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14 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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16 SALAZAR GARZA, AND J.M., on behalf of
17 themselves and all others similarly situated;
18 COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRANT
RIGHTS,

19 Plaintiffs,

20 v.

21 U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS
22 ENFORCEMENT; TODD M. LYONS,
23 Acting Director, U.S. Immigration and
24 Customs Enforcement; JAIME RIOS, Acting
25 Director of Los Angeles Field Office,
26 Enforcement and Removal Operations, U.S.
27 Immigration and Customs Enforcement; U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY; KRISTI NOEM, Secretary, U.S.
Department of Homeland Security,

28 Defendants.

Case No. _____

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AND DECLARATORY RELIEF
CLASS ACTION**

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INTRODUCTION

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2 1. Since the federal government launched its sweeping dragnet of
3 immigration raids in the Central District of California, it has apprehended thousands
4 of people and detained them for days, weeks, or months in inhumane conditions.
5 Individuals are often first taken to a temporary holding facility in downtown Los
6 Angeles and then transported to a for-profit detention complex in the middle of the
7 Mojave Desert where they are mistreated and denied basic human dignity. At the
8 Adelanto ICE Processing Center (“Adelanto”), detained individuals face dangerous
9 conditions and pervasive abuses—disease and illness are rampant, mold grows on the
10 walls, and detained individuals are denied sufficient food, clean drinking water,
11 proper medical care, and disability accommodations. This lawsuit seeks to end the
12 inhumane and illegal conditions faced by immigrants detained at Adelanto—one of
13 the largest immigration detention centers in the United States.

14 2. The government’s abuses at Adelanto are a core part of its broader scheme
15 to harass, intimidate, punish, and deport immigrants. Defendants target immigrants
16 at a breakneck pace, through a vicious pipeline of incarceration and oppression—first,
17 by racially profiling them and aggressively seizing them off the street¹—then, by
18 imprisoning them in a squalid, cramped temporary holding facility known as B-18,
19 located in the basement of a federal building in downtown Los Angeles²—and finally,
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21 ¹ See *Vasquez Perdomo v. Noem*, 790 F. Supp. 3d 850, 886-87 (C.D. Cal. 2025),
22 *appeal dismissed sub nom. Perdomo v. Noem*, No. 25-4312, 2025 WL 4053187 (9th
23 Cir. Nov. 21, 2025) (describing one such seizure); *id.* at 889-91, 897 (finding
24 plaintiffs were likely to succeed in demonstrating the government had a pattern of
25 seizing people without reasonable suspicion based on “[a]pparent race or ethnicity;
[s]peaking Spanish or speaking English with an accent; [p]resence at a particular
location, or occupation . . . [or] [t]ype of work done”).

26 ² *Id.* at 867 (noting that “[i]ndividuals taken to B-18 are being kept in small,
27 windowless rooms with dozens or more other detainees in cramped quarters[,]” “are
28 also routinely deprived of food, and some have not even been given water other than
what comes out of the combined sink and toilet in the group detention room”).

1 by transferring them to Adelanto, where they are left to endure intolerable conditions
2 as they await their immigration case—or agree to deportation. These abusive
3 practices seek to force detained immigrants to surrender important statutory and
4 constitutional rights and send a message to other immigrants to “self-deport.”
5 Defendants’ actions at Adelanto are part of a policy and practice that seeks to degrade,
6 dehumanize, and demonize immigrants, stripping them of dignity in the process.

7 3. The government’s decision to abruptly repopulate Adelanto—which has
8 long been the subject of investigation and condemnation for its unsafe conditions—
9 has only intensified the urgent need to protect the health and safety of detained
10 immigrants. The number of individuals detained at Adelanto has swelled rapidly over
11 the past year, surging from three individuals to nearly two thousand. As the
12 population has quickly swelled, conditions have rapidly deteriorated.

13 4. As the government began detaining thousands of immigrants at Adelanto
14 in June 2025, a longtime Adelanto detention center staff member warned that the
15 surge was “dangerous” because the facility lacked experienced staff, was generally
16 understaffed, and was “cutting way too many corners.”³ When the state agency
17 authorized to inspect detention facilities visited Adelanto that month, it warned that
18 detained individuals faced “alarming” conditions and that detained individuals with
19 disabilities were being subjected to “abuse and neglect.”⁴ Detained individuals
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22 ³ Jenny Jarvie & Nathan Solis, *Moldy Food, Dirty Towels: Critics Warn of*
23 *Inhumane Conditions at California’s Largest Detention Center*, L.A. Times (June
24 20, 2025), [https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-06-20/unsanitary-](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-06-20/unsanitary-overcrowded-and-inhumane-red-flags-raised-about-conditions-in-adelanto-detention-center)
25 [overcrowded-and-inhumane-red-flags-raised-about-conditions-in-adelanto-](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-06-20/unsanitary-overcrowded-and-inhumane-red-flags-raised-about-conditions-in-adelanto-detention-center)
detention-center.

26 ⁴ “*They Treat Us Like Dogs in Cages*”: *Inside the Adelanto ICE Processing Center*,
27 Disability Rights California (July 17, 2025), [https://www.disabilityrightscalifornia.org/drc-](https://www.disabilityrightscalifornia.org/drc-advocacy/investigations/inside-the-adelanto-ice-processing-center)
28 [advocacy/investigations/inside-the-adelanto-ice-processing-center](https://www.disabilityrightscalifornia.org/drc-advocacy/investigations/inside-the-adelanto-ice-processing-center) [hereinafter *They*
Treat Us Like Dogs in Cages].

1 described being treated like “dogs in cages.”⁵

2 5. In choosing to apprehend and confine thousands of immigrants at
3 Adelanto, Defendants assumed legal responsibility for the lives and well-being of
4 those in their custody—yet have knowingly failed to provide for detained individuals’
5 basic needs and have instead deliberately harmed and endangered their health.
6 Detained individuals are routinely denied necessary medical care and disability
7 accommodations, and face unsanitary conditions without access to adequate food and
8 clean drinking water.

9 6. Countless detained individuals have suffered medical issues with limited
10 access to proper care. One detained individual had the top of his finger bitten off and
11 developed an infection that went untreated. Another has inconsistent access to his
12 epilepsy medication, and regularly experiences seizures that receive delayed medical
13 attention or none at all. Detained individuals with disabilities are left to fend for
14 themselves. Elderly detained individuals with mobility issues are forced to sleep on
15 top bunks despite their difficulty climbing up ladders.

16 7. Detained individuals routinely request medical care and other basic
17 needs, but are consistently ignored by Adelanto staff, or told that their issue is not
18 serious enough to warrant medical attention. Even if they eventually see a medical
19 professional, the medical care is dangerously substandard. In 2025, at least two
20 detained individuals who suffered medical emergencies died under circumstances that
21 raise serious questions about the provision of adequate medical care and conditions
22 at Adelanto.⁶

23 8. The facility is also unsanitary, posing serious health risks. Mold grows
24 on bathroom and dormitory walls. Individuals across various dormitories contracted

25 ⁵ *Id.*

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27 ⁶ See Meg James, *Deaths in ICE custody raise serious questions, lawmakers say*,
28 L.A. Times (Nov. 22, 2025), <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-11-22/ice-custody-deaths-raise-congress-member-questions-ismael-ayala-uribe>.

1 an infectious skin disease called a staph infection—and more than a dozen detained
2 individuals were hospitalized. Another unit recently experienced an outbreak of
3 chicken pox. Detained individuals are forced to clean the bathrooms themselves. The
4 kitchens are filthy and serve insufficient—and sometimes spoiled—food. People go
5 hungry. The limited drinking water often appears dirty and tastes odd, raising serious
6 concerns about its potability. Rooms are kept cold, and detained individuals are
7 provided only a thin blanket if they are provided one at all. Some detained individuals
8 protest the conditions and speak out, but are met with retaliation or punishment.

9 9. Nearly two thousand people suffer in these conditions on a daily basis
10 and, as the government continues to detain and deport immigrants at record levels,
11 thousands more risk the same fate. The punitive conditions of confinement,
12 inadequate medical care, and failure to accommodate people with disabilities must be
13 remedied before more people are harmed or even die at Adelanto.

14 10. Plaintiffs are four detained individuals (“Plaintiffs” or “Individual
15 Plaintiffs”) who seek to represent a class of all people who are or will be detained at
16 Adelanto, and an organization that defends and advocates on behalf of and with
17 immigrants (“Organizational Plaintiff”). They ask this Court to end the unlawful and
18 unconstitutional conditions at Adelanto, prohibit Defendants from violating their
19 civil, constitutional, and human rights, and require Defendants to provide lawfully
20 adequate conditions. In other words, they ask to be treated like human beings.

21 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

22 11. This Court has jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because this
23 action arises under federal law, including the United States Constitution and the
24 Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. § 794. This Court also has jurisdiction over this action
25 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1346 because the United States is a defendant. Defendants
26 do not have sovereign immunity for purposes of this action. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 702.

27 12. An actual controversy exists between the parties within the meaning of
28 28 U.S.C. § 2201(a), and this Court may grant declaratory relief, injunctive relief, and

1 other appropriate relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2201–02 and the Court’s inherent
2 equitable powers.

3 13. Venue properly lies in the Central District of California pursuant to 28
4 U.S.C. § 1391(e)(1). All Defendants are agencies, or officers of agencies, of the
5 United States, and at least one Defendant resides in this District. In addition, because
6 Plaintiffs are detained at Adelanto ICE Processing Center in this District, where
7 Defendants’ unlawful actions have caused and will continue to cause harm unless
8 enjoined, a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claims have occurred and
9 continue to occur in this District.

10 PARTIES

11 *Individual Plaintiffs*

12 14. **Plaintiff L.T.**⁷ is a resident of Santa Ana, California. He has lived in
13 California since 1989. Mr. L.T. was born in 1964. On November 14, 2025 he was
14 arrested by Defendant ICE in Santa Ana, California. He has been at Adelanto since
15 November 18, 2025. Mr. L.T. suffers from serious medical and mobility issues that
16 continue to go unaddressed and untreated at Adelanto: he was paralyzed on the right
17 side of his body due to a stroke he had approximately three years ago, continues to
18 have serious mobility issues as a result, and has a tumor on his spine.

19 15. **Plaintiff Sevak Mesrobian** is a resident of Glendale, California, who
20 came to the United States in approximately 1990 and was arrested this summer by
21 Defendant ICE in Glendale while running errands for his mother. He was taken to
22 Adelanto on July 24, 2025, where he has been since. He suffers from epilepsy and
23 seizures for which he requires prescription medication. Adelanto staff do not
24 consistently provide the medication Mr. Mesrobian needs to control his seizures.
25 When he has seizures, he either does not receive medical attention or receives delayed
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27 ⁷ Mr. L.T. is referred to in this Complaint using initials to protect his identity. A
28 motion to proceed under pseudonym will promptly follow the filing of this
complaint.

1 and deficient care. He was once made to walk to the infirmary on his own after
2 suffering a seizure and fell and hit his head. On another occasion, after experiencing
3 a seizure, Mr. Mesrobian was locked by himself in a medical holding cell, where he
4 suffered another seizure with no medical assistance. Recently, while hospitalized and
5 in critical condition due to a seizure, he had his arm and leg handcuffed to the bed for
6 five days.

7 **16. Plaintiff Jose Mauro Salazar Garza** is a resident of California who has
8 lived in the United States since 1981. He has six children in the United States, the
9 youngest of whom is eleven. Mr. Salazar Garza has been detained at Adelanto for
10 about one year, and he serves as the Christian preacher in his unit. Mr. Salazar Garza
11 was detained at Desert View Annex (“DVA”) in July 2023 and in August 2024,
12 another detainee bit off part of his right pinky finger. When Mr. Salazar Garza was
13 transferred to Adelanto in January 2025, his right hand was swollen and painful from
14 what he suspected was an infection. After over four months without antibiotics, his
15 infected finger eventually burst while he was sleeping. Later, when Mr. Salazar Garza
16 contracted a staph infection on his arm and hip, Adelanto staff waited multiple days
17 until his entire arm was swollen and discolored to transport him to the hospital for
18 surgery. In the past two months, Mr. Salazar Garza’s hand has started to feel the way
19 it did in early 2024, and given his past experiences at Adelanto, he fears repeated
20 infections with delayed access to medical care.

21 **17. Plaintiff J.M.**⁸ is a resident of Moreno Valley, California, who has lived
22 in the United States since 2005. Mr. J.M. was detained by Defendant ICE in March
23 2025. He was initially taken to DVA and then transferred to Adelanto in June 2025,
24 where he has been since. Mr. J.M. suffers from cardiac arrhythmia. In November
25 2025, he was taken outside of Adelanto for a heart ultrasound, and the cardiologist
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27 ⁸ Mr. J.M. is referred to in this Complaint using initials to protect his identity. A
28 motion to proceed under pseudonym will promptly follow the filing of this
complaint.

1 ordered him to wear a heart monitor. When he returned, Adelanto staff only allowed
2 Mr. J.M. to wear the heart monitor if he stayed in isolated medical segregation. After
3 spending about five days alone in the medical cell, Mr. J.M. could no longer tolerate
4 the isolation, and he elected to return to his regular cell without his heart monitor. In
5 December 2025, he was scheduled for a follow up appointment at an outside hospital
6 to learn the results of the heart monitoring. He was transported to the hospital, but
7 when he arrived, he was informed by the hospital staff that Adelanto staff had
8 cancelled the appointment. He never learned the results of the heart monitoring and
9 was never rebooked for another appointment. Based on his own experience and what
10 he has witnessed, Mr. J.M. constantly fears that if he suffers a cardiac episode, he will
11 not receive timely medical assistance, if he receives any medical assistance at all.

12 **Organizational Plaintiffs**

13 18. **Plaintiff Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (“CHIRLA”)** is a
14 nonprofit organization with its principal place of business in Los Angeles, California.
15 CHIRLA was founded in 1986 to advance the human and civil rights of immigrants
16 and refugees. Since then, CHIRLA has become one of the largest and most effective
17 advocates for immigrant rights, organizing, educating and defending immigrants and
18 refugees in the streets, in the courts, and in the halls of power. As a membership
19 organization, CHIRLA represents approximately 50,000 members across California,
20 including both U.S. citizens and noncitizens of varying immigration status. CHIRLA
21 has members in every county in the District. CHIRLA’s staff include attorneys and
22 Department of Justice (“DOJ”) accredited representatives who provide pro bono legal
23 services to members and clients in removal proceedings, including numerous clients
24 who are detained at Adelanto. Pursuant to intakes, CHIRLA either chooses to
25 represent the individuals in removal proceedings, as well as possibly in habeas corpus
26 filings, or refers them to other providers. Additionally, CHIRLA coordinates the Los
27 Angeles Rapid Response Network (“LARRN”) and educates its membership as well
28 as the broader community through know-your-rights programming, workshops, social

1 media, and educational literature about a variety of social services and benefits,
2 including immigration law, financial literacy, workers' rights, and civic engagement.
3 CHIRLA's core business activities, including its provision of legal services to
4 detained individuals, have been impacted by Defendants' policies and practices
5 challenged herein. Additionally, at least one of CHIRLA's members is detained at
6 Adelanto and is being irreparably harmed by Defendant's policies and practices.
7 CHIRLA brings this suit on behalf of itself and its members.

8 **Defendants**

9 19. **Defendant Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE")** is a
10 component agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. Defendant ICE is
11 responsible for the criminal and civil enforcement of immigration laws, including the
12 detention and removal of immigrants. Defendant ICE is responsible for ensuring
13 immigrants are kept in conditions that comply with the Constitution and the law.
14 Defendant ICE has contracted with the GEO Group, Inc. ("GEO")—one of the largest
15 for-profit prison corporations in the country—to run and manage the Adelanto ICE
16 Processing Center. GEO facility administration, staff, and other personnel at
17 Adelanto are agents of Defendant ICE. Defendant ICE is an agency within the
18 meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 551(1).

19 20. **Defendant Todd Lyons** is the Acting Director of ICE and the current
20 senior official performing the duties of the Director of ICE. Defendant Lyons is
21 responsible for Defendant ICE's policies, practices, and procedures, including those
22 relating to the detention of immigrants and the conditions under which they are held.
23 Defendant Lyons is a legal custodian of Plaintiffs and the members of the putative
24 class. He is sued in his official capacity.

25 21. **Defendant Jaime Rios** is the Acting Director of ICE's Los Angeles Field
26 Office, Enforcement and Removal Operations, which is the ICE Field Office with
27 jurisdiction and responsibility over Adelanto. Defendant Rios is responsible for
28 Defendant ICE's policies, practices, and procedures, including those relating to the

1 detention of immigrants and conditions under which they are being held. Defendant
 2 Rios is a legal custodian of Plaintiffs and members of the putative class. He is sued
 3 in his official capacity.

4 **22. Defendant Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”)** is a federal
 5 executive agency responsible for, among other things, enforcing federal immigration
 6 laws and overseeing immigration to the United States. Defendant DHS is a legal
 7 custodian of Plaintiffs and members of the putative class. Defendant DHS is an
 8 agency within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 551(1).

9 **23. Defendant Kristi Noem** is the Secretary of DHS. Defendant Noem is
 10 responsible for administering and enforcing the nation’s immigration laws pursuant
 11 to 8 U.S.C. § 1103(a). In this role, she oversees component agencies, including
 12 Defendant ICE and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”). Defendant Noem
 13 is sued in her official capacity.

14 **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

15 **A. Adelanto is a for-profit prison complex with a history of abuse,** 16 **neglect and unsafe conditions**

17 24. A former state prison, Adelanto is a sprawling detention complex located
 18 in the Mojave Desert in San Bernardino County.⁹ The compound is owned by one of
 19 the largest for-profit prison and detention companies in the U.S., GEO.¹⁰ Defendant
 20 ICE contracts with GEO to run Adelanto and detain immigrants there, including the
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22 ⁹ Sarah Tory, *‘If you don’t want us, tell us to go back’ The making of a California*
 23 *prison town*, High Country News (May 15, 2017), [https://www.hcn.org/issues/49-](https://www.hcn.org/issues/49-8/how-adelanto-came-to-host-californias-biggest-immigration-detention-facility/)
 24 [8/how-adelanto-came-to-host-californias-biggest-immigration-detention-facility/](https://www.hcn.org/issues/49-8/how-adelanto-came-to-host-californias-biggest-immigration-detention-facility/)
 25 (noting Adelanto was a state prison for twenty years).

26 ¹⁰ *Id.* (discussing ownership); Lauren-Brooke Eisen, *Private Prison Companies’*
 27 *Enormous Windfall: Who Stands to Gain as ICE Expands*, Brennan Ctr. for Just.
 28 (Oct. 1, 2025), [https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/private-](https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/private-prison-companies-enormous-windfall-who-stands-gain-ice-expands)
[prison-companies-enormous-windfall-who-stands-gain-ice-expands](https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/private-prison-companies-enormous-windfall-who-stands-gain-ice-expands) (noting GEO is
 one of the two largest private prison companies in the United States).

Individual Plaintiffs.¹¹ GEO purchased the former prison in 2010 for \$28 million,¹² and Defendants opened the facility as an immigration detention center in 2011.¹³ Since then, detained individuals, advocates, and government entities charged with oversight have repeatedly raised concerns about substandard conditions.

25. For over a decade, Adelanto has often functioned as the primary long-term immigration detention center in the Central District. It has the capacity to detain 1,940 people,¹⁴ making it the largest immigration detention facility in the Central District and one of the largest in the country.¹⁵ GEO makes an estimated \$85 million

¹¹ See *Contract No. 70CDCR20D00000009 between the GEO Grp., Inc. and U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf't 2* (Oct. 16, 2019), https://www.ice.gov/doclib/foia/detFacContracts/70CDCR20D00000009_org_AdelantoDetFac_AdelantoCA.pdf [hereinafter *2019 Adelanto Contract*] (“establish[ing] detention, transportation and medical services in the Los Angeles Area of Responsibility at Adelanto Detention Facility and the Desert View Modified Community Correctional Facility”); *Modification P00018 to Contract No. 70CDCR20D000000009 between the GEO Grp., Inc. and U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf't 2* (Dec. 19, 2019), https://www.ice.gov/doclib/foia/detFacContracts/70CDCR20D000000009_P00018-19_AdelantoDetFac_AdelantoCA.pdf.

¹² *Natasha Lindstrom, GEO Group finalizes \$28 million purchase of Adelanto prison*, Victorville Daily Press (June 7, 2010), <https://www.vvdailynews.com/story/news/2010/06/07/geo-group-finalizes-28-million/37086482007/>.

¹³ *Immigration Detention in California: A Comprehensive Review with a Focus on Mental Health*, Cal. Dep’t of Just., 26 (2025), <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/immigration-detention-2025.pdf>. [hereinafter *Immigration Detention in California*].

¹⁴ *Adelanto ICE Processing Center*, The GEO Group., <https://www.geogroup.com/facilities/adelanto-ice-processing-center/> (last visited Jan. 25, 2026).

¹⁵ See *Detention Facilities Average Daily Population*, Transactional Recs. Access Clearinghouse (TRAC), (Nov. 28, 2025)

1 annually on its Adelanto contract with Defendant ICE, and expects to profit an
2 additional \$31 million annually with the detention center operating at full capacity.¹⁶

3 26. Adelanto consists of two buildings that house detained individuals: East
4 and West. In 2020, GEO added a third building to expand the detention complex: it
5 converted the former state prison adjacent to Adelanto East into an additional
6 immigration detention center known as the Desert View Annex (“DVA”).¹⁷ Adelanto
7 and DVA “share most of the same staff,” including “[m]ost of the administrative,
8 executive, medical, and mental health staff” and “essentially operate together[.]”¹⁸
9 The facilities are adjacent, and detained individuals are often transferred between
10 them. The contract between Defendant ICE and GEO, signed in 2019, provides GEO
11 over two billion dollars to operate the neighboring Adelanto and DVA facilities for
12 five years, over \$400 million a year.¹⁹

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14 <https://tracreports.org/immigration/detentionstats/facilities.html> [hereinafter *TRAC*
15 *Report*].

16 ¹⁶ Pablo E. Paez, *The GEO Group Announces Funding Extension for Adelanto ICE*
17 *Processing Center Contract*, The GEO Group., (May 20, 2024),
18 [https://investors.geogroup.com/news-releases/news-release-details/geo-group-](https://investors.geogroup.com/news-releases/news-release-details/geo-group-announces-funding-extension-adelanto-ice-processing)
19 *announces-funding-extension-adelanto-ice-processing*; Pablo E. Paez, *The GEO*
20 *Group Reports Second Quarter 2025 Results and Announces \$300 Million Share*
21 *Repurchase Program*, The GEO Group., (Aug. 6, 2025),
22 [https://investors.geogroup.com/news-releases/news-release-details/geo-group-](https://investors.geogroup.com/news-releases/news-release-details/geo-group-reports-second-quarter-2025-results-and-announces-300)
23 *reports-second-quarter-2025-results-and-announces-300*.

24 ¹⁷ Rebecca Plevin, *Adelanto approves GEO plan to expand capacity at detention*
25 *center*, Victorville Daily Press (Feb. 20, 2020),
26 [https://www.vvdailypress.com/story/news/local/delanto/2020/02/20/adelanto-](https://www.vvdailypress.com/story/news/local/delanto/2020/02/20/adelanto-approves-geo-plan-to/62935425007/)
27 *approves-geo-plan-to/62935425007/*.

28 ¹⁸ *Immigration Detention in California*, *supra* note 13, at 26, 28.

¹⁹ *2019 Adelanto Contract*, *supra* note 11, at 1, 5; McKenna Mobley, *Extension*
granted for Adelanto ICE Center to remain open until December, possibly longer,
Victorville Daily Press (Oct. 22, 2024),
<https://www.vvdailypress.com/story/news/2024/10/22/adelanto-immigration->

27. The image below shows the neighboring aggregate of buildings that constitute Adelanto and DVA. Although Defendant ICE considers Adelanto and DVA to be distinct facilities, they are effectively one unified detention compound, given their physical proximity and consolidated logistical operations.²⁰



customs-enforcement-ice-detention-center-to-remain-open-california/75780811007/.

²⁰ Together, Adelanto and DVA hold a total of 2,690 beds, the largest number of immigration detention beds on the West Coast. *See Adelanto ICE Processing Center*, The GEO Group., <https://www.geogroup.com/facilities/adelanto-ice-processing-center/> (last visited Jan. 25, 2026); *Desert View Annex*, The GEO Group., <https://www.geogroup.com/facilities/desert-view-annex/> (last visited Jan. 25, 2026).

28. Both facilities are subject to ICE’s 2011 Performance-Based National Detention Standards (“PBNDS”).²¹ Defendant ICE’s Adelanto contract with GEO mandates compliance with the PBNDS.²²

29. Yet Defendants have consistently failed to comply with the PBNDS—Adelanto has long been plagued by substandard conditions, medical neglect, and abuse.²³

30. State and federal entities have repeatedly documented and warned of serious conditions issues.²⁴ In 2015, the DHS Office for Civil Rights and Civil

²¹ See U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf’t, *Performance-Based National Detention Standards* (2011) [hereinafter *PBNDS*], <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/detention-standards/2011/pbnds2011r2016.pdf>.

²² *2019 Adelanto Contract*, *supra* note 11, at 2 (“All services shall be furnished in compliance with the following regulations/policies/standards: 2011 Performance Based National Detention Standards (PBNDS 2011) as revised in DEC 2016[.]”).

²³ See, e.g., Jarvie & Solis, *supra* note 3 (“Adelanto has for years been the focus of complaints from detainees, attorneys and state and federal inspectors about inadequate medical care, overly restrictive segregation and lax mental health services.”); Andrea Castillo, *Immigrants detained at Adelanto staged a peaceful protest. Guards in riot gear pepper-sprayed them*, L.A. Times (June 26, 2020), <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2020-06-26/immigrants-detained-at-adelanto-staged-a-peaceful-protest-guards-in-riot-gear-pepper-sprayed-them>; *Inside the Adelanto detention facility: Troubled history, vows for reform*, LAist (Oct. 11, 2016), <https://laist.com/shows/take-two/inside-the-adelanto-detention-facility-troubled-history-vows-for-reform> (documenting Adelanto’s troubled history from 2011–15); Christina Fialho & Victoria Mena, *Abuse in Adelanto: An Investigation into a California Town’s Immigration Jail*, Det. Watch Network, 4, 12 (Oct. 2015), <https://www.detentionwatchnetwork.org/sites/default/files/reports/CIVIC%20DWN%20Adelanto%20Report.pdf> (reporting deficient food, hygiene, and medical care).

²⁴ See, e.g., *Immigration Detention in California*, *supra* note 13, at 26, 28 (identifying concerns at Adelanto “that the number of health staff vacancies and the need to manage existing staff across two facilities may impact care”).

1 Liberties (“CRCL”), charged with investigating civil rights complaints,²⁵ visited
 2 Adelanto and warned that medical leadership “was not competent and that negligent
 3 medical care was occurring as a result.”²⁶

4 31. In 2017, the same office determined that “the medical care at Adelanto
 5 was seriously deficient and did not meet the 2011 PBNDS” and the refusal to hire
 6 competent medical leadership and correct this “critical failure” “more likely than
 7 not . . . led to the inadequate detainee medical care that contributed to medical
 8 injuries, including bone deformities and detainee deaths, and continue[d] to pose a
 9 risk to the safety of other detainees[.]”²⁷

10 32. In 2018, CRCL found that Adelanto placed an “alarming” number of
 11 detained individuals with serious mental illness in solitary confinement and isolated
 12 many for “shockingly” long periods of time.²⁸ The report recommended that “at- risk
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16 ²⁵ See *Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Results and Reports*, U.S. Dep’t of Homeland
 17 Sec., <https://www.dhs.gov/reports-office-civil-rights-and-civil-liberties> (last visited
 18 Jan. 25, 2026).

19 ²⁶ *Corrections Expert’s Report on Adelanto Correctional Facility*, Dep’t of
 20 Homeland Sec. Off. for C.R. & C.L., 25 (Nov. 16, 2017),
 21 [https://embed.documentcloud.org/documents/6278922-HQ-Part2-
 Copy/?mode=text&embed=1](https://embed.documentcloud.org/documents/6278922-HQ-Part2-Copy/?mode=text&embed=1).

22 ²⁷ *Id.*; see also Tom Dreisbach, *Despite Findings Of ‘Negligent’ Care, ICE To*
 23 *Expand Troubled Calif. Detention Center*, NPR (Jan. 15, 2020),
 24 [https://www.npr.org/2020/01/15/794660949/despite-findings-of-negligent-care-ice-
 to-expand-troubled-calif-detention-center](https://www.npr.org/2020/01/15/794660949/despite-findings-of-negligent-care-ice-to-expand-troubled-calif-detention-center).

25 ²⁸ *CRCL Report*, *supra* note 26, at 35; see also Nick Schwellenbach, *Confidential*
 26 *Report Warned ICE of “Inhumane” Use of Solitary Confinement*, Project on Gov’t
 27 Oversight (Sept. 12, 2019), [https://www.pogo.org/investigates/confidential-report-
 28 warned-ice-of-inhumane-use-of-solitary-confinement](https://www.pogo.org/investigates/confidential-report-warned-ice-of-inhumane-use-of-solitary-confinement).

1 detainees . . . immediately be removed from the facility and transferred to other
2 facilities with well-functioning medical programs.”²⁹

3 33. The DHS Office of Inspector General later found “serious violations” at
4 the facility “relating to safety, detainee rights, medical care.”³⁰ The Office concluded
5 that Adelanto failed to provide access to adequate medical and mental health care,
6 presented rampant suicide hazards, and relied on improper and overly restrictive use
7 of solitary confinement for disciplinary purposes.³¹ These findings were rejected by
8 Adelanto leadership, and no corrective action was taken.³²

12 ²⁹ *CRCL Report*, *supra* note 26, at 33; Veronica Venture, Deputy Officer & Dana
13 Salvano-Dunn, Compliance Branch Dir., Dep’t of Homeland Sec. Off. for C.R. &
14 C.L., *Memorandum to Matthew Albence Re: Adelanto Corr. Facility Complaint*
15 *Nos. 17-03-ICE-0103, 16-06-ICE-0627, 17-07-ICE-0456, 17-08-ICE-0299, 17-09-*
16 *ICE-0356, 17-09-ICE-0407, 17-09-ICE-0366, and 17-10-ICE-0401* (Apr. 25, 2018),
17 [https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6331345-CRCL-Adelanto-Docs-Part-](https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6331345-CRCL-Adelanto-Docs-Part-1/?mode=document&q=shockingly#document/p49)
18 [1/?mode=document&q=shockingly#document/p49](https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/6331345-CRCL-Adelanto-Docs-Part-1/?mode=document&q=shockingly#document/p49).

19 ³⁰ Dept. Homeland Sec. Off. Inspector Gen., *Management Alert—Issues Requiring*
20 *Action at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center in Adelanto, California* 0, 2 (Sept.
21 27, 2018), [https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2018-10/OIG-18-86-](https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2018-10/OIG-18-86-Sep18.pdf)
22 [Sep18.pdf](https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2018-10/OIG-18-86-Sep18.pdf).

23 ³¹ *Id.* at 2-11.

24 ³² U.S. House of Representatives, Comm. on Homeland Sec., Majority Staff, *ICE*
25 *Detention Facilities: Failing to Meet Basic Standards of Care* 11 (Sept. 21, 2020),
26 [https://democrats-](https://democrats-homeland.house.gov/imo/media/doc/Homeland%20ICE%20facility%20staff%20report.pdf)
27 [homeland.house.gov/imo/media/doc/Homeland%20ICE%20facility%20staff%20rep](https://democrats-homeland.house.gov/imo/media/doc/Homeland%20ICE%20facility%20staff%20report.pdf)
28 [ort.pdf](https://democrats-homeland.house.gov/imo/media/doc/Homeland%20ICE%20facility%20staff%20report.pdf) (“The Committee visited Adelanto as part of its review in 2019 and was met
with resistance when asking about these findings. When pressed, Adelanto
leadership continued to reject CRCL’s findings that health care leadership put
detainees at risk and did not believe that fundamental or systematic change was
necessary.”).

1 34. That same year, Disability Rights California (“DRC”), the state agency
 2 charged with protecting people with disabilities,³³ toured Adelanto and after multi-
 3 day inspections, issued a sixty-four-page report detailing conditions of abuse for
 4 people with disabilities and mental health issues. Detained individuals were
 5 “subjected to punitive, prison-like conditions” that “result[ed] in the abuse and
 6 neglect of people with disabilities[.]”³⁴ DRC concluded that Adelanto had an
 7 “inadequate mental health care and medical care system[.]” failed to comply with
 8 disability laws and Defendant ICE’s detention standards, and underreported suicide
 9 attempts.³⁵

10 35. During the COVID-19 pandemic, after detained individuals reported that
 11 use of a toxic cleaning chemical was causing them to experience “headaches, nausea,
 12 nosebleeds, fainting, eye irritation, skin irritation, and breathing issues[.]” the U.S.
 13 Environmental Protection Agency investigated³⁶ and issued a warning to GEO about
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 16 ³³ Disability Rights California is the California agency “designated under federal
 17 law to protect and advocate for the rights of Californians with disabilities.” *About*
 18 *Us*, Disability Rts. Cal., <https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/about-us> (last visited
 19 Jan. 25, 2026); *see* 29 U.S.C. § 794e (providing for state protection agencies to
 20 “protect the legal and human rights of individuals with disabilities”); Cal. Welf. &
 21 Inst. Code § 4902(b)(1) (authorizing the protection and advocacy agency to
 22 “[i]nvestigate any incident of alleged abuse or neglect of any person with a
 23 disability”).

24 ³⁴ Aaron J. Fischer, Pilar Gonzalez & Richard Diaz, *There Is No Safety Here: The*
 25 *Dangers for People with Mental Illness and Other Disabilities in Immigration*
 26 *Detention at GEO Group’s Adelanto ICE Processing Center*, Disability Rts. Cal.,
 27 2–4 (Mar. 2019), [https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/system/files/file-](https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/system/files/file-attachments/DRC_REPORT_ADELANTO-IMMIG_DETENTION_MARCH2019.pdf)
 28 [attachments/DRC_REPORT_ADELANTO-](https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/system/files/file-attachments/DRC_REPORT_ADELANTO-IMMIG_DETENTION_MARCH2019.pdf)
[IMMIG_DETENTION_MARCH2019.pdf](https://www.disabilityrightsca.org/system/files/file-attachments/DRC_REPORT_ADELANTO-IMMIG_DETENTION_MARCH2019.pdf) [hereinafter *No Safety Here*].

³⁵ *Id.* at 2-3.

³⁶ U.S. Env’t Prot. Agency, *Inspection Report 2* (July 29, 2020),
https://earthjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/final_inspection_report_1.pdf.

1 its use of a registered pesticide “in a manner inconsistent with its labeling.”³⁷ A court
 2 ultimately required the government to “immediately” “stop the use of a toxic and
 3 noxious chemical that is harming Adelanto’s detainees[.]” *Roman v. Wolf*, No. EDCV
 4 20-00768 TJH (PVCX), 2020 WL 5797918, at *5 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 29, 2020), *aff’d in*
 5 *part, vacated in part, remanded*, 977 F.3d 935 (9th Cir. 2020).³⁸

6 36. The same court also ruled that the government’s “callous disregard of its
 7 detainees’ constitutional right to reasonable safety” during the pandemic merited an
 8 injunction ordering a drastic reduction in the number of people detained at Adelanto.
 9 *Roman v. Wolf*, No. EDCV 20-00768 TJH (PVCX), 2020 WL 1952656, at *8, 12
 10 (C.D. Cal. Apr. 23, 2020), *aff’d in part, vacated in part sub nom. Hernandez Roman*
 11 *v. Wolf*, 829 F. App’x 165 (9th Cir. 2020), *and supplemented*, 2020 WL 5797918
 12 (C.D. Cal. Sept. 29, 2020). The court found inadequate COVID-19 testing and
 13 quarantining procedures, a lack of access to hand sanitizer, gloves, and masks, and a
 14 lack of routine disinfecting, and accordingly concluded that “class members face[d]
 15 irreparable harm to their constitutional rights and health[.]” *Id.* The Ninth Circuit
 16 largely affirmed the injunction, agreeing that “the Government likely failed to meet
 17 its constitutional duty to provide reasonably safe conditions to Plaintiffs,” and that its
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20 ³⁷ U.S. Env’t Prot. Agency, *Notice of Warning 3* (Mar. 2, 2021),
 21 https://earthjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/now_geo_final_1.pdf; *see also Private*
 22 *Prison Company Poisoned Immigrants at Adelanto for A Decade*, Earthjustice (Mar.
 23 22, 2021), [https://earthjustice.org/press/2021/private-prison-company-poisoned-](https://earthjustice.org/press/2021/private-prison-company-poisoned-immigrants-at-adelanto-for-a-decade)
[immigrants-at-adelanto-for-a-decade](https://earthjustice.org/press/2021/private-prison-company-poisoned-immigrants-at-adelanto-for-a-decade).

24 ³⁸ *See also* Jaclyn Diaz, *GEO Group sickened ICE detainees with hazardous*
 25 *chemicals for months, a lawsuit says*, NPR (Mar. 25, 2023),
 26 [https://www.npr.org/2023/03/25/1165890634/geo-group-lawsuit-adelanto-ice-](https://www.npr.org/2023/03/25/1165890634/geo-group-lawsuit-adelanto-ice-detainees-chemical-exposure)
 27 [detainees-chemical-exposure](https://www.npr.org/2023/03/25/1165890634/geo-group-lawsuit-adelanto-ice-detainees-chemical-exposure); *Ligaya Ronduen, et al. v. The Geo Group, Inc., et al.*,
 28 5:23-cv-00481, Dkt. 491 (C.D. Cal. Dec. 16, 2025) (denying defendants’ summary
 judgment motion and ordering case alleging negligence, premises liability,
 concealment, and misrepresentation over GEO’s use of chemical to proceed to trial).

1 “inadequate response reflected a reckless disregard for detainee safety[.]” *Roman v.*
 2 *Wolf*, 977 F.3d 935, 943 (9th Cir. 2020).

3 37. Given Adelanto’s infamous history of medical neglect and unsafe
 4 conditions, there have been various efforts to close the facility.³⁹ Members of
 5 Congress sent letters to Defendants ICE and DHS seeking closure of the facility in
 6 2015, 2023, and 2024,⁴⁰ and it was reportedly on the brink of closure in late 2023,
 7 with the government only renewing its contract for a few months at a time.⁴¹

10 ³⁹ For instance, the Shut Down Adelanto Coalition, a collective of over twenty
 11 immigrants’ rights organizations in the Inland Empire and surrounding areas, has
 12 documented conditions abuses at Adelanto and DVA and advocated for the just
 13 closure of these facilities. *See Shut Down Adelanto*, Inland Coal. for Immigr. J.
 14 <https://ic4ij.org/issues/shut-down-adelanto> (last visited Jan. 25, 2026); *About Us*,
 Shut Down Adelanto, <https://shutdownadelanto.org/>; Inland Coal. for Immigr. J.,
Shut Down Adelanto Conditions and Updates Report (Nov. 2023).

15 ⁴⁰ *See Letter from Members of Congress to Director Saldaña, Inspector General*
 16 *Horowitz, and Inspector General Roth* (July 14, 2015),
 17 <https://embed.documentcloud.org/documents/2165708-adelanto-letter/>; *Letter from*
 18 *Members of Congress to Secretary Mayorkas* (Dec. 18, 2023),
 19 [https://chu.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/chu.house.gov/files/evo-media-](https://chu.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/chu.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/12_21_23_final-letter-to-dhs-urging-closure-of-adelanto-ice-detention-facility-version-4-12-21-2023-02-50-pm.pdf)
 20 [document/12_21_23_final-letter-to-dhs-urging-closure-of-adelanto-ice-detention-](https://chu.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/chu.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/12_21_23_final-letter-to-dhs-urging-closure-of-adelanto-ice-detention-facility-version-4-12-21-2023-02-50-pm.pdf)
 21 [facility-version-4-12-21-2023-02-50-pm.pdf](https://chu.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/chu.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/Letter%20to%20DHS%20and%20DOJ%20Urging%20Closure%20of%20Adelanto%20ICE%20Processing%20Center.pdf); *Letter from Members of Congress to*
 22 *Secretary Mayorkas and Secretary Garland* (Sept. 26, 2024),
 23 [https://chu.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/chu.house.gov/files/evo-media-](https://chu.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/chu.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/Letter%20to%20DHS%20and%20DOJ%20Urging%20Closure%20of%20Adelanto%20ICE%20Processing%20Center.pdf)
 24 [document/Letter%20to%20DHS%20and%20DOJ%20Urging%20Closure%20of%20](https://chu.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/chu.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/Letter%20to%20DHS%20and%20DOJ%20Urging%20Closure%20of%20Adelanto%20ICE%20Processing%20Center.pdf)
 25 [Adelanto%20ICE%20Processing%20Center.pdf](https://chu.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/chu.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/Letter%20to%20DHS%20and%20DOJ%20Urging%20Closure%20of%20Adelanto%20ICE%20Processing%20Center.pdf).

26 ⁴¹ *See* Andrea Castillo, *One of California’s largest ICE detention centers could*
 27 *close. Staff urge Biden to keep it open*, L.A. Times (Dec. 19, 2023),
 28 [https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2023-12-19/adelanto-immigration-detention-](https://www.latimes.com/politics/story/2023-12-19/adelanto-immigration-detention-facility-potential-closure)
facility-potential-closure; Andrea Castillo, *Once on the brink of closure, Adelanto*
facility will resume detaining immigrants, L.A. Times (Jan. 29, 2025),
[https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-01-29/adelanto-immigration-facility-](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-01-29/adelanto-immigration-facility-to-resume-housing-migrants)
to-resume-housing-migrants; *see also Immigration Detention in California, supra*
note 13, at 26 (describing six-month contract extensions).

38. Adelanto held fewer than a dozen detained individuals at a time between 2020 and early 2025.⁴² During this time, Defendant ICE continued to pay GEO for a guaranteed minimum of 640 beds.⁴³ After the court approved a settlement lifting restrictions on new intakes at Adelanto on June 11, 2025, Roman, 5:20-cv-00768-TJH-PVC Dkt. 2708, Defendants began immediate full intake.⁴⁴ Adelanto went from holding approximately 153 detained individuals to over 1,200 within a week.⁴⁵

B. As thousands are detailed at Adelanto, detainees are subject to punitive conditions and medical neglect

39. After the government launched sweeping immigration raids in June 2025, it began detaining the thousands of people it apprehended throughout the Central District, transferring many of them initially to B-18 and then to Adelanto for long-term detention.

⁴² Mobley, *Adelanto ICE Processing Center started the year with three detainees. Now, there are 1,200*, Victorville Daily Press (June 17, 2025), <https://www.vvdailypress.com/story/news/local/2025/06/17/adelanto-ice-processing-center-now-at-1200-detainees/84246496007/>.

⁴³ *Immigration Detention in California*, *supra* note 13, at 26.

⁴⁴ *See The GEO Group Provides Update on Recent Court Settlement Allowing for Immediate Full Intake at Company-Owned 1,940-Bed Adelanto ICE Processing Center in California*, The Geo Group. (June 10, 2025), <https://investors.geogroup.com/news-releases/news-release-details/geo-group-provides-update-recent-court-settlement-allowing>; Mobley, *Adelanto ICE Processing Center started the year with three detainees. Now, there are 1,200*; *ICE Detention Trends*, Vera Inst. Just., <https://www.vera.org/ice-detention-trends> (showing over a thousand detainees on June 10, 2025).

⁴⁵ *TRAC Report*, *supra* note 15 (reporting 153 detainees at Adelanto on June 9, 2025); *Jarvie & Solis*, *supra* note 3 (reporting 1,218 on June 18, 2025). Estimates of the number of detained individuals around June 2025 vary. *Compare ICE Detention Trends*, Vera Inst. Just., <https://www.vera.org/ice-detention-trends> with *TRAC Report*, *supra* note 15.

1 40. Reports of unsafe and abusive conditions at Adelanto immediately
 2 surfaced.⁴⁶ Detained individuals were “forced to sleep on the floors of common areas
 3 without blankets and pillows.”⁴⁷ Others “spent days in the facility before they were
 4 provided with clean clothes and underwear.”⁴⁸ A longtime Adelanto staff member
 5 warned that the population surge was “dangerous[,]” as they “have no staffing for this
 6 and not enough experienced staff[,]” are “cutting way too many corners, and it affects
 7 the safety of everybody in there.”⁴⁹

8 41. After five members of Congress gained access to Adelanto on June 17,
 9 2025, they reported that “[w]hat [they] saw and heard at Adelanto” was “disturbing”
 10 and “confirmed [their] worst fears” about “[a]larming reports of inhumane conditions
 11 and lack of access to legal counsel[.]”⁵⁰ “[D]etainees told [them] that they have gone
 12 days without changing their clothes, and they have been unable to use the telephone
 13 to call their families or a legal representative.”⁵¹ “Some detainees told lawmakers
 14 they were held inside Adelanto for 10 days without a change of clothes, underwear or
 15 towels.”⁵²

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 17 ⁴⁶ See, e.g., Jarvie & Solis, *supra* note 3.

18 ⁴⁷ *Id.*

19 ⁴⁸ *Id.*

20 ⁴⁹ *Id.*

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 22 ⁵⁰ *Reps. Chu, Sánchez, Takano, Kamlager-Dove, and Rivas Successfully Gain*
 23 *Access to Adelanto ICE Facility, Demanding Accountability and Answers*, U.S.
 24 Congresswoman Judy Chu (June 17, 2025), [https://chu.house.gov/media-](https://chu.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-chu-sanchez-takano-kamlager-dove-and-rivas-successfully-gain)
 25 [center/press-releases/rep-chu-sanchez-takano-kamlager-dove-and-rivas-](https://chu.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-chu-sanchez-takano-kamlager-dove-and-rivas-successfully-gain)
 26 [successfully-gain](https://chu.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-chu-sanchez-takano-kamlager-dove-and-rivas-successfully-gain).

27 ⁵¹ *Id.*

28 ⁵² Jarvie & Solis, *supra* note 3.

1 42. Days later, when DRC inspected Adelanto to investigate reports of abuse
2 and neglect, it concluded—as it had before—that conditions were “alarming” and
3 “that ICE and GEO Group are subjecting people with disabilities to abuse and
4 neglect.”⁵³

5 43. DRC identified urgent health and safety concerns and widespread rights
6 violations, including: “(1) inadequate access to medical treatment, such as life-saving
7 medication and wound care, and exposure to widespread respiratory illnesses; (2)
8 inadequate access to food and water, including extreme delays in meal distribution,
9 provision of food that results in significant health issues, and a shortage of drinking
10 water; (3) inadequate access to clean clothes, with many remaining in soiled clothing
11 for long periods of time; and (4) minimal opportunities to contact family.”⁵⁴

12 44. In the fall of 2025, Ismael Ayala-Urbe and Gabriel Garcia Aviles—two
13 individuals detained at Adelanto—suffered medical emergencies and died within
14 weeks of one another after reportedly being denied proper treatment.⁵⁵ Following
15 these deaths, forty-three members of Congress sent a letter to Defendants Noem and
16 Lyons expressing concern that the deaths “raise serious questions about ICE’s ability
17 to comply with basic detention standards, medical care protocols, and notification
18 requirements, and underscore a pattern of gross negligence that demands immediate
19 accountability.”⁵⁶

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22 ⁵³ *They Treat Us Like Dogs in Cages*, *supra* note 4.

23 ⁵⁴ *Id.*

24 ⁵⁵ *See* James, *supra* note 6.

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26 ⁵⁶ *Letter from Members of Congress to Secretary Noem and Acting Director Lyons*,
27 (Nov. 21, 2025), [https://min.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/min.house.gov/files/evo-](https://min.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/min.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/11.21.25-dhs-detainee-deaths-oversight-letter.pdf)
28 [media-document/11.21.25-dhs-detainee-deaths-oversight-letter.pdf](https://min.house.gov/sites/evo-subsites/min.house.gov/files/evo-media-document/11.21.25-dhs-detainee-deaths-oversight-letter.pdf) [hereinafter *Nov. 2025 Congressional Letter*]; see also Rep. Judy Chu, Rep. *Chu Leads 31 Members Demanding Accountability Following Death of ICE Detainee* (Oct. 16, 2025),

45. Despite the fact that detained individuals, advocates, journalists, and government entities have long sounded the alarm about poor conditions and deficient medical care, Defendants continued to detain more and more people at Adelanto. By November 2025, there were 1,786 people detained at Adelanto.⁵⁷

46. The massive influx of people at Adelanto has intensified the urgency of concerns about the health and safety of detained individuals. Among other dire issues, Defendants subject the nearly two thousand detained individuals at Adelanto to: (1) inadequate medical care; (2) a lack of reasonable accommodations; and (3) punitive conditions that are worse than prison, including being forced to spend hours locked in small cells, in unsanitary conditions, without access to clean drinking water and sufficient food, stuck with a futile grievance process, and subjected to coercive and retaliatory practices.

1. **Medical Care at Adelanto is Grossly Inadequate and Dangerous**

47. Defendants fail to provide adequate medical care as required by law and by their own policies, subjecting numerous detained individuals to shocking levels of medical neglect and a deliberate indifference that exposes people in their custody to risk of serious illness and even death.⁵⁸

<https://chu.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-chu-leads-31-members-demandingaccountability-following-death-39>.

⁵⁷ See *TRAC Report*, *supra* note 15. Even Defendant ICE’s internal inspection department noted the influx of detainees may have contributed to declining compliance with federal detention standards. See U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf’t Off. Prof. Resp., *Adelanto ICE Processing Center Inspection 2025-001-082* (Sept. 2025) (“In January 2025, a federal judge lifted a COVID era intake ban, and the facility reopened in June 2025, going from approximately 400 detainees to 1800 overnight. The sudden influx may have contributed to the rise in deficiencies.”).

⁵⁸ *PBND*, *supra* note 21, at 257-59 (providing standards for medical care, including “access to appropriate and necessary medical, dental and mental health care, including emergency services” “provided by a sufficient number of appropriately trained and qualified personnel”).

1 48. The very nature of detention is harmful to human health, and detained
2 immigrants are likely to have health conditions requiring care.⁵⁹

3 49. Further, Adelanto suffers from staffing shortages impacting the medical
4 and mental health care that Defendants are required to provide. Defendants are
5 required to provide, among other forms of care, “access to a continuum of health care
6 services, including screening, prevention, health education, diagnosis and treatment,”
7 “[t]wenty-four hour emergency medical and mental health services[,]” and treatment,
8 monitoring, and care for those with chronic conditions.⁶⁰ They are also required to
9 comply with “Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines for the
10 prevention and control of infectious and communicable diseases.”⁶¹ But in June 2025,
11 Adelanto staff reported that there were only three psychologists for a population of
12 nearly 1,400, and admitted that “the facility was not adequately staffed to respond to
13 the sudden surge.”⁶² The lack of staffing places the health and lives of detained
14 individuals at Adelanto at serious risk.

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17 ⁵⁹ See Caitlin Patler et al., *The health-related experiences of detained immigrants*
18 *with and without mental illness*, 11 J. Migration & Health (2025),
19 <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jmh.2025.100302> (evaluating health dangers of immigrant
20 detention); Altaf Saadi et al., *Duration in Immigration Detention and Health Harms*,
21 JAMA Network (2025),
22 <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2829506> (same);
23 Patler & Saadi, *Risk of Poor Outcomes with COVID-19 Among U.S. Detained*
24 *Immigrants: A Cross-Sectional Study*, J. Immigr. Minority Health 23, 863–866
(2021), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10903-021-01173-z> (“Among 529 detained
immigrants, 42.5% had at least one chronic health condition; 15.5% had multiple
chronic conditions.”).

25 ⁶⁰ *PBNDs*, *supra* note 21, at 257–59.

26 ⁶¹ *Id.*

27 ⁶² *They Treat Us Like Dogs in Cages*, *supra* note 4.

1 50. There is a pervasive lack of medical treatment at Adelanto, with detained
2 individuals waiting days, weeks, or months for time-sensitive medical treatment.⁶³
3 Detained individuals are told to fill out a request form, in writing or via a tablet.
4 However, these requests are sometimes not available on paper, or staff do not come
5 by to pick them up for several days. And given that units of about eighty detained
6 individuals share two tablets, there can be a long wait to get access to the tablets.

7 51. According to Defendants' own policies, detained individuals are
8 supposed to be "able to request health services on a daily basis" and "receive timely
9 follow up."⁶⁴ Yet detained individuals routinely wait long periods of time after
10 submitting medical request forms before they are seen for care.

11 52. Even if medical care is provided, such care often occurs only after a long
12 delay, and the quality of care is inadequate. For instance, Plaintiff J.M. suffers from
13 cardiac arrhythmia, and after an off-site cardiologist recommended he wear a monitor
14 for his heart, staff at Adelanto required him to stay in medical solitary if he wanted to
15 use it. After about five days alone, he could not take the isolation anymore and asked
16 to be returned to his cell without completing the full heart monitor observation the
17 doctor had recommended.

18 53. In December 2025, Plaintiff Salazar Garza became ill with a fever and
19 was vomiting, at times feeling too weak to stand and even slipping in and out of
20 consciousness. For four days, and despite repeated requests that he be taken to the
21 medical unit, he stayed in his four-man cell, vomiting into the toilet by his bed at all
22 hours of the day and night. When he was finally transported to the medical unit, he
23 was prescribed a special diet that was not available for another two days. By the time
24 he recovered from the illness, he had lost eleven pounds.

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27 ⁶³ *They Treat Us Like Dogs in Cages*, *supra* note 4.

28 ⁶⁴ *PBNDs*, *supra* note 21, at 257.

1 54. Another detained individual had rectal pain and constipation that was so
2 intense he had difficulty standing or using the bathroom—yet it was months before
3 they gave him a painkiller stronger than Tylenol, and nearly half a year before he had
4 a colonoscopy. When he complained about his pain, which he described as an eight
5 or nine out of ten, one of the guards in his unit threatened to pepper spray him.

6 55. Plaintiff L.T.’s spinal tumor was diagnosed approximately three months
7 prior to his detention. Because the tumor is next to a spinal nerve, he was told that if
8 it grows and is left untreated, it has the potential to cause a rapid onset of serious,
9 debilitating effects, including complete loss of control in his lower body and bowels.
10 He also has an abdominal aneurysm that requires monitoring. Although he was
11 recently taken for a stomach and spinal ultrasound at Adelanto, he has not received
12 the results and worries that the tumor or aneurysm could be worsening without
13 treatment and proper monitoring via CT scans.

14 56. While Plaintiff Salazar Garza was at DVA, a detained individual
15 experiencing a psychiatric episode bit off part of his finger. When he was transferred
16 to Adelanto months later, his hand was so swollen and painful that he found it difficult
17 to tie his shoes and brush his teeth. For months, medical staff at Adelanto did not
18 address what turned out to be a severe infection, and one night while Mr. Salazar
19 Garza was sleeping, the end of his finger burst, expelling black pus. He notified a
20 guard, but he was not brought to the medical unit, or even given materials to clean
21 and bandage the wound. It was days before medical staff provided antibiotics, and
22 even longer before he was transported to the local hospital for treatment. Plaintiff
23 Salazar Garza still experiences a changed sensation in his hand, as well as tingling
24 down his hand and forearm, and he fears repeat infections.

25 57. In addition to failing to respond to requests for medical care, Defendants
26 routinely fail to promptly respond to medical emergencies—and when they do, the
27 care they provide is often substandard.
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1 58. When detained individuals faint or collapse, it often takes a long time for
2 the medical team to respond, if they respond at all. Detained individuals report that
3 people faint often.

4 59. On one occasion, Plaintiff Mesrobian, who suffers from epilepsy,
5 experienced a seizure and hit his head. Instead of providing immediate care, staff
6 locked him in a medical holding tank with no medical supervision. By the time
7 medical staff came to check on him, he was having another epileptic episode.

8 60. On another occasion, after having a seizure, Plaintiff Mesrobian was
9 taken to the medical segregation unit for three days, which he described as feeling
10 like solitary confinement. At one point during his isolation, he had a seizure due to
11 his epilepsy.

12 61. During the first or second week of January 2026, Plaintiff Mesrobian was
13 again hospitalized for seizures. The seizure began while he was lying on his bed.
14 Guards then dragged him off of his bed and onto the floor where he remained for three
15 to five minutes, hitting his head on the bunks while he seized. For about twenty five
16 minutes, he was not administered oxygen and by the time the Emergency Medical
17 Technicians from the hospital arrived, he was turning purple from lack of oxygen.
18 When he regained consciousness, his mouth was sore from having bit his tongue. He
19 was taken to the hospital and brought back to Adelanto the same day. The next
20 morning, he had another seizure and was hospitalized for five days.

21 62. On multiple occasions, detained individuals who have experienced acute
22 medical issues have been removed from the unit and never returned.

23 63. Defendants also routinely fail to provide detained individuals with the
24 medication they need to manage their medical conditions.⁶⁵ One detained individual
25 who has high blood pressure and diabetes was not given consistent access to her
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28 ⁶⁵ *They Treat Us Like Dogs in Cages*, *supra* note 4.

1 medication and was hospitalized several times.⁶⁶ Another “reported that he needed
 2 to take diabetes medication twice per day but had only received it twice over the ten
 3 days he had been detained.”⁶⁷ Mr. Mesrobian has sometimes missed his anti-seizure
 4 medication because he is asked to take his pills before he has been given food to take
 5 with the medication, and he suffers serious side effects like vertigo, nausea, and
 6 abdominal pain if he takes the medication on an empty stomach. Because his
 7 medication is most effective when taken regularly, missed doses put Plaintiff
 8 Mesrobian at increased risk of life-threatening seizures.

9 64. Plaintiff L.T. has high blood pressure and diabetes and needs numerous
 10 medications each day—yet he often receives his medications at the wrong times.
 11 While he is supposed to receive the medications twice a day, his evening dose is often
 12 delayed and he will not receive it until midnight or so the next day. In addition,
 13 although he was previously receiving physical therapy and cortisol shots in his spine
 14 to help with pain management and recovery from his stroke, since being detained, he
 15 has not received physical therapy or cortisol shots and is not being rehabilitated from
 16 his stroke.

17 65. The lack of screening and adequate treatment has also resulted in several
 18 outbreaks of contagious diseases among detained individuals. In the fall of 2025,
 19 several detained individuals contracted staph infections. Defendants did not provide
 20 disinfectants during the staph outbreak. About fifteen individuals were hospitalized.
 21 Mr. Salazar Garza was among those hospitalized. Despite his repeated complaints of
 22 swelling in his arm, Adelanto staff waited three days—until his entire arm was
 23 swollen and discolored—before transporting him to the hospital for surgery. While
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25 ⁶⁶ George B. Sánchez-Tello, *After ICE arrests come health scares for the detained*,
 26 CalMatters (Dec. 2, 2025), <https://calmatters.org/commentary/2025/12/ice-health-scares-for-detained/>.

27 ⁶⁷ *They Treat Us Like Dogs in Cages*, *supra* note 4.

1 he was recovering from the infection, he remained handcuffed to his hospital bed for
2 nearly a week.

3 66. In December 2025, another unit was quarantined due to an outbreak of
4 chickenpox. Many people are constantly sick with some sort of virus; they have wet
5 coughs and what sounds like persistent sinus infections, but often go without
6 medicine. Defendants' failure to implement proper screening and sanitation measures
7 to prevent and contain disease, coupled with their failure to adequately address and
8 treat outbreaks when they do happen, jeopardize the health of all detained individuals.

9 67. Defendants' failure to provide medical care has had fatal consequences.
10 On September 22, 2025, 39-year-old Ismael Ayala-Urbe died after receiving
11 deficient medical care at Adelanto. Staff were aware that he was having a medical
12 emergency and flagged his condition as potentially life-threatening. But after being
13 seen by Adelanto's internal medical team, he was taken back to his cell. He was not
14 transported to the hospital until three days later, where he died.⁶⁸

15 68. Just a month later, 56-year-old Gabriel Garcia-Aviles died after being
16 detained at Adelanto for only about a week.⁶⁹ His family was not provided
17 information until he was in critical condition, and his cause of death remains unclear.
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21 ⁶⁸ See James, *supra* note 6; U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf't, Detainee Death Report:
22 AYALA Uribe, Ismael (2025),
23 <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/foia/reports/ddrIsmaelUribeAyala.pdf> [hereinafter Death
24 Report]; Wendy Fry & Jeanne Kuang, *California gave counties power to inspect*
25 *ICE detention centers. They're not using it*, L.A. Times (Oct. 3, 2025),
[https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-10-03/california-gave-counties-](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-10-03/california-gave-counties-power-to-inspect-ice-detention-centers-theyre-not-using-it)
[power-to-inspect-ice-detention-centers-theyre-not-using-it](https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-10-03/california-gave-counties-power-to-inspect-ice-detention-centers-theyre-not-using-it).

26 ⁶⁹ James, *supra* note 6; Izzy Ramirez, *Ten Days After Adelanto Internment, This*
27 *Beloved Grandfather Died In Custody*, L.A. Taco (Nov. 4, 2025),
28 <https://lataco.com/second-death-adelanto-custody>.

2. **Defendants Fail to Identify Disabilities and Provide Reasonable Accommodations to Disabled Detained Individuals**

69. Under Defendants' own standards, Defendants are required to "act affirmatively to prevent disability discrimination."⁷⁰ This includes identifying obvious disabilities and providing reasonable accommodations to those who request assistance with their disability.⁷¹

70. According to DRC, the state agency responsible for protecting people with disabilities, "[s]everal individuals with disabilities reported that they were not being afforded reasonable accommodations."⁷² It urged Defendants "to immediately address these issues and prevent further abuse and neglect of people with disabilities."⁷³

71. Since the agency's inspection in June, Defendants have persisted in failing to properly identify disabilities and provide accommodations. Mr. Mesrobian has been left alone on multiple occasions despite his risk of seizures, leaving him to suffer seizures without any assistance. Elderly detained individuals with mobility issues are made to sleep on top bunks despite having obvious difficulty climbing up a ladder. One elderly detained individual has fallen from the top bunk several times. Although detained individuals have raised this issue with Adelanto staff, Defendants

⁷⁰ See *PBNDS*, *supra* note 21, at 344–45.

⁷¹ *Id.* at 348 ("[I]t is incumbent upon facility staff to identify detainees with impairments that are open, obvious, and apparent. Identification of detainees with potential disabilities (i.e., impairments that are open, obvious, and apparent) may occur through medical or intake screenings, or through direct observation. Staff should be particularly vigilant for impairments that affect a detainee's mobility or ability to communicate.").

⁷² *They Treat Us Like Dogs in Cages*, *supra* note 4.

⁷³ *Id.*

1 have made no effort to accommodate these individuals or to help detained individuals
2 with obvious mobility issues.

3 72. Mr. L.T. , who has speech and mobility limitations resulting from a stroke
4 about three years ago, reports that there is no help for people like him—he has several
5 disabilities for which Defendants have failed to provide reasonable accommodations
6 and assistance.

7 73. Defendants fail to adequately screen for mobility issues during the intake
8 process to determine if someone can safely be on the top bunk. Although Mr. L.T.
9 explained his mobility issues when he first entered Adelanto, staff initially placed him
10 on the second floor.

11 74. Because Mr. L.T. uses a cane to walk, he is regularly last in line for food,
12 and when meals are served cold, he is often the last person in his approximately 105-
13 person unit to use the single microwave to heat his food. When he is taken out of the
14 facility—for example, to go to court or medical appointments—Mr. L. T. is
15 handcuffed and unable to use his cane, and his feet are sometimes chained. He
16 worries about falling and hurting himself.

17 75. Due to his disability, Mr. L.T. can only shower in the one shower
18 available with a shower bench. However, other detained individuals with and without
19 mobility issues use this shower, and so Mr. L.T. must wait in a long line to shower.

20 76. Mr. L.T. suffers from sleep apnea, a serious sleep disorder where he does
21 not get enough oxygen to his brain while he sleeps. Mr. L.T. requested a sleep apnea
22 machine when he initially arrived at Adelanto because without it, he is at a higher risk
23 for heart attack and stroke. Again, the initial doctor he saw during his intake said that
24 it was a good idea for him to be issued a sleep apnea machine, but a “higher up” doctor
25 said that due to protocol, he could not receive one.

26 77. After multiple foot surgeries in the past three years, Mr. Salazar Garza
27 requires orthopedic shoes to alleviate pain in his foot and leg when he stands and
28 walks. He received a pair of orthopedic shoes at DVA, but by the time he was moved

1 to Adelanto, the shoes were worn with holes. Despite his repeated requests, staff at
2 Adelanto have still not provided replacement orthopedic shoes.

3 78. Another detained individual who arrived at Adelanto at the beginning of
4 December has two slipped disks in his spine, causing constant pain even while sitting
5 and lying down. The pain is often so severe he cannot sleep. When he requested an
6 additional mattress to help with the pain, he was denied. Before detention, he was
7 managing his pain and other health conditions with several medications, all of which
8 were discontinued when he arrived at Adelanto.

9 79. Defendants also fail to accommodate mental health disabilities. In Mr.
10 Salazar Garza's unit, there is a detained individual who speaks very rarely and has
11 difficulty maintaining basic hygiene, but Adelanto staff do not provide regular
12 support. Mr. Salazar Garza and other people in his unit have taken it upon themselves
13 to assist this individual with keeping his bunk area clean—including clearing out
14 accumulated trash and moldy food. On another occasion, the guards brought an
15 individual who was visibly experiencing mental health issues to a new unit, and rather
16 than offering support to the individual, said to the other detained individuals: "have
17 fun."

18 3. **Defendants Subject Detained Individuals to Punitive Conditions**

19 80. The individuals detained at Adelanto are awaiting civil immigration
20 proceedings. *See Zadvydas v. Davis*, 533 U.S. 678, 690 (2001) (characterizing
21 immigration detention as civil detention). Yet Defendants subject them to punitive
22 conditions which are similar—and in many respects worse, and more restrictive—
23 than those in state or federal prison. The conditions are thus presumptively
24 unconstitutional. *See Jones v. Blanas*, 393 F.3d 918, 932 (9th Cir. 2004).

81. Defendants have suggested that the purpose of detention is in part to punish immigrant detained individuals.⁷⁴ Defendant ICE has emphasized that immigrants who do not self-deport will be detained and may spend several months in detention.⁷⁵ Defendant ICE’s website warns: “If ICE arrests you because you didn’t turn yourself in, the agency will detain and remove you — and you may have to spend several months in detention while you’re awaiting removal.”⁷⁶ Another fact sheet reads: “If you don’t self-deport, it’s not a matter of if ICE finds you. It’s a matter of when. . . . ICE will put you in a detention facility. Some people remain in detention for months.”⁷⁷

82. Many detained individuals previously incarcerated in state or federal facilities find that being detained at Adelanto is worse than being in prison. Conditions at Adelanto evince not only blatant disregard for detained individuals and their health, but an intention to punish them. The restrictions imposed on detained individuals severely curtail their freedom and amount to punishment: detained individuals are locked in their cells overnight and every few hours, constantly surrounded by armed guards, forced to wear prison-like uniforms, and have no privacy when they use the toilet. They are housed in unsanitary conditions, deprived of sufficient food and clean drinking water, and denied medical care and disability

⁷⁴ See, e.g., U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec., *DHS Announces Nationwide and International Ad Campaign Warning Illegal Aliens to Self-Deport and Stay Out* (Feb. 17, 2025), <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2025/02/17/dhs-announces-ad-campaign-warning-illegal-aliens-self-deport-and-stay-out>; U.S. Dep’t of Homeland Sec., *CBP Home: Assistance to Voluntarily Deport*, <https://www.dhs.gov/cbphome> (noting ICE will deprioritize detaining those who intend to self-deport).

⁷⁵ See U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf’t, *Self-Deportation* (July 16, 2025), <https://www.ice.gov/self-deportation>.

⁷⁶ *Id.*

⁷⁷ U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf’t, *Self-Deportation Fact Sheet* (2025) <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/selfDeportation/selfDeportationFactSheet.pdf>.

1 accommodations. The oppressive restrictions on their autonomy, arbitrary rules, and
 2 constant monitoring result in needless discipline, confiscation of their limited
 3 possessions, and excessive use of solitary confinement. Defendants pressure detained
 4 individuals to agree to deportation and retaliate against detained individuals who
 5 speak up about conditions.

6 83. Under these circumstances, Defendants' deliberate indifference to
 7 detained individuals' basic needs; their imposition of substandard, inhumane
 8 conditions; and their use of retaliatory practices amount to punitive conditions.

9 a. *Detained individuals Are Confined to their Cells for Hours, Without*
 10 *Sufficient Access to the Outdoors*

11 84. Individuals detained at Adelanto live in cells that house up to eight
 12 people. They are issued one mattress, one sheet and one blanket—all of which are
 13 thin. The toilet in the cells, just feet from the beds, does not have a privacy curtain.



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27 *An eight-bed cell at Adelanto West. The facility issues mattresses to individuals to*
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1 *place on top of the blue metal bed frames.*⁷⁸

2 85. During the day, detained individuals can generally leave their cells to
3 spend time in a communal dayroom, where the only furniture is metal tables and seats
4 bolted to the floor.

5 86. When detained people leave the dayroom—for example, to walk to lunch
6 in the cafeteria—they must walk in a single file accompanied by guards.

7 87. Every day is punctuated by a series of headcounts, where detainees are
8 locked in their cells for at least an hour—often longer—while staff make rounds.
9 Headcounts at Adelanto are more frequent than those in prison. Detained individuals
10 are locked in their cells for a headcount between three and five times each day, for
11 example at 7:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 6:30 p.m., 11:00 p.m., and 1:00 a.m. After the last
12 count at 1:00 a.m., detained individuals are locked in their cells until morning.

13 88. During a headcount, detained individuals cannot leave their cells to get
14 drinking water, take a shower, make a video call using a tablet, make a phone call, or
15 get food. On information and belief, additional lockdowns on top of the headcounts
16 can sometimes take place up to three times per week. By contrast, California’s prison
17 system requires only two headcounts during waking hours.⁷⁹ Detained individuals
18 who have served time in state prison confirmed that state facilities typically perform
19 headcounts only twice per day, and that they take less than an hour to complete.

20 89. Unlike at state and federal prisons where there is often access to an
21 outdoor yard for multiple hours a day—or even several times a day—at Adelanto
22 detained individuals can only access the outdoor yard for one hour per day. Even a
23 few years ago, detained individuals at Adelanto reportedly had access to the yard for
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26 ⁷⁸ *They Treat Us Like Dogs in Cages*, *supra* note 4.

27 ⁷⁹ See Cal. Dep’t Corr. & Rehab. (CDCR), Department Operations Manual,
28 § 52020.4.1 Frequency of Counts (requiring two “positive counts” of each
incarcerated person during waking hours).

1 four hours a day.⁸⁰ Detained individuals feel claustrophobic and hopeless due to the
 2 minimal yard time. Compounding this deprivation, while people in state or federal
 3 prison can participate in jobs and programs, there are no in-person programs at
 4 Adelanto.

5 90. Defendants also often arbitrarily cancel access to the outdoors. After
 6 someone allegedly attempted to escape the yard in the fall of 2025, detained
 7 individuals at Adelanto West were not permitted to use the yard for six weeks. Staff
 8 claimed the reason they could not go outside was because there was ongoing
 9 construction. Detained individuals saw no construction vehicles during that time.
 10 When they were finally allowed to go back outside, the only difference the detained
 11 individuals observed was barbed wire on top of the yard. Several detained individuals
 12 felt that being deprived of yard access for so long felt like unwarranted punishment
 13 for something they did not do.

14 b. *Defendants Fail to Provide Clean Drinking Water and Adequate Food*
 15 *and Nutrition*

16 91. Defendants deprive detained individuals of basic needs. Detained
 17 individuals have “safety concerns about the water from sinks and drinking fountains,”
 18 which they described was “cloudy and has an unusual taste.”⁸¹ Others have remarked
 19 that it tastes like chlorine or Clorox.⁸² More recently, detained individuals have
 20 noticed the sink water is sometimes brown in color. On information and belief, the
 21 sink water is not consistently potable.

22 92. Adelanto staff are aware of problems with the tap water, as they supply
 23 the jugs of water in the dayroom for detained people to drink. But the water jugs
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25 ⁸⁰ Kelsey Brugger, *Among the Detainees at Adelanto*, Santa Barbara Indep. (Aug.
 26 24, 2017), <https://www.independent.com/2017/08/24/among-detainees-adelanto/>.

27 ⁸¹ *They Treat Us Like Dogs in Cages*, *supra* note 4.

28 ⁸² Jarvie & Solis, *supra* note 3.

1 themselves are often dirty—littered with dirt, residue, hair, sand, bugs, or even mold.
2 When detained individuals have raised questions about the potability of the water and
3 cleanliness of the jugs, staff will sometimes clean the jugs for a few days, but after
4 that, the jugs inevitably wind up dirty again.

5 93. In addition, detained individuals have limited access to drinking water, in
6 violation of the PBNDS.⁸³ Drinking water runs out frequently. At Adelanto East, for
7 instance, a unit of approximately 114 people receives one ten-gallon container of
8 water twice a day. This means that each detained individual is only able to drink
9 about one large glass of water per day, a fraction of recommended daily intake. They
10 sometimes go four or five hours without receiving water and are left thirsty in the
11 desert heat. Guards complain that detained individuals ask for water too much.

12 94. While in medical observation, Plaintiff J.M. asked for water and a nurse
13 responded that she could not give him water because she was busy. After two hours
14 with no response from the nurse, he asked again and was again denied water. The
15 nurse responded: “Don’t start with your bullshit, there is water in the sink,” indicating
16 he should drink from the unfiltered tap water.

17 95. In November 2025, several detained individuals in one unit experienced
18 itchiness across their bodies—even in their scalp. After three or four days, Plaintiff
19 Mesrobian took a clear plastic bottle and held it under the shower and saw that the
20 water in the showers was brown. After letting the guards know, it took four days for
21 staff to fix the issue. Only after the water was resolved did their skin condition begin
22 to clear up.

23 96. Detained individuals regularly do not receive enough food, and the food
24 they do receive is inadequate and insufficiently nutritious, in violation of Defendants’
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28 ⁸³ See *PBNDS*, *supra* note 21, at 232 (“Clean, potable drinking water must be available.”).

1 own policies.⁸⁴ For instance, detained individuals might receive a small carton of
2 milk with a scoop of cereal for breakfast, a small sandwich for lunch, and handful
3 sized portions of rice and lentils for dinner. Other typical offerings include powdered
4 egg, rice, dry or broken tortillas, and baloney. Many detained individuals go hungry.
5 Mr. J.M. has lost approximately fifteen pounds since entering detention.

6 97. The food at Adelanto is sometimes uncooked or spoiled. Detained
7 individuals were once served “foul-smelling” lettuce. The fruit is sometimes rotten,
8 and the tuna and chicken are sometimes sour, causing stomachaches and diarrhea.

9 98. Although some detained individuals supplement their diets by purchasing
10 additional food at the commissary, some detained individuals cannot afford this.
11 Detained individuals who have served time in state or federal prison reported that
12 prison food is cleaner and there is more variety.

13 99. The food that detained individuals receive is often mixed together. For
14 instance, staff will serve detained individuals rice and beans on top of cake and salad,
15 rather than beside the other items. This feels unnecessary and disrespectful to many
16 detained people. For detained individuals with food allergies or religious dietary
17 needs, mixing foods raises additional complications.

18 100. Kitchen staff at times do not wear masks when preparing and serving
19 food, in violation of Defendants’ own policies.⁸⁵ Detained individuals have seen
20 rodent excrement in the kitchen, and flies, bugs, and dirty food in the cafeteria.

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22 ⁸⁴ See *PBND*, *supra* note 21, at 228 (requiring the provision of “a nutritionally
23 balanced diet,” including special diets for religious accommodation); *id.* at 234 (“A
24 registered dietitian shall conduct a complete nutritional analysis that meets U.S.
25 Recommended Daily Allowances (RDA), at least yearly, of every master-cycle
26 menu planned by the FSA. The dietitian must certify menus before they are
incorporated into the food service program. If necessary, the FSA shall modify the
menu in response to the nutritional analysis to ensure nutritional adequacy.”).

27 ⁸⁵ *PBND*, *supra* note 21, at 228 (providing that meals shall be “presented in a
28 sanitary and hygienic food service operation” that complies with “governmental
health and safety codes” and protects detainees and staff from illness).

1 101. On several occasions, detained individuals have gotten food poisoning
2 from the food, particularly items such as spoiled tuna or chicken. When detained
3 individuals have reported concerns about food poisoning, staff have responded
4 skeptically—and concerns about food quality and safety have gone unaddressed.

5 c. *Defendants House Detained Individuals in Unsanitary Conditions and*
6 *Fail to Maintain the Facility*

7 102. Detained individuals are subjected to unsanitary conditions, and
8 Defendants fail to adequately maintain the facility and its infrastructure. Detained
9 individuals have seen mold and fungus growing on the bathroom walls and in their
10 dormitories. The walls in Plaintiff Mr. L.T. unit were often wet, and black-colored
11 mold grows on the walls in more than one unit. Recently, facility staff painted over
12 the black mold, but did not change any other conditions of the unit that make the walls
13 moist, nor did they treat the walls for mold. When detained individuals put up towels
14 or cardboard to protect themselves from the mold, guards confiscate these items, so
15 detained individuals must sleep next to the mold.

16 103. Adelanto staff do not clean the facility regularly. Detained individuals
17 must therefore clean their own bathrooms and showers. The bathrooms in the units
18 do not contain trash cans and detained individuals were told by the guards that they
19 are not allowed to have one. This has led to trash piling up in the restrooms.

20 104. The detained individuals who contracted staph infections believe they
21 contracted the infection from the showers because they were not properly cleaned.
22 Since then, another unit was quarantined because there was an outbreak of
23 chickenpox, and another unit complained of an outbreak of mold.

24 105. There are showers that only have scalding hot water. For four months,
25 detained individuals in one unit only had two working showers for eighty people.
26 Detained individuals organized a protest until the administration did something about
27 the showers.
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1 106. Detained individuals do not have consistent access to clean clothing.
2 When detained individuals send items out for laundry, their clothes are frequently
3 returned still wet, dirty, or with stains on them. Other times, their items are not
4 returned at all. Defendants allow detained individuals to exchange clothing, but these
5 items sometimes are dirty or have stains on them. In one case, an item in the
6 purportedly clean exchange pile had blood stains from another detained individual.

7 107. The mattresses are thin and worn, leaking white dust, and are rarely
8 replaced. The mattresses are so thin they cause bruising and back pain for some
9 detained individuals. Detained individuals reported that the mattresses are of better
10 quality in prison than at Adelanto.

11 108. On information and belief, the medical holding tank for detained
12 individuals awaiting medical treatment is kept in poor condition. There is a toilet and
13 soap dispenser in the tank, but no soap is provided to wash one's hands. The room is
14 often dirty. On one occasion, Mr. Salazar Garza had to help staff clean up blood and
15 other bodily fluids in the medical unit.

16 109. The facility is often so cold that the sheet and thin blanket detained people
17 have to sleep with is insufficient to keep them warm. In the women's section, they
18 once ran out of blankets for four days.

19 110. In the room where detained people are brought prior to their court
20 hearings, the temperature is extremely cold, and detained individuals are often forced
21 to wait there for hours at a time, with no apparent justification.

22 *d. Detained Individuals Are Separated From Their Loved Ones and*
23 *Subject to Restrictive Visitation Policies*

24 111. Separation from their families has been difficult on many detained
25 individuals, and detained individuals feel that the rules governing visits are punitive.
26 Given the government's campaign targeting immigrants, the immigrant families of
27 those detained are often afraid to visit them at Adelanto. When families do visit, it is
28 for one hour and detained individuals are often only allowed one short hug and kiss

1 at the beginning of the visit. This is especially painful for detained parents whose
2 children do not understand why they are unable to hug their parents. When one
3 detained individual picked up his child, a guard threatened to write him up and take
4 away visitation privileges. By contrast, in the state prison system, incarcerated
5 individuals are allowed to hold their children.⁸⁶ Detained individuals and visitors are
6 also not allowed to go to the restroom during a visit, otherwise their visit is subject to
7 being suspended or cancelled. Detained individuals have shared that this feels cruel
8 to them and their families who have travelled many hours to visit them.

9 112. Detained individuals also experience issues with communicating with
10 family, lawyers, and their community. Unlike in state prison where detained
11 individuals have their own handheld tablet for communication,⁸⁷ at Adelanto, there
12 are few tablets split among all of the detained individuals in the unit, and detained
13 individuals must compete to get time to speak to their loved ones.

14 113. Detained individuals must also pay to make phone calls or send text
15 messages to communicate with their loved ones. A video call can cost around \$0.21
16 per minute, meaning it costs \$6 for one thirty minute video call. These costs add up
17 for detained individuals, the majority of whom are low-income, and are not able to
18 earn money while in detention. The charge to contact family unnecessarily limits
19 many detained individuals' contact with the outside world and negatively affects their
20 mental health. Additionally, the tablets are sometimes broken or unavailable: for
21 three or four days after Christmas in 2025, none of the phones or tablets were working
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23 ⁸⁶ Cal. Dep't Corr. & Rehab., *In-Person Visiting Frequently Asked Questions*,
24 <https://www.cdcr.ca.gov/visitors/get-help/in-person-visiting-frequently-asked-questions/> (last visited Jan. 25, 2026) [hereinafter Cal. Corr. FAQ].

25 ⁸⁷ Kate Wolffe, *Almost all people incarcerated in California now have free tablets*,
26 CapRadio (July 19, 2023), <https://www.capradio.org/articles/2023/07/19/almost-all-people-incarcerated-in-california-now-have-free-tablets/#:~:text=Since%20August%202021%2C%20California's%20Department,people%20incarcerated%20across%20the%20state.>
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1 and so none of the detained individuals were able to contact their families or attorneys.
 2 By contrast, in state prison, incarcerated people are allowed phone calls free of charge
 3 and fifteen minutes of free video calls from their tablet every two weeks.⁸⁸

4 e. *Defendants Ignore Detailed Individuals' Grievances*

5 114. According to Defendants' own standards relating to grievances,
 6 "[d]etainees shall be able to file formal grievances, including medical grievances, and
 7 shall receive written responses, including the basis for the decision, in a timely
 8 manner."⁸⁹ The PBNDS also require "three levels of formal grievance review" and
 9 that "[e]ach facility shall maintain a detained individual grievance log that shall be
 10 subject to regular inspection by the Field Office Director and ICE headquarters
 11 staff."⁹⁰ Upon information and belief, Defendants do not follow the Grievance
 12 System guidelines required by the PBNDS.

13 115. Defendants fail to meet these standards. Adelanto's grievance process is
 14 slow and often futile. During a September 2025 inspection, the ICE Office of
 15 Detention Oversight ("ODO") noted issues with the grievance process and
 16 compliance with federal detention standards at Adelanto, noting that in several cases
 17 staff "did not provide a decision within five days of receipt of the appeal[,] "did not
 18 note the outcome of the adjudication[,] and "did not forward the grievance nor
 19 support documentation to the facility administrator[.]"⁹¹

22 ⁸⁸ *Cal. Corr. FAQ*, *supra* note 86.

23 ⁸⁹ *PBNDS*, *supra* note 21, at 414.

24 ⁹⁰ *Id.* at 417, 419.

25 ⁹¹ ICE Off. Pro. Resp., Off. Det. Oversight, *Adelanto ICE Processing Center*
 26 *Inspection 2025-001-082* 6 (Sept. 2025), [https://www.ice.gov/doclib/foia/odo-](https://www.ice.gov/doclib/foia/odo-compliance-inspections/AdelantoProcessingCenterAdelantoCA-September-16-18-2025.pdf)
 27 [compliance-inspections/AdelantoProcessingCenterAdelantoCA-September-16-18-](https://www.ice.gov/doclib/foia/odo-compliance-inspections/AdelantoProcessingCenterAdelantoCA-September-16-18-2025.pdf)
 28 [2025.pdf](https://www.ice.gov/doclib/foia/odo-compliance-inspections/AdelantoProcessingCenterAdelantoCA-September-16-18-2025.pdf) [hereinafter *September 2025 Report*].

116. Detained individuals routinely wait more than a month for a response after filing a grievance. When detained individuals complain about substandard conditions, medical issues, or misconduct, the underlying issues go unresolved even if staff do eventually follow up. In some cases, staff have pressured detained individuals into withdrawing their grievances in order to receive help. When Mr. Mesrobian submitted a grievance about issues receiving his medication, a staff member told him they would informally resolve the problem if he withdrew his grievance. Hoping that his access to medication would improve, Mr. Mesrobian agreed to sign a blank piece of paper without being given the chance to read the grievance withdrawal form.

117. There is a TV that is supposed to broadcast Know Your Rights information for detained individuals, including the facility's policies, but that TV has been turned off permanently.

f. *Defendants Punish Detained Individuals through Excessive Use of Solitary Confinement*

118. According to ICE's own data, there were 95 people placed in solitary at Adelanto for one or more days during November 2025, and 89 during October 2025.⁹² Compared to other detention facilities, Adelanto's recent data suggests it has one of the highest numbers and proportions of people in solitary.

119. Solitary confinement at Adelanto is more restrictive than in state prison, and feels deeply isolating. While in solitary confinement, detained individuals cannot leave their cell all day, except for one hour to get water, heat up food, make a phone call, shower, or do anything else outside of their cell.

120. Detained individuals are allowed to take only one sixteen-ounce cup of water into their solitary cell. They do not have time to clean their cells themselves during their one hour outside their cell, so the cells are rarely cleaned and remain

⁹² U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf't, *ICE Detention Statistics FY 2026 YTD* (Sept. 24, 2025), available at <https://www.ice.gov/detain/detention-management>.

1 dirty. They cannot receive visits from their families. While in the solitary yard, which
 2 is the size of one cell and pictured below, they are unable to eat, drink water, or use
 3 the bathroom.



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18 *Concrete, fenced-in recreation area for disciplinary segregation unit*⁹³

19 121. By contrast, the state prison system allows people who have been placed
 20 in solitary for violent assault to spend at least twenty hours outside of their cells each
 21 week, including ten hours of outdoor recreation.⁹⁴ Those incarcerated in state prison
 22 have access to reading materials, can make regular telephone calls, can have visits
 23 with loved ones, and can participate in educational and other services.⁹⁵

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26 ⁹³ *No Safety Here*, *supra* note 34, at 30.

27 ⁹⁴ Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 15, § 3348(i).

28 ⁹⁵ Cal. Code Regs. Tit. 15, § 3348(j)1–(l), (g).

1 122. Solitary confinement is frequently used to punish detained individuals
2 who speak out about conditions at Adelanto.

3 123. In April 2025, several detained individuals went on hunger strike seeking
4 changes to conditions at Adelanto. The strikers sought, among other demands, clean
5 drinking water, properly cooked and better quality food, proper medical care, access
6 to recreational supplies, increased visitation hours and more family contact during
7 visits, healthy items in the commissary, and overall humane treatment. Defendants
8 never responded to their demands, and instead, the guards took many of the hunger
9 strikers to solitary confinement in retaliation for their protest. Mr. Salazar Garza was
10 among those who went on hunger strike and was taken to solitary for about fifteen to
11 twenty days. This instance of retaliation—like all other instances in which staff have
12 retaliated against detained individuals who speak out or raise issues—violated
13 Defendants’ own standards.⁹⁶

14 124. On another occasion, when a detained individual asked a guard to use
15 more respectful language toward him, he was ridiculed, written up and given the
16 middle finger by a guard who shouted, “Who the fuck do you think you are?” The
17 detained individual was then placed in solitary confinement for twenty-five days.

18 125. One detained individual was taken to solitary for speaking up about the
19 showers being broken. Being sent to solitary after speaking up about poor conditions
20 of confinement negatively affects detained people’s mental health because it feels like
21 they are being punished for simply asking to be treated with dignity.

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25 ⁹⁶ See *PBNDs*, *supra* note 21, at 215–16 (“No staff member shall harass, discipline,
26 punish or otherwise retaliate against any detainee for filing a complaint or
27 grievance. . . . Disciplinary action may not be capricious or retaliatory[.]”); *id.* at
28 414 (“No detainee shall be harassed, disciplined, punished or otherwise retaliated
against for filing a complaint or grievance.”).

1 g. *Defendants Use Coercive and Retaliatory Practices*

2 126. Defendants subject detained individuals to various coercive and
3 retaliatory practices that—both in isolation and coupled with the other unsanitary and
4 abusive conditions detained individuals must endure—constitute punitive conditions
5 of confinement.

6 127. Upon information and belief, detained individuals at Adelanto are
7 routinely pressured by Defendants to “self-deport” via voluntary departure—the
8 implication being that if they do not, they will be subject to prolonged detention with
9 little hope of being reunited with the outside world. Detained individuals have been
10 pressured into signing documents.⁹⁷ In the context of the conditions individuals must
11 endure at Adelanto, pressuring detained individuals to accept voluntary departure is
12 coercive and deprives them of knowingly and voluntarily exercising their rights.

13 128. Upon information and belief, some detained individuals have agreed to
14 voluntary departure in part because they could no longer endure the conditions at
15 Adelanto.

16 129. In addition, Adelanto staff punish large groups of detained individuals for
17 the actions of a few.⁹⁸ If there is a fight or other incident in the unit, the whole unit
18 will sometimes be locked up for prolonged periods of time. On one occasion, after a
19 fight broke out among a few detained individuals in the unit, all thirty individuals
20 present where the fight occurred were pepper sprayed. Then, all eighty men in the
21 unit were locked down for twenty-four hours—a response that felt to detained
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24 ⁹⁷ Jarvie & Solis, *supra* note 3.

25 ⁹⁸ See *PBNDS*, *supra* note 21, at 216 (“Staff may not impose or allow imposition of
26 the following sanctions: corporal punishment; deprivation of food services, to
27 include use of Nutraloaf or “food loaf”; deprivation of clothing, bedding or items of
28 personal hygiene; deprivation of correspondence privileges; deprivation of legal
access and legal materials; or deprivation of indoor or outdoor recreation, unless
such activity would create a documented unsafe condition within the facility.”).

1 individuals like a form of punishment. Because they were unable to shower after the
2 incident, several detained individuals experienced coughing, intense eye irritation,
3 and even difficulty breathing. During the twenty-four hour lockdown, detained
4 individuals were unable to leave their cells, eat food, get water, or shower.

5 130. Staff also regularly confiscate detained people's possessions beyond what
6 was issued to them when they first arrived, including any products or clothing that
7 they legally purchased at the commissary with their own money.

8 **C. Despite the blatantly inhumane conditions at Adelanto, Defendant**
9 **ICE has failed to make changes to comply with its own detention**
10 **standards**

11 131. Notwithstanding the current conditions at Adelanto, Defendant ICE has
12 failed to remedy the situation and comply with its own detention standards. In fact,
13 has failed to adequately inspect the facility and most recently awarded it a "good"
14 rating.

15 132. Congress has mandated oversight of immigration detention facilities. The
16 Office of Detention Oversight ("ODO"), housed within ICE, is responsible for
17 conducting compliance inspections at ICE detention facilities in which noncitizens
18 are housed for periods in excess of 72 hours and which have an average daily
19 population of 10 or more noncitizens—which includes Adelanto.⁹⁹ These inspections
20 assess compliance with the PBNDS, among other things. Following each inspection,
21 ODO provides ICE leadership with a Compliance Inspection Final Report citing
22 deficiencies, areas of concern, corrective actions, or best practices. The Final Report
23 is intended to "assist [ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations division] in
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26 ⁹⁹ U.S. Immigr. & Customs Enf't, *Office of Detention Oversight Inspections: Fiscal*
27 *Year 2021 Report to Congress* 2 (Mar. 23, 2022),
28 [https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/ICE%20-
%20Office%20of%20Detention%20Oversight%20Inspections.pdf](https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/2022-05/ICE%20-%20Office%20of%20Detention%20Oversight%20Inspections.pdf).

1 developing and initiating a uniform corrective action plan” and “provide senior
2 executives with an independent assessment of facility operations.”¹⁰⁰

3 133. Pursuant to its mandate, ODO should focus inspections on a core set of
4 standards significant to a noncitizen’s life, health, and safety, and should conduct a
5 thorough, line-by-line assessment of each core standard.¹⁰¹

6 134. Congress specifically appropriates funds for these annual inspections. In
7 response to a 2018 DHS Office of Inspector General (“OIG”) review of ICE’s
8 detention inspection programs, Congress appropriated a budget enhancement of
9 approximately \$6.9 million in fiscal year (“FY”) 2019 for ODO to increase annual
10 inspections.¹⁰² Congress intended this expenditure to be used to ensure ODO engaged
11 in rigorous and independent oversight of ICE facilities.

12 135. For this reason, Congress requires that ODO conduct “unannounced
13 inspections of detention facilities”; “[p]rovid[e] assistance to individuals affected by
14 potential misconduct, excessive force, or violations of law or detention standards”;
15 and “mak[e] recommendations to address concerns or violations of contract terms
16 identified in reviews, audits, investigations, or detainee interviews regarding
17 immigration detention facilities and services[.]” 6 U.S.C. § 205(b); *see* Consolidated
18 Appropriations Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, Div. F, Tit. II, § 215(b) (Dec. 27,
19 2020), 134 Stat. 1457.

20 136. To ensure compliance, Congress conditioned Defendant ICE’s
21 expenditure of federal detention funds. Congress requires Defendant ICE’s
22 expenditure of federal detention funds to ICE detention facilities be discontinued “if
23 the two most recent overall performance evaluations received by the contracted
24 facility are less than ‘adequate’ or the equivalent median score in any subsequent

25 ¹⁰⁰ *September 2025 Report*, *supra* note 91, at 4.

26 ¹⁰¹ *Id.* at 1.

27 ¹⁰² *Id.* at 2.

performance evaluation system.” Consolidated Security, Disaster Assistance, and Continuing Appropriations Act, Pub. L. No. 110-329, Div. D, Tit. II (Sep. 30, 2008), 122 Stat. 3659.

137. Consistent with these mandated inspections, the ODO inspected Adelanto on September 16–18, 2025. Despite repeated complaints of substandard medical care and inhumane conditions from detained individuals, journalists, community advocates, and members of Congress, *see supra Section B*, Adelanto received a “good” rating, with no medical care deficiencies found.¹⁰³

138. This is remarkable given the California Department of Justice noted serious issues with the way Adelanto addressed mental-health medical care.¹⁰⁴ Rightly, congressional letters have raised questions about “ICE’s negligence in adhering to basic medical standards.”¹⁰⁵ By the time the inspection report was released, there had been two deaths at Adelanto within the span of a month.¹⁰⁶

CLASS ALLEGATIONS

139. Plaintiffs L.T., Sevak Mesrobian, Jose Mauro Salazar Garza, and J.M. bring this action pursuant to Rules 23(a), 23(b)(1), and 23(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on behalf of themselves and all other people who are similarly situated.

140. *The Class*. As to the First and Second Claims (Punitive Conditions and Deliberate Indifference), the individual Plaintiffs seek to represent a class of all

¹⁰³ *September 2025 Report*, *supra* note 91, at 9.

¹⁰⁴ *See generally*, Cal. Dep’t of Just., Off. of Cmty. Awareness, Response & Engagement, *CARE Community Briefing: Immigration Detention Facilities Report* (May 22, 2025), <https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/care-comm-briefing-slides-052225.pdf>.

¹⁰⁵ *Nov. 2025 Congressional Letter*, *supra* note 56.

¹⁰⁶ *James*, *supra* note 6; *see also Death Report*, *supra* note 68.

1 people who are now, or who in the future will be, detained at Adelanto ICE Processing
2 Center and in the legal custody of U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (“the
3 Class”).

4 141. *The Disability Subclass.* As to the Third Claim (Rehabilitation Act),
5 Plaintiffs L.T., Sevak Mesrobian, and Jose Mauro Salazar Garza (“Subclass
6 Plaintiffs” or “Subclass Representatives”) also seeks to represent a subclass
7 consisting of all people who have disabilities within the meaning of the Rehabilitation
8 Act and are now, or in the future will be, detained at Adelanto ICE Processing Center
9 and in the legal custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (“the
10 Subclass”).

11 142. *Numerosity.* The proposed Class and Subclass satisfy the requirements
12 of Rule 23(a)(1) because they are so numerous that joinder of all members is
13 impracticable. There are currently over 1,700 people detained at Adelanto.¹⁰⁷ At least
14 fifty of these individuals have disabilities.¹⁰⁸

15 143. Joinder may also be impossible given the inherently transitory nature of
16 a putative Class and Subclass of detained individuals awaiting their civil immigration
17 proceedings. Plaintiffs and putative Class and Subclass members may be released
18 from custody, transferred to other detention centers, or deported from the United
19 States. The population of detained individuals at Adelanto thus changes on a regular
20 basis. Joinder is also impracticable because many putative Class and Subclass

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22 ¹⁰⁷ As of November 2025, there were 1,786 people detained at Adelanto. *See TRAC*
23 *Report, supra* note 15.

24 ¹⁰⁸ The precise size of the Subclass is difficult to determine given that Defendants do
25 not publish data on disability needs. Research suggests that nearly half of detained
26 immigrants have chronic conditions, many of which may constitute disabilities. *See*
27 Patler & Saadi, *supra* note 59 at 863-66. A 2019 report found that “considerable
28 number of Adelanto detainees [had] mental health needs and other disabilities,”
estimating that at least 15% of Adelanto’s population had mental health disabilities
and that “many more” had “physical, sensory, and other types of disabilities, as well
as with acute and chronic medical needs.” *No Safety Here, supra* note 34, at 12.

1 members do not speak English well, and most are unable to bring individual litigation
2 because they lack sufficient resources.

3 144. The Plaintiff Class and Subclass members are identifiable using records
4 maintained in the ordinary course of business by Defendants.

5 145. *Commonality*. The Class and Subclass meet the commonality
6 requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(2) because all class members
7 are subject to Defendants' common policies or practices with respect to the punitive
8 conditions of confinement at Adelanto and the routine lack of access to adequate
9 medical care.

10 146. Moreover, there are numerous questions of law and fact common to the
11 proposed Class and Subclass. Such questions include, but are not limited to:

- 12 a. Whether the conditions at Adelanto are unnecessarily restrictive
13 and/or punitive such that they violate the Fifth Amendment; and
14 b. Whether Defendants' failure to provide adequate medical and
15 mental health care to people detained at Adelanto creates a risk of harm
16 that violates the Fifth Amendment.

17 147. As to the Subclass, there are also common questions of law and fact,
18 including but not limited to:

- 19 a. Whether Defendants have inadequate systems to identify and
20 assess the disability needs of people detained at Adelanto, such that they
21 violate Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act;
22 b. Whether Defendants fail to ensure that people with disabilities
23 receive the accommodations and services they require, such that they
24 violate Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; and
25 c. Whether Defendants have a policy or practice of failing to respond
26 to requests for disability accommodations made by Plaintiffs and
27 members of the Subclass.
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1 148. *Typicality*. The proposed Class and Subclass meet the typicality
2 requirement of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(3) because the claims of the
3 representative Plaintiffs are typical of the claims of the Class and Subclass as a whole.
4 All individual Plaintiffs, like other putative Class members, are detained at Adelanto
5 and have suffered the same punitive conditions of confinement and lack of access to
6 medical care, as described above. Among other issues, Class members have been
7 subjected to inadequate medical care, a lack of clean drinking water, insufficient food,
8 and unsanitary conditions. Plaintiffs' claims are typical of those of the Class because
9 they are detained at Adelanto and are being subjected to punitive conditions of
10 confinement and inadequate medical care. Subclass Plaintiffs, like other Subclass
11 members, have disabilities requiring accommodation. Subclass Plaintiffs' claims are
12 typical because they are detained at Adelanto, have disabilities, and have not received
13 proper accommodations.

14 149. *Adequacy of Representation*. The proposed Class and Subclass meet the
15 adequacy requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4). Plaintiffs seek
16 the same relief as the other members of the putative Class—namely, a declaration that
17 Defendants' policies and practices violate the Fifth Amendment and an order
18 enjoining Defendants from subjecting detained individuals to unconstitutional and
19 inhumane conditions. Subclass members similarly seek declaratory and injunctive
20 relief, under the Rehabilitation Act, to remedy the disability discrimination they have
21 experienced. Plaintiffs have no interests that are adverse to the Class as a whole. The
22 proposed Class and Subclass are represented by counsel from Public Counsel,
23 Immigrant Defenders Law Center, the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights, and
24 the law firm of Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP. Counsel have extensive experience
25 litigating class action lawsuits and other complex cases in federal court, including
26 civil rights lawsuits on behalf of detained immigrants.

27 150. Finally, the proposed Class and Subclass satisfy Federal Rule of Civil
28 Procedure 23(b)(2) because Defendants have acted on grounds generally applicable

1 to the whole Class and Subclass by subjecting them to Defendants’ policies, practices,
 2 actions, and omissions that form the basis of this complaint. All policies are required
 3 to be monitored by a central figure, Defendant ICE, and Defendant ICE is charged
 4 with promulgating, disseminating, and enforcing its standard policies applicable to
 5 the class as a whole. The injunctive and declaratory relief sought is appropriate and
 6 will apply to all members of the class.

7 151. In the alternative, the Class and Subclass also qualify for certification
 8 under Rules 23(b)(1)(A) and 23(b)(1)(B) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

9 **CAUSES OF ACTION**

10 **COUNT ONE**

11 **PUNITIVE CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT**

12 **Violation of the Fifth Amendment Right to Due Process**

13 **(All Plaintiffs)**

14 152. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege, and incorporate by reference each and every
 15 allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

16 153. Under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth Amendment to the U.S.
 17 Constitution, the government must provide for the “basic human needs” of the people
 18 it confines, including their “food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and reasonable
 19 safety.” *See DeShaney v. Winnebago Cnty. Dep’t of Soc. Servs.*, 489 U.S. 189, 200
 20 (1989) (first citing *Estelle v. Gamble*, 429 U.S. 97, 103–04 (1976); then citing
 21 *Youngberg v. Romeo*, 457 U.S. 307, 315–16 (1982)); *id.* at 199–200 (“[W]hen the
 22 State takes a person into its custody and holds him there against his will, the
 23 Constitution imposes upon it a corresponding duty to assume some responsibility for
 24 his safety and general well-being.”).

25 154. The Immigration and Nationality Act also envisions that federal
 26 immigration officials will “arrange for appropriate places of detention[,]” 8 U.S.C.
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1 § 1231(g)(1), and work with states and localities to establish “acceptable conditions
2 of confinement[.]” 8 U.S.C. § 1103 (a)(11)(B).¹⁰⁹

3 155. Because immigration detention is civil detention, *see Zadvydas v. Davis*,
4 533 U.S. 678, 690 (2001), the government cannot subject detained immigrants to
5 punitive conditions of confinement, that is, conditions that are “express[ly] inten[ded]
6 to punish,” not rationally related to a “legitimate governmental objective,” or
7 excessive to that objective. *Bell v. Wolfish*, 441 U.S. 520, 538 (1979) (quoting
8 *Kennedy v. Mendoza-Martinez*, 372 U.S. 144, 168–69 (1963)).

9 156. The conditions at Adelanto amount to punishment. Defendants have
10 failed to provide basic necessities like sufficient food, clean drinking water, adequate
11 sanitation, and medical care. Defendants have also enacted restrictive and
12 unnecessary limitations on detained individuals’ access to the outdoors and loved
13 ones, and retaliated against those who speak up about conditions.

14 157. These conditions are well-known to Defendants. They have been publicly
15 documented in countless news publications and reports filed by numerous
16 inspection entities. Concerns have been sent directly to Defendants through detained
17 individuals’ written grievances and letters from members of Congress.

18 158. There is no legitimate government objective to which these conditions
19 may rationally be connected. Depriving people of basic human necessities like
20 potable drinking water, proper medical care, food, and the outdoors, and caging them
21 in unsanitary units where illness and disease are rampant, while they await their civil
22 immigration proceedings, bears no reasonable relationship to any conceivable,
23 legitimate goal of civil detention. These conditions are intended to punish immigrants
24 *because they are immigrants*.

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26 ¹⁰⁹ *See Alina Das, The Law and Lawlessness of U.S. Immigration Detention*, 138
27 Harv. L. Rev. 1186, 1195 (2025) (noting that “the legislative and regulatory history
28 suggests that these provisions were intended to . . . direct the Agency to protect the
rights of people in detention”).

1 159. Defendants have made several public statements indicating that the
2 purpose of its campaign detention is to punish—demonstrating that these conditions
3 are not reasonably related to any legitimate governmental objective. As one court
4 noted: “Statements from senior officials suggest that harsh conditions of confinement
5 are a deliberate feature of the enforcement program intended to induce self-
6 deportation and to deter illegal immigration.” *See Mercado v. Noem*, 800 F.Supp.3d
7 526, 575–76 (S.D.N.Y. 2025). “Retribution and deterrence are not legitimate
8 nonpunitive governmental objectives.” *Wolfish*, 441 U.S. at 539, n. 20.

9 160. In addition to Defendants’ public statements, the abusive and retaliatory
10 behavior of guards and staff, who fail to respond to medical emergencies and retaliate
11 against those who speak up, evinces an intention to punish. *See Mercado*, 800
12 F.Supp.3d at 576 (“[A]busive and demeaning behavior by guards supports an
13 inference that detention facility officials have an express intent to punish.”).

14 161. Taken together, Defendants’ public statements, Adelanto staff’s behavior
15 toward detained individuals, and the extreme nature of the conditions themselves
16 indicate that conditions are punitive.

17 162. In addition, a civil detainee is entitled to ‘more considerate treatment’
18 than his criminally detained counterparts, and conditions “identical to, similar to, or
19 more restrictive than, those in which [] criminal counterparts are held” are presumed
20 to be punitive. *Jones v. Blanas*, 393 F.3d 918, 932 (9th Cir. 2004).

21 163. Because Plaintiffs and the proposed Class have experienced conditions
22 substantially worse than conditions in state and federal prison, conditions at Adelanto
23 should be presumed to be punitive.

24 164. Defendants’ actions have caused—and continue to cause—Plaintiff and
25 the putative Class members to suffer irreparable injury in the form of deprivation of
26 their fundamental rights, along with a range of physical, psychological, and emotional
27 harms. Defendants’ ongoing violations of the Fifth Amendment deprive detained
28 individuals of their rights and coerce some detained individuals into accepting

1 voluntary departure. These violations also directly harm CHIRLA's provision of
 2 legal services to detained individuals. As a result of the violations, the formation and
 3 maintenance of the attorney-client relationships with detainees, including at least one
 4 CHIRLA member, suffer continual and ongoing harm.

5 165. Plaintiffs and the putative Class members are entitled to injunctive relief
 6 to avoid any further injury.

7 **COUNT TWO**
 8 **INADEQUATE MEDICAL CARE**
 9 **Violation of the Fifth Amendment Right to Due Process**
 10 **(All Plaintiffs)**

11 166. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege, and incorporate by reference each and every
 12 allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

13 167. The government may not exhibit "deliberate indifference to [a person's]
 14 serious medical needs[.]" *Gamble*, 429 U.S. at 104.

15 168. Defendants have deprived, and continue to deprive, individual Plaintiffs,
 16 CHIRLA's prospective and current clients, at least one CHIRLA member, as well as
 17 Class members detained at Adelanto, of adequate and necessary health care by,
 18 among other actions:

19 a. Failing to adequately respond to Plaintiffs' or others' urgent and
 20 emergent medical and mental health care issues;

21 b. Failing to properly address disease outbreaks;

22 c. Failing to provide timely and adequate medical and mental health
 23 care, including for conditions that require specialty care;

24 d. Failing to ensure continuity of care, such as continuity of
 25 prescription medication;

26 e. Failing to provide a functional process by which Plaintiffs and
 27 others can seek and receive non-emergency medical or mental health care; and

28 f. Failing to staff Adelanto with sufficient qualified medical and
 mental health care providers to facilitate the provision of medical care.

1 169. Defendants have been deliberately indifferent to these conditions, the
 2 constitutional rights they are violating, and the risk of harm they cause to Plaintiffs
 3 and the thousands of other detained individuals at Adelanto.

4 170. Defendants have made the decision to detain Plaintiffs and the Class
 5 under conditions that exposed them to a significant risk of serious harm, namely
 6 worsening of medical conditions through repeated, inadequate care. Although any
 7 reasonable official would appreciate the high degree of risk involved in failing to
 8 provide proper medical care and contain the spread of disease at a facility housing
 9 nearly two thousand people, Defendants have not taken reasonable available measures
 10 to abate this risk. In so doing, Defendants have exposed Plaintiffs and the Class to a
 11 significant risk of serious harm and violated their rights under the Due Process Clause
 12 of the Fifth Amendment.

13 **COUNT THREE**
 14 **DISABILITY DISCRIMINATION**
 15 **Violation of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. § 794**
 16 **(Plaintiffs L.T., Sevak Mesrobian, and Jose Mauro Salazar Garza, on**
 17 **behalf of the Disability Subclass)**

18 171. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege, and incorporate by reference each and every
 19 allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

20 172. At all times relevant to this action, Defendants are executive agencies
 21 within the meaning of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. § 794(a). As
 22 such, they are required to comply with the provisions of Section 504.

23 173. Defendant ICE operates a civil immigration detention program at the
 24 Adelanto ICE Processing Center, which constitutes a “program or activity” within the
 25 meaning of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, 29 U.S.C. § 794(b). This program
 26 includes all operations, services, and activities provided to individuals detained at
 27 Adelanto, including but not limited to: medical and mental health care; housing and
 28 living accommodations; food services; access to outdoor recreation and common

1 areas; visitation and communication with family and counsel; and grievance and
2 disciplinary processes.

3 174. Defendants are required to reasonably accommodate detained individuals
4 with disabilities, to provide them with auxiliary aids and services, and to ensure
5 effective communication, so they can avail themselves of and participate in all
6 programs and activities offered at Adelanto.

7 175. Defendants are directly responsible for their deficient monitoring and
8 oversight practices and policies that deny detained individuals with disabilities' their
9 right to be free from discrimination.

10 176. As described above, Defendants have failed to ensure reasonable
11 accommodations for Plaintiff L.T. and members of the Subclass, including providing
12 them with assistance for mobility needs, auxiliary aids and services, and effective
13 communication.

14 177. Defendants must also comply with regulations promulgated by DHS
15 implementing Section 504. *See* 6 C.F.R. Part 15. Adelanto is in violation of many of
16 these regulations, including without limitation by:

- 17 a. Denying members of the Subclass “the opportunity to participate in or
18 benefit from the aid, benefit, or service.” 6 C.F.R. § 15.30(b)(1)(i).
- 19 b. Affording members of the Subclass with “an opportunity to participate
20 in or benefit from the aid, benefit, or service that is not equal to that
21 afforded others.” 6 C.F.R. § 15.30(b)(1)(ii).
- 22 c. Providing members of the Subclass “with an aid, benefit, or service
23 that is not as effective in affording equal opportunity to obtain the
24 same result, to gain the same benefit, or to reach the same level of
25 achievement as that provided to others.” 6 C.F.R. § 15.30(b)(1)(iii).
- 26 d. Providing members of the Subclass with “different or separate aid,
27 benefits or services . . . than is provided to others unless such action is
28 necessary to provide qualified individuals with a disability with aid,

benefits or services that are as effective as those provided to others.”

6 C.F.R. § 15.30(b)(1)(iv).

e. Otherwise denying members of the Subclass “the enjoyment of any right, privilege, advantage, or opportunity enjoyed by others receiving the aid, benefit, or service.” 6 C.F.R. § 15.30(b)(1)(vi).

f. Using “criteria or methods of administration,” “directly or through contractual or other arrangements,” “the purpose or effect of which” is to subject members of the Subclass to “discrimination on the basis of disability.” 6 C.F.R. § 15.30(b)(4), (b)(4)(i).

g. Using “criteria or methods of administration,” “directly or through contractual or other arrangements,” “the purpose or effect of which” is to “[d]efeate or substantially impair accomplishment of the objectives of a program or activity with respect to” the members of the Subclass. 6 C.F.R. § 15.30(b)(4)(ii).

h. Failing to “administer programs and activities in the most integrated setting appropriate to the needs of” members of the Subclass. 6 C.F.R. § 15.30(d).

i. Failing to conduct an adequate self-evaluation to identify modifications to policies and practices at Adelanto needed to ensure the programs and services at such facilities are readily accessible to and usable by detained individuals with disabilities, and to provide opportunity for input from the disability community in this process. 6 C.F.R. § 15.10; *see generally* 6 C.F.R. § 15.1 et seq.

178. Plaintiffs L.T., Mesrobian, Salazar Garza and the members of the Subclass they represent are qualified individuals with disabilities as defined in the Rehabilitation Act.

1 179. Because of Defendants’ systemic policy and practice of failing to
 2 adequately monitor, oversee, and administer Adelanto, members of the Subclass are
 3 subject to continuing and recurring violations of Section 504.

4 180. As a result, Defendants fail to reasonably accommodate members of the
 5 Subclass, afford them equal access to detention center activities, programs, and
 6 services for which they are otherwise qualified, and otherwise discriminate against
 7 the Subclass on the basis of disability.

8 **COUNT FOUR**
 9 **ARBITRARY AND CAPRICIOUS & UNLAWFUL AGENCY ACTION**
 10 **Violation of Administrative Procedure Act 5, U.S.C. § 706(2)**
 11 **(All Plaintiffs)**

12 181. Plaintiffs repeat, re-allege, and incorporate by reference each and every
 13 allegation in the preceding paragraphs as if fully set forth herein.

14 182. The APA authorizes this Court to hold unlawful and set aside agency
 15 action that is “arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, or otherwise not in
 16 accordance with law; contrary to constitutional right, power, privilege, or immunity;
 17 [or] in excess of statutory jurisdiction, authority, or limitations[.]” 5 U.S.C. § 706(2).

18 183. “[A]gencies must follow a regulation if they promulgate one.” *Cnty.*
 19 *Legal Servs. in E. Palo Alto v. United States Dep’t of Health & Hum. Servs.*, 780
 20 F.Supp.3d 897 (citing *Nat’l Ass’n of Home Builders v. Norton*, 340 F.3d 835, 852 (9th
 21 Cir. 2003)). Indeed, an agency’s failure to follow its own rules is contrary to law.
 22 *Doe v. Noem*, 778 F.Supp.3d 1151, 1160–61 (W.D. Wash. 2025) (“It is contrary to
 23 law for an agency to disregard its own regulations and policies.”).

24 184. This principle—often referred to as the *Accardi* doctrine—applies not
 25 only to formal agency rules and regulations (such as those codified in the Code of
 26 Federal Regulations), but also to informal internal agency rules. *See Morton v. Ruiz*,
 27 415 U.S. 199, 235 (1974) (applying *Accardi* to internal IRS manual); *Alcaraz v. INS*,
 28 384 F.3d 1150, 1162 (9th Cir. 2004) (observing that “courts have recognized that the
 so-called *Accardi* doctrine extends beyond formal regulations” and collecting cases).

1 185. Defendant ICE has issued standards governing immigration detention—
2 the PBNDS. Defendants are thus required to comply with the PBNDS standards at
3 Adelanto and DVA.

4 186. Defendants have failed to enforce the PBNDS at Adelanto. Although
5 Defendant ICE monitors Adelanto to ensure compliance with detention standards and
6 contract requirements, Defendants have failed to follow their own policies and
7 standards governing detention.

8 187. First, the decision to repopulate Adelanto in early June 2025 was
9 arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, and not in accordance with law as it is
10 contrary to Defendant ICE’s “own internal operating procedures,” i.e., the PBNDS.
11 *Church of Scientology of Cal. v. United States*, 920 F.2d 1481, 1487 (9th Cir. 1990)
12 (citing *United States ex. rel. Accardi v. Shaughnessy*, 347 U.S. 260, 268 (1954))).

13 188. Defendants made the decision to rapidly increase the number of people
14 detained Adelanto despite the obvious risks posed by a massive influx of people when
15 the facility lacked experienced staff or adequate medical care. In deciding to approve
16 a massive influx of detainees at the beginning of June 2025, Defendants knew that the
17 strain on Adelanto’s capacity meant they would not be able to comply with the
18 PBNDS. Despite this, they decided to forego compliance with their own standards—
19 risking the health and safety of all detainees. It was highly foreseeable that
20 Defendants’ decision to rapidly increase the number of people detained Adelanto in
21 June 2025 would only compound the facility’s inability to provide adequate medical
22 care. Defendants knew or should have known that the strain on Adelanto’s capacity
23 meant they would not be able to comply with the PBNDS.

24 189. Second, by performing an inadequate investigation of Adelanto, awarding
25 Adelanto a “good” rating, and permitting the facility to continue to operate without
26 requiring remediation of the unconstitutional conditions, Defendant ICE acted
27 contrary to constitutional rights and in excess of its statutory authority, in violation of
28 the APA. Defendants seemingly conducted a check-the-box inspection that was not

1 of the caliber mandated by Congress. The decision to provide Adelanto a “good”
 2 rating—and not require remediation of the glaring human rights violations—has
 3 allowed Adelanto to operate with numerous unconstitutional health and safety
 4 violations in a manner that violates the APA.

5 190. Plainly, the PBNDS require ICE to ensure Adelanto is an environment
 6 that protects the safety, rights, and health of detained individuals. As alleged,
 7 Adelanto is not such an environment, making ICE’s review of the facility inadequate
 8 and its decision to pass the facility an abuse of discretion and contrary to law.

9 191. As alleged, the conditions at Adelanto have caused Plaintiffs and the class
 10 to suffer ongoing violations of their Fifth Amendment rights. Defendant ICE’s
 11 decision to not require any remediation of the Adelanto facility—permitting these
 12 conditions to continue and deteriorate—is contrary to constitutional rights and in
 13 violation of 5 U.S.C. § 706(2)(B). It is also in excess of Defendant ICE’s statutory
 14 authority—Congress has required ICE to conduct inspections to ensure detention
 15 facilities are safe and protecting the rights and health of detained individuals.
 16 Defendant ICE’s inspection failed to do this, in violation of 5 U.S.C. § 706(2)(C).

17 192. Defendants have decided not to comply with the PBNDS or the contract
 18 governing operations at Adelanto by addressing widespread conditions issues.
 19 Defendants’ actions are arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion, contrary to
 20 law, contrary to constitutional rights, and in excess of statutory authority. This Court
 21 should hold unlawful and set aside these actions.

22 **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

23 **WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs pray that this Court grant the following relief::

- 24 1. Certify this action as a class action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil
 25 Procedure 23(b)(2);
- 26 2. Declare that the conditions of confinement imposed by Defendants at
 27 Adelanto violate the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution;
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3. Declare that the conditions of confinement imposed by Defendants at Adelanto are arbitrary and capricious, an abuse of discretion, and contrary to law, in violation of the APA;
4. Preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendants from further violations of Plaintiffs' rights, from engaging in the unlawful conduct complained of herein, and from imposing punitive conditions of confinement and denying Plaintiffs' medical care;
5. Preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendants from retaliating against Plaintiffs and other named participants in this litigation;
6. Set aside Defendants' unlawful decision not to comply with their own detention standards and require them to do so;
7. Enter judgment for Plaintiffs and the putative Class and against Defendants;
8. Enjoin Defendants from removing any Individual Plaintiff currently in Defendants' custody during the pendency of this litigation;
9. Preliminarily and permanently enjoin Defendants or their agents from taking retaliatory actions against Plaintiffs based on their participation in this action;
10. Award Plaintiffs reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412, and any other basis justified under law; and
11. Enter such other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all claims and issues for which a jury trial is available.

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