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

11 JUAN CARLOS ESTRADA-  
 12 ALMAGER,

13 Petitioner,

14 v.

15 KRISTI NOEM, Secretary of the  
 16 Department of Homeland Security,  
 17 PAMELA JO BONDI, Attorney  
 18 General, TODD M. LYONS, Acting  
 19 Director, Immigration and Customs  
 20 Enforcement, JESUS ROCHA,  
 21 Acting Field Office Director, San  
 22 Diego Field Office, CHRISTOPHER  
 23 LAROSE, Warden at Otay Mesa  
 24 Detention Center,

25 Respondents.

Case No. 26-cv-01556-JES-BJW

**Joint Motion Requesting  
 Expedited Ruling**

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Petitioner and Respondents (the “Parties”) hereby jointly request the Court to issue an expedited ruling.

The parties make this request following the government’s acknowledgment that Petitioner is entitled to be released from custody under *Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678 (2001). Doc. No. 5.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 18, 2026

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