

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
LAREDO DIVISION

SANTOS EDUARDO LOPEZ BALTAZAR, §
Petitioner, §
v. § CIVIL ACTION NO. 5:25-CV-160
NORAL VASQUEZ, ET AL., §
Respondents. §

**JOINT ADVISORY
REGARDING STATUS OF CASE**

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

COME NOW the Parties herein, Santos Eduardo Lopez Baltazar, Petitioner, by and through his attorneys, and Norval Vasquez, Warden, Rio Grande Processing Center, Bret Bradford, Field Office Director for Enforcement and Removal Operations, Houston, Todd Lyons, Acting Director U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement, and Kristi Noem, Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Respondents, in their official capacities, by and through the United States Attorney for the Southern District of Texas, and hereby file their Joint Advisory Regarding Status of Case:

1.) Petitioner Santos Eduardo Lopez Baltazar (Lopez Baltazar), a Guatemalan Citizen, filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus challenging his continuing civil immigration detention pending his removal proceedings. Through his Petition, Lopez Baltazar contends that as an alien apprehended after many years of continuous presence in the United States, he is not subject to mandatory detention under INA Section 235 (8 U.S.C. § 1225) but rather is eligible for release on bond pending his removal proceedings pursuant to INA Section 236 (8 U.S.C. § 1226).

2.) On October 14, 2025, the Court entered an Order granting in part and denying in part Lopez Baltazar's Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus and ordering Respondents to provide Lopez Baltazar with a bond hearing under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) by October 29, 2025.

3.) On October 22, 2025, Lopez Baltazar was provided a bond hearing before an Immigration Judge (IJ) in Laredo, Texas. See Exhibit A - Order of the Immigration Judge. The IJ denied bond and Lopez Baltazar reserved appeal. Id.

Respectfully Submitted,

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