

## **Report on Public Policy Position**

**Name of section:**

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**Regarding:**

Department of Corrections Parole Policy

**Date position was adopted:**

November 18, 2008

**Process used to take the ideological position:**

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting.

**Number of members in the decision-making body:**

22

**Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:**

12 Voted for position

4 Voted against position

0 Did not vote

**Position:**

Council adopted a policy position that "The prisoner's assertion of innocence should not, standing alone, be a basis for denying parole."

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**

There is not objective verifiable evidence that an "assertion of innocence" by an inmate increases the likelihood of recidivism.