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CCCBA STATEMENT RE: VERDICT AND SENTENCING IN AHMAUD ARBERY MURDER CASE

The Contra Costa County Bar Association (CCCBA) applauds the recent guilty verdict and Defendants' sentencing for their horrific murder of Ahmaud Arbery. We are hopeful that the jury's verdict and Court's sentencing provides Mr. Arbery's friends, family, and community some closure and sense of justice for a wrong that cannot ever be set right.

We know that, "justice delayed is justice denied." The prosecution of Mr. Arbery's murderers was delayed because the original prosecutor had a relationship with the defendants. We are relieved that, because of the hard work of those involved in the justice system, the matter was ultimately brought before the proper tribunal, a fair trial was held, and a just verdict was returned.

Justice must be blind to any form of favoritism or bias. We trust that the continuing investigation will result in any individuals who obstructed justice being charged and a fair trial held.

The CCCBA stands for diversity, equity, and inclusion; we seek to foster relationships within our legal community as well as the community at-large. Therefore, in all of its activities and operations, the CCCBA strives to eliminate discrimination based on race, color, religion (creed), gender (including gender identity and expression), age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military veteran status. We issue this statement as an example of our commitment to stand against racism, oppression, and discrimination and to promote equal justice for all.