

GRANT PARKS, CALIFORNIA STATE AUDITOR,

This is not another routine complaint. This is a demand for serious state-level scrutiny of what has happened and continues happening inside San Diego County's child-welfare system while Malaika and Xayah Robinson remain separated from their mother and family.

For more than two years, our family has watched an extraordinary amount of government power, public money, court activity, agency personnel, attorneys, investigators, foster-care resources, and state-supported services be used around a case that should have been focused on protecting children and preserving safe family relationships. Instead, the result has been escalating separation, retaliation, contradictory reporting, disappearing visitation, restraining orders, attacks on family members, and continuing psychological and emotional harm to two little girls.

Their mother, Evelyn Lopez, completed what Child Welfare demanded of her, never missed visits, progressed to months of unsupervised visitation, and demonstrated a strong bond with her daughters. I was RFA-approved for placement in our family home. Yet reunification did not occur and the children were never placed with us. Instead, the machinery surrounding this case continued growing.

Our family began exposing what was happening publicly. We spoke before the San Diego County Board of Supervisors, documented the case online, appeared on podcasts, distributed flyers and QR codes, contacted journalists, and refused to remain silent. The agency's own records repeatedly focused on that protected speech. Then visitation changed, accusations changed, family members were removed, and retaliatory restraining orders followed.

This case became a moving target. When one narrative failed, another appeared. Government records portrayed family members one way and then another. My own RFA record became part of that pattern, including claims involving imaginary children supposedly living in my home, a claim that I failed to report a deceased adult while my mother was still alive, and fixation on QR codes and public exposure that had nothing to do with whether I was a safe grandfather.

The human consequences are enormous. A neurotherapist conducting a bond study documented severe distress and warned of catastrophic psychological and emotional harm from severing these family bonds. Malaika and Xayah remain separated from their mother, father, grandparents, extended family, and younger twin siblings they have never even been allowed to meet. Their great-grandmother died during this horror without ever seeing them come home.

Look at the photograph included with this letter. Malaika and Xayah are holding pink signs that say I Love Mom during what becomes their final visit with the only mother they have ever known. Their mother is permitted to raise their younger twin siblings, yet Malaika and Xayah remain separated from her and from those babies. What kind of publicly funded child-welfare system produces that result and then continues financing it?

The California State Auditor has previously examined failures in California child-welfare services and San Diego County foster-care operations. Your own office has reported deficiencies involving county child-welfare decision-making, family assessments, oversight, and foster-care systems. This is not foreign territory for your office.

I am demanding that your office examine what authority is available to investigate or audit the state oversight, funding, administration, and accountability surrounding San Diego County child welfare. Follow the money. Examine whether public resources are supporting unnecessary prolonged separation, retaliation, deficient oversight, contradictory reporting, and institutional self-protection instead of legitimate child protection and family preservation.

If some portion of this matter requires authorization from the Joint Legislative Audit Committee or another state body, I am asking your office to identify that route rather than simply sending this back to the same local agencies whose conduct is being challenged.

California taxpayers deserve to know whether enormous amounts of public money are being spent protecting children or protecting a system from accountability.

Our family has spent more than two years documenting and exposing what is happening. We are not going away. Malaika and Xayah are not abandoned, unwanted, or without family. They have a family that continues fighting to bring them home.

Fraud. Waste. Abuse. Retaliation. Family destruction.

Audit it.

Please be advised that this letter, any response to it, and supporting photographs, videos, interviews, records, and other materials may be published online and shared with journalists, advocates, elected officials, oversight agencies, and the public.

For the record,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ricky G. Robinson". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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