

TO THE HONORABLE COURT:

United States District Court

'26CV2145 JES AHG

Southern District of California

I respectfully submit this Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus on behalf of:

Name: Fernando Meza Vargas

Date of Birth: 9/4/1982

A-Number: 

Mr. Meza Vargas is currently detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) at the Otay Mesa Detention Center, San Diego, California. He was detained on January 27, 2026, while performing his duties as a driver, transporting vehicles from Oceanside to Fontana. Mr. Meza Vargas remains in custody despite not having any federal charges or orders of deportation filed against him.

Mr. Meza Vargas does not pose a danger to the community nor a flight risk. His continued detention is unnecessary, unjustified, and causes irreparable harm to his family.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant this Petition and order his immediate release from ICE custody while his immigration proceedings continue.

Fernando Meza Vargas



Otay Mesa Detention Center, San Diego, California.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

This letter is submitted in support of the release of Mr. Fernando Meza Vargas, currently detained by ICE at the Otay Mesa Detention Center, San Diego, California.

Mr. Meza Vargas was detained on January 27, 2026, and has been in the United States since he was 13 years of age and has no reason to flee the country.

Additional favorable factors include:

- Strong family and community ties in the United States. Letters of support have been attached to his petition.
- No danger to the community and no risk of flight.

Based on the above, we respectfully request Mr. Meza Varga's release on recognizance or under a minimal bond while his immigration matters are resolved.

Fernando Meza Vargas



Otay Mesa Detention Center, San Diego, California.

FEBRUARY 18, 2026

Executive Office for Immigration Review
Office of the Immigration Judge
Otay Mesa Detention Center
7488 Calzada De La Fuente
San Diego, CA 92154

Re: FERNANDO MEZA VARGAS

Honorable Judge:

My name is Hamid Reza Maleklou, and I am a United States citizen. Fernando and his family have been friends of mine for over fifteen years. In fact, I have known Fernando since his son and daughter were in elementary school.

In simple terms, Fernando has always been a truthful hard working individual, who takes the responsibility of family and friendship with great pride. While always trying his best in making ends meet, at the same time he extends his hand out in helping others. It is absolutely not part of his character to take advantage of anyone or any situation, nor would he walk away when someone is in need of some emergency assistance. In fact, at times, his kind-hearted and overprotective attitude gets him into trouble. That is just because he wants to help in the most honest way.

I must proudly admit that throughout the years of our friendship, Fernando has never left me out in the cold. Whenever either myself or any of my family members or friends called for help, without any hesitation he was at the front line. In addition, Fernando has repeatedly proven his trustworthiness in many ways. He has helped in my line of automotive wholesale business, in which he had to deliver vehicles to high ranking celebrities, whom all were impressed with Fernando's hospitable and friendly gesture. He has had the keys to my place of business for over twelve years. When my mother passed away in January of 2022, Fernando proved his loyalty by keeping himself close and available to me and family. He embraces the value of humanity with an open heart.

During one of our recent friendly discussions, Fernando informed me that he was needed to work harder in order to create better security for his children, especially since his daughter has just started college. Also, he has been investing much effort in developing a more stable relationship with his new partner, Lizbeth Garcia, along with her immediate family. Fernando mentioned many times that Liz's young children needed a father figure. Therefore, he made it a priority to create the necessary environment both financially and physically in which her children would be safe and feeling comfortable.

February 13,2026

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Fernando Meza Vargas

Honorable Judge:

Haider Hassan AL Younis, Lawful permanent resident

I have been a good friend of Fernando Meza Vargas for four years now.

Fernando is honest,loyal,kind,understanding,helpful, humble and very responsible. He takes his work and friends very seriously. We would get together to talk about work and our family. He gave me advice for my sons since his son is older. He mentioned his past and wanted to make a change. He's a family man and wants to give his children a good example. He helped when I needed a hand on my work truck and he knew a lot. Rarely would he charge, it was just the way he was. He also helped me learn to speak and write in English and even some Spanish words.

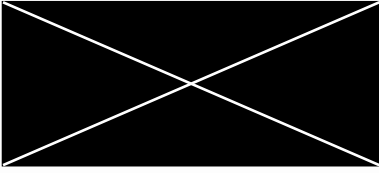
He is always willing to give to others, he helps the elders and people with special needs. He is not the type of person to cause harm or put others in danger. Hes a family man and an overprotective father and son.

For as long as i have known Fernando has been a trustworthy and responsible man. He gained personal maturity from past experiences, he has different standards and maintains trust in the relationship he has with his children and his partner. He ensures safety to everyone surrounding him. He takes accountability for his actions. He's reliable and respects others. He has gained personal growth and that takes responsibility.

It would devastate his mother, children,brothers, friends and myself to not have him back home. His children need him to look after them and guide them through a better path than his. He has so many ideas and wants to work hard for his family.

His community will feel the difference of the absence of his presence passing by waving or stopping and making a donation or a purchase. His trustworthy qualities will be missed by his close friends and the ones he liked to help out. His children and new partner depend on his financial help. He's a reliable person. He knows the importance of showing up to his court hearings and will follow through. His mindset is principled and committed to changes in his future. He has taken full accountability for his past actions.





Based on my long history with Fernando, his character revolves around being responsible and caring. I have never felt nor heard from anyone that he is in anyway a threat, dangerous, or would be causing any harm to others. With no doubt, Fernando's high respect for the general people, especially for the elderly and the needy, only adds to his sense of accountability and reliability which any community would welcome. It is his prime principle for not creating any situation in which he would be a burden on any person or group.

Lastly, I would like to point out that Fernando's high level of patience only adds to the positive attitude he carries with everyone in all settings. This special unique personal attribute is what makes him to stand out and be productive in any community. On that note, I must humbly say that Fernando is truly MISSED. He is missed by his son [REDACTED] and daughter [REDACTED] his mother Laura and stepdad Julio, along with brothers, Steven and Jacob; by his partner Liz and her youngsters; and of course, by us, his friends.

I urge you, respectful honorable judge, to allow Fernando to be released and rejoined with his family, and a chance to do better. I personally guarantee that we will all help him in his legal matters. That is the least we can do as a some type of a payback for all Fernando has done for us individually.

Thank you for taking the time in reading and acknowledging this letter.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my own personal knowledge.



HAMID R. MALEKLOU



February 14, 2026

Executive office for Immigration Review
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7488 Calzada De La Fuente
San Diego, CA 92154

Re: Fernando Meza Vargas

Honorable Judge:

I am Lizbeth Garcia, a United States citizen.

I have been the detainees' partner for the past 2 years, but I met him in 2016.

Fernando is the type of person always willing to help whether it was financially or physically. Never complained or hesitated to help. We enjoyed long walks and often helped our community and helped our local street vendors. He always helped the homeless with money and offered food. We also liked taking random drives and learning new shortcuts. He taught me how to drive a tow truck and worked on my fear of driving for long hours due to my anxiety. He gave my 17 year old driving lessons. Fernando is always willing to teach others what he knows about cars. His hobby is working on cars and learning new things in new vehicles. My kids and myself would like having dinner with Fernando and trying new places to eat. He often gave my two boys male advice due to the absence of their father. He made sure my kids' needs came before mine and always made them feel comfortable. He reminded my children to always help and give to others.

Fernando is not the type of person to cause danger or harm to anyone. He's a very overprotective father and son to his mother and a positive role model to his younger brothers. He's a family man so he knows the importance of others and their safety.

For as long as I've known Fernando he's always been a responsible person enough for his friends to trust him with their homes if they had to travel. He's trustworthy and consistent with his words and actions.

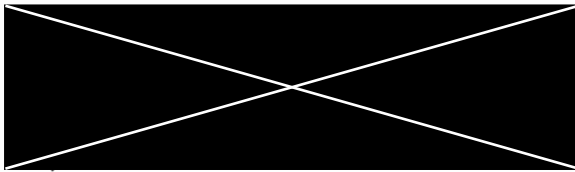
This time that has passed has caused stress and depression. Not knowing his whereabouts when he was out working for his family. He helps me financially with my children since I am currently unemployed. It has caused me pain being away from him for so long, and only being allowed to visit him once a week for an hour. It's devastating and it's hurting our family. His mother is older and has some medical problems and he has always been by her side. His children also depend on him financially.

If he is not allowed to be released from this detention center it will cause hardships for myself, his children and mother. His community and close friends will miss him and all his support for

the needy. He's still responsible for his 18 year old daughter and 21 year old son. His mother needs him to look after her. I also worry for his safety and mental state. I depend on him financially and physically with my children who are 13,15 and 17. He is willing to take responsibility for his past actions and is willing to fix and make changes in his life. He just needs a second chance to make things better for his future, his children and ours. We have so many plans and a long life ahead of us. This has caused his family and myself intolerable levels of hardships.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing statement is true and correct to the best of my own personal knowledge.

Lizbeth Garcia 2/14/2026



To:

United States District Court
Southern District of California
Attn: Clerk's Office
333 West Broadway
San Diego, CA 92101

From:

Fernando Meza Vargas



Otay Mesa Detention Center
7488 Calzada de la Fuente
San Diego, CA 92154

TO:

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

Otay Mesa Detention Center

San Diego, California

RE: Fernando Meza Vargas – A-Number



Please find enclosed the following documents submitted on behalf of Mr. Fernando Meza Vargas, who is currently detained at the Otay Mesa Detention Center, San Diego, California:

1. Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus – United States District Court, Southern District of California
2. Petition for Release from ICE Custody

We respectfully request prompt review and response to this urgent matter.

Sincerely,

Fernando Meza Vargas



Otay Mesa Detention Center, San Diego, California.