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9	COUNTY OF	SACRAMENTO		
10	BRADLEY S. WINCHELL and	Case No.		
11	KERMIT ALEXANDER,	VERIFIED PETITION		
12	Petitioners, vs.	FOR PEREMPTORY WRIT OF MANDATE		
13	JEFFREY A. BEARD, Secretary,			
14	California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation,			
15	Respondent.			
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	Verified Petition for Peremptory Writ of Mandate			

Petitioners petition this Court for a writ of mandate directed to Respondent JEFFREY A. BEARD, Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and by this petition allege:

- 1. Petitioner BRADLEY S. WINCHELL is a citizen of California and a California taxpayer. His sister, Terri Winchell, was murdered. Michael Morales was convicted of this crime and sentenced to death, and the judgment was affirmed by the California Supreme Court in *People v. Morales* (1989) 48 Cal.3d 527. Petitioner Winchell is a victim of this crime within the meaning of article I, section 28, subdivision (e) of the California Constitution.
- 2. Petitioner KERMIT ALEXANDER is a citizen of California and a California taxpayer. His mother, sister, and nephews, Ebora Alexander, Dietra Alexander, Damon Bonner, and Damani Garner, were murdered. Tiequon Cox was convicted of this crime and sentenced to death, and the judgment was affirmed by the California Supreme Court in *People v. Cox* (1991) 53 Cal.3d 618. Petitioner Alexander is a victim of this crime within the meaning of article I, section 28, subdivision (e) of the California Constitution.
- 3. Respondent JEFFREY A. BEARD is the Secretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR).
- 4. CDCR is responsible for establishing standards for the execution of sentences of death. (Pen. Code, §§ 3604, subd. (a), 5000.)
- 5. On February 14, 2006, the Federal District Court for the Northern District of California conditionally denied Michael Morales's motion for a preliminary injunction against his execution. The order permitted CDCR to proceed if it adopted a single-drug, barbiturate-only method in lieu of the three-drug method prescribed by the existing protocol. (*Morales v. Hickman* (ND Cal. 2006) 415 F.Supp.2d 1037, 1047, affd. 438 F.3d 926.)
- 6. On May 15, 2007, CDCR amended its execution protocol, staying with a three-drug method despite the federal district court order. This protocol was enjoined by the

Superior Court for Marin County for failure to comply with the California Administrative Procedure Act, and the Court of Appeal for the First District affirmed. (*Morales v. CDCR* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 729, 732.)

- 7. On April 16, 2009, CDCR published a notice promulgating another three-drug protocol as California Code of Regulations, title 15, sections 3349-3349.4.6. After one revision, the Office of Administrative Law approved the regulations on July 30, 2010. This protocol was again enjoined by the Superior Court for Marin County for failure to comply with the California Administrative Procedure Act, and the Court of Appeal for the First District again affirmed in pertinent part. (*Sims v. CDCR* (2013) 216 Cal.App.4th 1059.)
- 8. On April 26, 2012, in its notice of appeal in the case referred to in paragraph 7, CDCR advised the court, through counsel, that "under the Governor's direction, [CDCR] will also begin the process of considering alternative regulatory protocols, including a one-drug protocol, for carrying out the death penalty." Over two and a half years later, no such protocol has been promulgated.
- 9. On information and belief, all reviews of the sentences of Michael Morales and Tiequon Cox have been completed and none are pending. The sentences in these cases have gone unexecuted since 2006 in the case of Morales and since 2011 in the case of Cox solely because CDCR has failed to adopt an execution protocol meeting the requirements established in the decisions referred to in paragraphs 5, 6, and 7.
- 10. On information and belief, Respondent CDCR has already drafted a barbiturate-only protocol in response to the Governor's direction referred to in paragraph 8, but has failed to take the steps necessary to make it legally available for use.
- 11. On September 16, 2014, Petitioner KERMIT ALEXANDER petitioned CDCR pursuant to section 11340.6 of the Government Code to adopt regulations for lethal injection, both as a permanent regulation through the Administrative Procedure Act and on an immediate, interim basis pursuant to the "operational needs" exception of section 5058.3 of the Penal Code. The petition also noted two possible forms of alternate relief

that CDCR might undertake, as permitted by section 11340.7, subdivision (b) of the Government Code. A true and correct copy of the petition is attached as Exhibit A. By letter of October 16, 2014, CDCR denied the petition, stating its reasons for not granting the alternative relief, but giving no reason whatever for denying the petition to promulgate a regulation. A true and correct copy of the denial is attached as Exhibit B.

- 12. On September 17, 2014, Petitioner BRADLEY S. WINCHELL petitioned CDCR pursuant to section 11340.6 of the Government Code to adopt regulations for lethal injection, both as a permanent regulation through the Administrative Procedure Act and on an immediate, interim basis pursuant to the "operational needs" exception of section 5058.3 of the Penal Code. The petition also noted two possible forms of alternate relief that CDCR might undertake, as permitted by section 11340.7, subdivision (b) of the Government Code. A true and correct copy of the petition is attached as Exhibit C. By letter of October 16, 2014, CDCR denied the petition, stating reasons for not granting the alternative relief but giving no reason whatever for denying the petition to promulgate a regulation. A true and correct copy of the denial is attached as Exhibit D.
- 13. On October 20, 2014, counsel for Petitioners informed CDCR that the denial was in violation of section 11340.7 of the Government Code for failure to state reasons. A true and correct copy of this letter is attached as Exhibit E. To date Petitioners have received no response.
- 14. As immediate relatives of victims murdered by murderers whose execution is prevented by Respondent's failure to establish standards, Petitioners are "interested persons" within the meaning of section 11340.6 of the Government Code. Petitioners have an interest over and above that of the general public in that their constitutional right to "a prompt and final conclusion of the case and any related post-judgment proceedings" (Cal. Const., art. I, § 28, subd. (b)(9)), *i.e.*, execution of the judgment, has been violated as well as their "right to an expeditious and just punishment of the criminal wrongdoer." (Proposition 9 of 2008, § 2.) Petitioners have standing both under general principles of

1	standing and article I, section 28, subdivision (c)(1) of the California Constitution. In
2	addition, Petitioners as citizens of California have a right shared by all the people that
3	sentences imposed "shall be carried out in compliance with the courts' sentencing orders"
4	(Cal. Const., art. I, § 28, subd. (f)(5)), and therefore have "public interest" standing.
5	FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION
6	(Failure to Establish Standards Under Penal Code § 3604(a))
7	15. Petitioners reallege paragraphs 1 through 14 of this petition as though fully set
8	forth herein.
9	16. Respondent has a legal duty under section 3604, subdivision (a) of the Penal
10	Code to establish standards for the administration of lethal injection. By failure for over
11	eight years to establish standards meeting legal requirements to execute judgments,
12	Respondent has violated his duty and abused his discretion.
13	17. Petitioners have a right to have this duty performed, both as beneficially
14	interested as immediate relatives of victims of crimes for which the lawfully imposed
15	sentences are not being carried out and as citizens with a public interest in seeing the law
16	enforced.
17	18. Petitioners have exhausted their administrative remedies by petitioning for a
18	regulation as set forth in paragraphs 11 and 12.
19	SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION
20	(Failure to Provide Reasons in Violation of Government Code § 11340.7(a))
21	19. Petitioners reallege paragraphs 1 through 14 of this petition as though fully set
22	forth herein.
23	20. Respondent had a legal duty under section 11340.7, subdivision (a) of the
24	Government Code to state the reasons for denial of Petitioners' petitions for adoption of
25	regulations under the Administrative Procedure Act and the operational needs exception to
26	establish standards for administration of lethal injection. Respondent failed to provide any
27	reason whatever for this aspect of the decision.

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1	21. Petitioners are "interested persons" within the meaning of section 11340.6,
2	subdivision (a) of the Government Code and had a legal right to an explanation of the
3	reason for the agency's decision.
4	WHEREFORE, Petitioners request relief as follows:
5	1. That a peremptory writ of mandate issue directing Respondent to
6	(a) promulgate within 30 days a temporary regulation for the administration
7	of the death penalty by lethal injection complying with the requirements established in
8	Morales v. Hickman (ND Cal. 2006) 415 F.Supp.2d 1037 under the "operational needs"
9	exception of section 5058.3 of the Penal Code; and
10	(b) commence within 30 days the procedure for promulgating a permanent
11	regulation for the administration of the death penalty by lethal injection complying with the
12	requirements established in <i>Morales v. Hickman</i> (ND Cal. 2006) 415 F.Supp.2d 1037,
13	Morales v. CDCR (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 729, and Sims v. CDCR (2013) 216 Cal.App.4th
14	1059 and complete that procedure before the expiration of the temporary regulation and
15	any extension of it;
16	2. That a peremptory writ of mandate issue directing Respondent to state why the
17	petitions attached as Exhibits A and C to this complaint were denied regarding
18	promulgation of regulations permanently through the Administrative Procedure Act
19	process and temporarily through the "operational needs" exception of section 5058.3 of the
20	Penal Code.
21	3. That Petitioners be awarded attorneys' fees;
22	4. That Petitioners be awarded costs of the suit; and
23	5. That Petitioners be granted such other and further relief as the court may deem
24	just and equitable.
25	Dated: November, 2014
26	Ву:
27	KENT S. SCHEIDEGGER Attorney for Petitioners
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1	VERIFICATION
2	I, BRADLEY S. WINCHELL, declare as follows:
3	I am a Petitioner in this action. I have read the foregoing Petition for Peremptory
4	Writ of Mandate and know its contents. The same is true of my knowledge, except as to
5	Paragraphs 2 and 11, which pertain to and are verified by the other Petitioner, and except
6	as to those matters which are stated on information and belief, and as to those matters I
7	believe it to be true.
8	I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
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2	I, KERMIT ALEXANDER, declare as follows:
3	I am a Petitioner in this action. I have read the foregoing Petition for Peremptory
4	Writ of Mandate and know its contents. The same is true of my knowledge, except as to
5	Paragraphs 1 and 12, which pertain to and are verified by the other Petitioner, and except
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September 16, 2014

Dr. Jeffery Beard, Secretary California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation 1515 S Street Sacramento, CA 95811

Re: Petition for Regulation on Execution of Capital Punishment by Lethal Injection

Dear Dr. Beard:

Pursuant to section 11340.6 of the California Government Code, I, Kermit Alexander, hereby petition for the adoption of a regulation for the execution of capital punishment by lethal injection. I am an "interested person" within the meaning of section 11340.6 in that I am an immediate family member of victims murdered by a person whose sentence of death has been reviewed and affirmed through all of the normal reviews and whose execution has been delayed for three years with no end in sight solely by the failure of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to have a valid execution protocol in place.

My mother, sister, and nephews were murdered by inmate Tiequon Cox 30 years ago. See *People v. Cox*, 53 Cal.3d 618 (1991). Cox was sentenced to death for these crimes, and all normal reviews of his case were completed three years ago. As an immediate family member of deceased victims, I am a victim of this crime within the meaning of the Victims' Bill of Rights, Article I, Section 28 of the California Constitution, with a constitutional right to finality in the case (subdivision (a)(6)) and a prompt and final conclusion (subdivision (b)(9)). These rights have been violated by CDCR's allowing itself to be enjoined from carrying out its responsibility to execute the sentence in this case and failing to take the necessary corrective action.

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The prior three-drug protocol is unusable for three reasons. Over eight years ago, a Federal District Court conditionally denied (and, therefore, conditionally granted) an injunction against the execution of Michael Morales unless CDCR either had a qualified anesthesiologist participate or adopted a barbiturate-only method. See *Morales v*. *Hickman*, 438 F.3d 926, 927 and n. 2 (CA9 2006). CDCR neither complied with the conditions nor sought appellate review of them. In the years of litigation since, the situation remains essentially unchanged. The federal court would allow California executions to proceed if CDCR adopted a barbiturate-only method, without the problematic paralytic and potassium chloride steps, but CDCR has inexplicably failed to do so.

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I request prompt action on this petition. Correspondence may be addressed to:

Kent Scheidegger Criminal Justice Legal Foundation 2131 L Street Sacramento, CA 95816

Sincerely,

Kermit Alexander

EXHIBIT B

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October 16, 2014

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Dear Mr. Alexander:

DENIAL OF PETITION FOR REGULATION ON EXECUTION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BY LETHAL INJECTION

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statewide. The plain language of the statute in which the exception is found bars any protocol that has general statewide application.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11340.7, subdivision (d), a copy of this denial and your petition shall be transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law, for publication in the California Regulatory Notice Register, as soon as practicable. Interested persons may obtain a copy of your petition from CDCR by sending a request to petitionrequest@cdcr.ca.gov.

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JUDI LEMOS

Assistant General Counsel Office of Legal Affairs

Enclosure

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As you correctly point out, the court has ruled previous execution regulations were not "single prison" regulations for various reasons. (See *Morales v. CDCR* (2008) 168 Cal.App.4th 729.) Pursuant to that holding, we do not agree that we could draft an execution protocol applying only to SQ that would be the method by which CDCR would execute every condemned inmate in the state, notwithstanding the fact the executions would only take place at SQ. Under *Morales*, this makes it a regulation of general statewide application and the single prison exception would not apply.

You also request CDCR pursue a regulation under the "single person" exception. While that exception does apply to a single person, it also requires the regulation not apply generally throughout the state. (See Government Code section 11340.9, subdivision (i).) A regulation comprising an execution protocol that complies with all the complex legal requirements will not be amenable to change every time a new execution is scheduled. Such an execution protocol would not fall under the single person exception, as it must apply to every condemned person

statewide. The plain language of the statute in which the exception is found bars any protocol that has general statewide application.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11340.7, subdivision (d), a copy of this denial and your petition shall be transmitted to the Office of Administrative Law, for publication in the California Regulatory Notice Register, as soon as practicable. Interested persons may obtain a copy of your petition from CDCR by sending a request to petitionrequest@cdcr.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

EXHIBIT E

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Dear Ms. Lemos:

We have received your letters of October 16, 2014, denying the petitions submitted by Kermit Alexander and Bradley Winchell regarding regulations for execution of death sentences by lethal injection.

The letters give reasons why CDCR has chosen not to grant two forms of alternative relief suggested in a single paragraph on pages 3 and 4 of the petitions, but they give no reason whatever for denial of the main request in the body of the letter—establishing a permanent regulation through the APA process and a temporary one under the "operational needs" exception.

Giving reasons is not optional. CDCR is in violation of subdivision (a) of section 11340.7 of the Government Code.

Sincerely,

October 20, 2014

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