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February 21, 2025

Jorge E. Navarrete
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CAPITAL CASE

Re: *People v. Joseph Anthony Barrett*, S124131
Focus Letter

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

This case is scheduled for oral argument on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. I am counsel of record and will be presenting argument in this case.

I expect to focus my argument on the following issue: the trial court's refusal to excuse all California Department of Corrections employees as prospective jurors violated state and federal law, as set forth in Argument I of Appellant's Opening Brief and Argument I of Appellant's Supplemental Opening Brief.

Time permitting, I will turn my focus to the argument that the prior murder special circumstance finding and Mr. Barrett's death sentence must be reversed because Mr. Barrett was 16 years old at the time of the prior offense, as set forth in Argument XIII of Appellant's Opening Brief and Argument III of Appellant's Supplemental Opening Brief.

I do not plan to address issues raised in Arguments II through XII, or IX through XXII, of Appellant's Opening Brief, or Argument II of Appellant's Supplemental Opening Brief. Given that I have recently been assigned to represent Mr. Barrett, and to allow effective preparation for the oral argument, I respectfully request that the Court inform the parties if the

Court wishes us to address any issues aside from the focus issues identified above.

Thank you for bringing this letter to the Court's attention.

Sincerely,

/s/

Catherine White

Deputy State Public Defender

Attorney for Appellant

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

Case Name: ***People v. Joseph Anthony Barrett***
Case Number: **Cal. Supreme Ct. No. S124131**
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I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed on **February 21, 2025**, at Solano County, California.

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