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

13 RAFAEL JOSE ECHEVERRIA
 14 HERNANDEZ,
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 16 **Petitioner,**
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 18 **v.**
 19 Warden, Imperial Regional Detention
 Facility *et al.*,
 20 **Respondents.**

Case No.: 26-cv-02451-CAB-DDL

**RETURN TO PETITION FOR A
 WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS**

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 22 Petitioner appears to be a member of the Bond Eligible Class certified in *Maldonado*
 23 *Bautista v. Santacruz*, No. 5:25-CV-01873-SSS-BFM, --- F. Supp. 3d ---, 2025 WL
 24 3288403 (C.D. Cal. Nov. 25, 2025). The Ninth Circuit later stayed application of the Order
 25 beyond the Central District of California. However, Respondents acknowledges the prior
 26 orders from this District directing bond hearings pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a) in similar

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1 cases.¹ Respondents therefore do not oppose an order from this Court directing a bond
2 hearing be held pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1226(a).

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27 ¹ 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.