

August 3, 2020

Governor Gavin Newsom  
1303 10th Street, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Joe Hunt – D61863, Governor's Commutation Application

Dear Governor Newsom,

My name is Jamie Thomas. I have known Joe Hunt for over thirty plus years, first as his friend, and now having been married to him for nearly 14 years. We have a longstanding friendship and an enduring loving relationship. I grew up in a traditional household with loving parents and my four sisters. My parents were married up until my father passed away in October of 1988. My father was with L.A.P.D. for twenty-four years. Growing up a police officer's daughter was always instilled in me to do what is right and just. He and Joe often spoke on the phone, and he liked Joe very much. My father reminded me to be a good friend to him. After all these years, I believe I have been, precisely because he has been more than deserving of my friendship, love, and support. Joe has enriched my life in so many ways and beyond measure.

When thinking about Joe's appeal for commutation on his sentence, I want it for him. Commutation is something I want for myself, too. I know that when most people think about a pardon or commutation of a prison sentence that it only benefits the prisoner. It's not him alone that benefits; commutation can serve more than just the prisoner. It is far-reaching beyond prison walls.

I am a sensible and grounded person and a mature adult. I have only been married once and have never regretted my choice marrying Joe. He is a good and decent man. I love him very much and want him to be free to come home. Having spent time with Joe under all circumstances, he has proven to be kind, loyal, loving, and stable. He has only gotten better. And, with every passing year together, we have both grown and gotten better. Being married to Joe is my primary relationship in life. He's my closest friend and partner. My life would be measurably a lot happier if you let him out.

Governor Newsom, you are a powerful man and have the ability to set things right. It is my greatest wish and desire for Joe's request for a commutation of his prison sentence to be granted. Not only for Joe. But for myself and for his sister and everyone else that loves, cares, and supports him. He's genuinely one of the good ones.

I have always believed that Joe deserves a second chance, primarily because of his good and kind nature and belief in non-violence. He is respectful and has been instrumental in helping others. While I have known Joe, during incarceration, he has never been aggressive, nor mentioned breaking the law, nor shown any indication that he thinks about or plans to

commit any crimes. Just the opposite, he has demonstrated an inclination toward helping people, such as his fellow inmates, to better their circumstances by turning their lives around through spiritual and or religious pursuits, education, healthy choices, life skills, etc. Whenever I visit Joe, someone will comment on what a good man he is, including a few of the C.O.'s as well as other prisoners. He has a strong moral compass and family values. Along with me, he also has a loving family of support that includes his sister Katherine, brother-in-law Michael, niece Kelly and fellow members of the Ananda Church who are devoted to him. <https://www.ananda.org>

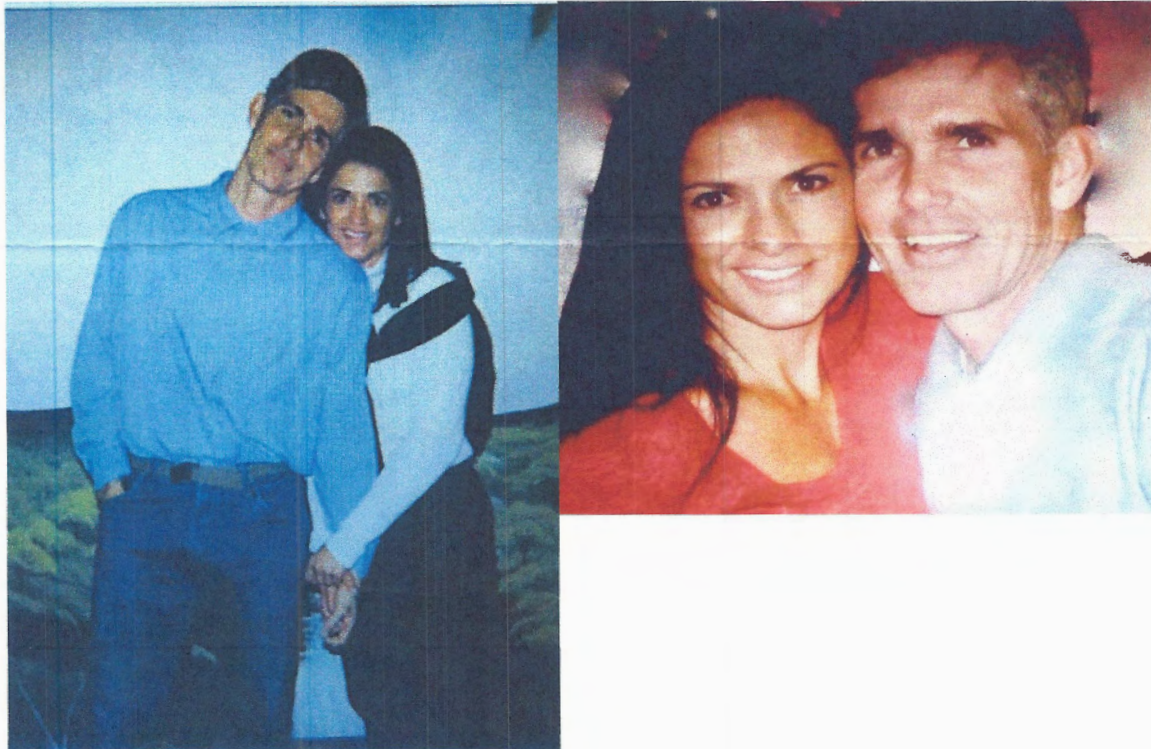
Rather than being a threat to society, Joe would be an asset. He, to my knowledge, has never harmed, threatened, or treated anyone unkindly. He is a reliable, steady, and ethical person who has worked hard and persevered. Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

Jamie Thomas

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cc: CC1 Maldonado, CDCR



**This is in regard to Joe Hunt, D-61863, Governor's Commutation Application.**

Katherine Olivier

August 8, 2020

To: Governor Gavin Newsom  
Cc: CC1 Maldonado, CDCR

My name is Katherine Olivier. I am retired and live in Atherton, CA and Nevada City, CA. I am married with one adult daughter. Joe Hunt is my brother, and we are extremely close. He introduced us to the Ananda spiritual path, which has been a huge blessing in our lives.

I have been dealing with Joe's trial and incarceration since I was 18 years old. I turn 56 this month. I have known him the longest of anyone and he has always been a wonderful brother – kind, supportive, and loving. I am very concerned about his heart. Why have the state pay for his declining health? We are more than able to take that financial burden. He might only have a few years left and I believe that he has proven he would be a benefit to his spiritual community, and I know he would be to me.

**My husband and I are wealthy and would support him for the rest of his life if he were released. He will have a home, wife, community, job, family, and everything a person needs to live and be productive.** The reason we are wealthy and not just well off is that Joe has given us great advice regarding our financial investments.

He has proven that he is not a threat to society by how positively he has lived his life in prison. It is one thing to do the right thing when your life is easy, but it is much harder to do the right thing in LA county jail and when one is placed in a level four yard, considered one of the toughest yards in California.

As a sister, I implore you to show mercy and let him have a couple of years of freedom before he leaves this planet. Please feel free to contact me for any reason using the above contact information.

Sincerely,



Katherine Olivier





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Michael Olivier

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August 8, 2020

To: Governor Gavin Newsom

Cc: CC1 Maldonado, CDCR

My name is Michael Olivier. I am a retired technology executive based in Silicon Valley and Nevada City, CA. I am married to Katherine Olivier, the sister of Joe Hunt, and I have known Joe for 27 years. We are members of Ananda Church of Self-Realization, a community of spiritual seekers around the world who use meditation, devotion, right action, and selfless service to grow closer to God.

I believe the value of incarceration diminishes over time and that no man or woman should be locked up forever, provided they exhibit good behavior. Fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers, compassion for the human condition, and common sense all lead one to conclude that rehabilitated, elderly inmates who have strong community backing should be released.

Joe Hunt is a good man who lost some very powerful people's money when he was under 25 years old. He has been caught up in a legal system that has treated him extremely unfairly for 35 years (see FreeJoeHunt.com for details). He has maintained an incredibly uplifted view of life, helped inmates with health and legal issues, helped Ananda church raise money, and built relationships with Ananda members. He has maintained a zero-violence record in the face of being housed at LA County Jail and three or more Level-Four facilities, which must put him in the top 1% of all California inmates. He has recently developed a serious heart condition and on top of that health concern now he is at high-risk for COVID-19.

It does not serve society to keep Joe Hunt locked up - it just wastes taxpayer money. If he is considered for parole and released, he would be welcomed with wide open arms by our Ananda worldwide community. **My wife and I have substantial wealth due to Joe's financial advice, and will fully support him for the rest of his life,** although I know he already has job offers pending his release and would have many ideas for how to make money to support himself and help Ananda.

Would you please give him a chance to be considered for release by the parole board?

Thank you for your careful consideration. I can be reached via the above contact information if you need to reach me for any reason.

Sincerely,

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Michael Olivier



August 3, 2020

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Re: Joe Hunt – D61863, Governor's Commutation Application

Dear Governor Newsom,

My name is Johanna Thomas. I am writing this letter to ask you to release Joe Hunt. I am born and raised in Southern California and currently reside in San Diego, California. I've attended California State University Los Angeles and San Diego State University. I am a mother of two boys and have a career spanning over twenty years in broadcast media sales. I have known Joe Hunt for over fifteen years, and I am his sister-in-law. Over the years, I have witnessed him treating my sister with the utmost respect, love, kindness, generosity and sensitivity.

We have a longstanding friendship and he has been a great support to me and my boys throughout the years. He is a spiritual person with a calm demeanour and has been kind, encouraging and a positive role model to my boys. I believe Joe deserves a second chance and do not believe he is a threat to society but rather an asset.

Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,



Ms. Johanna Thomas

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cc: CC1 Maldonado, CDCR



Re: Joe Hunt - D61863, Governor's Commutation Application

August 23, 2020

Governor Gavin Newsom  
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Dear Governor Newsom,

My name is Evan Peter James Vasiliou and I'm 17 years old and I am currently a senior at my local high school and just committed to play baseball at UC Irvine. I know you are someone in a position of power and can make decisions happen for the greater good. This is why I am writing this letter to you to ask you a favor. My uncle Joe Hunt is currently in prison right now to which he doesn't belong. I have never met my uncle Joe but from talking to him on the phone I can tell you first hand he is someone who doesn't belong there. He is a calm, down to earth person with a big and loving heart. I know he loves my aunt, brother, mom and I very much and it would make his entire year for you to make that happen. Hopefully you get this letter and you can find it in yourself to give my uncle Joe a second chance at life and freedom, as he just wants to be the loving uncle that he was meant to be.

Sincerely,



Evan Vasiliou

Cc: CC1 Maldonado, CDCR





Re: Joe Hunt – D61863, Governor's Commutation Application

August 22, 2020

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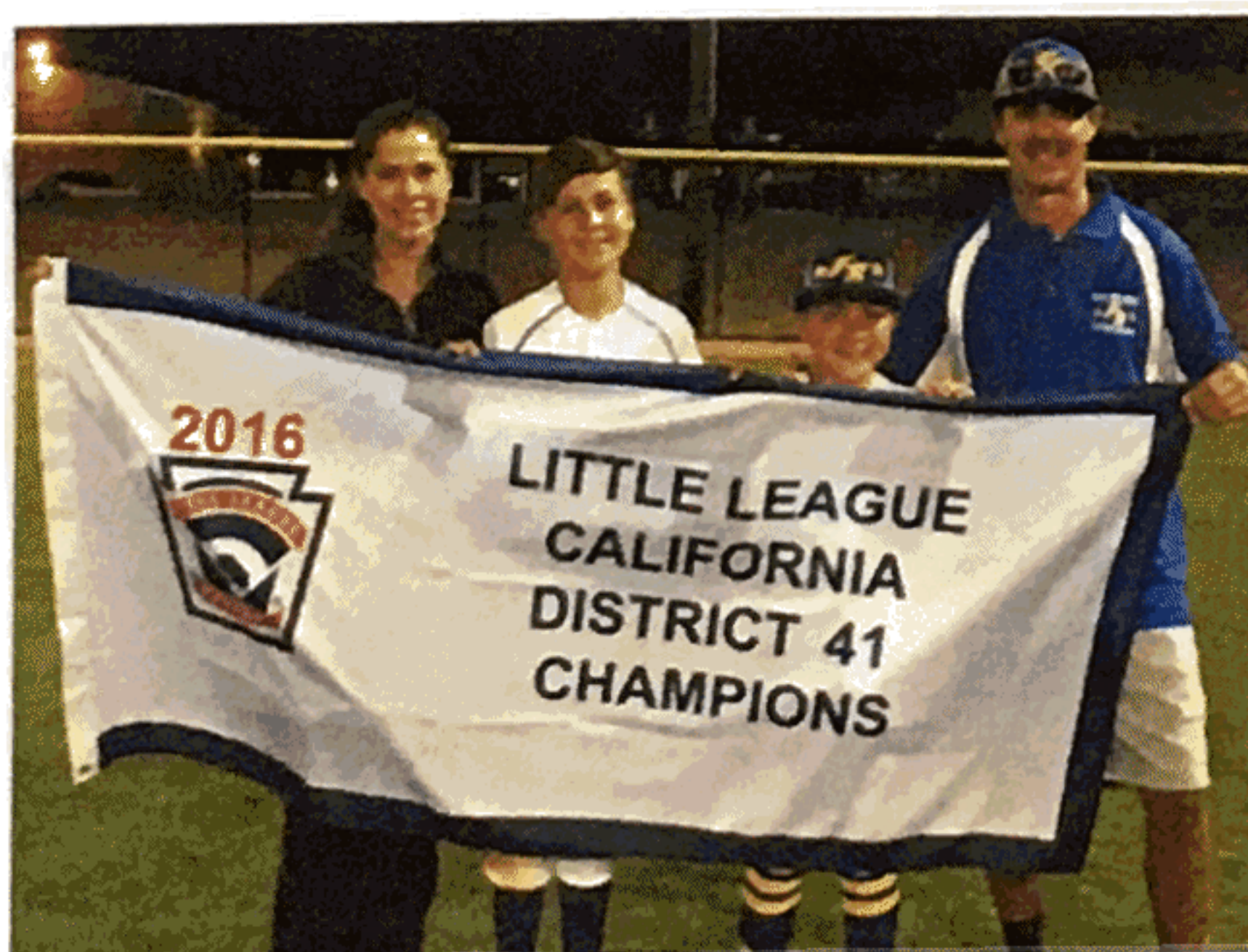
Dear Mr. Governor Newsom,

Greetings. My name is Alexander Thomas Vasiliou, and I am fourteen years old. I am certain you have no idea who I am, and probably wondering why I am writing to you. I am asking, the best way I know how, to please release my uncle Joe Hunt from prison. I love to talk with my uncle on the phone. He is loving, calm, and inspires me to be the best I can and work hard to become a good and honest man. I have never had the opportunity to spend time with my uncle in person, but through our conversations, I know he is gentle, loving, caring, inspiring, and kind to everyone he meets. He loves my Auntie Jamie and my mom. My mom went through a difficult divorce from my dad, and my uncle Joe helped her be strong and stopped her from crying. I even saw he made my mom smile, stay calm, and believe in herself when things around us seemed to crumble. My mom often reminds me of the importance of forgiveness and taking responsibility for making a mistake. I know my uncle Joe is sorry, and I ask for you to please give him a second chance as I know he will be a positive role model to my brother and me and not a threat to society. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Alexander Vasiliou  
cc: CC1 Maldonado, CDCR





## Re: Joe Hunt

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From: Tammy Hunt (t[REDACTED]om)

To: j[REDACTED].com

Date: Wednesday, August 5, 2020, 03:48 PM PDT

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Dear Jamie,

It is good to hear from you and wish it were under different circumstances of course.

I am so sorry to hear that Joe is experiencing heart failure especially under such grave conditions with inadequate healthcare. No surprise of course about the healthcare conditions and with the current pandemic this makes it worse than ever.

I have nothing but fond memories of Joe and yes the dates of marriage were indeed '93 to 2003. During the friendship and marriage with Joe I witnessed a gentle and enlightenment seeker who always wanted the best for everyone in life.

He was a friend to the inmates and to the people that surrounded him especially when there was a sense of harmony in mind and that we should all simply try and get along and support one another as people with no one better than the other (equal as beings on this planet together).

I witnessed his coming to the defense of others in the visiting room if an argument broke out within families nearby in order to de escalate any fighting or rude behavior as he was keenly aware that children were close and didn't want to have them involved in violent behavior. This was the reason the Chaplain requested Joe as an assistant for many years in the church at the prison. Joe had the support of Ananda of the Self-Realization Fellowship community and the heads of the community would visit Joe regularly and it was wonderful to have the prayer time with them and the kinship we all had together.



Our divorce was amicable and we parted friends. The split was my idea and yes, I wanted to have a life outside of going to the prison and the anguish it caused me. I hated seeing Joe under those conditions. It broke my heart.

Joe most certainly deserves his sentence commuted and as a result released and ultimately treated in a proper hospital so he can thrive again for the remainder of his life.

You may forward this email to Ms. Lum as this serves as my letter supporting his release. My prayers are with you both and give my best to Joe please and Jamie do keep me updated on everything. Thank you for being so devoted and such the rock for Joe and for always being there for him.

Best regards,

Tammy Hunt

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On Wed, Aug 5, 2020 at 3:10 PM Jamie Thomas <[REDACTED]com> wrote: