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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FERNANDO GOMEZ RUIZ; FERNANDO
 VIERA REYES; JOSE RUIZ CANIZALES;
 YURI ALEXANDER ROQUE CAMPOS;
 SOKHEAN KEO; GUSTAVO GUEVARA
 ALARCON; and ALEJANDRO MENDIOLA
 ESCUTIA on behalf of themselves and all
 others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS

Case No. 3:25-cv-09757-MMC

**DECLARATION OF MARIEL
 VILLARREAL IN SUPPORT OF
 PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR CLASS
 CERTIFICATION**

Date: January 9, 2026
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 Judge: Hon. Maxine M. Chesney

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1 ENFORCEMENT; TODD M. LYONS,
2 Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and
3 Customs Enforcement; SERGIO
4 ALBARRAN, Acting Director of San
5 Francisco Field Office, Enforcement and
6 Removal Operations, U.S. Immigration and
7 Customs Enforcement; U.S. DEPARTMENT
8 OF HOMELAND SECURITY; KRISTI
9 NOEM, Secretary, U.S. Department of
10 Homeland Security,

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Defendants.

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1 I, Mariel Villarreal, declare as follows:

2 1. I am an attorney licensed to practice law in the State of California, and I am a
3 Senior Attorney at California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice (“CCIJ”). I make this
4 declaration to describe my qualifications and those of my colleague at CCIJ to serve as counsel
5 for the Proposed Class in this case. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth herein and, if
6 called to testify as a witness thereto, could do so competently under oath.

7 **Mariel Villarreal**

8 2. I am a member of the California State Bar where I was first admitted to practice in
9 December 2017. I have been admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Northern,
10 Central, and Eastern Districts of California.

11 3. I graduated from New York University School of Law in 2017. My legal practice
12 has focused on immigration removal defense before the immigration agency; release from
13 immigration detention including bond and habeas corpus; and the civil rights of people in
14 immigration detention, including conditions of confinement in immigration detention.

15 4. I have served as co-counsel in the litigation matter *Hernandez Gomez v. GEO*
16 *Group*, No. 1:22-cv-00868 (BAK) (E.D. Cal.), which is a class action. I have served as a third-
17 party representative in an administrative proceeding before the California Occupational Safety
18 and Health Standards Board, on behalf of individuals working in immigration detention. I have
19 served as counsel in four administrative complaints challenging conditions of immigration
20 detention.

21 5. I also support advocacy and organizing efforts inside and outside of immigration
22 detention, with a specific focus on immigration detention centers in Kern County.

23 **Priya Arvind Patel**

24 6. My co-counsel, Priya Arvind Patel, is an attorney admitted to the California bar in
25 January 2014. She has been admitted to practice in the U.S. District Courts for the Northern,
26 Central, and Eastern Districts of California, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for Ninth Circuit. She
27 is a Supervising Attorney at CCIJ.

