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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) No. CR 16-00083-AB  
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12 Plaintiff, ) DEFENDANT PAUL GARY WALLACE'S  
 ) SUPERSEDING FILING OF CHARACTER  
13 v. ) LETTERS;  
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14 PAUL GARY WALLACE, )  
 ) Hearing date: 8-9-19  
15 Defendant. ) Hearing time: 1:30 p.m.  
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17 Defendant, Paul Gary Wallace, by and through his attorney,  
18 Yolanda Barrera, hereby files the attached Superseding Filing of  
19 Character Letters which includes four character letters  
20 confirming his volunteer work.

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22 Respectfully submitted,

23 /s/

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YOLANDA BARRERA  
Attorney for Defendant  
25 PAUL GARY WALLACE

26 DATED: August 9, 2019  
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Dear Honorable Judge,

I write to enthusiastically bear witness to the exceptional character of Paul Wallace. I am the Development Consultant at the Youth Justice Coalition and a college counselor at Crenshaw High School. Paul and I met about six months ago at Chuco's Justice Center, a school, community center, and training institute. It was at this time I was introduced to Mustard Seed Foundation, an amazing organization that Paul founded specifically to support young people in South Central Los Angeles.

Paul Wallace is currently leading community campaigns to mentor youth, neutralize neighborhood violence, intervene in sexual assault, and improve conditions for young people in under-resourced areas of L.A. Paul calls these young people family. While I have known Paul for a relatively small amount of time I am witness to Paul's unwavering commitment to bring about positive transformative change to the world. In the short time that I have known Paul I have seen him convene five Keeping the Peace summits bringing together over 40 men, members of the community who share his vision of a Los Angeles without intra-community violence. During this period, I've also watched Paul and the Mustard Seed Foundation hold free trainings for community members to learn wound care and emergency life support bringing together medical professionals also providing training on mental health and substance abuse intervention.

Paul Wallace is an asset to our community. I've only known Paul to be a gentle, hardworking family man with strong bonds to the Los Angeles community specifically in the area surrounding Chuco's Justice Center located on Central Avenue between Florence and Manchester. Ask Paul what he wants to do he'll say, "talk to the youth and tell them not to gang bang". Beyond the violence prevention and peace-building that Paul does he and the Mustard Seed Foundation are also distributing over \$1,000 in schools supplies and have organized for a dental truck to come to our neighborhood to offer free oral exams and services to a community with a dearth of essential resources. Removing Paul from our community would be highly disruptive for many youth and adults who depend on his leadership.

Recently Paul shared his story with me recounting the miraculous ways he survived being shot in the spine in 1982 leaving him in a wheel chair for 2 years only to be shot again 7 times on July 23, 1984 and again with a shotgun in his back in 1985. Paul Wallace is here for a reason and he is living in his purpose. Paul's posture and gait have been altered by gunfire and if one is observant can visibly see he suffers pain on daily basis however you'll never him complain or even mention it.

Overall, Paul is an incredible human being dedicated to his family, his community, and to social justice. I hope that the examples that I have shared in this letter effectively convey how hard Paul works to create a more just world. Please feel free to contact me at [jmarks.organize@gmail.com](mailto:jmarks.organize@gmail.com) or at (661) 526 9928.

Sincerely,

Justin Andrew Marks

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August 6, 2019

Letter of Support for Paul Gary Wallace

Date of Birth: 1/14/1966

Dear Court Officials:

My name is Kruti Parekh and I am a Coach for Healing & Justice and Social Worker working with families returning home after incarceration. I work closely with several community groups in Los Angeles, including the Chuco's Justice Center, Children's Defense Fund, Youth Justice Coalition, Social Justice Learning Institute and Youth Build Charter School of California. The organizations are excellent examples of social justice consciousness, deep compassion, collaboration and community support. I have met Mr. Wallace through the work that he has done at Chuco's Justice Center supporting peace building work in the center and community. I have known Mr. Wallace for about 5 months.

Mr. Wallace and I are a part of a community center called Chuco's Justice Center in South Central. There are roughly 30 community organizations doing a range of powerful work out of the center - re-entry services, education, peace building, counseling, organizing, job training and placement. Two additional programs that feel like are a great fit for Mr. Wallace are the transformative justice practitioners circle as well as community alternatives to emergencies which take place on a monthly basis. These are community gatherings that Mr. Wallace could join and quickly lead due to his experience, commitment and commitment to peace building efforts. I strongly believe he is an asset to the center. Mr. Wallace continues to have so many opportunities to work closely with other former incarcerated people who have transformed their lives in a way that will inspire him and keep him on the right track - as he has been able to do with so many others.

From the very moment that I met Mr. Wallace, he has been a stellar example for the youth and staff at Chuco's Justice Center. Mr. Wallace provided safety for all members of the center when they moved from Inglewood into South Central and there were concerns with neighborhood threats of violence, Mr. Wallace masterfully helped community build across differences. The center needs leaders like Mr. Wallace to continue the incredible work of the center.

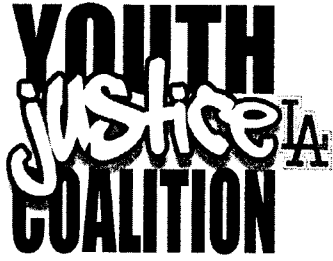
In my 20+ years of experience working with youth and families, I have witnessed time and time again that people need to be surrounded by loved ones in order to grow and learn - while incarcerated and immediately after release. Mr. Wallace has a broad range of support systems to keep him on the right track as well as an increasing his support network through his work at Chuco's Justice Center.

I recommend you support Mr. Wallace's return to the community and the work he is doing with the Center as a part of his re-entry process, without any probation or parole supervision. If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Sincerely,

*Kruti Parekh*

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August 9, 2019

To the Honorable Andre Barrack Jr.,

It is my pleasure to write to you regarding the upstanding character of Paul Wallace and his pivotal role at our youth and community center. My name is Anthony Robles and I am a community organizer with the Youth Justice Coalition. We operate a youth and community Center called Chuco's Justice Center in the heart of South Central Los Angeles. We have a high school at our site and over 20 other community organizations use our space for various reasons including but not limited to political organizing, capoeira, youth programming, art-making workshops, making music in the recording studio, healing circles, first aid trainings, conferences, funeral receptions, proms, birthday parties, baby showers, and much more.

Since Paul first started working at our space as a peacebuilder through his organization The Mustard Seed Foundation, he has been instrumental in keeping everyone in the building safe along with mentoring the youth at our high school. Paul always comes into the building with an infectious positive attitude and smile on his face. He is well respected by everybody in the building and loved by all. The young people look up to Paul as someone who has transformed his life around despite the many challenges he faced. The young people connect with him on a deep level because he has been through the things they are going through and he is an example of somebody who has overcome those obstacles.

Paul has also been a leader in bringing together members from the Crips and Bloods for the purpose of ending their feuds and coming together to build peace and uplift their communities. His leadership and experience are vital to the positive outcomes the two groups are trying to achieve.

Chuco's Justice Center is a far more enriching space because what Paul brings each day. He is an irreplaceable figure in our space and in the community. He represents what we as a center practice everyday - transformative justice. The building we occupy was formerly the David Kenyon Juvenile Justice Center. Now it is a youth and community center driven to keep people out of the criminal justice system through providing resources and support. Paul is one of those resources. As somebody who was sentenced in our building as a young person, he represents the ultimate example of positive transformation.

I ask the Court to recognize this letter during its consideration of Paul Wallace.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the initials "AR" or similar, written in a cursive style.

Anthony Robles, Organizer  
Youth Justice Coalition

From the Desk of Dr. Cecil L. Murray  
Minister Retired, First AME Church

To: Los Angeles Superior Court

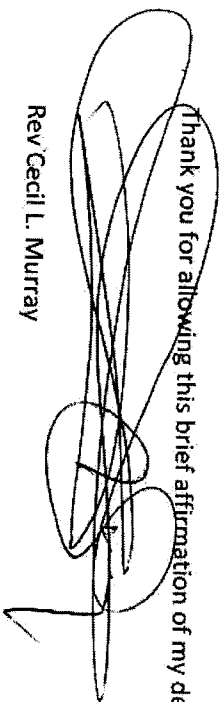
Subject: Letter of Appeal for Gary Wallace

Your Honor:

Please allow me to witness to the worthiness of Paul Gary Wallace, 53, that he has full determination to become a new creation. Having served in ministry for a half century. I have every reason to believe in Gary and his commitment to a new tomorrow, one filled with hope and industry.

If he is released, I will work with him on that new horizon of hope and well-being.

Thank you for allowing this brief affirmation of my determination.



Rev Cecil L. Murray

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