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

10 LAZARO SOTOLONGO-AVILA,
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12 Petitioner,
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14 v.
15 CHRISTOPHER LAROSE, Warden at
16 Otay Mesa Detention Center, et al.,
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18 Respondents.
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Civil Case No.: 26-cv-3612-RBM-BJW

**Motion to Voluntarily Dismiss
Petition for Habeas Corpus**

1 On June 23, 2026, this Court referred Petitioner's case to Federal Defenders
2 of San Diego, Inc., for an evaluation of whether Petitioner is eligible for
3 appointment of counsel. ECF No. 4. This Court stated that if Federal Defenders
4 chose to accept representation, Petitioner may file an Amended Petition on or
5 before July 7, 2026.

6 Federal Defenders accepts appointment of counsel and has evaluated this
7 case and advised Petitioner of his legal options. Upon this advisal, however,
8 Petitioner has decided to move to voluntarily dismiss his petition. Federal
9 Defenders has advised Petitioner of the consequences of this decision and believes
10 he is making a knowing and voluntary decision.

11 For these reasons, Petitioner moves to voluntarily dismiss this petition for a
12 writ of habeas corpus.

13 Respectfully submitted,

14 Dated: July 6, 2026

15 s/ Kara Hartzler

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