

**IN THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT**

East Bay Sanctuary Covenant, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs-Appellees,

v.

Joseph R. Biden, President of the United
States, in his official capacity, *et al.*,

Defendants-Appellants.

No. 23-16032

JOINT STATUS REPORT

On February 21, 2024, this Court placed this appeal “in abeyance pending the parties’ settlement discussions” and directed the filing of status reports every 60 days while the case remains in abeyance. Order (Feb. 21, 2024). The parties now file their first status report pursuant to that order.

Counsel for the government and counsel for plaintiffs have been engaged in discussions regarding continued implementation of the challenged Rule and related policies and whether a settlement could eliminate the need for further litigation in this case and a case raising similar claims pending in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia. Those discussions remain ongoing, and the parties agree that proceedings should remain stayed to facilitate those continuing discussions.

Respectfully submitted,

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