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15 Sonia Afang MESEE ENGONGA.,
16 Petitioners,
17 v.
18 KRISTI NOEM, *et al.*,
19 Respondents.
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No. 5:25-cv-03479-FWS-MAA

**FEDERAL RESPONDENTS'
RESPONSE TO PETITIONERS' *EX*
PARTE APPLICATION FOR
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER
AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

Hon. Fred W. Slaughter
United States District Judge

Petitioner appears to be members 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 claims in this action as to their entitlement to a bond hearing appear to be subject to the *Bautista* judgment and to any applicable appellate proceedings relating to it. To the extent Petitioners seek an order requiring such a bond hearing here, it should be 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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