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9 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

10 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

11 MANUEL ELICEO GUALAN JAPON,  
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13 Petitioners,

14 v.

15 CHRISTOPHER LAROSE, et. al.,  
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17 Respondents.  
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Case No.: 25-CV-3618-BTM-BJW

**RESPONSE TO PETITION**

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

7           DATED: December 19, 2025

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