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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
EXECUTIVE OFFICE FOR IMMIGRATION REVIEW
IMMIGRATION COURT
5245 Pacific Concourse DR #100
Los Angeles, CA 90045**

In the Matter of

Paulo Roberto Prazeres da Rocha

In Removal Proceedings

File No. A. 210-670-060

Immigration Judge: Callaghan, Diana

Next Hearing Date: June 23, 2026 at 8:00 AM.

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The Respondent, through undersigned counsel, respectfully submits this Alternative Motion for Video Appearance in connection with the upcoming Master Calendar Hearing currently scheduled for **June 23, 2026 at 8:00 AM.**, and in support thereof states the following:

The Respondent have previously filed a Motion to Continue in compliance with the Court’s procedures. However, should the Court deny the Motion to Continue and require the Respondent’s and counsel’s appearance, Respondent respectfully requests permission for Respondent and counsel to appear at the hearing via videoconference.

This Motion is made in good faith, with the purpose of ensuring Respondent’s meaningful participation in the proceedings while addressing significant logistical challenges, and is consistent with principles of judicial efficiency and access to justice.

As counsel representing numerous clients in immigration proceedings, the ability to appear by Webex is essential to ensuring that counsel can provide effective

and meaningful legal representation while managing court obligations in multiple jurisdictions.

Additionally, Respondent's counsel recently assumed representation in this matter. Given the upcoming hearing date and the limited time available to make arrangements, coordinating in-person attendance at the Los Angeles Immigration Court from counsel's office, which is located in San Diego, on such short notice would impose a substantial logistical and financial burden. This request is not made for mere convenience, but rather to ensure that Respondent is able to proceed with his chosen counsel while avoiding unnecessary delay, expense, and disruption to the effective preparation of his case.

Furthermore, Master Calendar Hearings are procedural in nature and do not involve witness testimony, credibility determinations, or evidentiary presentations that would mandate the Respondent's in-person appearance.

The Immigration Court has authority to permit video teleconference (VTC) appearances pursuant to 8 C.F.R. § 1003.25(c), which provides that: "*An Immigration Judge may conduct hearings through video conference to the same extent as he or she may conduct hearings in person*".

Permitting video appearance will not prejudice the parties or the proceedings. The technology used for video conferences allows for clear communication between the parties, and the court can still effectively conduct the proceedings and assess the evidence presented.

Participation by videoconference will allow the Respondent and counsel to meaningfully attend the hearing, minimizing the need for travel, logistical complications, or unforeseeable delays. Requiring in-person appearance under these circumstances would impose an undue burden on Respondent's right to counsel of choice and effective representation.

Accordingly, Respondent respectfully submits that good cause exists for granting this Motion, and that doing so is consistent with the interests of justice, fairness, and efficient case management.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons previously outlined, the Respondent respectfully requests that, **in the event the Motion to Continue is not granted, the Court permits both the Respondent and counsel to appear at the Master Calendar Hearing by videoconference.** Alternatively, if the Respondent's in-person appearance is required, Respondent respectfully asks the court to **allow legal counsel to attend the hearing via videoconference**, while the Respondent will be present physically.

Respectfully submitted,



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