

**“Inside” FUEL Members:**

“Everyone affected by LWOP should be activist for sentencing reform; if we don’t stand for ourselves, who will?” Macio L.

“Our greatest defeat comes from not trying; united our voice resonates.” J. Heard

*“Life without hope is not mercy, it is a slow mental torture sapping the life from us every day.” Dortell Williams*

“Be the change that you want to see in the world.” R. Sunjai Boyde

“I’m not asking for a ‘get out of jail free card,’ I’m only asking for an opportunity to earn my way out of prison.” Joseph Weathington

~Lancaster Prison FUEL Members



**Commuted in 2018  
Progressive Programming Facility  
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Please ask your outside support group (family, friends, and loved ones) to become members of FUEL by emailing geri silva at [gerifcp@gmail.com](mailto:gerifcp@gmail.com).

Tell her they would like to become a FUEL member. They will be placed on the FUEL email contact list and be notified of meeting dates, and times, LWOP information and FUEL’s itinerary.

**FUEL is a project of  
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**Commuted LWOP’s in Sacramento - March 2020**

**Families United  
To End LWOP  
Life Without  
The Possibility of  
Parole  
FUEL**



**Start a FUEL  
chapter in your  
facility**



## ***What is FUEL ~ Families United to End LWOP?***

- **FUEL** is a grassroots, community organization composed of families & friends of men and women who are serving sentences of LWOP.
- **FUEL's** mission is to educate our community by bringing awareness about LWOP and the cruelty and inhumanity of this sentence.
- **FUEL's** purpose is to achieve LWOP sentencing reform to provide the possibility of parole to those sentenced to this de facto death sentence.
- **FUEL** members coordinate to combine our collective ideas and efforts to organize and create a platform to present to lawmakers and politicians the humanity, worth, and rehabilitative efforts of men and women sentenced to LWOP.



**FUEL Meeting in Northern California 2018**



**FUEL Rally in Sacramento 11-13-18**

## ***Why Start A FUEL Chapter?***

1. To be proactive about gaining your freedom.
2. To pool the collective resources of LWOPs and supporters to bring about sentencing reform.
3. To unite and work together to disseminate accurate information for those who support LWOP sentencing reform.
4. To collaborate with community members, supporters, and prisoner activist, to create effective ways and means to bring about change.
5. To mobilize supporters of LWOP reform to advocate and participate in campaigns to the California state legislature of the need for LWOP reform.
6. To work with FUEL Insider groups



**LWOP  
Mama's**

## ***How to Start A FUEL Chapter in your Facility***

### **Step 1:**

Contact FUEL coordinator, Geri Silva and notify her of your desire to start a FUEL chapter at your institution, on your yard.

### **Step 2:**

Post sign-up sheets in each of your housing units on your facility for those who wish to participate in the FUEL chapter.

### **Step 3:**

Schedule a meeting to select committee members who will be the FUEL chapter's executive body members at your institutional facility. (Not an Inmate Leisure Time Activity Group)

### **Step 4:**

Send FUEL Coordinator the names, CDC numbers, and mailing address of the participants and executive body members.

### **Step 5:**

Schedule a time to meet with the new FUEL chapter participants to discuss LWOP issue, ideas, and avenues to pursue LWOP sentencing reform.

