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> Re: *People v. Caro*, S106274 AUTOMATIC APPEAL

Dear Mr. Navarrete:

This case is calendared for oral argument on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

As counsel for appellant, I intend to focus on the following issues:

Argument III:

THE TRIAL COURT ERRED IN DISMISSING TWO JURORS FOR CAUSE OVER DEFENSE OBJECTION WHEN BOTH JURORS SAID THEY COULD IMPOSE DEATH

This issue is Argument III in appellant's opening brief and appellant's supplemental opening brief.

Argument XIII:

THE TRIAL COURT VIOLATED APPELLANT'S RIGHT TO A FAIR AND IMPARTIAL JURY WHEN IT DISMISSED ONE OF TWO JURORS WHO BRIEFLY MENTIONED THE EMOTIONALISM OF DELIBERATIONS WHILE TALKING TOGETHER IN THE COURT PARKING LOT DURING GUILT PHASE DELIBERATIONS

This issue is Argument XIII in appellant's opening brief and appellant's supplemental opening brief.

Argument XVIII:

THE TRIAL COURT ABDICATED ITS LEGAL AND STATUTORY DUTIES WHEN, AFTER THE PARTIES SUBMITTED AN EMAIL TO THE COURT LISTING 48 JURORS THEY AGREED COULD BE EXCUSED FOR CAUSE, THE COURT EXCUSED THOSE JURORS WITHOUT ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT WHETHER THE JURORS WERE ACTUALLY EXCUSABLE FOR CAUSE, WITHOUT CONDUCTING ANY VOIR DIRE OF THOSE JURORS, AND WITHOUT AN ACTUAL FINDING THAT THE JURORS MET THE CRITERIA FOR EXCUSAL FOR CAUSE RESULTING IN A NUMBER OF JURORS BEING EXCUSED WHEN A CAUSE FINDING WAS NOT WARRANTED IN VIOLATION OF APPELLANT'S CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

This issue is Argument XVIII in appellant's supplemental opening brief and was only raised in that brief.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy J. Dressner Attorney for appellant Socorro Caro

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