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September 17, 2018

Mr. Jorge E. Navarrete, Clerk
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister St.
San Francisco, CA 94102-3600

Re: *People v. Cedric Jerome Johnson*
Supreme Court of California Case No. S075727

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

I will be presenting oral argument in this case on behalf of appellant, Cedric Johnson, in San Francisco on the 9:00 a.m. calendar, on Wednesday, October 3, 2018. At that hearing, I intend to focus my argument on the following issues (numbered as they appear in appellant's opening and supplemental opening briefs):

3. **THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN FINDING THAT JOHNSON WAIVED HIS RIGHT TO TESTIFY AT THE PENALTY PHASE**
18. **THE DEATH JUDGMENT MUST BE REVERSED BECAUSE THE TRIAL COURT VIOLATED MR. JOHNSON'S STATE AND FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO DUE PROCESS AND A RELIABLE DEATH VERDICT BY FAILING IN ITS DUTY TO INITIATE COMPETENCY PROCEEDINGS**

I am requesting 30 minutes for appellant's argument.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Nina Wilder

NINA WILDER
Supervising Deputy State Public Defender

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People v. Cedric Johnson

Supreme Court No. S075727
Superior Court No. TA037977-01

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/s/ Tamara Reus

TAMARA REUS

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Supreme Court of California

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/s/Nina Wilder

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