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CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON THE FAIR ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ANNOUNCES PLANS FOR RELEASE OF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEATH PENALTY IN 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 release its tenth and final report, addressing the administration of the death penalty in California, on Monday, June 30, 2008. The report will be posted on the Commission's website, www.ccfaj.org, at 9 a.m. on Monday morning.

Members of the Commission, including Chair John Van de Kamp and Executive Director Gerald F. Uelmen, will participate in a press conference to discuss the contents of the report at 1:00 p.m. on Monday afternoon, June 30, in Room 1190 (The Governor's Press Room) at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

The Report, which is over 100 pages in length, is the first comprehensive review of the operation of California's death penalty law since its initial enactment in 1978. The Commission conducted three public hearings throughout California, and heard the testimony of 72 witnesses in preparing this report. The California Commission on the Fair Administration of Justice will expire on July 1, 2008.

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