

District Judge Richard A. Jones
Magistrate Judge S. Kate Vaughan

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

JAVIER ZENDEJAS-VAZQUEZ,

Petitioner,

v.

LAURA HERMOSILLO¹, *et al.*,

Respondents.

Case No. 2:25-cv-01609-RAJ-SKV

FEDERAL RESPONDENTS' STATUS
UPDATE

Pursuant to this Court's Order (Dkt. 6), Federal Respondents notify the Court that Petitioner Javier Zendejas-Vazquez's custody status has changed. The habeas claim in this case is now moot because United States' Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") removed Zendejas-Vazquez from the United States to Mexico on November 19, 2025. *See* Declaration of Christopher Sica, ¶ 3. For a federal court to have jurisdiction, "an actual controversy must exist at all stages of the litigation." *Biodiversity Legal Foundation v. Badgley*, 309 F.3d 1166, 1173 (9th Cir. 2002). "For a habeas petition to continue to present a live controversy after the petitioner's release or deportation . . . there must be some remaining 'collateral consequence'

¹ Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d), Federal Respondents substitute Acting Field Office Director for Detention and Removal, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Laura Hermosillo for Camilla Wamsley.

1 that may be redressed by success on the petition.” *Abdala v. INS*, 488 F.3d 1061, 1064 (9th Cir.
2 2007).

3 Here, Zendejas-Vazquez’s habeas claim challenges his detention, and does not allege any
4 collateral consequence that can be addressed by this Court. Now that Zendejas-Vazquez is no
5 longer in custody due to his removal, his habeas claim is moot. *Abdala*, 488 F.3d at 1065
6 (describing habeas petitions that claim indefinite detention as fully resolved and rendered moot
7 by the petitioner’s release from custody); *Babak v. ICE FOD*, 20-cv-212-RSM-BAT, 2020 WL
8 1976798, at *1 (W.D. Wash. Mar. 31, 2020) *R&R adopted by* 2020 WL 1974335, at *1 (W.D.
9 Wash. Apr. 24, 2020) (dismissing habeas petition as moot after ICE released petitioner on
10 supervision).

11 DATED this 25th day of November, 2025.

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