

San Diego Padres,

San Diego is supposed to be a place where families can live, work, raise children, go to a ballgame, and enjoy the city they call home. Our family cannot even enjoy San Diego anymore. For more than two years, Malaika and Xayah Robinson have remained separated from their mother Evelyn Lopez and blood family while our family fights a child-welfare machine we are exposing as retaliatory, grudge-driven, and destructive.

San Diego celebrates sports. Baseball. Football. Competition on fields where everybody knows the rules. But there is another game being played in this county, and there is nothing entertaining about it. Malaika and Xayah and our family are caught inside a system where government actors hold nearly all the power, protected speech is met with retaliation, family bonds are treated as disposable, and two little girls continue suffering catastrophic psychological and emotional harm while being kept from the people fighting to bring them home.

Their mother, Evelyn Lopez, completed what Child Welfare demanded and progressed to months of unsupervised visitation. Our family has recordings, videos, court records, agency reports, sworn statements, and professional testimony documenting what happened and what continues happening. A neurotherapist conducting a bond study witnessed severe distress when Malaika had to leave her mother and warned of catastrophic psychological and emotional harm from severing these family bonds. The termination of parental rights stands anyway. The harm continues.

Once our family began exposing what was happening, the system turned its power against us. We spoke before the Board of Supervisors, documented the case publicly, appeared on podcasts, distributed flyers, contacted journalists, and refused to stay quiet. The agency's own reports repeatedly focused on that protected speech and public exposure. Then visits disappeared, accusations appeared, family members were removed, and restraining orders followed. That is not child protection. That is retaliation.

Free speech does not give government officials the right to steal children from a family.

The Padres represent San Diego before millions of people. Your organization has a public voice that reaches far beyond Petco Park. That is why I am asking you to look at the names Malaika and Xayah Robinson and take the time to see what is happening to them. Look at the photographs. Watch the videos. Listen to the interviews. Look at two little girls holding pink signs that say I Love Mom while a government system continues separating Malaika and Xayah from their mother, Evelyn Lopez, and the Robinson-Lopez family.

The Padres cannot decide a dependency case. But you can help expose what is happening. You can ask questions. You can put this story in front of people who otherwise may never

hear it. You can help make sure two San Diego children do not disappear behind confidential courtroom doors while catastrophic harm continues.

Malaika and Xayah are not abandoned. They are not unwanted. They are not without family. They have a mother, father, grandparents, siblings, cousins, and an extended family that continues fighting for them. They also have younger siblings they have never even been allowed to meet.

Our family wants our city back. We want to be able to live in San Diego without every courthouse, government building, and public institution reminding us that two members of our family are still trapped in foster prison while we fight to bring them home.

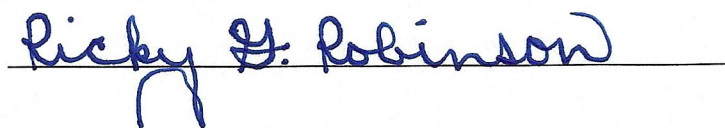
The Padres know something about home runs. We need your help hitting two that matter far beyond baseball. Help bring Malaika and Xayah home so they can finally meet their twin siblings. Their great-grandmother died during this horror without ever getting to see them come home, a loss our family can never undo. Help reunite these girls with the family that continues fighting for them and get them out of the trauma that has consumed so much of their young lives.

Please look at this story. Help expose it. Help make San Diego hear the names Malaika and Xayah Robinson-Lopez.

Help us hit the most important home runs of all. Bring Malaika and Xayah home.

Please be advised that this letter, any response to it, and the supporting photographs, videos, interviews, 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 over a horizontal line.

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