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Frank A. McGuire
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Supreme Court of the State of California
Earl Warren Building
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: *Jose L.*
People v. Casares
Criminal Case No. S025748
Tulare County Superior Court, Case No. VCF02503B-89

Dear Mr. McGuire:

This case is scheduled for oral argument on December 1, 2015. This Court has asked counsel for the parties to advise the court and opposing counsel of those issues on which counsel expects to focus their arguments.

Counsel for respondent has not independently identified any focus issues for argument. Instead, I will be prepared to address any focus issues specified by counsel for appellant and to answer any questions posed by the Court at oral argument.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Lowe".

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DEATH PENALTY

DECLARATION OF SERVICE BY U.S. MAIL

Case Name: **People v. Jose Lupercio Casares**

No. **S025748**

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.

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Attorney for Appellant (2 copies)

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 November 5, 2015, at Sacramento, California.

Declarant