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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MERAV BUSKILA EDIRI

Petitioner,

v.

KRISTI NOEM SCRETARY OF
HOMELAND SECURITY ; HEAD OF
ERO-ICE LOS ANGELES,
CALIFORNIA; WARDEN
ADELANTO ICE DETENTION
FACILITY CALIFORNIA, ET AL.

Respondents.

Case No.: 25-cv-9305

**EMERGENCY PETITION FOR
WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS TO
RELEASE INS DETAINEE UNDER
28 USC § 2241; DECLARATION OF
ARMAND AVAZIAN**

**IN CUSTODY:
A#203-049-907 (Alien Registration
Number)**

COMES NOW THE PETITIONER, MERAV BUSKILA EDIRI, by and through her counsel, Armand Avazian, move for immediate release from Immigration Custom Enforcement ("ICE") custody where she is presently being detained. ICE is detaining the Petitioner in its own facility, as detailed below, and as such, the warden holding her in custody is the Supervisory ICE officer responsible for the facility, under the direction of the Field Office Director of the Enforcement and Removal Operations ("ERO") division of ICE.

Petitioner, Merav Buskila Ederi ("Petitioner"), is a 52 year-old citizen of Israel, is currently detained at the ICE ERO OFFICE located 300 N. Los Angeles St., Room B-18, Los Angeles, CA 90012. The Petitioner has been detained since September 29, 2025, when she appeared this morning to ostensibly provide ICE with an update of her

1 current status. See EXHIBIT 1 (ICE Letter). She rightfully believed that she was
2 appearing as she had many times before to “check in” and review her status with the
3 ICE officer. The ICE letter indicates that the reason for the appointment was “Case
4 Review with USCIS – Case updates and address confirmation”, and the email from the
5 ICE officer indicates he is part of the non-detained unit. See EXHIBIT 2 (Emails
6 between ICE office and Petitioner’s immigration counsel).

7 Petitioner is an Orthodox Jew who practices biblical traditional Judaism. This
8 Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at sunset is the start of the Yom Kippur holiday. It is the
9 holiest day of the year for practicing Jews who fast from sunset October 1, until the
10 evening of October 2. During this time, members of the Faith are required to pray the
11 evening of Yom Kippur (October 1), and all day October 2, in the Synagogue, as well
12 as performing various religious rites and rituals. See EXHIBIT 3 (Rabbi’s Letter).
13 Because of this, the Petitioner strongly avers that her detention is unlawful as it violates
14 her constitutional rights to freedom of religion without any basis for the government to
15 detain her. As noted below, for over 30 years, the government did not take persons
16 similarly situated as the Petitioner into custody once they were in the process of
17 adjusting status to permanent residency. See EXHIBIT 4 (Declaration of Petitioner’s
18 Immigration Attorney, Erika Roman) Furthermore, even if one had been taken into
19 custody ICE would issue a bond without requiring the individual to seek one from the
20 Immigration Judge (“IJ”). This petition seeks relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, asserting
21 that Petitioner’s continued detention violates the U.S. Constitution, the Immigration and
22 Nationality Act (INA), and applicable regulations such as 8 USC § 1226 also known as
23 section 36 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA), which provides for a bond.

24 **JURISDICTION**

25 2. This action arises under the Constitution of the United States, the Immigration
26 and Nationality Act (“INA”), 8 U.S.C. § 1101 et. seq., as amended by the Illegal
27 Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 (“IIRIRA”), Pub. L.
28 No. 104-208, 110 Stat. 1570. This Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. 2241, art. I,

1 § 9, cl. 2 of the United States Constitution (“Suspension Clause”) and 28 U.S.C. § 1331,
2 as Petitioner is presently in custody under color of authority of the United States and
3 such custody is in violation of the U.S. Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United
4 States. This Court may grant relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, and the All Writs Act,
5 28 U.S.C. § 1651.

6 **VENUE**

7 3. Venue lies in the United States District Court for the Central District Of
8 California, the judicial district in which the Petitioners are being held at 300 N. Los
9 Angeles St., Room B-18, Los Angeles, CA 90012 in California. 28 U.S.C. § 1391(e).

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11 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

12 Petitioner lawfully entered the United States on a non-immigrant visa and sought
13 permanent residency based on a previous marriage to a United States citizen. The
14 petition was denied and Petitioner appealed the denial, and ultimately, filed an action in
15 United States District Court in Los Angeles, under the Administrative Procedure Act,
16 (APA). Her complaint was dismissed, and she appealed to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of
17 Appeals which upheld the district court decision. After the 9th Circuit issued its
18 mandate, the Petitioner appeared on a yearly basis at the Immigration Customs and
19 Enforcement (ICE) office having jurisdiction over her to update her status and was not
20 taken into custody. No Notice to Appear (“NTA”) was ever issued to the Petitioner
21 which initiates a removal proceeding in front of the IJ. Consequently, there is no order
22 of removal for the Petitioner. Petitioner has no criminal record, has two United States
23 citizen son and daughter.

24 In the beginning of September of this year, the Petitioner became statutorily
25 eligible for permanent residency through her U.S. citizen daughter who filed on her
26 behalf an I-130 petition to classify her as an immediate relative of a U.S. citizen (“IR”).
27 Concurrently with the I-130 petition, the Petitioner filed form I-485 (application to
28 adjust status to that of a permanent resident). Attached hereto are the receipts of the

1 filing accepted by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS)
2 evidencing a pending application for permanent residency. See EXHIBIT 5 (USCIS
3 Receipts). On September 28, 2025, at 8:00 a.m., the petitioner appeared at the ICE
4 substation in Camarillo, CA pursuant to a letter she received to appear in person “to
5 update her service record”. Prior to appearing, petitioner’s counsel, sent the ICE officer
6 in charge of her case, the entire adjustment of status application for permanent residency
7 based on her United States Citizen (USC) daughter’s petition for her together with the
8 receipts showing the applications have been received by USCIS and her application is
9 in process with USCIS.

10 Notwithstanding the fact that for the last 30 years applicants for Adjustment of
11 Status who have never been in immigration court proceedings, and have never
12 committed any crimes, and have never failed to appear when requested to do so, and
13 have a lawful entry, are not taken into custody by ICE, the Petitioner was in fact taken
14 into custody. This custodial action by ICE taking the petitioner into custody is a
15 deviation of this practice which has been in existence for over thirty years. Pursuant to
16 Loper Bright Enterprises v. Raimondo, 603 U.S. 369 (2024) which states “the
17 longstanding practice of the government informs a court of what the law is”. This
18 practice of not taking applicants who are presently in adjustment of status proceedings
19 (AOS) and statutorily eligible for AOS are not taken into custody has been the
20 Immigration policy for over thirty years.

21 Another factor to consider for the Habeas Petition is that the petitioner sought in
22 the alternative a bond or parole from ICE under 8 USC § 1226 (Section 236 of the INA)
23 which statutorily gives the petitioner the right to receive a bond. Despite the lawful
24 request of a bond from ICE, the officer handling her case refused and stated that she
25 would need to go in front of an immigration judge after he filed the NTA with the EOIR
26 Immigration Court. He could not even give a time when this would happen, nor could
27 he even say which court it would be filed with. See EXHIBIT 2 (Emails between ICE
28 and Petitioner’s immigration counsel). ICE officers have routinely granted bond in

1 these types of cases with these set of facts and circumstances. Typically in these
2 matters, a bond of \$1500 would be required. If the court finds it necessary, petitioner
3 can post such a bond for \$1500, whatever bond this court finds appropriate. Petitioner
4 is not a flight or security risk. She is on the doorstep of becoming a permanent resident
5 and has retained counsel to complete the process.

6 Because the holiday of Yom Kippur begins on Wednesday October 1, 2025 at
7 sundown and it is the holiest day for members of the Jewish faith, of which the Petitioner
8 is a member, this Petition for Habeas is being filed on an EMERGENCY BASIS. The
9 petitioner is a fully practicing member of the Jewish faith who would be deprived of her
10 ability to practice her religion and her freedom of religion if she were to remain in
11 custody during this time.

12 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

13 Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court:

- 14 1. Assume jurisdiction over this matter;
15 2. Issue an Order to Show Cause;
16 3. Declare Petitioner's detention unlawful;
17 4. Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus ordering Petitioner's release or a bond hearing;
18 5. Grant any other relief deemed just and proper.

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20 Based upon the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Court enter an order
21 releasing Plaintiff from custody.

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23 Dated: September 29, 2025

Respectfully Submitted,

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26 Attorney for Petitioner
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DECLARATION OF ARAMND AVAZIAN,
ESQ.

14 KRISTI NOEM, DHS, et al.,
15 Respondents.

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17 I, ARMAND AVAZIAN, hereby declare and say as follows:

18 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California and admitted to
19 practice before the Superior Court of California.

20 2. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth below and, if called upon to do so,
21 could and would competently testify to the matters set forth herein in a court of law.

22 3. Ms. Ederi was taken into custody this morning on September 29, 2025 and kept at the
23 Cammarillo, CA immigration detention facility until the afternoon when she was transported to
24 USCIS 300 N. Los Angeles St., Room B-18, Los Angeles, CA.

25 4. By the time counsel was retained it was not possible to travel to Camarillo to have Ms.
26 Ederi sign the petition. Additionally, I did not learn of her transfer to Los Angeles until 4:00
27 p.m. in the afternoon. Room B-18 closes at 4:30 p.m. and would have been impossible for me
28 get to that facility for Ms. Ederi to sign the petition.

- 1 5. Ms. Ederi is aware that a Habeas Petition is being filed on her behalf and consents to it's
- 2 filing. Ms. Ederi is not available to sign the petition.
- 3 6. I have personally spoken to her immigration attorney Erika Roma who explained her
- 4 immigration history and provided the relevant immigration documents which are
- 5 attached as exhibits to the Petition.
- 6 7. As result of a later filing after hours, no Judge or U.S. Attorney has been assigned. No
- 7 notice can be given to the U.S. Attorney as one has not been assigned and it is after
- 8 business hours.
- 9 8. Petitioner will likely be transferred out of Los Angeles, CA and it is uncertain if she will
- 10 remain in the State of California or transferred to another State. This will create
- 11 substantial physical, emotional and financial hardship for her family who could not
- 12 readily visit or support her.
- 13

14 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
15 foregoing is true and correct and that if called upon to testify with respect thereto I could do so
16 competently.

17 Executed this 29th day of September, 2025, in Los Angeles, California.

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20 ARMAND AVAZIAN, ESQ.

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EXHIBIT 1



BUSKILA EDERI, Merav

A-File Number

Date: August 23, 2025

Please come to the office shown below at the time and place indicated in connection with an official matter.

OFFICE LOCATION	321 Cortez Circle, Camarillo, CA 93012
DATE AND HOUR	September 16, 2025, at 08:00 am
ASK FOR	Case Officer
REASON FOR APPOINTMENT	Case Review with USCIS – Case updates and address confirmation.
BRING WITH YOU	Proper identification and any identification from your country of origin such as a passport, immigration documents, USCIS applications, etc.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU KEEP THIS APPOINTMENT AND BRING THIS LETTER WITH YOU.

NOTE: Failure to comply with the conditions of this order may result in the revocation of your release and further enforcement actions.

Sincerely,


Immigration Officer
D. Robison

EXHIBIT 2

Armand Avazian

From: Erika Roman <erika@elrlawgroup.com> on behalf of Erika Roman
Sent: Monday, September 29, 2025 3:10 PM
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Respectfully,

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Subject: BUSKILA EDEREI, MERAV - A#203 049 907- Request for bond or parole

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Thank you.

Regards, Erika Roman-Maury

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To: armandavazian@avazianlaw.com
Subject: BUSKILA EDEREI, MERAV - A# [REDACTED] lets discuss
Attachments: [REDACTED] G56.pdf

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Sent: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 11:47 AM
To: Erika Roman <erika@elrlawgroup.com>
Subject: BUSKILA EDEREI, MERAV - A# [REDACTED]

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Subject: FW: ICE APPT 9/29 BUSKILA EDEREI, MERAV - A# [REDACTED]
Importance: High

From: "Robison, Drake A" <Drake.A.Robison@ice.dhs.gov>
Date: September 16, 2025 at 12:13:57 PM PDT
To: Erika Roman <erika@elrlawgroup.com>
Cc: "Kirksey, Darius J" <darius.j.kirksey@ice.dhs.gov>
Subject: RE: BUSKILA EDEREI, MERAV - A# [REDACTED]

Hello, Counsel,

Your client tested positive on or about 09/11/2025. Per CDC and federal guidance, isolation lasts 5 days, with most agencies using up to 10 days out of caution. By 09/29/2025, more than two weeks will have passed (nearly 18 days), which is more than sufficient time for recovery and safe reporting. She is required to appear on the aforementioned date. Thank you.

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Good afternoon,

I completely understand what you are saying and my intention and goal is to always comply with the law and advise my clients to do so as well. If I may advise, I am not retained for matters involving ERO/ICE. I was retained to represent Ms. Ederi before USCIS with regard to the adjustment that her USC daughter filed on behalf of her. **Please see receipts attached to this email.** The adjustment is currently pending before USCIS.

Ms. Ederi has straightforward direct and fast relief as she entered lawfully and can adjust her status to a lawful permanent resident before USCIS. The visa is immediately available.

I was simply going to accompany her as a courtesy and frankly I am not sure why a couple hours makes a difference as a professional courtesy to me when I have a mandatory appearance before Immigration Judge Ruane for alien number [REDACTED]

That being said, I have not been provided with any information as to the purpose of this meeting. Is it to present her with a Notice to appear?

As I stated earlier, I have not had contact with her yet but I will pass any and all information along.

Thank you.

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To: Erika Roman <erika@elrlawgroup.com>
Subject: RE: Second request for information re: attp: BUSKILA EDEREI, MERAV - A [REDACTED]

Hello,

Please note that the reporting requirement is directed to your client, not to counsel. Whether or not you are available on the scheduled date does not change your clients obligation to appear as directed. If your client fails to report, she will be classified as absconding, her case may be classified as fugitive status, and any enforcement efforts may be escalated.

In addition to the G56's that were sent to you to relay to your client, I also sent out corresponding G56's via USPS, to her verified home address. As per normal policies, this has been documented and any failure to comply may impact your clients case and future immigration benefits.

Thank you, and have a great weekend.

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Subject: BUSKILA EDEREI, MERAV - A [REDACTED] Request for bond or parole

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We are in the process of creating a bond parole package for ERO/ICE, and ankle bracelet is acceptable.

As you may know, Ms. Ederi has a pending adjustment before USCIS and has no criminal history and significant family ties.

Please advise where I may send the package to – for consideration.

Thank you.

Regards, Erika Roman-Maury

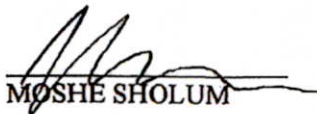
EXHIBIT 3

DECLARATION OF RABBI MOSHE SHOLUM

I, MOSHE SHOLUM, declare as follows:

1. I am the Head Rabbi for the Sephardic Section of our Synagogue, and I conduct the services for the synagogue and explain and lecture the biblical precepts followed in our services.
2. Merav Buskila Ederi is an active member of my Synagogue (Sephardic section). She is a practitioner of the Orthodox Jewish faith, and is mandated to fast on Yom Kippur, and pray the entire day of the Holiday and perform various religious rituals and rites. We believe that one's soul is brought before the Lord on Yom Kippur and the Holy One may he be Blessed determines the fate of each individual on that day. For this reason, strict religious compliance is adhered to fully.
3. On Wednesday October 1, 2025 at sundown is the holiday of Yom Kippur, the holiest day for members of Jewish faith which mandates fasting from sunset October 1st until evening of October 2nd. Additionally, there are continuous prayer services the evening of October 1st as well as continuous prayer services and religious rites from the morning of October 2nd until the evening of October 2nd, until the "Shofar" (Traditional Ram's Horn) is sounded in the Synagogue.
4. Ms. Ederi would be deprived of her ability to practice her religion and her freedom of religion if she were to remain in custody during this time. It would be impossible for her to properly fast, pray, and engage in the numerous religious rituals and rites mandated by the Bible, as commanded by the Holy One, the Creator of the Universe.
5. Unfortunately, our community has experienced a rise in antisemitism which is affecting our congregants, for the past year. A community-wide prayer session in our services is directed to this unfortunate situation.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.


MOSHE SHOLUM

Date

9.29.25



EXHIBIT 4

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11 **SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,**
12 **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**
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14 MERAV BUSKILA EDIRI

15 Petitioner,

16 v.

17 KRISTI NOEM, DHS, et al.,

18 Respondents.
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Case No.: 25-cv-9305

**DECLARATION OF ERIKA ROMAN,
ESQ.**

I, Erika Roman, hereby declare and say as follows:

1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California and admitted to practice before the Superior Court of California and the U.S Court of Appeals 9th Circuit since 2001.

2. I have practiced extensively representing immigrants before the Executive Office for Immigration Review, which constitutes the trial-level immigration courts, the Board of Immigration Appeals and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

3. I have been invited to speak at seminars on the intersection of immigration law and criminal law and I sit on the Committee as a Liaison for the American Immigration Lawyer's Association for the Executive Office for Immigration Review to evaluate subjects such as the criminal defense of immigrants and practicing before the immigration courts in removal, bond

1 and videoconference proceedings. I am a member of the Los Angeles County Bar
2 Association's Immigration and Nationality Law Section since 2010.

3 4. I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth below and, if called upon to do so,
4 could and would competently testify to the matters set forth herein in a court of law.

5 5. It has been my experience that petitioners such as Ms. Ederi have not been subject
6 to detention. She entered the United States lawfully on a visa, has committed no criminal
7 violations of the law, has complied with all requests from the Department of Homeland
8 Security and has been pursuing lawful immigration status, diligently and is near attaining such
9 relief. Up until recently, individuals such as Ms. Ederi have not been placed on alternatives to
10 detention, much less an ankle bracelet, but they have merely been asked to check in so that the
11 the Department can ensure that the lawful avenue for relief is being pursued.

12 6. I reached out to the Department of Homeland Security's deportation officer and
13 explained to him that a family visa petition is pending and was submitted for her at the
14 Department's sister agency, United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), and
15 provided him a conformed copy of the visa petition, and all supporting documentation,
16 including the receipts. I believe that adjudication will be perfunctory, and she is immediately
17 eligible to receive a visa. Again, individuals in the petitioner's shoes have never been taken
18 into custody under these circumstances. Once she was taken into custody, I implored the
19 officer to consider release on bond or parole but was met with silence.
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21 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the
22 foregoing is true and correct and that if called upon to testify with respect thereto I could do so
23 competently.

24 Executed this 29th day of September, 2025, in Los Angeles, California.

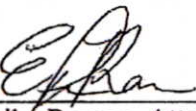
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27 Erika Roman, Attorney
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EXHIBIT 5

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NOTICE TYPE Receipt		NOTICE DATE September 18, 2025
CASE TYPE I-130, Petition for Alien Relative		USCIS ALIEN NUMBER
RECEIVED DATE September 17, 2025	PAGE 1 of 1	
PRIORITY DATE September 17, 2025	PREFERENCE CLASSIFICATION 201 B INA PARENT OF USC	DATE OF BIRTH 2004

MAI EDERI
C/O ERIKA ROMAN-MAURY ELR LAW GROUP
20058 VENTURA BLVD STE 137 21 00006439
WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Application/Petition Fee: \$675.00
Total Amount Received: \$675.00
Total Balance Due: \$0.00



APPLICANT/PETITIONER NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS

We have received your form and are currently processing the above case for the following beneficiaries:

Name	Date of Birth	Country of Birth	Class (If Applicable)
BUSKILA EDERI, MERAV		ISRAEL	

If this notice contains a priority date, this priority does not reflect earlier retained priority dates. We will notify you separately about any other case you filed.

If we determine you must submit biometrics, we will mail you a biometrics appointment notice with the time and place of your appointment.

If you have questions or need to update your personal information listed above, please visit the USCIS Contact Center webpage at uscis.gov/contactcenter to connect with a live USCIS representative in English or Spanish.

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Lee's Summit, MO 64002

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U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

Form I-797C, Notice of Action

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NOTICE TYPE Receipt	NOTICE DATE September 18, 2025
CASE TYPE I-485, Application to Register Permanent Residence or Adjust Status	USCIS ALIEN NUMBER A XXXXXXXXXX
SECRET NUMBER	RECEIVED DATE September 17, 2025
PRIORITY DATE September 17, 2025	PAGE 1 of 1
	PREFERENCE CLASSIFICATION Parent of a U.S. citizen
	DATE OF BIRTH XXXXXXXXXX

MERAV BUSKILA EDERI
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WOODLAND HILLS, CA 91364

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PAYMENT INFORMATION:

Application/Petition Fee: \$1,440.00
Total Amount Received: \$1,440.00
Total Balance Due: \$0.00



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