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CAPITAL CASE

Jorge E. Navarrete Clerk and Executive Officer Supreme Court of California 350 McAllister Street San Francisco, CA 94102-4797

> Re: People v. Robert Ward Frazier, S148863 Focus Letter

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

This case is scheduled for oral argument on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. At that hearing counsel for appellant intend to focus our argument on the following two issues:

- 1. The claim from Appellant's Supplemental Opening Brief, filed October 27, 2023: Appellant Was Denied His Fundamental Sixth Amendment Right to Choose the Objective of the Penalty Phase Defense.
- The second claim from Appellant's Opening Brief, filed October 27, 2014: The Death Judgment Must Be Reversed Because Appellant Was Erroneously Denied His Constitutional Right to Self-Representation at the Penalty Trial.

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

Sincerely,

/s/

Mark R. Feeser Supervising Deputy State Public Defender

Attorney for Appellant

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

Case Name:People v. Robert Ward FrazierCase Number:Cal. Supreme Ct. No. S148863Contra Costa County Sup. Ct. No. 5-041700-6

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I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the foregoing is true and correct. Signed on **April 29, 2024**, at Sacramento County, California.

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/s/Christopher Gonzalez

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