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 Plaintiffs,)
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 v.)
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 21 IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS)
 22 ENFORCEMENT, *et al.*,)
 23)
 Defendants.)

No. 2:13-cv-4416-BRO (FFMx)
**DEFENDANTS’ NOTICE OF
 MOTION TO DISMISS &
 MEMORANDUM OF POINTS
 AND AUTHORITIES IN
 SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS’
 MOTION TO DISMISS**
 DATE: Monday, June 16, 2014
 TIME: 1:30 p.m.
 JUDGE: Beverly Reid O’Connell

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NOTICE OF MOTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Monday, June 16, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the parties may be heard, Defendants will bring for hearing a motion to dismiss Plaintiffs' Second Amended Complaint. The hearing will take place before the Honorable Beverly Reid O'Connell in Courtroom 14, 312 N. Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012.

This motion is based on the memorandum of points and authorities attached hereto, all pleadings, papers and files in this action, and such oral argument as may be presented at the hearing on the motion. This motion is also made following conferences between counsel for the Plaintiffs and Defendants pursuant to L.R. 7-3, which took place by telephone on March 3, 2014. During the March 3, 2014 conference, Plaintiffs' counsel confirmed that Plaintiffs oppose Defendants' motion.

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1 **MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES**
2 **IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS’ MOTION TO DISMISS**

3 This is a putative class action immigration case in which Plaintiffs broadly
4 challenge U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement’s (“ICE’s”) practice of
5 issuing immigration detainers to local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies
6 (“LEAs”) relating to individuals in their jails or prisons. Plaintiffs have asserted
7 five causes of action, as well as an alternative petition for writ of habeas corpus.
8 *See* Second Amended Complaint (“SAC”), ECF No. 20-1, at 28-31.

9 This Court should dismiss Plaintiffs’ second amended complaint for the
10 following reasons. First, although Plaintiffs seek only relief that is prospective and
11 equitable in nature, they have failed to establish standing to seek such relief.
12 Second, Plaintiffs lack standing to bring any of the causes of action they allege in
13 their complaint because they have not suffered an injury-in-fact fairly traceable to
14 Defendants. Third, even if they did not lack standing, each of Plaintiffs’ claims is
15 moot because ICE has canceled the detainers that it had lodged against Plaintiffs.
16 Fourth, this Court lacks jurisdiction over Plaintiffs’ habeas claim because neither
17 Plaintiff was in ICE’s custody at the time they filed their complaint (nor, indeed,
18 have they ever been). Finally, the Court must dismiss Plaintiffs’ claim that
19 Defendants’ issuance of immigration detainers is *ultra vires* because Plaintiffs fail
20 to state a claim upon which the Court can grant the relief they request. For these
21 reasons, explained more fully below, under Federal Rules of Civil Procedure
22 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6), this Court should dismiss Plaintiffs’ second amended
23 complaint in its entirety.
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LEGAL AND FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. The nature and purposes of immigration detainers.

ICE, the principal investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), has as its primary mission the promotion of homeland security and public safety through the criminal and civil enforcement of federal laws governing border control, customs, trade, and immigration.¹ ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) enforces the nation's immigration laws, identifies and apprehends removable aliens, detains these individuals when necessary and removes illegal aliens from the United States.² This unit prioritizes the removal of criminal aliens, and it meets that priority in part by issuing immigration detainers (Form I-247), which serve primarily as a communication tool between ICE and federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies ("LEAs") holding individuals who might be illegal aliens. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 287.7(a). To this end, an immigration detainer may be lodged for one or more purposes, with the purpose(s) of each detainer evident on the completed detainer form itself.

The top half of the immigration detainer form provides information to the LEA-recipient regarding the individual to whom the detainer applies, identifying via four checkboxes the action(s) ICE has taken with regard to that individual. *See, e.g.*, Exh. 1. If checked, the first checkbox indicates that the ICE officer issuing the detainer form has "[d]etermined there is reason to believe the individual is an alien subject to removal from the United States." *See id.* Additional boxes are available to be checked to identify the basis of that determination. *See id.* The remaining three checkboxes on the top half of the form indicate that ICE has already either "initiated removal proceedings," "served a warrant for arrest for

¹ *See* www.ice.gov/about/overview/ (last visited March 3, 2014).

² *See* www.ice.gov/about/offices/enforcement-removal-operations/ (last visited March 3, 2014).

1 removal proceedings,” or “obtained an order of deportation or removal” for the
2 individual. *See id.*

3 The bottom half of the immigration detainer form indicates what action ICE
4 is requesting that the LEA take and provides a portion for the LEA to complete and
5 return to ICE, providing additional information regarding the individual. *See id.*
6 The first listed potential action that ICE may request of an LEA is to maintain
7 custody of the individual “when the subject would have otherwise been released
8 from [the LEA’s] custody.” *Id.* The second, third, and fourth actions ICE may
9 request concern providing notice, either to ICE or to the individual. *Id.* The fifth
10 and sixth options limit or cancel the detainer’s effect. *Id.*

11 B. The detainers lodged against Plaintiffs Gonzalez and Chinivizyan.

12 Neither of the two named plaintiffs in this case, Gerardo Gonzalez and
13 Simon Chinivizyan, has ever been in the physical custody of ICE, and neither
14 currently has an ICE detainer lodged against him. *See* SAC ¶¶ 46, 60. The Los
15 Angeles Police Department (“LAPD”) arrested Plaintiff Gonzalez on December
16 27, 2012, for felony possession of methamphetamines. *Id.* ¶ 39. The LAPD
17 transferred Plaintiff Gonzalez to the custody of the Los Angeles Sheriff’s
18 Department (“LASD”), in whose custody he remained at the time Plaintiffs filed
19 the SAC. *Id.* ¶¶ 39-40. According to the SAC, an LAPD or LASD employee
20 incorrectly wrote on Plaintiff Gonzalez’s booking record that he was born in
21 Mexico. *Id.* ¶ 41. On December 31, 2012, ICE lodged an immigration detainer for
22 Plaintiff Gonzalez. *Id.* ¶ 42; *see* Exhibit 1. On June 19, 2013, ICE canceled the
23 detainer lodged against him. *Id.* ¶ 46; *see also* Exhibit 2. ICE never took Plaintiff
24 Gonzalez into its custody. *Id.* ¶ 71 (alleging that Plaintiff Gonzalez “*would have*
25 *been detained . . . by ICE*”) (emphasis added).

26 The Burbank Police Department arrested Plaintiff Chinivizyan on June 7,
27 2013, charging him with two counts of possession of a controlled substance and
28 one count of receiving stolen property. SAC ¶ 49. He pleaded no contest to all

1 three charges on June 19, 2013. *Id.* ¶ 50. On June 19, 2013, ICE lodged an
2 immigration detainer against Plaintiff Chinivizyan. *See* Exhibit 3. Plaintiffs allege
3 that on July 2, 2013, a California superior court judge sentenced Plaintiff
4 Chinivizyan to spend six months in a residential drug treatment facility and did not
5 sentence him to any jail time. *Id.* ¶¶ 52-53. Plaintiff Chinivizyan alleges that on
6 July 3, 2013, LASD denied his transfer to the residential drug treatment facility
7 because of the ICE detainer. *Id.* ¶ 54. On July 11, 2013, ICE canceled the detainer
8 lodged against him, without ever having taken him into its custody. *Id.* ¶ 60; *see*
9 *also* Exhibit 4.

10 STANDARDS OF REVIEW

11 Federal courts have limited jurisdiction, and they may exercise that
12 jurisdiction only where it is specifically authorized by federal statute. *See*
13 *Kokkonen v. Guardian Life Ins. Co. of Am.*, 511 U.S. 375, 377, 114 S. Ct. 1673,
14 128 L. Ed. 2d 391 (1994). A motion to dismiss under Rule 12(b)(1) of the Federal
15 Rules of Civil Procedure tests the existence of such jurisdiction. *See Savage v.*
16 *Glendale Union High Sch.*, 343 F.3d 1036, 1039-40 (9th Cir. 2003). If a court
17 determines that jurisdiction is lacking, that court cannot proceed at all, and its sole
18 remaining duty is to state that it lacks jurisdiction and dismiss the case. *See Steel*
19 *Co. v. Citizens for a Better Env't.*, 523 U.S. 83, 94, 118 S. Ct. 1003, 140 L. Ed. 2d
20 210 (1998). A court must presume the lack of jurisdiction until the party asserting
21 jurisdiction proves otherwise. *Kokkonen*, 511 U.S. at 377.

22 A court must also dismiss a complaint that fails to state a claim upon which
23 relief can be granted. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(b)(6). A motion to dismiss under
24 Rule 12(b)(6) “tests the legal sufficiency of a claim.” *Navarro v. Block*, 250 F.3d
25 729, 732 (9th Cir. 2001). Dismissal may be based on the lack of a cognizable legal
26 theory or on a plaintiff’s failure to plead “enough facts to state a claim to relief that
27 is plausible on its face.” *Bell Atl. Corp. v. Twombly*, 550 U.S. 544, 569, 127 S. Ct.
28 1955, 167 L. Ed. 2d 929 (2007). When assessing a Rule 12(b)(6) motion, a court

1 must take as true allegations of material fact and must construe them in the light
2 most favorable to the non-moving party. *Cahill v. Liberty Mut. Ins. Co.*, 80 F.3d
3 336, 337-38 (9th Cir. 1996). A court need not accept as true pleadings that are no
4 more than legal conclusions or the “formulaic recitation of the elements” of a cause
5 of action. *Ashcroft v. Iqbal*, 556 U.S. 662, 678, 129 S. Ct. 1937, 1949, 173 L. Ed.
6 2d 868 (2009).

7 **ARGUMENT**

8 **I. This Court must dismiss Plaintiffs’ Second Amended Complaint for** 9 **lack of jurisdiction.**

10 A. Plaintiffs lack standing to seek prospective equitable relief because
11 they cannot show an imminent threat of irreparable injury.

12 The Court must dismiss this case under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
13 12(b)(1) because Plaintiffs Gonzalez and Chinivizyan lack standing to assert their
14 claims for prospective equitable relief. In their SAC, Plaintiffs seek (1) an
15 injunction restricting the circumstances in which Defendants can issue immigration
16 detainers; (2) an injunction requiring Defendants to rescind and reconsider the
17 issuance of all existing immigration detainers; (3) an injunction requiring judicial
18 proceedings for individuals subjected to immigration detainers; and declaratory
19 judgments regarding Defendants’ compliance with (4) the Fourth Amendment and
20 (5) their statutory authority. *See* SAC at 31-32 (Prayer for Relief). All of these
21 requested forms of relief are equitable and prospective in nature. Plaintiffs,
22 however, have failed to establish – and, in fact, cannot establish – standing to seek
23 such relief.

24 Article III of the Constitution limits the power of federal courts to the
25 resolution of actual “Cases” and “Controversies.” U.S. Const., art. III, § 2; *Valley*
26 *Forge Christian Coll. v. Ams. United for Separation of Church & State, Inc.*, 454
27 U.S. 464, 471, 102 S. Ct. 752, 70 L. Ed. 2d 700 (1982). “[A]n essential and
28 unchanging part of the case-or-controversy requirement of Article III” is “the

1 requirement that a litigant have standing to invoke the authority of a federal court.”
2 *DaimlerChrysler Corp. v. Cuno*, 547 U.S. 332, 342, 126 S. Ct. 1854, 1861, 164 L.
3 Ed. 2d 589 (2006). The irreducible minimum of constitutional standing consists
4 of three elements: (1) injury-in-fact, (2) causation, and (3) redressability. *Id.*
5 (citing *Lujan v. Defenders of Wildlife*, 504 U.S. 555, 560-61, 112 S. Ct. 2130, 119
6 L. Ed. 2d 351 (1992)). Plaintiffs, as the party seeking to establish jurisdiction, bear
7 the burden of demonstrating the existence of standing, *Lujan*, 504 U.S. at 561, and
8 they “must demonstrate standing separately for each form of relief sought,” *see*
9 *Friends of the Earth, Inc. v. Laidlaw Envt’l Servs., Inc.*, 528 U.S. 167, 185, 120 S.
10 Ct. 693, 145 L. Ed. 2d 610 (2000).

11 As shown above, Plaintiffs seek only prospective equitable relief.³ *See* SAC
12 at 31-32. When a plaintiff seeks prospective equitable relief, the injury-in-fact
13 analysis involves two distinct components. *See Hodgers-Durgin v. De La Vina*,
14 199 F.3d 1037, 1042 (9th Cir. 1999). First, courts consider the constitutional
15 requirements for standing, under which a plaintiff must show a credible threat of
16 future injury that is sufficiently concrete and particularized to meet the case-or-
17 controversy requirement of Article III. *See City of Los Angeles v. Lyons*, 461 U.S.
18 95, 101-04, 103 S. Ct. 1660, 75 L. Ed. 2d 675 (1983). Second, courts consider
19 whether a plaintiff has established an entitlement to prospective equitable relief.
20 *See id.* at 111; *Hodgers-Durgin*, 199 F.3d at 1042. To establish such entitlement
21 for a prospective injunction, the plaintiff must not only establish a likelihood of
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23 ³ This Court need not consider whether Plaintiffs would have standing to seek
24 remedial relief because Plaintiffs have not sought such relief in this litigation. *See*
25 SAC at 31-32. Moreover, whether Plaintiffs would have standing to seek such
26 relief has no bearing on whether they have standing to seek *prospective* equitable
27 relief. *See Mayfield v. United States*, 599 F.3d 964, 969 (9th Cir. 2010) (“[A]
28 plaintiff who has standing to seek damages for a past injury, or injunctive relief for
an ongoing injury, does not necessarily have standing to seek prospective relief
such as a declaratory judgment.”).

1 future injury, but also show an imminent threat of irreparable harm. *Lyons*, 461
2 U.S. at 111. If “the named plaintiffs fail to establish imminent injury for the
3 purposes of injunctive relief, their related claims for declaratory relief must be
4 dismissed” *See Stevens v. Harper*, 213 F.R.D. 358, 366-67 (E.D. Cal. 2002).
5 Finally, although Plaintiffs have filed this action as a putative-class action, alleged
6 injuries to unnamed members of a proposed class are irrelevant to the standing
7 analysis, *see Hodgers-Durgin*, 199 F.3d at 1045, and cannot rescue the case from
8 dismissal if the named plaintiffs lack standing, *see B.C. v. Plumas Unified Sch.*
9 *Dist.*, 192 F.3d 1260, 1264 (9th Cir. 1999) (“A class of plaintiffs does not have
10 standing to sue if the named plaintiff does not have standing.”).

11 *i. Plaintiffs lack standing to seek a prospective injunction.*

12 Plaintiffs have not shown a “likelihood of substantial and immediate
13 irreparable injury” and therefore lack standing to seek prospective injunctive relief.
14 In their SAC, Plaintiffs Gonzalez and Chinivizyan allege that ICE lodged
15 immigration detainers for them and that the detainers were unlawful because they
16 are U.S. citizens. *See SAC* ¶¶ 41-42 (Gonzalez), 47-51 (Chinivizyan). Both
17 acknowledge, however, that ICE has already canceled the detainers. *Id.* ¶¶ 46
18 (Gonzalez, canceled June 19, 2013), 60 (Chinivizyan, canceled July 11, 2013); *see*
19 *also* Exhs. 2, 4. Moreover, Plaintiffs Gonzalez and Chinivizyan understandably
20 fail to allege either that they will again be subjected to an immigration detainer or
21 that they face some future harm because of the canceled detainers. *See O’Shea v.*
22 *Littleton*, 414 U.S. 488, 496, 94 S. Ct. 669, 38 L. Ed. 2d 674 (1974) (“[T]he
23 prospect of future injury rests on the likelihood that respondents will again be
24 arrested for and charged with violations of the criminal law and will again be
25 subjected to bond proceedings, trial, or sentencing before petitioners.”).

26 Because Plaintiffs seek only *prospective* equitable relief, the operative
27 question for the standing inquiry is *not* whether they were *previously* injured by
28 ICE’s lodging of immigration detainers against them, but whether they face an

1 imminent threat of *future* irreparable harm. And although past wrongs could
2 perhaps factor into the determination of whether there is a real and immediate
3 threat of repeated injury, “[p]ast exposure to illegal conduct does not in itself show
4 a . . . case or controversy” sufficient to support a prospective injunction. *See id.* at
5 495-96. Based on the allegations in the SAC, Plaintiffs have failed to identify any
6 likelihood of personal *future* harm. Indeed, the Ninth Circuit and other courts have
7 consistently held that a single occurrence is insufficient to establish a likelihood
8 that the challenged action will occur again in the future. *See, e.g., Hodgers-*
9 *Durgin*, 199 F.3d at 1044 (finding it “not sufficiently likely” that plaintiffs who
10 had been stopped only once would be stopped again); *Farm Labor Org. Comm. v.*
11 *Ohio State Highway Patrol*, 95 F. Supp. 2d 723, 730 (N.D. Ohio 2000) (holding
12 that “the current named plaintiffs, having been stopped but once, lack standing to
13 seek equitable relief”). Rather, courts generally require multiple or repeated
14 occurrences before finding that a plaintiff has standing to seek a prospective
15 injunction. *See, e.g., Wooley v. Maynard*, 430 U.S. 705, 712, 97 S. Ct. 1428, 51 L.
16 Ed. 2d 752 (1977) (equitable relief was available where plaintiff had been
17 prosecuted three times for obscuring “Live Free or Die” motto on his license plate
18 in a span of five weeks).⁴

19 Accordingly, because each Plaintiff alleges only a single occasion on which
20 he contends to have improperly been the subject of an immigration detainer and
21 because neither has shown any likelihood that it will happen again in the imminent
22 future, both Plaintiffs lack standing to seek a prospective injunction.

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24 ⁴ *See also Kolender v. Lawson*, 461 U.S. 352, 357 n.3, 103 S. Ct. 1855, 75 L. Ed.
25 2d 903 (1983) (plaintiff who had been stopped fifteen times had standing to
26 challenge an anti-loitering statute as unconstitutionally vague because there was a
27 “credible threat” that he might be detained again); *Nicacio v. INS*, 797 F.2d 700
28 (9th Cir. 1985) (“The possibility of recurring injury ceases to be speculative when
actual repeated incidents are documented.”), *overruled on other grounds by*
Hodgers-Durgin, 199 F.3d at 1042.

1 ii. *Plaintiffs lack standing to seek a prospective declaratory judgment.*

2 Plaintiffs' claim for a prospective declaratory judgment – *i.e.*, that
3 Defendants' current policies and/or practices are unlawful – is similarly not ripe for
4 adjudication. The Ninth Circuit has previously held that a claim for prospective
5 declaratory judgment “is not ripe for adjudication if it rests upon ‘contingent future
6 events that may not occur as anticipated, or indeed may not occur at all.’” *Hodgers-*
7 *Durgin*, 199 F.3d at 1044 (quoting *Texas v. United States*, 523 U.S. 296, 118 S. Ct.
8 296, 140 L. Ed. 2d 406 (1998)) (dismissing plaintiffs' claims that they would be
9 stopped again by the Border Patrol because they were “simply too speculative to
10 warrant an equitable judicial remedy, including declaratory relief . . .”). “Both the
11 Supreme Court and [the Ninth] [C]ircuit have repeatedly found a lack of standing
12 where the litigant's claim relies upon a chain of speculative contingencies.” *Nelsen*
13 *v. King Cnty.*, 895 F.2d 1248, 1252 (9th Cir. 1990).

14 Here, Plaintiffs have not alleged that they are likely to be the subject of
15 another ICE detainer in the future. Indeed, any claim that Plaintiffs are likely to be
16 subjected to another ICE detainer would rely on a string of contingencies
17 insufficient to support standing. *See id.* Of particular relevance to this analysis is
18 California's recent enactment of the TRUST Act, which was signed into law on
19 October 5, 2013. *See* Cal. Gov't Code § 7282 *et seq.* The express purpose of the
20 TRUST Act is to “prohibit law enforcement official[s] . . . from detaining an
21 individual” on the basis of an immigration detainer except where specified, limited
22 conditions are met. *See* Legislative Counsel's Digest, 2013 California Assembly
23 Bill No. 4, 2013 Cal. Legis. Serv. Ch. 570.

24 Under the TRUST Act, all California state and local law enforcement
25 officials are prohibited from cooperating with immigration detainers in any fashion
26 unless two conditions are met. *See* Cal. Gov't Code § 7282.5(a) (addressing
27 compliance generally), § 7282.5(b) (specifically addressing detention pursuant to
28 an immigration detainer). First, state and local law enforcement officials may only

1 comply with an immigration detainer if doing so would not violate another federal,
2 state, or local law, or any local policy. *Id.* Among other things, this provision
3 recognizes the existence of state and local laws, ordinances, or policies that limit
4 or, at times, completely prohibit cooperation with immigration detainers. *See, e.g.,*
5 SAC at 13 n.2 (noting the LAPD’s policy limiting its cooperation with immigration
6 detainers).

7 Second, state and local law enforcement officials may only comply with an
8 immigration detainer if the individual meets one of the six enumerated
9 circumstances, including that the individual: (1) has been convicted of a “serious
10 or violent felony;” (2) has been convicted of a felony punishable by imprisonment
11 in state prison; (3) has been convicted of one of a list of enumerated offenses; (4)
12 “is a current registrant on the California Sex and Arson Registry;” (5) has already
13 had a magistrate judge make a probable finding for certain types of crimes; or (6)
14 has been convicted of an aggravated felony as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101(a)(43).
15 *See* Cal. Gov’t Code § 7282.5(a)(1)-(6). Finally, even when the TRUST Act does
16 not prohibit a law enforcement official from complying with an immigration
17 detainer, such compliance remains discretionary. *See id.* § 7282.5(a) (“A law
18 enforcement official shall have *discretion* to cooperate with federal immigration
19 officials” (emphasis added)).

20 Thus, in order to have an immigration detainer lodged against them again in
21 the future, and in order for that immigration detainer to be recognized and
22 complied with by an LEA, Plaintiffs would first have to: (i) be arrested for the
23 commission of an additional crime; (ii) be detained by an LEA that does not
24 entirely prohibit cooperation with immigration detainers; (iii) have their
25 information shared with or referred to ICE; (iv) have an ICE agent ignore their
26 now-clearly noted U.S. citizenship status and determine that an immigration
27 detainer should be lodged; *and* (v) have an LEA decide, in his or her discretion, to
28 comply with ICE’s immigration detainer. The prospect of such a future string of

1 events happening is hypothetical at best. *See Lee v. State of Or.*, 107 F.3d 1382,
2 1388 (9th Cir. 1997) (finding no standing for plaintiffs seeking injunction where
3 prospect of future harm relied on a “chain of speculative contingencies”); *see also*,
4 *Northwest Airlines, Inc. v. Federal Aviation Admin.*, 795 F.2d 195, 201 (D.C. Cir.
5 1986) (stating that “[t]he injury requirement will not be satisfied simply because a
6 chain of events can be hypothesized in which the action challenged eventually
7 leads to actual injury”). Moreover, Plaintiffs themselves have the ability to avoid
8 committing any additional crimes, and thus retain control over the trigger in the
9 above line of contingencies. *See O’Shea*, 414 U.S. at 497 (“We assume that
10 respondents will conduct their activities within the law and so avoid . . . the
11 challenged course of conduct said to be followed by petitioners.”). As such,
12 Plaintiffs “themselves are able – and indeed required by law – to prevent such a
13 possibility from occurring.” *See Lane v. Williams*, 455 U.S. 624, 633 n.13, 102 S.
14 Ct. 1322, 71 L. Ed. 2d 508 (1982).

15 In summary, to establish standing to seek prospective equitable relief, “the
16 named plaintiffs themselves must show that they are likely to be repeat victims.”⁵
17 *Farm Labor Org. Comm.*, 95 F. Supp. 2d at 733 (citing *Allee v. Medrano*, 416 U.S.
18 802, 828-29, 94 S. Ct. 2191, 40 L. Ed. 2d 566 (1974)). Plaintiffs have not so
19 shown, and, indeed, are not so likely. Based on their own allegations, Plaintiffs
20 have failed to demonstrate a likelihood of substantial and imminent irreparable
21 injury sufficient to establish an entitlement to prospective injunctive relief against
22 Defendants. Likewise, because any possibility that Plaintiffs will again suffer the
23 same alleged harm hinges on a line of contingencies that is speculative at best and
24 over which they retain control, their related claims for prospective declaratory

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27 ⁵ The “capable of repetition but evading review” doctrine has no bearing on this
28 analysis. *See Nelsen*, 895 F.2d at 1254 (noting that the “doctrine is an exception
only to the mootness doctrine; it is not transferable to the standing context”).

1 relief are unripe. Accordingly, the Court should dismiss Plaintiffs' prospective
2 equitable claims for lack of subject-matter jurisdiction.⁶

3 B. Plaintiffs lack standing to bring their Fourth and Fifth Amendment
4 claims because they have not suffered an injury-in-fact fairly traceable
5 to the immigration detainers.

6 Beyond lacking standing based on the nature of relief they seek, Plaintiffs
7 also lack standing to bring their second, third, fourth, and fifth causes of action
8 because they have not suffered the requisite injury-in-fact for each claim.
9 Specifically, Plaintiffs allege that the immigration detainers lodged against them
10 violated the Fourth Amendment because they resulted in an unlawful seizure, SAC
11 ¶¶ 96-97 (second cause of action), and "fail[ed] to provide Plaintiffs . . . with a
12 prompt, judicial probable cause determination," thus "unreasonably taking away,

13 ⁶ In reaching its holding in *Hodgers-Durgin*, the Ninth Circuit was also mindful of
14 Supreme Court precedent that federal courts should exercise extreme caution in
15 granting equitable relief that could interfere with the operations of the Executive
16 branch:

17 It is the role of courts to provide relief to claimants, in
18 individual or class actions, who have suffered, or will
19 imminently suffer, actual harm; it is not the role of courts, but
20 that of the political branches, to shape the institutions of
21 government in such fashion as to comply with the laws and the
22 Constitution [T]he distinction between the two roles would
23 be obliterated if, to invoke intervention of the courts, no actual
24 or imminent harm were needed, but merely the status of being
25 subject to a governmental institution that was not organized or
26 managed properly.

27 *Hodgers-Durgin*, 199 F.3d at 1043 (quoting *Lewis v. Casey*, 518 U.S. 343, 349-50,
28 116 S. Ct. 2174, 135 L. Ed. 2d 606 (1996)). The Ninth Circuit further stated that,
29 "[i]n the absence of a likelihood of injury to the named plaintiffs, there is no basis
30 for granting injunctive relief that would restructure the operations of the Border
31 Patrol and that would require ongoing judicial supervision of an agency normally,
32 and properly, overseen by the executive branch." *Id.* at 1044.

1 limiting, and otherwise impacting their liberty,” *id.* ¶¶ 101-103 (fourth cause of
2 action). Alternatively, Plaintiffs contend that the detainers violated their
3 substantive due process rights under the Fifth Amendment by restricting their
4 “right to be released within a reasonable time after the initial reason for their
5 detention has ended,” *id.* ¶¶ 98-100 (third cause of action), and their procedural
6 due process rights by failing to provide a prompt judicial probable cause
7 determination. *Id.* ¶¶ 104-106 (fifth cause of action). As shown below, Plaintiffs
8 cannot plausibly demonstrate that they have suffered any injury under the Fourth
9 or Fifth Amendment sufficient to provide standing to bring any of these four
10 claims.

11 *i. Plaintiffs have not suffered an injury under the Fourth Amendment.*

12 The Fourth Amendment protects an individual’s right to be secure against
13 “unreasonable searches and seizures.” U.S. Const., Amend IV. A seizure has not
14 occurred (and the Fourth Amendment does not apply), however, unless “by means
15 of physical force or show of authority, [the government] has in some way
16 restrained the liberty of a citizen.” *Terry v. Ohio*, 392 U.S. 1, 20, 88 S. Ct. 1868,
17 1879, 20 L. Ed. 2d 889 (1968). Accordingly, Plaintiffs’ claims under the Fourth
18 Amendment depend upon their contention that the lodging of immigration
19 detainers resulted in their unlawful seizures. The detainers here did not.

20 At the time ICE issued the detainers for Plaintiffs Gonzalez and
21 Chinivizyan, both individuals had already been arrested and were in criminal
22 custody. Plaintiff Gonzalez had been arrested on December 27, 2012, for felony
23 possession of methamphetamines and was in the custody of LASD. *See* SAC
24 ¶¶ 39-40. Plaintiff Chinivizyan had been arrested on June 7, 2013, on two
25 controlled substance charges and one charge of receiving stolen property, and was
26 also in the custody of LASD. *Id.* ¶ 49. Even after the detainers were lodged,
27 however, both Plaintiffs remained in LASD custody. *See id.* ¶¶ 42-44, 51-54.

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1 Thus, the lodging of the detainers did not result in the arrest or detention of
2 Plaintiffs. Nor could it – they were already detained.

3 Plaintiffs similarly cannot plausibly argue that the immigration detainers
4 reasonably resulted in a restraint on their liberty. Plaintiff Gonzalez contends his
5 liberty was restrained because “*if [he had] posted bail, he would have been subject*
6 *to unlawful detention of up to 5 days on the sole authority of the immigration hold*
7 *and subject to further unlawful detention for up to 2 days by ICE.” SAC ¶ 45*
8 *(emphasis added)*. Additionally, he contends that *had he been convicted* while
9 *subject to an immigration detainer, it might have affected* aspects of the state’s
10 decisions regarding imprisonment and access to remedial programs. *Id.* (emphasis
11 added). Both of these allegations are entirely speculative and hypothetical,
12 however, because Plaintiff Gonzalez *never actually* posted bond prior to ICE
13 canceling the detainer, nor was he convicted while the detainer was in effect. A
14 threat of injury that is “conjectural” or “hypothetical” is insufficient to establish
15 standing. *Lyons*, 461 U.S. at 102-03. Moreover, the facts of this case belie any
16 contention by Plaintiff Gonzalez that the immigration detainer impacted his
17 detention. Indeed, based on his allegations, he remained in LASD custody at the
18 time Plaintiffs filed their SAC, despite the fact that ICE canceled his immigration
19 detainer several months earlier. SAC ¶¶ 8, 39-40, 45-46.

20 Similarly, Plaintiff Chinivizyan alleges that the immigration detainer caused
21 LASD to deny him release into a rehabilitation program in accordance with a court
22 order. SAC ¶¶ 53-55. The detainer lodged against Plaintiff Chinivizyan, however,
23 specifically expressed that it did *not* limit LASD’s *discretion* regarding the
24 conditions of Plaintiff Chinivizyan’s incarceration. *See* Exh. 3 (“This [detainer]
25 does not limit your discretion to make decisions related to this person’s custody
26 classification, work, quarter assignments, or other matters.”). Assuming that
27 Plaintiff Chinivizyan is correct that LASD refused to transfer him to a
28 rehabilitation facility, that decision was based entirely on LASD’s own policies

1 and procedures; such a refusal was not directed or requested by ICE, where, as
2 here, he remained subject to state criminal detention. *See* 8 C.F.R. §287.7(d)
3 (ICE’s request to detain only applies when the alien is “not otherwise detained by a
4 criminal justice agency”). Moreover, the Ninth Circuit has found time and again
5 that there exists in the Fourth Amendment context “no constitutional right to
6 rehabilitation.” *Rizzo v. Dawson*, 778 F.2d 527, 531 (9th Cir. 1985) (citing
7 *Hoptowit v. Ray*, 682 F.2d 1237, 1254-55 (9th Cir. 1982)).

8 For the purposes of this motion, the Court need not accept as true Plaintiff
9 Chinivizyan’s self-serving and conclusory allegation that he was “detained for 7
10 days in LASD custody on the sole authority of the immigration hold.” *See* SAC
11 ¶ 55, *Warren v. Fox Family Worldwide, Inc.*, 328 F.3d 1136, 1139 (9th Cir. 2003)
12 (“[W]e are not required to accept as true conclusory allegations which are
13 contradicted by documents referred to in the complaint, and we do not necessarily
14 assume the truth of legal conclusions merely because they are cast in the form of
15 factual allegations.” (internal quotation marks, citations, and alterations omitted)).
16 Indeed, Plaintiffs’ allegations themselves undermine their conclusory assumption
17 regarding the basis for Chinivizyan’s custody. By regulation, an LEA is
18 responsible for all costs associated with continued detention until “actual
19 assumption of custody by [ICE],” providing a strong incentive for an LEA to
20 inform ICE when it is holding an individual solely based on an immigration
21 detainer. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 287.7(e); *see also* Complaint ¶¶ 7-8, 36, *Roy v. Cnty. of*
22 *Los Angeles*, No. 12-cv-9012 (C.D. Cal.) (alleging that LASD detention costs
23 \$100-150 per night, which will not be reimbursed, and that LASD is seeking to
24 reduce its prison population). Nevertheless, Plaintiffs do not contend that LASD
25 informed ICE it was holding Plaintiff Chinivizyan for ICE to pick up; instead, they
26 concede that ICE was unaware of the fact that Plaintiff Chinivizyan was being held
27 pursuant to a detainer. *See* SAC ¶ 59. Nor do Plaintiffs address the fact that,
28 inexplicably, LASD held Plaintiff Chinivizyan longer than even Plaintiffs

1 recognize as typical in such situations. *Compare* SAC ¶ 15 (“A person subject to
2 an immigration detainer may thus be detained for up to . . . five days in LEA
3 custody on the immigration detainer . . .”) *with* ¶ 55 (“Plaintiff Chinivizyan had
4 been detained for 7 days in LASD custody on the sole authority of the immigration
5 hold . . .”). Moreover, alternative sentencing to a rehabilitation program does not
6 terminate a state’s criminal custody of an individual. *Cf. Khadr v. Bush*, 587 F.
7 Supp. 2d 225, 237 (D.D.C. 2008) (holding, in the habeas context, that a request for
8 “a transfer from adult detention into a rehabilitation and reintegration program for
9 juveniles . . . is not tantamount to a request for outright release and is more
10 accurately characterized as a request seeking a different program or location or
11 environment” (quotations omitted)).

12 Thus, the only reasonable inference the Court may draw from Plaintiff
13 Chinivizyan’s continued detention is that the State of California retained criminal
14 custody over Plaintiff Chinivizyan and denied him transfer to a rehabilitation
15 facility based entirely on its own policies and procedures. *See Moss v. U.S. Secret*
16 *Serv.*, 572 F.3d 962, 969 (9th Cir. 2009) (“[F]or a complaint to survive a motion to
17 dismiss, the non-conclusory ‘factual content,’ and reasonable inferences from that
18 content, must be plausibly suggestive of a claim entitling the plaintiff to relief.”).
19 Accordingly, any injury suffered by Plaintiff Chinivizyan is not fairly traceable to
20 ICE. *Ass’n of Pub. Agency Customers v. Bonneville Power Admin.*, 733 F.3d 939,
21 950 (9th Cir. 2013) (noting that for Article III standing, a petitioner “must show
22 that the injury is fairly traceable to the challenged action of the defendant, and is
23 not the result of the independent action of some third party not before the court”
24 (internal quotations omitted)).

25 Finally, because the immigration detainers did not cause Plaintiffs’
26 detention, no judicial probable cause hearing was required. Indeed, even the cases
27 Plaintiffs cite in the SAC recognize that a probable-cause hearing is only required
28 when there will be “extended restraint of liberty *following arrest.*” *Gerstein v.*

1 *Pugh*, 420 U.S. 103, 114, 95 S. Ct. 854, 863, 43 L. Ed. 2d 54 (1975) (emphasis
2 added); *Cnty. of Riverside v. McLaughlin*, 500 U.S. 44, 56, 111 S. Ct. 1661, 1670,
3 114 L. Ed. 2d 49 (1991) (“[W]e believe that a jurisdiction that provides judicial
4 determinations of probable cause *within 48 hours of arrest* will, as a general
5 matter, comply with the promptness requirement of *Gerstein*.” (emphasis added)).
6 Plaintiffs were not arrested – indeed, they were not even detained – as a result of
7 the immigration detainers lodged against them; therefore, a judicial probable cause
8 hearing was not required.

9 Accordingly, any deprivation of liberty Plaintiffs Gonzalez and Chinivizyan
10 experienced (or are experiencing) is solely the result of their criminal custody and
11 is not fairly traceable to the immigration detainers. Plaintiffs lack standing to
12 assert their second and fourth causes of action under the Fourth Amendment
13 because they have not suffered the requisite injury-in-fact.⁷

14 *ii. Plaintiffs have not suffered an injury under the Fifth Amendment.*

15 Plaintiffs bring their third and fifth causes of action under the Fifth
16 Amendment, as alternatives to the second and fourth causes of action “in the event
17 the court rules that . . . [they are] properly analyzed” under the Fifth Amendment.
18 *See* SAC ¶¶ 99, 105. These claims mirror Plaintiffs’ claims under the Fourth
19 Amendment, and the Court must dismiss them for the same reasons.

20 The third cause of action in the SAC purports to implicate the substantive
21 component of the Fifth Amendment. *See* SAC ¶¶ 98-100. “Substantive due
22 process analysis must begin with a careful description of the asserted right.” *Reno*
23 *v. Flores*, 507 U.S. 292, 302, 113 S. Ct. 1439, 1447, 123 L. Ed. 2d 1 (1993); *see*
24 *also Log Cabin Republicans v. United States*, 658 F.3d 1162, 1169 (9th Cir. 2011)
25 (“[T]he Court requires a careful description of the asserted fundamental liberty

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27 ⁷ Because ICE did not arrest or detain them, but, rather, the local LEAs did,
28 Plaintiffs also lack standing to bring their first cause of action, in which they allege
that ICE exceeded its statutory warrantless-arrest powers. *See* SAC ¶¶ 91-95.

1 interest” and “eschew[s] breadth and generality in favor of narrowness, delicacy,
2 and precision” (internal quotations and citations omitted)). Here, Plaintiffs assert
3 the “right to be released within a reasonable time after the initial reason for their
4 detention has ended.” SAC ¶ 100. As shown above, however, even without
5 determining whether Plaintiffs have properly described and indeed have such a
6 right, this Court must dismiss this claim because, regardless, ICE did not violate
7 that purported right. Plaintiffs cannot ascribe their arrests or detentions to the
8 immigration detainers lodged against them, nor did the immigration detainers
9 reasonably result in a restraint on Plaintiffs’ liberty. *Cf. Moody v. Daggett*, 429
10 U.S. 78, 86-87, 97 S. Ct. 274, 278, 50 L. Ed. 2d 236 (1976) (holding that, “[w]ith
11 only a prospect of future incarceration which is far from certain, we cannot say that
12 the parole violator warrant has any present or inevitable effect upon the liberty
13 interests” of an individual already in detention for other convictions).

14 The Court must similarly dismiss Plaintiffs’ fifth cause of action, which they
15 bring under the procedural component of the Fifth Amendment. *See* SAC ¶¶ 104-
16 06. As discussed above, the right to a judicial probable cause determination does
17 not exist unless an individual has been subjected to arrest. *See Gerstein*, 420 U.S.
18 at 114. Because Plaintiffs were not arrested or even detained as a result of the
19 immigration detainers lodged against them, a judicial probable cause hearing was
20 not required. Thus, Plaintiffs lack standing to assert their third and fifth causes of
21 action under the Fifth Amendment because they have not suffered the requisite
22 injury-in-fact.

23 C. Plaintiffs’ claims are moot because ICE has canceled the immigration
24 detainers that it lodged against them.

25 As with standing, the Constitution’s case-or-controversy requirement
26 imposes the justiciability doctrine of mootness. *See Culinary Workers Union,*
27 *Local 226 v. Del Papa*, 200 F.3d 614, 617 (9th Cir. 1999). “[A] case is moot when
28 the issues presented are no longer ‘live’ or the parties lack a legally cognizable

1 interest in the outcome.” *Powell v. McCormack*, 395 U.S. 486, 496, 89 S. Ct.
2 1944, 23 L. Ed. 2d 491 (1969). In deciding whether a case is moot, the question
3 for the court is “whether there can be any effective relief.” *Cantrell v. City of Long*
4 *Beach*, 241 F.3d 674, 678 (9th Cir. 2001). “If an event occurs that prevents the
5 court from granting effective relief, the claim is moot and must be dismissed.” *Am.*
6 *Rivers v. Nat’l Marine Fisheries Serv.*, 126 F.3d 1118, 1123 (9th Cir. 1997).

7 In this case, ICE canceled the immigration detainers issued lodged against
8 both Plaintiffs. *See* Exhs. 2, 4. Accordingly, they face no likelihood that they will
9 suffer future harm due to the previously lodged and now-canceled detainers. And
10 because Plaintiffs do not seek damages or any remedial relief but instead seek only
11 prospective, equitable relief, this Court can no longer grant any effective relief to
12 them. *See supra* Section I.A.

13 Moreover, the “capable of repetition, yet evading review” exception to
14 mootness does not apply. The exception, which applies only in “extraordinary
15 cases,” *Doe v. Madison Sch. Dist. No. 321*, 177 F.3d 789, 798 (9th Cir. 1999) (en
16 banc), requires a plaintiff to make two showings. First, “the ‘capable of repetition’
17 prong of the exception requires a ‘reasonable expectation’ that the same party will
18 confront the same controversy again.” *W. Coast Seafood Processors Ass’n v.*
19 *Natural Res. Def. Council, Inc.*, 643 F.3d 701, 704 (9th Cir. 2011) (citation
20 omitted). Second, should the situation arise again, the claim must be “inherently
21 limited in duration such that it is likely always to become moot before federal court
22 litigation is completed” and, therefore, would “evade review.” *Id.* at 705 (internal
23 quotations and citations omitted). Plaintiffs cannot meet either prong of the test
24 here. First, Plaintiffs have not shown and cannot show a reasonable expectation
25 that they will be the subject of an immigration detainer again in the future. *See*
26 *supra* Section I.A; *see also Alvarez v. Hill*, 667 F.3d 1061, 1064-65 (9th Cir. 2012)
27 (finding that plaintiff’s claim that it is reasonably likely he will return to jail’s
28 custody in the future is “too speculative a basis on which to conclude [his] claims

1 are capable for review”). Second, Plaintiffs have themselves put forward cases in
2 which similar claims were not rendered moot before federal court litigation was
3 completed. *See* SAC ¶ 25. Accordingly, all of Plaintiffs’ claims related to their
4 immigration detainers are now moot and this Court should dismiss the SAC.

5 D. Because Plaintiffs have never been in ICE’s custody, the Court must
6 dismiss the habeas claim.

7 This Court must also dismiss Plaintiffs’ habeas claim because at the time
8 they filed their complaint they were not (and indeed, have never been) in ICE’s
9 custody. Federal courts have jurisdiction to issue a writ of habeas corpus only if
10 the petitioner “is in custody under . . . the authority of the United States.”
11 28 U.S.C. § 2241(c). The Ninth Circuit and Supreme Court have clarified that the
12 “in custody” requirement is jurisdictional and thus is a threshold issue. *See*
13 *Williamson v. Gregoire*, 151 F.3d 1180, 1182 (9th Cir. 1998); *Maleng v. Cook*, 490
14 U.S. 488, 490, 109 S. Ct. 1923, 104 L. Ed. 2d 540 (1989) (per curiam). To satisfy
15 the “in custody” requirement, a petitioner must be in custody at the time of the
16 filing of a habeas petition. *See Abdala v. INS*, 488 F.3d 1061, 1063-64 (9th Cir.
17 2007).

18 Here, Plaintiffs have never been in ICE’s custody; accordingly, the Court
19 lacks subject-matter jurisdiction over the habeas claim. 28 U.S.C. § 2241(c).
20 Plaintiffs, to be clear, do not contend that they have ever been in ICE’s physical
21 custody; rather, they contend that “the issuance of an immigration detainer place[d]
22 Plaintiffs . . . in federal custody for purposes of 28 U.S.C. § 2241.” SAC ¶ 109.
23 Ninth Circuit precedent, however, forecloses this argument. *See Campos v. INS*,
24 62 F.3d 311, 313 (9th Cir. 1995) (“The bare detainer letter alone does not
25 sufficiently place an alien in INS custody to make habeas corpus available.”)
26 (quoting *Garcia v. Taylor*, 40 F.3d 299, 303 (9th Cir. 1994)). Moreover, because
27 ICE canceled the detainers lodged against Plaintiffs while they were still in state
28 criminal custody, there is no chance that such detainers will ever result in Plaintiffs

1 being transferred into ICE's custody. This Court, therefore, must dismiss
2 Plaintiffs' habeas claim for lack of jurisdiction.

3 **II. This Court must dismiss Plaintiffs' first cause of action for failure to**
4 **state a claim because Plaintiffs rely on an inapplicable statutory**
5 **subsection and, in any event, ICE's detainer policies are not *ultra vires*.**

6 Finally, this Court must also dismiss Plaintiffs' first cause of action, in
7 which they allege that ICE issues immigration detainers in excess of their statutory
8 authority to do so. *See* SAC ¶¶ 91-95. Specifically, Plaintiffs contend that
9 immigration detainers "cause[] warrantless arrests without an individualized
10 determination of probable cause of removability or likelihood of escape in
11 violation of the limitations placed by 8 U.S.C. § 1357(a)." *Id.* ¶ 93. The Court
12 must dismiss this cause of action, in addition to Plaintiffs' failure to demonstrate
13 standing, *see supra* note 7, because it fails to state a claim upon which the Court
14 can grant the requested relief.

15 First, although Plaintiffs have identified the applicable statute, they cite to
16 and rely on the wrong subsection.⁸ Subsection (a) of § 1357 is a generally
17 applicable subsection providing immigration officers with specified "powers

18 ⁸ Defendants note that ICE's authority to issue immigration detainers flows from
19 multiple sources, only one of which is 8 U.S.C. § 1357(d). *See* 8 C.F.R. § 287.7
20 ("Detainers are issued pursuant to sections 236 and 287 of the Act and this chapter
21 1."). Section 1357(d) addresses only ICE's authority to issue detainers with
22 respect to aliens arrested for controlled substances violations, *see* 8 U.S.C. §
23 1357(d), though ICE has authority to issue detainers in other contexts under other
24 sources of authority. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 287; *see also Comm. for Immigrant Rights of*
25 *Sonoma Cnty. v. Cnty. of Sonoma*, 644 F. Supp. 2d 1177, 1199 (N.D. Cal. 2009)
26 ("[T]he court reads the language of § 1357 as simply placing special requirements
27 on officials issuing detainers for a violation of any law relating to controlled
28 substances, not as expressly limiting the issuance of immigration detainers solely
to individuals violating laws relating to controlled substances."). Nevertheless,
because Plaintiffs were both arrested for, and convicted of, controlled substance
violations, only ICE's authority under § 1357(d) is at issue in this litigation at this
time.

1 without warrant.” *See* 8 U.S.C. § 1357(a). Other subsections, however, directly
2 address specific situations. For example, subsection (c) governs conducting a
3 search without a warrant. *See id.* § 1357(c). Most importantly for the instant
4 litigation, however, subsection (d) governs the issuance of detainers for aliens
5 arrested for “violation of any law relating to controlled substances.” *See id.*
6 § 1357(d). Accordingly, the Court must judge ICE’s compliance with its
7 Congressionally-mandated powers based on the language of 8 U.S.C. § 1357
8 subsection (d), not subsection (a). *See RadLAX Gateway Hotel, LLC v.*
9 *Amalgamated Bank*, 132 S. Ct. 2065, 2071, 182 L. Ed. 2d 967 (2012) (noting that
10 where “a general authorization and a more limited, specific authorization exist
11 side-by-side . . . [t]he terms of the specific authorization must be complied with”).
12 Plaintiffs’ claim based on subsection (a), therefore, must be dismissed.

13 Second, Plaintiffs’ claim ignores the multiple possible purposes and
14 functions of an immigration detainer, none of which “causes warrantless arrests.”
15 *See supra* at 1-2. These purposes/functions can be restated more simply as
16 threefold. First, the detainer form can notify an LEA that ICE intends to arrest or
17 remove an individual in the LEA’s custody once the individual is no longer subject
18 to the LEA’s detention. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 287.7(a). Second, an immigration detainer
19 can request information from an LEA about an individual’s impending release so
20 that ICE may assume custody before that release from the LEA’s custody. *See id.*
21 Third, an immigration detainer may *request* that the *LEA maintain* custody of an
22 individual who would otherwise be released to provide ICE time to assume
23 custody. *See id.* § 287.7(d). In other words, none of the functions of an
24 immigration detainer constitute an arrest or are the basis of any deprivation of
25 liberty. *See Campos*, 62 F.3d at 313 (“The bare detainer letter alone does not
26 sufficiently place an alien in INS custody to make habeas corpus available.”)
27 (quoting *Garcia*, 40 F.3d at 303); *see also Dow v. Circuit Court of First Circuit*

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1 *Through Huddy*, 995 F.2d 922, 923 (9th Cir. 1993) (noting that “custody” for
2 habeas purposes encompasses more than mere physical detention).⁹

3 ⁹ Indeed, even if an immigration detainer implicated the Fourth Amendment in some
4 way – which it does not – as a matter of practice, ICE’s detainer issuance complies
5 both with the Fourth Amendment and with § 1357(d). As Plaintiffs note, since
6 December 21, 2012, the ICE detainer form has required an immigration officer to
7 note that, at a minimum, he or she has “determined that there is reason to believe the
8 individual is an alien subject to removal from the United States.” See SAC ¶ 18; see
9 also Exh. 1. The Ninth Circuit and some other courts have interpreted the “reason to
10 believe” standard as being analogous to the “probable cause” standard normally
11 associated with criminal proceedings. See *United States v. Gorman*, 314 F.3d 1105,
12 1110 (9th Cir. 2002) (holding that “the ‘reason to believe’ standard of *Underwood*
13 embodies the same standard of reasonableness inherent in probable cause” in the
14 context of the “limited authority to enter a dwelling in which the suspect lives when
15 there is reason to believe the suspect is within”); *Tejeda-Mata v. INS*, 626 F.2d 721,
16 725 (9th Cir. 1980) (holding that “[t]he phrase ‘has reason to believe’ has been
17 equated with the constitutional requirement of probable cause” in the context of a
18 warrantless arrest under 8 U.S.C. § 1357(a)(2)); see also, e.g., *United States v.*
19 *Cantu*, 519 F.2d 494, 496 (7th Cir. 1975) (same). But see *United States v. Pruitt*,
20 458 F.3d 477, 483 (6th Cir. 2006) (holding that “reasonable belief is a lesser
21 standard than probable cause” in the context of the “limited authority to enter a
22 dwelling in which the suspect lives when there is reason to believe the suspect is
23 within”); *United States v. Thomas*, 429 F.3d 282, 286 (D.C. Cir. 2005) (same);
24 *United States v. Route*, 104 F.3d 59, 62-63 (5th Cir. 1997) (same); *United States v.*
25 *Risse*, 83 F.3d 212, 216-17 (8th Cir. 1996) (same); *United States v. Lauter*, 57 F.3d
26 212, 215 (2d Cir. 1995) (same).

27 Moreover, the Court must analyze ICE’s issuance of an immigration detainer
28 in light of California’s new TRUST Act. See Cal. Gov’t Code § 7282 *et seq.* As
previously discussed, the Act bars California’s state and local LEAs from
cooperating with federal immigration officials (e.g., complying with the terms of
an immigration detainer) unless one of the conditions listed in section 7282.5(a) of
the TRUST Act is met. See *supra* Section I.A.ii. These conditions include
convictions for specified offenses, charges for a narrower set of felonies for which
a judge has found probable cause under section 872 of the Penal Code, inclusion
on the California Sex and Arson Registry, and outstanding federal criminal arrest
warrants. Where none of these conditions is met, section 7282.5(b) of the TRUST
Act *requires* local officials to release detainees once they are “eligible for release
from custody.” Cal. Gov’t Code § 7282.5(b). To be clear, regardless of what the

1 In summary, because Plaintiffs rely on the wrong statutory subsection as the
2 basis for their claim, the cause of action is not based on a cognizable legal theory
3 and thus should be dismissed for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be
4 granted. Indeed, this is in addition to the fact that a detainer alone does not
5 constitute an arrest or otherwise form the basis of any deprivation of liberty.
6 Accordingly, the Court must dismiss Plaintiffs' first cause of action under Federal
7 Rule of Civil Procedure 12(b)(6) for failure to state a claim on which the Court
8 could grant the requested relief.

9 **CONCLUSION**

10 This Court should dismiss Plaintiffs' SAC in its entirety. Plaintiffs seek
11 only prospective equitable relief in this action, but they lack standing to seek such
12 relief because they do not face a likelihood of imminent future harm. Additionally,
13 Plaintiffs lack standing to bring their claims because they have not suffered the
14 requisite injury-in-fact. Moreover, because the immigration detainers lodged
15 against Plaintiffs have been canceled, any controversy they had is now moot. This
16 Court also lacks jurisdiction over Plaintiffs' habeas claim because Plaintiffs were
17 not and have never been in ICE's custody. Finally, this Court should dismiss
18 Plaintiffs' challenge based on 8 U.S.C. § 1357 for failure to state a claim upon
19 which relief can be granted because it is based on the wrong statutory subsection
20 and because a detainer alone does not constitute an arrest or otherwise form the
21 basis of any deprivation of liberty.

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25 ICE official represents on the immigration detainer form as the basis for issuing the
26 detainer, the TRUST Act makes *local* officials ultimately responsible for
27 determining whether an exception is met in a particular case.

28 Accordingly, Plaintiffs' contention that ICE's detainer practices are
unconstitutional is untenable.

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