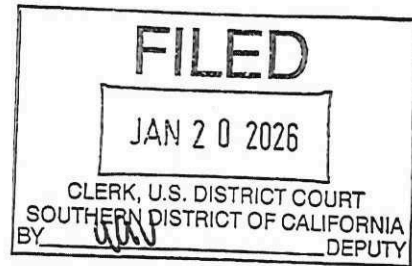


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA



JOSE ALEJANDRO ZAPATA VELASQUEZ



Petitioner,

'26CV0327 RSH DDL

v.

ALEJANDRO MAYORKAS, Secretary of
Homeland Security, et al.
Respondents. OTAY MESA DETENTION CENTER

PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS
(28 U.S.C. § 2241)

Petitioner **JOSE ALEJANDRO ZAPATA VELASQUEZ** respectfully petitions this Honorable Court for a Writ

of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 and the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment.

Petitioner has been detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") since

November 26, 2025, at the Otay Mesa Detention Center in San Diego, California. He is not subject

to a final order of removal. His prolonged detention without a bond hearing violates the Constitution and controlling Supreme Court precedent.

Petitioner requests immediate release from custody or, in the alternative, an individualized bond hearing before an Immigration Judge.

He was arrested without just cause; his next court date was scheduled for May 18, 2026, he was not notified by any document that he was going to be arrested, and he has a political asylum application in process.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully prays that this Court grant the Writ of Habeas Corpus, order his immediate release, or provide such other relief as justice requires.

Dated: 01/11/2025

JOSE ALEJANDRO ZAPATA VELASQUEZ

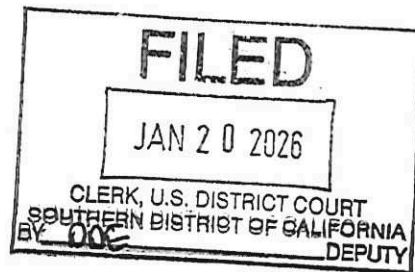


Petitioner, Pro Se

Otay Mesa Detention Center

San Diego, California

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Petitioner is a native and citizen of Mexico He has a pending asylum application and was detained by ICE on November 26,2025. He is currently detained at the Otay Mesa Detention Center in San Diego, California. Petitioner does not have a final order of removal. Prolonged detention without a bond hearing violates the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment. Petitioner is not a danger to the community and is not a flight risk.

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Petitioner respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Issue a Writ of Habeas Corpus;
- B. Order Petitioner's immediate release; or
- C. In the alternative, order a prompt bond hearing before an Immigration

Judge. **DECLARATION**

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

JOSE ALEJANDRO ZAPATA VELASQUEZ



Otay Mesa Detention Center in San Diego, California

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

Clerk of the Court
United States District Court
Southern District of California
San Diego, California

Re: Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus
Petitioner: **JOSE ALEJANDRO ZAPATA VELASQUEZ**



Dear Clerk of the Court:

Please find enclosed a **Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241** filed by the above-referenced petitioner, who is currently detained at the Otay Mesa Detention Center in San Diego, California.

Also enclosed is an **Application to Proceed In Forma Pauperis**. The petitioner respectfully requests that the Court accept this filing and grant the appropriate relief.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSE ALEJANDRO ZAPATA VELASQUEZ



Petitioner, Pro Se