

Dear Governor Newsom,

My name is Gary Ousdahl, owner of Advanced Management & Foundation 360 in Los Angeles, CA. I have worked in entertainment as an agent, manager and producer for the last 20 years plus. Some of my clients include William Zabka & Martin Kove (two of the stars from the hit Netflix series, Cobra Kai), DJ Quik, The Wu-Tang Clan and the punk rock band NOFX just to name a few. However, I am writing to you today about my dear friend, Ryan Mickey.

Ryan and I grew up in the same neighborhood of San Diego county in a small golf community off of the 15 freeway called, "Hidden Meadows". As kids, we would ride bikes all day, skateboard together, learned how to play the guitar (or at least try), fought over the affection of the same girl, hiked the hills and did everything teenagers of that age would do. We were good kids. We both had great parents and incredibly supportive families, which is still the case today.

I'm writing to tell you that I've known of Ryan's case and have been tracking it since he was charged and there is NO WAY that the Ryan I know is anything but a great human being incapable of intentionally taking another life. He's a kind soul, an artist, an athlete and a family guy. Were he and I a bit mischievous as kids? Of course we were! But nothing criminal, nefarious or in any way to intentionally hurt another person. We were kids growing up together and pure of soul. This is the person I know. The person that I became friends with and have remained friends with through all of these years. And I know for a fact that he would never try and harm a child. If anything, Ryan is being punished for administering CPR incorrectly. He was trying to save this girl's life! He should be a hero for reacting so quickly and doing everything he could to help.

I am personally begging you to give this man another chance at life. I'm putting it in writing and would swear in front of you personally that I undeniably vouch for him and would help him in my line of work if he were to be released. Whether it would be at my management company assisting actors or helping on set for one of the TV shows or movies I produce, I know he will be an asset to me and someone I can trust with my life.

I urge you to re-review his case, see that he has spent his time and beg of you to give my friend another chance. If there's anyone I can speak with to reassure that I would help him once released, I will gladly travel anywhere to make that a possibility. But please believe me, that Ryan Mikey is a good man. He is my friend and is in no way a danger to society.

My contact information is below and I thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

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REHABILITATION THROUGH BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE AT RICHARD J. DONOVAN

DATE: June 23, 2022

To: Whom it may concern

Subject: PEER SUPPORT FOR RYAN MICKEY CDCR# AD-2970

My name is Joel Baptiste and I am the Secretary for the Rehabilitation Through Beautification Committee. I am writing this letter in strong support of Mr. Mickey for laudatory acknowledgement in his sacrifice for others as well as his rehabilitative efforts.

The Rehabilitation Through Beautification Committee (RTBC) is a special committee appointed by the Warden. This committee has consistently found practical avenues to address the rehabilitative mission of the institution. Mr. Mickey is a talented artist and thinker, always giving of his time to further the goals on our agenda. Most recently, the RTBC met with J. Barretto, the Under-Secretary for the Department of Corrections, we will be beginning the reconstruction of the Facility-E exercise yard to support rehabilitative programs through improved cognitive performance and mission compatibility. Mr. Mickey has marketable skills vocationally and will be one of our biggest assets on this reconstruction project.

In addition to his involvement with our group Mr. Mickey has initiated his own self-help group and developed his own curriculum. Participants in his class will cover the fundamentals involved with biomechanics, kinesiology, and exercise physiology and sports nutrition. His class is designed to highlight how the impact of training correctly and utilizing proper dietary practices can affect all aspects of one's life. Those who participate experience a wealth of information to better influence their body movement and eating practices. This group is highly regarded on the facility and has helped many participants gain a better understanding of their own habits.

As a college student Mr. Mickey is consummate. After graduating with distinction myself I really like to associate with like-minded people who share post-secondary educational aspirations. When Mr. Mickey has free time he can be found in a study hall going over complex equations and formulas on a dry-erase board; to ensure that not only he, but those in his cohort have adequately absorbed the lessons being taught. When Mr. Mickey returns to his community he will not be an aimless parolee, but a person with a support network and opportunities to better himself and contribute to society.

When I asked Mr. Mickey to tell me something about himself while attending college and participating in these various pro-social groups, he stated, **"every day I decide my future success or failure by the things I decide to dedicate my energy and time towards."** This is indicative of the person I see on a daily basis. As I mentioned earlier, I have a very arduous schedule and I am often pulled in and out of meetings. As I cross paths with Mr. Mickey I can clearly see a man on task. It is without reserve that I take time out of my day to write this letter of support for a man who clearly deserves it and gives so much to others.

Sincerely,



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