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14 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
15 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

16 MARIO ALDANA SOSA,

17 Petitioner,

18 v.

19 KRISTI NOEM, et al.,

20 Respondents.

Case No.: 25-cv-3396-CAB-JLB

**RESPONDENTS' AMENDED  
RETURN TO HABEAS PETITION**

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1 Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in  
2 *Maldonado Bautista v. Santacruz*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, --- F. Supp. 3d ---,  
3 2025 WL 3288403 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2025). The *Bautista* court has entered final  
4 judgement as to the Bond Eligible Class. *Bautista*, ECF No. 94. Accordingly,  
5 Respondents acknowledge that Petitioner is detained under 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) and is  
6 entitled to an order from this Court directing a bond hearing be held pursuant to 8 U.S.C.  
7 § 1226(a).<sup>1</sup>

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Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> If the Court issues an order directing a bond hearing under section 1226(a), Respondents respectfully request, in consideration of the current and forthcoming federal holidays, heavy caseloads, and staffing levels, that such order provide 14 days from issuance to hold the bond hearing.