

**ATTACHMENT A**  
**RESPONDENT'S PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Name: Carlotta Luna



On October 8, 2015, I was denied my Disability Retirement by Administration Law Judge Ralph B. Dash.

On October 22, 2015, I was awarded my Social Security Disability, due to my disabilities, which included my inability of performing my work duties. Since that time, my condition has worsened. My illnesses include: Uncontrolled Type 2 diabetes, fatigue, peripheral Neuropathy, confusion, Weakness, persistent leg pains, coronary artery disease, and side effects from medications.

I have been a patient of Doctor, Carmen Velasquez, Internal Medicine. She has prescribed me a cane to prevent me from falling, due to my peripheral Neuropathy, weakness, and persistent leg pains. She has also prescribed my Hydrocodin-Acetaminop for the pain, which recommends for me not to drive a motor vehicle.

I have referrals to see the following specialists: Ophthalmologist, Neurologist, and Cardiologist.

Dr. Carmen Velasquez, has written a letter regarding my disability condition (please see attached).

At this time, I cannot understand how I would be approved for Social Security Disability but not CALPERS Disability Retirement. My condition has been worsening and my quality of everyday life has been deteriorating. Not only have I suffered two past open heart surgeries but suffer from several life altering conditions. I hope that your agency will take a further look into my situation and consider the fact that not only my physicians but the Social Security Disability Administration has found that my condition warrants the need for disability.

Therefore, at this time, I will continue disputing my case for Disability Retirement.

Sincerely,

Carlotta Luna

A handwritten signature in black ink that appears to read "Carlotta Luna".



October 19, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Luna, Carlotta  
DOB:

From: Dr. Carmen Velazquez

This letter is written at the request of Mrs. Luna. To give you report of her medical problems, medications, and how these affect Mrs. Luna's ability to work.

1. Anxiety disorder, treated with psychotherapy.
2. Coronary artery disease, treated with coronary artery bypass graft times 4.
3. Type 2 diabetes mellitus, patient on ADA 1800 calorie diet and exercise program. Medication: Metformin 1000 mg bid and Glimepiride 4 mg daily.
4. Hypertension, treated with Metoprolol extended release 25 mg orally daily. Enalapril 20 mg daily.
5. Diabetic Polyneuropathy, causing her pain in upper and lower extremities in a daily basis for which she takes Norco 5/325 mg at bedtime, or twice a day as needed.
6. Depression, for which she is on Citalopram 20 mg 2 tablets daily.
7. Mixed hyperlipidemia, on low carbohydrate and low cholesterol diet and Atorvastatin 80 mg daily.
8. Osteoarthritis, with chronic generalized joint pain and low back pain, on Tylenol or Norco 5/325 mg bid as needed.
9. Recent syncopal episode, with sudden dizziness and fainting for few seconds. She was advised to drink lots of fluids with electrolytes, walk with cane and hold Metoprolol and Enalapril when blood pressure lower than 130/90, with daily monitoring of blood pressure before taking Metoprolol and Enalapril. Referral given to Cardiologist and

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Neurologist to rule out serious central nervous system disease or cardiac arrhythmia to ascertain reason for syncope.

10. Chronic fatigue syndrome, as result of patient's age, postmenopausal status comorbidities and medications.

Briefly in my opinion: Mrs. Carlotta Luna will experience extreme difficulties to work in a daily 8-hour schedule given her medical conditions, and the side effects of her medications such as drowsiness and sleepiness.

However, if you still need more information to determine this patient's ability to perform specific tasks I recommend a "functional capacity evaluation" performed by a physical therapist for which I'll be happy to give patient a referral.

Sincerely yours,

*Velazquez M.D.*

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Carmen Velazquez, M.D.

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