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and

Honorable Members of the Board of Parole Board of Parole Hearings State of California P.O. Box 4036 Sacramento, CA 95812-4036

Re: Edwin Hutchinson; CDCR # P-68859

April 24, 2018

Dear Governor Brown and State Commissioners:

I am writing in support of Mr. Edwin Hutchinson, # P-68859 who is currently incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison. I have known (been in correspondent communication with and soon to visit in person again) Mr. Hutchinson since Fall of 2017.

Mr. Hutchinson has been largely instrumental in helping to put me - on behalf of my Marin County 501 (c) 3 non profit, P.A.T.H. - in touch with the first Madeleine Tenney (Medical Budget Analyst at San Quentin State Prison) and then Sergeant Ramon Torres of San Bruno Marine's TOYS FOR TOTS project; especially since Mr. Hutchinson regularly volunteers his time during the Christmas holidays handing out toys and games to children of San Quentin inmates. You see, P.A.T.H. has scheduled a Fall 2018 teddy bear themed fundraising event to raise awareness, as well as raise funds to purchase brand new teddy bears for children of incarcerated individuals. With Mr. Hutchsinson's help and support, I've been able to

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communicate with Sergeant Torres who is willing to collaborate with this special fundraising project.

Aside from Mr. Hutchinson's involvement with the above mentioned program, he is also doing imporatnt and invaluable work at San Quentin as an "Offender Mentor Clerk" for the CDCR sponsored long term offenders program (aka LTOP). Mr. Hutchinson facilitates various self improvement groups including, but not limited to, substance abuse, family relations, anger management and criminal thinking. He helps others to learn to avoid thoughts that can hinder their personal growth; helps the other men stop making excuses and blaming others for what's going on in their own respective lives. It takes a special person to be able to assist others in such a process! I have found Mr. Hutchinson to be intelligent and emotionally mature.

There is no doubt in my mind that Mr. Hutchinson deserves the respect and a chance to prove himself a respectable and upright citizen who is capable of truly giving back and serving his community in a worthwhile way upon his release.

Thank you for taking this letter of recommendation for Mr. Hutchinson into consideration when reviewing his case. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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## **HUTCHINSON, EDWIN P68859**

Mr. Hutchinson and I have had numerous conversations of his past, his crimes committed, and his potential future. He has shown me great remorse for the senseless crimes of his past, the traumatic suffering he has caused to his victims, and the time he has missed with his family due to the poor mistakes he has made. Mr. Hutchinson has enrolled himself into many educational programs and has shown great pride in the completion of said programs and has become a mentor to other inmates that have either "lost hope' or are unaware of the programs available at SQSP. I believe Mr. Hutchinson would be a valuable resource to his community and make a great candidate for parole.

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Inmate

Counselor Writer

DATE 3/16/18

D. Kunes TTA Escort Correctional Officer San Quentin State Prison

GENERAL CHRONO

NAME:

NUMBER:

HUTCHINSON, E.

P68859

HOUSING:

NB-1-34L

CDC-128-B (Rev.4/74)

This chrono is to acknowledge that EDWIN HUTCHINSON has been a faithful member of the Veterans' Group of San Quentin from April 2016 through February 2018. Mr. HUTCHINSON attended 2 hour meetings 1 time per month for 23 months.

During that time, MR. HUTCHINSON furthered group discussions and contributed additional service to the group by spending time researching opportunities, writing various housing authorities, and volunteering his time to help his fellow veterans work on and improve their resumes.

MADELINE TENNEY, SELF-HELP SPONSOR

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April 20, 2018,

Dear Mr. Edwin J. Hutchison, #P-68859

Thank you for your request for information about Homeboy Industries. This letter will inform you about our free programs and services, and hopefully guide you to our offices upon your release from incarceration. All of our services and classes are offered inhouse at our headquarters in downtown Los Angeles. We cannot put you on a waiting list, since you have to come in person to participate.

Homeboy Industries is a re-entry and rehabilitation program for formerly gang involved and previously incarcerated men and women. We offer free services, including: tattoo removal, employment services, twelve step meetings (AA/NA/CGA), educational classes, case management, mental health counseling, legal services, solar panel instillation training etc.

These post release services will aid you in your transition to life on the outside. You can receive assistance in obtaining the following: 1) Social Security card, 2) Driver's License or California ID and 3) your G.E.D. through prep classes and one-on-one tutoring, 4) learning life skills and interpersonal communication through our many classes such as Anger Management, Parenting, Building Healthy Relationships and Alternatives to Violence.

I've attached an information sheet about Homeboy Industries and our most recent class schedule for your review.

It is my sincerest hope that you will consider us in your plans to get on the right track upon your release, and that you will come become part of the Homeboy family.

Sincerely,

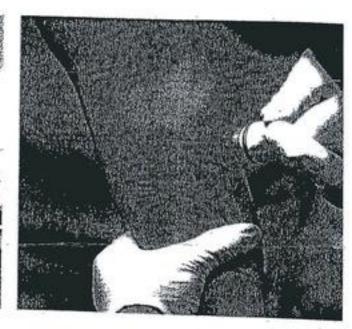
Fr. Gregory J. Boyle, S.J. Executive Director/Founder

## **Quality Services and Programs**

Homeboy's free wrap-around services are a pathway designed to equip our trainees and clients for success as they turn their lives around.







## CASE MANAGEMENT

A cornerstone of the Homeboy model is case management.

All trainees at Homeboy Industries are immediately placed with a case manager who helps them to create a goal-oriented service plan, guides their progress through necessary services, and holds them accountable as they move toward a better life.

## EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Employment counselors at Homeboy play an important role as they work with employers, trainees and community clients. Employment Services provides a weekly series of workshops that assist clients with breaking employment barriers and finding hidden job markets. Counselors work to build strong, ongoing relationships with employers, encouraging all to hire Homeboy Industries candidates.

## CURRICULUM AND EDUCATION

Our first priority is to guide clients to complete a high school diploma or obtain GED certification. Homeboy provides GED preparation as well as life skills classes and an enrichment curriculum, teaching skills from financial management to healthy relationships. There are over 50 classes offered each week and more than 400 clients attend the classes every month. In addition, Homeboy is partnered with Learning Works! Charter High School enrolling 105 students, under age 19.

### TATTOO REMOVAL

This is a critical service and entry point for many clients. Visible gang tattoos are a major barrier to entry in employment and education. Our on-site clinic is run by our staff and a team of nearly 30 volunteer doctors.

## MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES

Trauma-informed clinical services are available to all of our trainees. In addition to individual psychotherapy, the Mental Health Program offers substance abuse counseling; court-approved domestic violence classes; therapeutic dance; a psycho-educational "Baby and Me" group; and psychiatric evaluation and support. As demand for these services is high, "Homeboy Heals," a cadre of volunteer licensed psychotherapists, provides additional capacity for counseling.

#### LEGAL SERVICES

Homeboy's on-site lawyer provides free consultations and referrals pertaining to many legal matters, especially criminal law, including bench warrants and post-conviction matters, immigration law, employment law and family law, addressing such issues as divorce, child custody and visitation, and child support. Petitions for dismissal or expungements are provided as a key service that reduce serious barriers to employment.

# SOLAR PANEL INSTALLATION TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

Homeboy Industries covers tuition and supply costs for clients who wish to enroll in a Photovoltaic Training program. Homeboy also offers additional tutoring to help students pass a national credentialing test that makes our clients competitive candidates for employment in the green industry. Solar Panel staff work to cultivate a network of PV firms that consider our graduates when hiring. This training program is one of the most successful job placement initiatives at Homeboy Industries with a large portion of graduates gaining employment.