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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
10 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 Jawad Zarif,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 Patrick, DIVVER, Field Office Director
15 of Enforcement and Removal
16 Operations, San Diego Field Office,
17 Immigration and Customs Enforcement;
18 Todd M. LYONS, Acting Director, U.S.
19 Immigration and Customs Enforcement;
20 Markwayne Mullin, Secretary, U.S.
21 Department of Homeland Security; U.S.
22 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
23 SECURITY; Todd BLANCE, U.S.
24 Attorney General; EXECUTIVE
OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION
REVIEW; Christopher J. LAROSE,
Warden of Otay Mesa Detention Facility,

Respondents.

Case No.

**RESPONSE TO COURT'S
APRIL 10, 2026 ORDER**

On April 13, 2026, Counsel conferred with Petitioner regarding whether he wishes to proceed pro se in Case No. 26-cv-2150-CAB-MSB or via counsel in 26-cv-1320-CAB-DDL. Petitioner, through Counsel, hereby submits that he wishes to proceed with counsel in Case No. 26-cv-1320-CAB-DDL.

DATED this 13 of April 2026

Respectfully Submitted:

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