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12 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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17 EFREN CONTRERAS HERNANDEZ,
18 Petitioner,
19 v.
20 KRISTI NOEM, *et al.*,
21 Respondents.
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No. 5:25-cv-03453-CAS-RAO

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

**[Filed concurrently with Exh. 1, ICE
Detainee Locator]**

Honorable Rozella A. Oliver
United States Magistrate Judge

1 On December 22, 2025, Petitioner, represented by counsel, filed a Petition for Writ
2 of Habeas Corpus (“Petition”) under 28 U.S.C. § 2241. See Dkt. No. 3. The Petition alleges
3 that Petitioner is in the custody of the United States Department of Homeland Security,
4 Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“ICE”) in Imperial, California¹, and that he was
5 arrested and is being held in violation of the Constitution and laws of the United States.
6 *Id.*

7 The pending Petition is rife with errors and deficiencies. *Id.*, see also Dkt. No. 2
8 (Notice of Deficiencies) & Dkt. No. 5 (Notice of Deficiencies). Most egregious is the fact
9 that the Petitioner’s Alien Registration Number (“A#”) is incorrectly listed as “
10  in the Petition when Petitioner’s actual A# is . Petition, ECF No. 3-1 at
11 § & see also Exh. 1, ICE Detainee Locator.

12 Despite the errors and deficiencies, Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond
13 Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado Bautista v. Santacruz*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-
14 BFM, --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2025 WL 3288403 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2025). On December
15 18, 2025, the *Bautista* court entered final judgment as to the Bond Eligible Class. See
16 *Bautista*, ECF No. 94. A notice of appeal was then filed by the *Bautista* defendants on
17 December 18, 2025, ECF No. 95.

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

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28 ¹ The Court’s Order Requiring Answer/Return to Petition [Dkt. No. 6] mistakenly
states Petitioner is detained in “Adelanto, California”. See ECF No. 6 at 8.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: January 6, 2026

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Country of Birth: Mexico

A-Number: 

Current Detention Facility:

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