Tung Nguyen, a community organizer in Orange County, California, currently possesses a Final Order of Deportation due to his history of incarceration and lives in fear of being separated from his family and his community, where he is much needed.

Tung and his team submit an application for a pardon from Governor Jerry Brown, which included over 70 letters of support from community members. Now, we need YOUR help to show Brown how much his community needs him. Please call the following numbers to show your support:

Call these numbers and tell them why you support a Governor's Pardon for Tung Nguyen!

Dan Torres - Director of Immigrant Integration in the Office of Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.
(916) 324-2472

Kristina Lindquist - Deputy Legal Affairs Secretary
(916) 445-0873

Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr.'s Office
(916) 445-2841
Read the following script if you do not know what to say:

My name is ____, and I represent ____ (an organization, community group, or just the city or county where you live). (If you know Tung Nguyen personally, describe how you know him). I am calling in strong support of Tung Nguyen.

We are thankful that Tung Nguyen was issued an Executive Order from Governor Brown’s office to help him with his parole in 2011. **We are respectfully calling on Governor Brown’s office again, and urge your office to take action and issue him a pardon.**

In 1993 Tung Nguyen was tried as an adult and sentenced to 25 years. He was a 16-year-old refugee who had fled his war-ravaged home in Vietnam and resettled in California only three years earlier. Tung spent the next 18 years of his life incarcerated at San Quentin prison. His dedication to transformative introspection and intense personal growth planted the seeds for the person he became while behind bars and continues to be today. He is a fierce advocate for restorative justice and devoted public servant.

Tung’s kindness, courage, and altruism while at San Quentin earned him early parole in 2011. The parole board set his release date to 2023, but Gov. Jerry Brown issued an executive order demanding Tung’s immediate release, which was the only time in history Brown has overruled a parole board decision in demand of early release. Since then, Tung has continued to make his life about serving some of the most stigmatized and marginalized communities, using lessons he learned from his own mistakes to help pass criminal justice reform, advocate for victim-offender outreach and reconciliation, champion immigration reform, and build API-ROC (Asian and Pacific Islanders Re-Entry of Orange County), a project dedicated to supporting and increasing access to re-entry and immigration services for formerly incarcerated Asian and Pacific Islanders, including individuals who are at risk of deportation. Tung is currently a finalist for a Soros Foundation fellowship and, if selected, will have the funding and support he needs to fully realize his vision for API-ROC.

While he fights for others, Tung’s own future hangs in the balance. Tung’s best chance for climbing out of immigration purgatory is being pardoned for his criminal conviction from Governor Edmund Brown, which would then make him eligible to reopen his immigration case and petition for legal status. This is what will give Tung the true second chance at life he deserves, one which he will undoubtedly use to continue to courageously fight for those whose voices often go unheard.

(Share why Tung Nguyen’s case is personal or meaningful to you).

Thank you for your consideration of Tung Nguyen’s pardon. I appreciate you taking the time to speak with me.