

July 23, 2026

The Honorable Kash Patel  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
935 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20535-0001

RE: REQUEST FOR AN INDEPENDENT FEDERAL INVESTIGATION INTO CHILD-WELFARE  
CORRUPTION, RETALIATION, FALSE EVIDENCE, OBSTRUCTION, AND CONCEALMENT OF  
CHILD ABUSE

Director Patel:

My name is Ricky G. Robinson. I am the paternal grandfather of Malaika and Xayah Robinson. San Diego County investigated and approved me as a Resource Family Approval placement for my granddaughters.

For years, I also served as caregiver, conservator, and trustee for my elderly dependent mother in her own home, where I lived with her and managed her care, safety, finances, and legal affairs. After I began publicly exposing County misconduct involving my granddaughters, County personnel suddenly portrayed me as dangerous. That reversal followed my protected speech, not any violent act or failure in my caregiving responsibilities.

I am asking FBI Headquarters to investigate how government officials and private actors coordinated to take two young children from their family, defeat reunification, retaliate against protected speech, manufacture a false record, conceal reported abuse, and permanently sever the children from their mother and approved relatives.

This is not merely a disagreement with a juvenile-court ruling. The rulings were built upon reports, accusations, testimony, and restrictions created by many of the same individuals whose conduct our family was attempting to expose. Our evidence shows an abuse of government power operating in broad daylight under the secrecy of the child-welfare system.

Malaika and Xayah were removed while their mother, Evelyn Lopez, was recovering from childbirth, experiencing postpartum depression, and facing temporary housing instability. San Diego County's own records repeatedly documented that the children had not been abused before removal. Evelyn later stabilized, completed the required services, and demonstrated that she could safely parent.

The case became entangled with Norma Olivares, a private individual who had been estranged from Evelyn for approximately twelve years. Norma located Evelyn through Facebook and became involved in bringing her back to San Diego from Missouri. Evelyn voluntarily returned and presented herself to authorities believing that cooperation and

completion of services would result in reunification. Instead, Norma became aligned with County personnel and ultimately obtained control over Malaika and Xayah.

Evelyn completed parenting programs, domestic-violence services, therapy, and the other requirements imposed upon her. The County therefore had both a mother who completed her services and an approved grandfather available to keep the children safely within their family. It chose neither.

County personnel continually moved the targets. Evelyn was pressured to move away from paternal relatives, live alone, reject paternal support, and distance herself from the people helping her. Social workers subjected her to prolonged lectures, gaslighting, intimidating questioning, and pressure that caused panic and severe emotional distress. In one recorded interaction, a social worker stood at the door holding the doorknob and continued lecturing Evelyn while she had to ask more than once to be allowed out.

County personnel were psychologically wearing down a vulnerable mother while documenting her distress and using it against her.

Evelyn eventually spoke publicly. Family members, advocates, investigative reporters, and a local school-board official became involved. After I reviewed County reports and discovered contradictions, false accusations, and attacks against our family, I began publishing records and identifying the public officials involved.

That is when the retaliation intensified.

The more we spoke publicly, the more aggressively County personnel and private caregivers restricted visits, attacked our credibility, and portrayed us as dangerous. Reports of misconduct, medical harm, and abuse were treated as acts of disobedience rather than requests for investigation.

County personnel, guardian ad litem Lisa Haight, and caregiver-side participants helped manufacture a dangerous-grandfather narrative against me. Allegations that I raped Evelyn and sexually abused Malaika appeared in records even while the County continued treating me as safe, approved me as an RFA placement, and allowed me unsupervised visits with Malaika and Xayah.

Lisa Haight spent more than a year attacking my character and opposing placement with me despite my County-approved status. After I published records identifying Haight as a public official involved in blocking family placement, the family was told that her supervisor, Nicole McConn, wanted Haight's name and photographs removed from the internet.

When I refused to remove public officials and evidence, restraining-order proceedings were pursued through Norma Olivares and Ronald Rivas Silverio, using my own granddaughters as protected persons.

County social worker Nicole Montzingo-Avila later testified that I was a danger to Malaika and Xayah. That testimony contradicted her earlier conduct accommodating my visits and showing no concern about my presence with the children. Her unexplained reversal should be compared against her reports, communications, recordings, and sworn testimony.

A courthouse hallway conversation was recorded in which an attorney was asked what would make the restraining-order matter go away. The response was that Norma's name and photographs, together with photographs of Malaika and Xayah, had to be removed from the internet, after which the restraining order would be dropped.

That recording shows that the proceeding was being used as leverage to silence the family and remove public evidence, not because I posed an actual danger.

During the same conversation, when I asked whether Evelyn would get her daughters back, the attorney referred to a "bid on the children" and "bids on the kids." That language requires federal investigation because Evelyn was still fighting for reunification while private caregivers were seeking permanent control of her daughters.

While the County was attacking the family, Malaika and Xayah began suffering serious harm under County-controlled placement.

Malaika developed a urinary tract infection and a serious perineal rash. Xayah developed pneumonia following respite care and displayed head-banging, rocking, screaming, and severe emotional distress. The family documented serious harm connected with two separate respite-care incidents. Both children cried for their mother and family and experienced extreme breakdowns when visits ended.

A qualified neurotherapist monitored one visit and testified that the children's distress continued after County workers began shutting down their laptops and stopped documenting approximately five minutes before the visit ended. This raises serious concerns that the most critical end-of-visit reactions were selectively omitted from official reports.

The same neurotherapist testified that Malaika and Xayah had a significant bond with Evelyn and warned that permanent separation would cause catastrophic psychological and emotional damage. County personnel nevertheless continued claiming that no meaningful bond existed.

The family reported sexual abuse, medical harm, emotional trauma, and mistreatment occurring while the children were under County control. Instead of independently investigating what happened to the children, the system redirected sexual accusations toward family members and retaliated against those reporting the children's suffering.

The County's own records repeatedly stated that Malaika and Xayah had not been abused before removal. Their serious medical problems, extreme fear, emotional breakdowns, and self-injurious behavior emerged while they were under County control. That deterioration demands an independent investigation.

Evelyn's parental rights were ultimately terminated despite her completion of services, the availability of an approved family placement, the documented family bonds, and expert testimony warning of catastrophic harm.

Evelyn later gave birth to twins and is safely raising them, yet she remains deprived of Malaika and Xayah. Within days of the twins' birth, the children's 88-year-old great-grandmother died. San Diego County had never allowed Malaika and Xayah to enter their great-grandmother's home to see her, even though I lived there and served as her caregiver, conservator, and trustee. That family relationship was permanently destroyed before her death.

No crime or act of child abuse by this family justified what followed. What occurred was a grave abuse of government power against an entire family. Malaika and Xayah were separated from a mother who completed her services and an approved grandfather, while the County punished those who spoke publicly and the children deteriorated under County control.

Our family describes this as a kidnapping in broad daylight carried out through government authority. It reflects retaliation, vengeance, coercive family destruction, and psychological torment—not child protection. The damage spread through the entire family and community, drawing the involvement of advocates, journalists, public officials, and concerned members of the public. Our family is not alone in raising serious concerns about San Diego County's child-welfare system.

The conduct raises federal concerns involving retaliation for First Amendment-protected speech, deprivation of familial association and due process under the Fourteenth Amendment, coordinated action under color of law, false government records, false sworn testimony, obstruction, concealment of reported child abuse, and misuse of Title IV-E foster-care and adoption funding.

Our family previously attempted to report these matters to the FBI's San Diego Field Office. Approximately two years ago, I contacted that office and was dismissively told to "listen to the agency." Evelyn later obtained an in-person appointment and brought an organized evidence package and thumb drive prepared with assistance from family advocate Audra Morgan. Evelyn was again told to "listen to the agency," without any meaningful examination of the evidence.

The agency we were told to obey is the same agency accused of false reporting, retaliation, coercion, suppression of evidence, and destruction of this family. We have lost confidence in the San Diego Field Office and are concerned that returning this complaint solely to that office will result in another summary dismissal.

I respectfully request that FBI Headquarters retain oversight and assign this matter to investigators outside the San Diego Field Office. I request immediate preservation of all electronic records, audit histories, emails, text messages, reports, drafts, placement records, medical communications, caregiver communications, and federal funding records.

The FBI should compare the official reports and sworn testimony against the original recordings, medical evidence, affidavits, visitation videos, and written communications. It should independently investigate the reported sexual abuse and medical harm and determine whether foster-care or adoption funding was obtained or maintained through false or misleading records.

We possess recordings of officials and participants speaking and acting outside formal court proceedings. Those recordings capture conduct that sharply conflicts with the reports later presented to the juvenile court.

I have been writing letters seeking help from President Donald J. Trump, Vice President J.D. Vance, Lara Trump, Eric Trump, Donald Trump Jr., attorneys general, senators, members of Congress, civil-rights organizations, and media outlets.

Please confirm receipt of this complaint, provide an FBI intake or reference number, and ensure that it receives an independent Headquarters-level review.

Respectfully,

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## To The Honorable Kash Patel

Malaika and Xayah Robinson have suffered catastrophic psychological and emotional harm after being separated from their loving family. Please use your voice and national platform to bring attention to their case, support an independent federal investigation, and help us bring the Malaika and Xayah home.

