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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 SUREN PINACHYAN,

11 Petitioner,

12 v.

13 WARDEN, et al.,

14 Respondents.
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Case No.: 26-cv-1335-JO-JLB

**NOTICE CONFIRMING
PETITIONER'S RELEASE**

17 Pursuant to the Court's March 27, 2026 order, ECF No. 12, Respondents submit the
18 attached declaration confirming Petitioner was released from custody on March 30, 2026.
19 See Declaration of Jorge Velarde.
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21 Dated: March 30, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

22 ADAM GORDON
23 United States Attorney

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9 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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11 SUREN PINACHYAN,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 WARDEN, OTAY MESA DETENTION
15 CENTER, *et al.*,

16 Respondents.
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Case No.: 26-cv-01335-JO-JLB

**DECLARATION OF
JORGE VELARDE**

18 I, Jorge Velarde, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare under penalty of
19 perjury that the following statements are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge,
20 information, and belief:

21 1. I am currently employed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
22 (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Enforcement and Removal
23 Operations (ERO), as an Assistant Field Office Director (AFOD) assigned to the Otay
24 Mesa suboffice of the ICE ERO San Diego Field Office.

25 2. I have been employed by ICE as a law enforcement officer and serving as
26 an AFOD since April 25, 2021. I currently remain serving in that position. As an AFOD,
27 my responsibilities include, among other things, supervising the daily operations of ICE
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1 ERO Deportation Officers and Supervisory Detention and Deportation Officers
2 assigned to the Otay Mesa suboffice of the ICE Ero San Diego Field Office and ensuring
3 those officers are in compliance with all relevant laws, regulations, and policies. I have
4 access to the official files and records of DHS.

5 3. ERO San Diego received the court's order on March 27, 2026, to return
6 Petitioner to San Diego and release Petitioner by 5:00 PM on Sunday, March 29, 2026.
7 Due to the flight schedules ERO San Diego was unable return Petitioner to San Diego
8 by March 29, 2026. ERO San Diego continued to work diligently through the weekend
9 to return Petitioner to San Diego for release.

10 4. Petitioner was returned to San Diego today, March 30, 2026, and was
11 released from ICE custody.

12 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States that the
13 foregoing is true and correct.

14 Dated: March 30, 2026

15 JORGE L
16 VELARDE

Digitally signed by JORGE L
VELARDE
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17 Jorge Velarde
18 Assistant Field Office Director
19 Enforcement and Removal Operations
20 U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
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