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9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
10 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 AXCEL ELI RAMIREZ ESCOBEDO,  
12 Petitioner,

13 v.  
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15 WARDEN, OTAY MESA DETENTION  
CENTER, et al.,  
16 Respondents.

Case No.: 26-cv-1641-JO-JLB

**RESPONSE TO PETITION**

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19 Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado*  
20 *Bautista v. Santacruz*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2025 WL  
21 3288403 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2025). The Ninth Circuit later stayed application of the Order  
22 beyond the Central District of California. However, Respondents acknowledges the prior  
23 orders from this District directing bond hearings pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) in similar  
24 cases.<sup>1</sup> Respondents therefore do not oppose an Order requiring such a hearing for  
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27 <sup>1</sup> To the extent the Court issues an order directing a bond hearing under 1226(a),  
28 considering heavy caseloads and staffing levels, Respondents respectfully request that such  
order provide the government 14 days from issuance to hold such bond hearing.

1 Petitioner.<sup>2</sup>

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3 DATED: March 23, 2026

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25 <sup>2</sup> The Petition also alleges that there is no active immigration case pending against  
26 Petitioner. A Notice to Appear, with redactions, is included with this Return as Exhibit  
27 1. The filing of a Notice to Appear with an Immigration Court initiates immigration  
28 proceedings against an individual. Petitioner has a Master Calendar hearing scheduled  
for March 30, 2026.