



## COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF THE PENAL CODE

May 25, 2021

On May 14, 2021, the Committee on the Revision of the Penal Code voted unanimously to make the following policy recommendations to the Governor and Legislature, Government Code § 8290.5. A full report detailing these recommendations, including supporting analysis and data, will be released later this summer.

1. Repeal California's death penalty.
2. In the interim, reduce the number of people on death row by the following means:
  - Award clemency to commute death sentences.
  - Settle pending legal challenges to capital sentences.
  - Recall death sentences under Penal Code § 1170(d)(1).
  - Limit the felony-murder special circumstance. (*See, e.g.*, SB 300.)
  - Restore judicial discretion to dismiss special circumstances. (*See, e.g.*, SB 300 and AB 1224.)
  - Amend the Racial Justice Act of 2020 to give it retroactive application. (AB 256.)
  - Remove people who are permanently mentally incompetent from death row.

Videos of the Committee hearings, witness statements, staff memos, and Committee contact information are available at [clrc.ca.gov/CRPC/](http://clrc.ca.gov/CRPC/).

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael Romano".

Michael Romano  
Chair