

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
EL PASO DIVISION

CATALINA SANTIAGO SANTIAGO,

Petitioner,

v.

KRISTI NOEM, in her official capacity as
Secretary of the Department of Homeland
Security,

PAMELA BONDI, in her official capacity as
Attorney General of the United States;

TODD LYONS, in his official capacity as
Acting Director and Senior Official
Performing the Duties of the Director of U.S.
Immigration and Customs Enforcement;

MARY DE ANDA-YBARRA, in her official
capacity as Field Office Director of the El
Paso Field Office of U.S. Immigration and
Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and
Removal Operations;

ANGEL GARITE, in his official capacity as
Assistant Field Office Director of the El Paso
Field Office of U.S. Immigration and
Customs Enforcement, Enforcement and
Removal Operations;

Respondents.

Case No. 3:25-cv-361-KC

ADVISORY TO THE COURT

Petitioner Catalina Santiago Santiago (“Ms. Santiago”) respectfully submits this Advisory to notify the Court of a recent development in her underlying immigration proceedings which bears on the issues presented in this case. On September 8, 2025, an immigration judge of the El Paso SPC Immigration Court issued a decision terminating Ms. Santiago’s removal proceedings. A

redacted copy of the decision is attached as Exhibit 1. The Department of Homeland Security has reserved its right to appeal this decision and Ms. Santiago remains detained.

This Advisory is submitted to keep the Court apprised of pertinent developments as it considers the pending matter.

Dated: September 10, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I represent Petitioner, Catalina “Xóchitl” Santiago Santiago, and verify that I served this filing on counsel for Respondents via electronic mail.

Dated: September 10, 2025

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Christopher Benoit

EXHIBIT 1



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
EL PASO SPC IMMIGRATION COURT

Respondent Name:

SANTIAGO-SANTIAGO, CATALINA

To:

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El Paso, TX 79925

A-Number:

[REDACTED]

Riders:

In Removal Proceedings

Initiated by the Department of Homeland Security

Date:

09/08/2025

ORDER OF THE IMMIGRATION JUDGE

☒ Respondent ☐ the Department of Homeland Security has filed a motion to terminate these proceedings, and the non-moving party was accorded notice and an opportunity to respond. The motion is ☒ opposed ☐ unopposed.

After considering the facts and circumstances, the immigration court orders that the motion to terminate is ☒ granted ☐ with ☒ without prejudice ☐ denied because:

- ☐ The Department of Homeland Security ☐ met ☐ did not meet its burden of proving by clear and convincing evidence that Respondent is removable as charged. 8 C.F.R. § 1240.8(a).
- ☐ Respondent ☐ met ☐ did not meet the burden of proving that Respondent is clearly and beyond a doubt entitled to admission to the United States and is not inadmissible as charged. 8 C.F.R. § 1240.8(b)-(c).
- ☒ Other.
- ☒ Further analysis/explanation:

The respondent has been accorded DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals). Her grant of DACA has not been terminated. As such, termination of her removal proceedings is expressly allowed by 8 C.F.R. 1003.18(d)(1)(ii)(C): "The noncitizen is a beneficiary of . . . deferred action"

M. P.

Immigration Judge: PLETTERS, MICHAEL 09/08/2025

Appeal: Department of Homeland Security: ☐ waived ☒ reserved
Respondent: ☒ waived ☐ reserved
Appeal Due: 10/08/2025

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Respondent Name : SANTIAGO-SANTIAGO, CATALINA | A-Number : [REDACTED]

Riders:

Date: 09/08/2025 By: Davila, Aracely, Court Staff