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RE: *People v. Robert Carrasco (Death Penalty)*  
California Supreme Court Case No. S077009

**Frank A. McGuire Clerk**

**Deputy**

Dear Mr. McGuire:

The Court has requested that counsel advise the Court and opposing counsel by letter of those issues on which counsel expects to focus at oral argument, calendared for May 29, 2014. As counsel for respondent, I intend to focus my argument on the issues identified in opposing counsel's focus letter. I have currently been advised that appellant will focus on: claim X, regarding the alleged ineffective assistance of trial counsel at the guilt phase, and the trial court's denial of appellant's new trial motion on this ground; and claim XI, regarding the alleged ineffective assistance of trial counsel at the penalty phase, and the trial court's denial of appellant's new trial motion on this ground. In addition, I will be prepared to address any matter of interest to the Court.

Sincerely,

ROBERTA L. DAVIS  
Deputy Attorney General

For KAMALA D. HARRIS  
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**DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL**

Case Name: **People v. Robert Carrasco**  
No.: **S077009**

I declare:

I am employed in the Office of the Attorney General, which is the office of a member of the California State Bar, at which member's direction this service is made. I am 18 years of age or older and not a party to this matter. I am familiar with the business practice at the Office of the Attorney General for collection and processing of correspondence for mailing with the United States Postal Service. In accordance with that practice, correspondence placed in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General is deposited with the United States Postal Service with postage thereon fully prepaid that same day in the ordinary course of business.

On May 8, 2014, I served the attached **LETTER TO COURT DATED MAY 7, 2014 RE FOCUS ISSUES** by placing a true copy thereof enclosed in a sealed envelope in the internal mail collection system at the Office of the Attorney General at 300 South Spring Street, Suite 1702, Los Angeles, CA 90013, addressed as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration was executed on May 8, 2014, at Los Angeles, California.

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Sandra Fan  
Declarant

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Signature