for almost a year in the building to which Hunt is assigned. In addition, I have worked as a Correctional Officer for about 15 years. My overall experience, and these assignments at PVSP, have put me in a position to have access to information bearing on Hunt's conduct and affiliations, and has given me an opportunity to observe Hunt's daily conduct. In my opinion, Hunt has no inclinations to re-offend. All of his activities appear directed towards positive goals. He has a reputation for helping others in ways consistent with institutional policies. I would place him solidly in the top one percent as far as suitability for reintegration with society. He has a calm and affable bearing, responds to orders without hesitation, and exhibits absolutely no interest in drugs, pruno, or affiliations that are associated with prison violence.

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Writer

Inmate

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DATE: 10/31/17

(Laudatory Chrono)



M. Saesee, Correctional Officer  
Facility B  
Pleasant Valley State Prison

GENERAL CHRONO

**NAME and NUMBER****HUNT, D-61863****CDCR-128B (REV. 7/05)**

Inmate Hunt is currently assigned as a Lead Clerk for Central Services. Hunt is currently living in the Permanent Work Crew (PWC) Building on Facility A and has been housed here at CHCF since December 2017. I have known Hunt since 1999. I was assigned to buildings where Hunt was housed while I was a Correctional Officer at CSP-SAC from 1999-2006. I have also interacted with Hunt multiple times due to him being housed on the Facility that I supervise since his arrival at CHCF.

Inmate Hunt has demonstrated a positive attitude and a willingness to assist Custody staff in any way he can. In all my interactions with Hunt over the past twenty (20) years he has always remained respectful and demonstrated a level of integrity not normally seen in a prison setting. Hunt is very intelligent and has a very productive work history during his incarceration. In his many years incarcerated, Hunt has managed to have a minimal amount of disciplinary issues. To be able to live on a Level 4 yard for as long as Hunt did and manage to not get into the politics or any trouble should speak volumes about the character he has. Hunt has managed to stay away from gang activities not to mention he has never been cited for any drug or alcohol violations.

I believe that Hunt, if given the opportunity, can definitely reintegrate back into society with no issues. I believe that Hunt has done everything possible during his 33 years of incarceration to demonstrate his ability to be successful outside of prison.



K. KENDALL  
Facility A Program Lieutenant  
California Health Care Facility

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Inmate

**DATE: 08/10/2020**

**CHCF LAUDATORY CHRONO**

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NAME and NUMBER, **HUNT, JOE D-61863**

I would like to take a moment to provide this Laudatory Chrono on behalf of inmate HUNT, J. CDC# D-61863. HUNT has been housed here at CHCF since 12/07/2017, he is recently been assigned to the position of recreational clerk here at CHCF in PWC. I am the Officer assigned to the building Hunt lives in. HUNT demonstrates a level of integrity and responsibility far beyond the expectations of his duties and his behavior is indicative of someone who strives to be a productive member of society. HUNT has been incarcerated within CDCR for many years, it should be noted he does not participate in any gang related activities. Hunt has good work ethics and self-motivated I believe he has the ability to support himself and reenter back into society as a productive member of his community. HUNT has proven as an ideal candidate for parole under Penal code 1170(d)(1). I also believe, if given the opportunity, HUNT would become a productive and law abiding citizen



**J.MURPHY**  
**CORRECTIONAL OFFICER**  
**CALIFORNIA HEALTH CARE FACILITY**

Date: 08-11-20

**LAUDATORY CHRONO**

GENERAL CHRONO