



TINA KOTEK
GOVERNOR

PARDON

WHEREAS, Juan Francisco Aguirre Velasquez (also known as Francisco Aguirre Velasquez and Francisco Aguirre Velazquez) pled guilty and was convicted on July 1, 1999, in the Circuit Court for the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, Case No. 99-01-30500, of the crimes of Delivery of a Controlled Substance - Schedule I (two counts); and

WHEREAS, a Multnomah County Circuit Court Judge sentenced Juan Francisco Aguirre Velasquez to terms of thirty-six (36) months of probation to the Multnomah County Department of Community Corrections, each count; and

WHEREAS, the criminal supervision of Juan Francisco Aguirre Velasquez expired on June 30, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Multnomah County District Attorney supports Juan Francisco Aguirre Velasquez's application and does not believe the original conviction advances the interest of justice.

WHEREAS, Juan Francisco Aguirre Velasquez has shown himself to be a responsible member of society and contribution member of his community; and

WHEREAS, Juan Francisco Aguirre Velasquez has petitioned the Governor of Oregon for a pardon of the abovementioned crimes;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Article V, Section 14 of the Oregon Constitution, I, Tina Kotek, Governor of the State of Oregon, hereby grant to Juan Francisco Aguirre Velasquez (also known as Francisco Aguirre Velasquez and Francisco Aguirre Velazquez) a full pardon of the abovementioned crime, restoring him to all of the rights and privileges heretofore enjoyed by him under the laws of this State.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 25th day of November, 2025.



TINA KOTEK
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

TOBIAS READ
SECRETARY OF STATE





TINA KOTEK
GOVERNOR

December 2, 2025

Francisco Aguirre
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Dear Mr. Aguirre,

I have reviewed your pardon application and supporting documents submitted to my office for consideration. They tell a story of extraordinary resilience, courage, and unwavering commitment to service.

It is evident that you have devoted your life to justice and touched many through your work over the last three decades. A founder of three critical organizations, fighting for issues like wage theft, worker protections and rights – Workers' Organizing Committee, Voz Workers' Rights Education Project, and the VIVA Inclusive Migrant Network – you not only lead with values, but with ingenuity.

Your commitment to serving others does not end there. From your work with Homeboy Industries to give young people hope and alternatives to gang involvement, to leading Spanish-language services at Augustana Lutheran Church and studying to become a Lutheran minister, your service to others demonstrates your unwavering compassion for your neighbor and your willingness to put in the work to improve your community.

I have carefully considered the circumstances surrounding your 1999 conviction. I understand that this conviction resulted from a fundamental misunderstanding of a no-contest plea during a time when there was little accommodation for non-English speakers. This conviction has affected your life for more than 25 years, and over that time you have chosen to give back at every opportunity.

The Multnomah County District Attorney supports your application for clemency and believes your original conviction no longer advances the interest of justice. I agree. Therefore, in my sole discretion under the Oregon Constitution, I hereby sign and grant you the attached unconditional pardon for your 1999 conviction.

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I wish you the best and encourage your continued efforts to play a vital role in building the Oregon we all envision.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tina Kotek".

Governor Tina Kotek

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nathan Vasquez".

District Attorney Nathan Vasquez

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