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## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

October 6, 2014

Pastor Gerardo Menchaca  
Director, Life in Focus Foundation  
New Beginning of Santa Barbara  
P.O. Box 3215  
Santa Barbara, CA 93130

To Whom It May Concern:

As First District Supervisor for Santa Barbara County, I have had the opportunity to interface with Pastor Gerardo Menchaca on a number of important community issues. Specifically, he has worked with at risk youth to help guide them away from a life of gangs and alcohol and drug dependence.

Through the Life in Focus Education (LIFE) program, Pastor Menchaca has demonstrated a commitment to providing opportunity and support for local youth who have been at risk of joining gangs and the negative lifestyles associated with them. Using personalized approaches and evidenced based data, the LIFE program provide knowledge and understanding of the dangers of alcohol and drug abuse and the long-term consequences of gang involvement. In addition, the LIFE offers youth a chance to reflect on their own life and the choices they have made in the context of their impacts to their families, friends and community. The knowledge gained, combined with personal reflection provides an opportunity for participating youth to set healthy long term goals and aspirations.

Pastor Menchaca and the LIFE program have a demonstrated commitment to giving back our community and I highly support these admirable efforts and goals.

Sincerely,

  
Salud Carbajal

  
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July 8, 2014

Pastor Gerardo Menchaca  
Director, Life in Focus Foundation  
New Beginning of Santa Barbara  
Post Office Box 3215  
Santa Barbara, California 93130

Dear Pastor Menchaca:

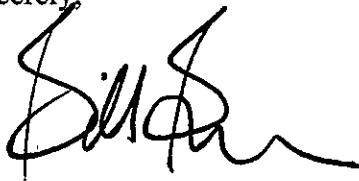
Thank you for the opportunity to speak at the Life in Focus Education (L.I.F.E.) 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Beachside Praise event on March 22, 2014 at Leadbetter Beach.

In Santa Barbara County we have witnessed countless times the destructive power of substance abuse and gang association. I support and applaud your tireless efforts to promote the theme of "Prevention through Intervention." The L.I.F.E. program offers positive choices for individuals through community education, intervention, and behavior modification.

I appreciate your support of law enforcement and desire to change lives for the better. We must employ all the tools in our arsenal to protect our citizens and give them a chance for a positive lifestyle. By working together, we can pave the road towards sobriety and success.

Again, thank you for the important work you do that offers hope for many people who struggle with dependency issues and gang violence.

Sincerely,



**BILL BROWN**  
Sheriff - Coroner



## MCS Outreach and Intervention Team

A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN MODESTO CITY SCHOOLS,  
MODESTO POLICE DEPARTMENT AND STANISLAUS COUNTY PROBATION

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October 19, 2007

Gerardo Menchaca  
Modesto Youth Center  
140 Calaveras Avenue  
Modesto, CA 95354

Dear Gerardo Menchaca,

The Modesto City Schools Outreach and Intervention Team (MOIT) was formed to prevent and reduce gang activity, truancy and risky or criminal behavior. The Modesto City Schools Outreach & Intervention Team (MOIT) is an interagency team consisting of a Police Officer, a Probation Officer and a MOIT Coordinator. This specialized team was formed through a collaborative effort among Modesto City-Schools and Stanislaus County Probation. The Goal of MOIT is provide support and outreach services for 5th-9th grade students at-risk of joining gangs, dropping out of school or engaging in risky or criminal behavior by coordinating and maximizing the efforts of law enforcement and schools.

To meet this goal we collaborate and network with the Modesto Youth Center. The Modesto Youth Center is an effective and quality organization that is changing and transforming the lives of at-risk youth and their families in our community. The numerous programs offered by the Modesto Youth Center are providing hope and purpose to our at-risk youth who do not believe in themselves. I am very grateful and thankful to collaborate with Modesto Youth Center. The Modesto Youth Center has been an asset and extremely valuable resource to our MOIT Program. I look forward to continuing our collaboration and great works together.

Sincerely,



Jorge Perez

Modesto Outreach and Intervention Team Coordinator



June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006

To: Modesto Youth Center  
CC: Jerry Menchaca

I would like to thank you for your recent presentations to the youth of the PRIDE Program. The students of Prescott Junior High and Chrysler Elementary are at risk youth that need organizations and community representatives, like the Modesto Youth Center, to continue to impact their lives in positive ways. **Your first hand experience and presentation style impacted the youth of the PRIDE program. The weeks that followed were filled with group and one on one conversations regarding the information presented by Jerry Menchaca and his colleagues.** One of the most important tools to combat gangs and drugs in our community is by creating open conversations with youth. Jerry Menchaca's program provided that for our group of students. The Modesto Youth Center exemplifies Stanislaus County Office of Education's mission to "put kids first" in our schools and community. Many thanks again for all your help and support.

Sincerely,

*Aaron W Raby*

**Aaron W. Raby**  
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*Stanislaus County Office of Education*  
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**SAN GABRIEL VALLEY  
CONSERVATION CORPS**

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RE: Mr. Jerry Menchaca

To whom it may concern:

Mr. Menchaca has provided substance abuse treatment service through the CARE program at San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps this last year. The quality of work has been very consistent, and he has shown a sincere concern for the progress of our students that have been dealing with substance abuse and other emotional issues in their lives. His expert understanding on substance abuse, gang and prison culture as well as their connection, has empowered him in providing a unique perspective in helping our students, and has evolved into a great relationship with our staff. He has proven to be a valuable resource in understanding the needs of our teachers & counselors at our school. We believe that work in establishing the Southern California Youth Coalition will be a great asset to our community. His new program has all the needed components in making a great prevention, intervention and mentorship program for our youth.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Danny Oaxaca  
Executive Director  
San Gabriel Valley Conservation Corps  
Ph - 626-444-5337

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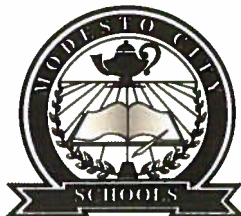
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June 14, 2007

Dear Jerry:

The Modesto City Schools Board of Education is recognizing the outstanding dedication and commitment of the Dr. Parker Steering Committee.

Board members would like to formally recognize you at the **Monday, June 25, 2007 Board of Education Meeting**. The meeting will be held in the Board Room of the District Office Staff Development Center, 425 Locust Street.

Meetings begin at 6 p.m., but **please arrive at 5:45 p.m.** Your family and friends are invited to attend and bring a camera/video recorder.

If you cannot attend, please contact the Pupil Services Office at 576-4043.

Sincerely,

Jim Pfaff  
Associate Superintendent  
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**STANISLAUS COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

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JERRY POWERS  
*Chief Probation Officer*

June 11, 2007

Gerardo Menchaca  
Modesto Youth Center  
140 Calaveras Avenue  
Modesto, California 95354

Re: Family Guidance Program, May 10, 2007

Dear Mr. Menchaca:

I want to thank you again for your assistance in educating our minors on informal probation about the opportunities available in your organization. You did a great job in presenting valuable information to our probationers, and I'm sure that it will encourage them to think seriously about their future.

Your donation of time and expertise is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Stephanie M. Jimenez  
Deputy Probation Officer II

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September 21, 2007

To Whom It May Concern:

As Protestant Chaplain and lead chaplain at OHCYCF, I have enjoyed the privilege of working with and supervising the volunteer ministries of several churches and organizations as they provided services to our incarcerated populations. I have been particularly impressed with the ministry of Mr. Gerardo Menchaca. His passion, professionalism, commitment, and understanding of prison culture and how specifically to relate the Gospel to our unique population is, unparalleled.

Mr. Menchaca has over 15 years of experience as a Religious Volunteer within the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice (formerly the California Youth Authority). His body of work includes providing leadership and life skills training, spiritual and pastoral care, individual and group counseling.

Mr. Menchaca has exhibited strong leadership and the ability to "connect" with our population because of his empathy and a personal understanding of gang subculture. His past and present continued willingness to positively impact the lives of our incarcerated youth has not gone unnoticed within the department. Therefore on behalf of the staff and wards at OHCYCF, I wish to pause long enough to thank him for his service. Gerardo Menchaca has my highest recommendation should he need my reference to assist him in future endeavors.

  
Sincerely, Mel Zachary  
Protestant Chaplain  
OHC Youth Correctional Facility  
(209) 944-6382



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November 18, 2008

JERRY MENCHACA  
Reverend  
Southern California Youth Coalition  
10248 Alondra Boulevard  
Bellflower, CA 90706

**RE: Letter of Appreciation**

Dear Reverend Menchaca:

As you know, on October 24, 2008 the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement facilitated a prevention, education, and awareness event, known as the "Drug Store" program. The "Drug Store" program is an anti-drug initiative focused on educating hundreds of middle school students on the consequences of drug use. Using realistic props, the "Drug Store" takes a student through a series of nine stations, each dramatizing a step in the life of a student who uses drugs. The students are introduced to different careers and static displays that continue the anti-drug message. The event culminates with an assembly and key-note speaker who further champions the anti-drug message. This year, Phoenix Suns center, Mr. Shaquille O'Neal set the tone and supported the event, as the key-note speaker.

This event required one year to plan, prepare, and logistically arrange. This year, the "Drug Store" program was offered at Tuffree Middle School and over 800 students were intimately familiarized with the ultimate effects of drug use and abuse. The fundamental success of this program hinged on the participation and cooperation of all Orange County Prevention Coalitions and community representatives, such as yourself and Mark Walldes. Your participation in the "Funeral" scene reinforced the power of positive choices and provided Tuffree Middle School students with some important introspect on both life and death. Your realistic approach and interaction with the students provided a unique and lasting experience.

The California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement extends its sincere appreciation to you and Cassandra Robinson, eMSN, of Placentia Linda Hospital for her contribution to the 2008 Orange County Drug Store. Her efforts went beyond her normal duties and she should be commended for her professionalism, commitment, and dedication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Sara Marie Simpson".

SARA MARIE SIMPSON, Special Agent In Charge  
Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement

For **EDMUND G. BROWN JR.**  
Attorney General



# Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee



County of Los Angeles

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Mark Delgado, Executive Director

November 29, 2007

Mr. Jerry Menchaca  
Calvary Recovery Center  
530 West Badillo, Suite C  
Covina, CA 91723

Dear Mr. Menchaca:

On behalf of the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee, I would like to thank you for your support of the Ex-Offender Job, Resource, and Health Fair that was held at the Long Beach City College on Friday, October 12, 2007. Your organization's participation was much appreciated by both the County and those in attendance. We received very positive feedback from the individuals that came.

Within the next few months, we hope to schedule another job fair. Once this is finalized, we will inform you of the date and location. We hope that you will be available to participate in that event as well.

Again, thank you for your support. I look forward to working with you in the future.

Very truly yours,

MARK DELGADO, Executive Director  
Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee

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# HLC

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**March 6, 2007**

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**To Whom it May Concern:**

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**The Hispanic Leadership Council of Stanislaus County is happy to support the founding of 2nd Chance Ministry, an organization that will be engaged in fighting gang and substance abuse in our community.**

Sergeant at Arms  
Gerardo Menchaca

**This newly formed organization was founded by Hispanic Leadership Council Board member Gerardo Menchaca, and will provide gang and drug-related intervention and prevention through education and awareness, with an emphasis on our youth.**

Secretary  
Veronica Lopez

**Gerardo has a long history of community involvement and possesses the expertise to effectively address gang and drug-related problems. Under his guidance and direction, 2nd Chance Ministry promises to favorably impact the lives of many in our community for the better.**

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**Sincerely,**

Dante Alvarez



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**cc: HLC Board**

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March 9, 2007

Gerardo "Jerry" Menchaca  
2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Ministry  
Modesto Youth Center  
Modesto, CA

Mr. Menchaca:

FamiliesFirst is a non-profit organization that provides treatment services to more than 10,000 children and family members annually throughout Northern Central California. Our four main programs include Foster Care, Residential Treatment, School Programs and Community Based Services. The Modesto FamiliesFirst office currently serves approximately 110 foster children, from birth to 18 years of age.

On behalf of the families who participated in your Gang Awareness Training, I would like to thank you. Your training provided the families with a wealth of knowledge in the areas presented. In addition, the audio/visual and written information added to the impact of this very serious issue in our community. Following the training, many families were in awe with the information and wanted a follow-up presentation.

Once again, thank you for coming. We look forward to collaborating with you again. If you would like to reach me, please contact me at (209) 523-3710.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharon Patterson".

Sharon Patterson  
Placement Supervisor/Foster Parent Trainer  
Modesto FamiliesFirst