

Alethea Arguilez,

I am writing to you because your professional work is centered on the health, development, and well-being of young children and their families. You serve as Executive Director of First 5 San Diego, an organization focused on children from birth through age five, and your background includes child and family development and early childhood education. Because of that background, you need to know what is happening to Malaika and Xayah Robinson and to the Robinson-Lopez family.

My name is Ricky G. Robinson. I am their paternal grandfather. Malaika and Xayah have a mother, father, grandparents, relatives, siblings, and an entire family that continues loving them and fighting for them. Their mother, Evelyn Lopez, completed her court-ordered case plan. Their family was approved and willing to care for them. Yet these children remain separated from the people they know and love.

What I want you to consider is not simply the legal paperwork surrounding this case. I want you to consider the developmental consequences.

These children have screamed for their family. They have cried, pulled their hair, emotionally collapsed, and shown severe distress connected to separation and returning to their placement. Malaika suffered a roughly 25-minute emotional breakdown in front of a neurotherapist because she did not want to return. We have recordings and videos documenting trauma that cannot be reduced to a line in a social-worker report.

Expert testimony addressed the strength of the children's family bonds and the catastrophic psychological and emotional harm associated with their separation. The same testimony exposed that social workers were closing their laptops approximately five minutes before visits ended, before some of the worst trauma and emotional breakdowns occurred. That means some of the very moments showing the children's distress most clearly were not being observed or documented by the people whose reports helped shape decisions about their lives.

For someone whose work centers on early childhood development, that should raise serious questions. Is it developmentally healthy to repeatedly separate very young children from parents, grandparents, siblings, and relatives to whom they are strongly attached? Is it healthy to disregard screaming, emotional collapse, hair-pulling, desperate pleas to remain with family, and prolonged breakdowns? Is it healthy when adults controlling a child's case characterize family members as dangerous while the children themselves continue showing severe distress under the system's control?

This case has also become grudge-driven. After our family spoke publicly, exposed misconduct, challenged false statements, used websites, podcasts, flyers, peaceful

protests, public comments, and contacted officials, the pressure against us intensified. Instead of transparency and correction, the family experienced greater restrictions, attacks on kinship placement, accusations, restraining orders, and increasing separation from the children. The focus shifted away from protecting children and toward punishing a family that refused to remain silent. A child-protection system that becomes driven by retaliation and personal grievance stops protecting children and starts protecting itself.

I am also deeply concerned when child-welfare personnel make sweeping judgments about the psychological condition, dangerousness, motives, or family relationships of people without the kind of clinical foundation those conclusions should require. When those judgments determine whether children may see their parents, grandparents, or relatives, the consequences are enormous. Speculation should never substitute for qualified clinical evidence.

The most severe harm Malaika and Xayah experience does not occur while surrounded by their family. It occurs while they are separated from that family and under San Diego County authority. The hospitalizations, screaming, emotional collapse, restrictions on family contact, and destruction of family bonds occur during what has become a foster prison for these children.

Our family provides food, shelter, clothing, medical care, attachment, history, love, and a home. Yet the family continues to be treated as though it is the danger while the children's most visible trauma continues under government control.

Their great-grandmother, my mother, died while still fighting to see Malaika and Xayah returned to their family. Today she should have been celebrating her 89th birthday. Malaika and Xayah will never see her again. They will never recover that lost relationship or the years taken from them.

These children also have newborn twin siblings they have never even been allowed to meet.

You work in a field that understands how early childhood experiences shape attachment, emotional regulation, neurological development, trust, and lifelong well-being. That is why you should look at this case not as another dependency file, but as a question of what prolonged forced separation is doing to two developing children.

Malaika and Xayah are not children without family. They are children being kept from one.

I do not know what you have previously been told about this case, if anything. I am writing so that you are aware of it now. Records, videos, recordings, court history, expert testimony, communications, and timelines exist and are being preserved.

This case is no longer confined to San Diego County. Our family also appears in the two-hour documentary Never in America, beginning at approximately the 1:41:00 mark, and that documentary has been viewed more than 2.2 million times on X alone. I have been writing and sending documentation from the White House on down—to elected officials, federal agencies, attorneys, journalists, advocates, social workers, child-development professionals, and others whose work touches children, families, civil rights, and government accountability. I am continuing to put people on notice because what is happening to Malaika and Xayah Robinson and to the Robinson-Lopez family deserves attention far beyond the closed walls of dependency court.

This letter may also be published online for public awareness so that journalists, advocates, professionals, elected officials, and members of the public can read for themselves what this family is reporting and what people in positions connected to children and families were told. This correspondence is being preserved as part of the public history of our advocacy and of what continues happening to Malaika and Xayah.

This family is not going away. We are continuing to document, speak, write, organize, and bring more people into the light and to the truth about what is happening to Malaika and Xayah.

Say their names Share their story. Bring them home.

Malaika and Xayah Robinson. Bring them home to love and family.

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First, San Diego County's child-welfare fraud and foster-prison machine kidnapped Malaika and Xayah. Then it came after her twins. How many Robinson children does this machine believe it is entitled to target before it finally leaves this family alone?

"Anyone who kidnaps someone is to be put to death, whether the victim has been sold or is still in the kidnapper's possession." — Exodus 21:16

