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**Testimony for the Little Hoover Commission
Public Hearing 1-23-2003
California's Parole Policies**

- A.
- 1) Crime Victims United of California is a Political Action Committee dedicated to promote public safety. Crime Victims United Charitable Foundation is dedicated to prevention of crime.
 - 2) California cannot be compared to other states, due to its unique make-up
- B.
- 1) Protect from any re-occurrence of crime from the parolee
Make parolee productive in society
 - 2) Parolee violations need to be classified
 - 3) 24-hour supervision is needed, such as Delancey Street in San Francisco and other various 24-hour programs across the state
 - 4) Proposition 36 is a failure due to lack of 24-hour supervision and accountability
 - 5) Victim Advocates should have input into building alternative programs
Offenders must be accountable to victims and families.
- C.
- 1) Prisoners, while in prison, should be more accountable and productive and should pay for Board and Care. Before the re-enter society, they need to understand what it is like to pay for board and care and basic survival. They must also be responsible in paying back the victim or victim's family for restitution.
 - 2) Staff should receive victim's input before rendering a decision on parole of inmates.
 - 3) Regional parole hearings should be established to cut down on the expenses to the State and to victims and to also make the hearings more efficient.