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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHWESTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
OAKLAND DIVISION

AKHILESH R. VANGALA; I.S.A.; and  
KENNY M. CASTANEDA PENATE, on  
behalf of themselves and  
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

U.S. CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION  
SERVICES and U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
HOMELAND SECURITY,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:20-cv-08143-HSG

**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF  
SETTLEMENT: ORDER**

Hon. Haywood S. Gilliam, Jr.

The parties hereby jointly request that this Court approve and adopt the attached Settlement Agreement and dismiss this case. Attached as Exhibit 1 is the parties' Settlement Agreement that proposes a settlement of this case, as modified to reflect the Court's instructions from the Case Management Conference from July 13, 2021. The substantial relief provided by the Settlement Agreement to the Plaintiffs will also provide relief for more than sixty thousand applicants similarly situated to Plaintiffs. Although Plaintiffs' Complaint was filed as a putative class action and Plaintiffs filed a motion for class certification on November 19, 2020, briefing

1 has not been completed and no class has been certified. Furthermore, Defendants, agreed to  
2 rescind the policy challenged in the Complaint and agreed to provide relief to Plaintiffs as well  
3 as to other similarly situated individuals, as laid out in the Settlement Agreement. As such, this  
4 Court's order adopting the Settlement Agreement provides relief beyond the Plaintiffs without  
5 the need for protracted litigation and the accompanying drain of resources required to certify a  
6 class and bind class members to any such settlement. Accordingly, the Parties respectfully  
7 request this Court adopt the Settlement Agreement and dismiss this case.  
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10 DATED: July 19, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

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**ORDER**

Pursuant to the stipulation of the parties, and good cause having been shown, it is hereby ordered that the Settlement Agreement Attached as Exhibit 1 is approved and the case is dismissed.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 7/20/2021

  
HON. HAYWOOD S. GILLIAM, JR.  
United States District Judge