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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

EDGAR RUIZ ROJAS,
Petitioner,
v.
JOSHUA JOHNSON, *et al.*,
Respondents.

No. 5:25-cv-03164-DSF-DSR

**FEDERAL RESPONDENTS' ANSWER
TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF
HABEAS CORPUS**

Honorable Daniel S. Roberts
United States Magistrate Judge

On November 24, 2025, Petitioner, represented by counsel, filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (“Petition”) under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, seeking that Respondents provide him with an 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) bond hearing before an Immigration Judge (“IJ”). See Petition at 7-11 & 15.

Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado Bautista v. Santacruz*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2025 WL 3288403 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2025). On December 18, 2025, the *Bautista* court entered final judgment as to the Bond Eligible Class. See *Bautista*, ECF No. 94. A notice of appeal was then filed by the *Bautista* defendants on December 18, 2025, ECF No. 95.

Accordingly, Respondents acknowledge that Petitioner’s claim in this action as to his entitlement to a bond hearing pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) appears to be subject to the *Bautista* judgment and to any applicable appellate proceedings relating to it. Given Petitioner seeks a bond hearing pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a), it should be ordered consistent with what Courts in this District have generally ordered in similar cases, which is to require such a hearing be held within seven (7) days, where Petitioner has the burden of proof to show he is not a danger or flight risk.

Respectfully submitted,

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