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The Honorable Jorge E. Navarrete
Court Administrator and Clerk of the Court
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister Street, First Floor
San Francisco, California 94102-4797

RE: *People v. James Beck and Gerald Cruz*
Supreme Court Case No. S029843

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

This letter specifies the issues on which I expect to focus during oral argument in *People v. Beck and Cruz*, S029843, scheduled for September 4, 2019, in San Francisco. As respondent's counsel, I intend to address any issues raised in appellants' oral arguments.

In addition, I will be prepared to address any matter of interest to the Court.

Sincerely,

/s/ David M. Baskind

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No.: **S029843**

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