



**A PETITION FOR
INSTITUTIONAL-RESTITUTION**

Preamble

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We understand that Prisoners from all racial/cultural backgrounds were victimized by the California Department of Corrections (CDCr) long term Solitary Confinement/Isolation campaign, and by no means will we ever diminish their unjust suffering, but we represent a class of New Afrikan political Prisoners who have been fighting this fight since the 1960s when no one else was, and they have sacrificed more to this prison struggle than anyone. Their leading roles in the Hunger Strikes and Campaign to shut down the Control Unit Prison/Security Housing Unit (SHU) (i.e. solitary Confinement) is just another example of their collective effort and consistent dedication and commitment towards combatting racial oppression/persecution, not to mention fascism. We ask of you to understand our campaign, and the integrity of our intentions. This Petition for Institutional-Restitution is designed to bring Justice to those New Afrikan imprisoned activists who have been persecuted and tortured for their political beliefs and activities since the 1960s, if they don't deserve to be compensated, then who does? These Brothers have sacrificed their lives to this just cause for the last 60 years.

Support or Call for Justice

The following is what we believe to be a just, fair, and reasonable request for the inhumane treatment that many New Afrikan Politically Active Prisoners were subjected to on a regular basis while they were being held in Solitary Confinement/Isolation both at Pelican Bay and Corcoran State Prison's.

The Amerikan Judicial System strongly claims that they believe in the full restoration of those who have been victimized unjustly, and being in prison does not negate the rights of Prisoners to receive restorative justice from a system that has (and continues to) commit crimes against them (us) under the manufactured cloak of combatting prison-gangs. Via the Ashker v. Government settlement the Prisoner-Class proved their case beyond a reasonable doubt; even the Judge in this matter had strongly recommended that the CDCr and Government settle this matter out-of-court.

Note: The CDCr had criminalized the political beliefs, activities, and their history of the New Afrikan Politically conscious Prisoner-class, explicitly qualifying this Class of Prisoners by international law and international standards/definition Political Prisoners/POW. This Class of Prisoners (i.e. New Afrikan Political Prisoners) were being denied release from solitary Confinement, as well as Parole as a direct result of their political beliefs and activities, and thus, becoming imprisoned as a direct result of those political beliefs and activities. Even a Judge ruled that she had concerns that the

CDCr may have taken a race-based short-cut and assume anything having to do with Afrikan-American History and Culture would be banned under the guise of being gang activities This New Afrikan class of Political prisoners held in solitary confinement at both Pelican Bay and Corcoran State Prison was often unjustly penalized for their political activities, including their writings and reading literature. Many of them were also penalized for saying “Hello” to one another and given disciplinary reports for rule violations; manufactured violations just to justify their continuous confinement in Isolation. This is why this Petition for Institutional Restitution is requesting restorative justice for this particular class of Prisoners, because it is evidently clear that their persecution (i.e. Long-Term Isolation, Torture, Racial discrimination, Censorship, just to name a few) was directly based on their Political beliefs/activities, and their racial and cultural background as New Afrikans.

Restorative Justice Request

1. While spending decades in Solitary Confinement/Isolation. i.e. The Security Housing Unit (SHU), this Class of New Afrikan Political Prisoners for the most part were not allowed to participate in a number of Educational/Vocational, and/or Self-Help programs, and as a result many of them were unable to attain the necessary criteria to become suitable for parole. These New Afrikan Prisoners that fall under this class should not be held to the same standards of the general population, especially since the CDCr illegally denied them that opportunity to attain their suitability by keeping them in Solitary Confinement/Isolation for decades.
2. It is Restorative Justice that the New Afrikan Political-Prisoners Class be determined suitable for parole based on the following the criteria:
 - a) How much time they have served on their sentences.
 - b) Family Support.
 - c) A source of legitimate and legal financial support.
 - d) Job opportunity if applicable.

*Those who do not meet these criteria should be entitled to be housed in a prison such as San Quentin State Prison where programs are available that will help them become suitable for parole.

3. Many of the New Afrikan Prisoners who fell under the above stated class while in Solitary Confinement received a number of questionable Rules Violation Reports (RVRs: Disciplinary Reports) for allegedly engaging in promoting prison-gang activities, when in fact the CDCr had reduced Black History Books/Literature to gang material and gang political activities to justify

keeping them in Isolation. Many of these New Afrikan Political Prisoners received additional time in Solitary, more time in prison, as well as denied parole as a direct result of the CDCr's illegal scheme of transforming Black History/Literature to gang-activity, which made having possession a serious rule violation.

4. The above stated New Afrikan Class of Prisoners had served 20 to 50 years in Solitary Confinement/Isolation. They were released into general population without any consideration for the damages the CDCr caused them, and then they were treated like all other Prisoners. They are not like just any other Prisoner; they are a rare and unique Class of Prisoners: They were subjected to decades of both psychological and physical torture, which includes sensory deprivation: they should have the option to serve their time in a prison like San Quentin State Prison, providing them with the opportunity to heal.

Note: We understand that many Prisoners had served long-term confinement in Solitary/Isolation within the CDCr, but this Class of Prisoners was the only Class specifically targeted for their Political beliefs and activities, not to mention their race.

5. We are requesting a hearing before a panel that is made up of the following proposed individuals:
 - a) A Federal Magistrate.
 - b) CDCr Secretary or Director.
 - c) Board of Parole Hearing Commissioner.
 - d) Prisoner Rights Attorney.
 - e) Civil Rights Attorney.
 - f) NAACP-Rep.
 - g) Black Community Activist.

People, this is only a proposal, it is not set in concrete. The proposed panel should not entirely consist of government or law enforcement officials. Each New Afrikan Political Prisoner will be provided an opportunity to tell their personal experience and why they should be released/or given a parole date. This will not be required. Each affected Prisoner who represents this particular Class will have the option to speak to this panel. We believe the opportunity should/must be made available; a public hearing tends to discourage the Government from covering up Human Injustices that are being committed in their name.

6. This small Class of New Afrikan Political Prisoners meets both the state and federal low-risk assessment. For example:

- a) They are all above the age of 50
- b) They all have served over 30 years of imprisonment.
- c) They all have outside support.

We request their immediate release!

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