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**ATTORNEY FOR SIRHAN SIRHAN TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE -  
FILING TO OVERTURN GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S DENIAL OF PAROLE**

Attorney for Sirhan B. Sirhan will answer questions for the Media upon filing Writ of Habeas Corpus challenging Governor Newsom's denial of Parole for Sirhan Sirhan in January 2022.

- *New audio statements will be heard, directly from Mr. Sirhan in prison, regarding his incarceration and parole*
- Advance copy of the Writ will be available to Media in attendance

**WHAT:** On Wednesday September 28, at 12:15 p.m. PDT, Attorney Angela Berry will hold an on-line press conference regarding Sirhan's challenge to Governor Newsom's denial of his parole as an "abuse of discretion", denial of Constitutional Due Process and violation of the law. The Writ challenges Governor Newsom's reckless application of erroneous law and misstatements of fact in his "[Parole Release Review](#)" issued on January 13, 2022.

At the conference, advance copies of the Writ will be available to members of the Press. The Press will hear current statements from Sirhan, spoken from prison, addressing his incarceration and parole; Sirhan has not spoken publicly in over 4 decades.

Historical: Sirhan was convicted of the [killing of Senator Robert F. Kennedy in 1968](#) and has been incarcerated for 54 years. In August 2021, after countless hours of rehabilitation, the [California Board of Parole](#) found Sirhan presents *the lowest risk* to the community and [recommended him for release](#). Governor Newsom overruled the recommendation of his own Board, (themselves ex law enforcement, prison personnel and former District Attorneys) and denied Sirhan parole. Governor Newsom acted with personal bias, incorporated the wrong law, ignored mitigation evidence, and did not afford Sirhan the same rights as others eligible for parole.

*Sirhan Sirhan exceeds all criteria for parole release and must be afforded the same Due Process as other rehabilitated prisoners.*

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**WHEN:** Wednesday, September 28, 2022, at 12:15 PDT

**ATTENDANCE:** Join on your computer, mobile app or room device:

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Meeting ID: 265 360 477 913  
Passcode: LrVV6y

(dial 619-851-5227 if problems entering conference)

**WHY:** Every prisoner in California must be afforded equal access to the laws and afforded due process. Governor Newsom denied that to Sirhan when he overturned the Board of Parole Commissioner’s unbiased ruling to grant Sirhan parole on August 27, 2021. Sirhan now challenges that ruling.

Governor Newsom’s own Board of Parole Commissioners found Sirhan to be eligible for Parole. The Board Commissioners are not politically beholden to any constituency. Their decisions are based upon collective experience in the field of law enforcement, offices of District Attorneys, and prison administrative officials. Sirhan proved that he exceeded eligibility for parole based upon his decades of exemplary behavior, rehabilitation and compliance while in prison, and upon the “youthful offender” statutes [Penal Code Sec. 4801\(c\)](#) and [Penal Code Sec. 3051](#)), the “elderly prisoner consideration” ([Penal Code Sec. 3055](#)) criteria. Their decision was based on sound and unbiased evaluations. The Governor, [having openly expressed his admiration for the victim](#), refused to follow the recommendation of his Board of Parole Commissioners, relying instead on inaccurate “facts”, misstatement of the law, and his own misguided motivation to placate either the victim’s family or his own constituents.

*It is incumbent upon any California Governor to not put their political goals and agenda above that of the Constitution and rights of prisoners to receive equal treatment under the law.*

Sirhan files this challenge to Gov. Newsom's decision so he can spend his few remaining years with his elderly and infirm brother and to stand up for his constitutional rights.

This filing sends the message to never deny parole for political or biased reasons, especially when a prisoner has demonstrated clear eligibility. California, by [Constitutional amendment](#), is only one of two states to allow the Governor to make the final decision<sup>1</sup>. The other is Oklahoma. In 2021 Maryland stripped that power away. In addition, just last year, [Governor Newsom was overturned](#) when he contradicted the findings of the Board of Parole commissioners and denied parole in a similar case involving political ramifications. Governor Newsom is on the wrong side of history with regard to Rehabilitation and Parole in California.

Reform is needed to take the ultimate parole decision out of the hands of the Governor.

**For additional information:**

- Board of Parole Commissioners CDCR: <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/bph/commissioners/>
- Reject CA Constitution Article 5, Sec. 8 (b): <https://www.redemptionrowcalifornia.com/parolepolitics>
- Maryland Strips Governor's Power re Parole: <https://www.baltimoresun.com/politics/bs-md-pol-ga-parole-override-20211208-ri2erckjwbaljm62767g7yq3k4-story.html>
- CA Constitution: <https://law.justia.com/constitution/california/article-v/section-8/>
- Justice for RFK / Assassination Material: <https://justiceforrfk.com/>
- Redemption Row prison program: <https://www.redemptionrowcalifornia.com/>
- Mary Farrell Foundation: [https://www.maryferrell.org/pages/RFK\\_Assassination\\_Documents.html](https://www.maryferrell.org/pages/RFK_Assassination_Documents.html)

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<sup>1</sup> "But California imposes a daunting obstacle to such second chances: the governor's power to single-handedly reverse a decision of the parole board in homicide cases. California is a shameful outlier in this respect. It is [one of two states](#) (Oklahoma being the other) that allows the governor to veto parole grants." <https://www.aclu.org/news/criminal-law-reform/politicians-have-no-place-making-parole-decisions-for-young-people>