

# **EXHIBIT M**

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**Via Email: EOIR.FOIARequests@usdoj.gov**

July 9, 2020

Office of the General Counsel  
Attn: FOIA Service Center  
Executive Office for Immigration Review  
5107 Leesburg Pike, Ste. 1903  
Fall's Church, VA 20530

Re: **Saul FLORES RUVALCABA**  
**A#: 213-076-402**  
**DOB: [REDACTED] 1970 (actual)**  
**Alt. DOB: [REDACTED] 1972 (listed incorrectly in DHS records)**

Dear Sir/Madam:

This letter constitutes a request under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C.A., Sec. 552, for all nonexempt information on behalf of my client, **Saul FLORES RUVALCABA ("Mr. Flores")**. In support of this request, I am submitting executed Form DOJ-361.

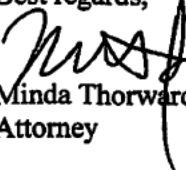
In order to provide legal representation, I am requesting copies of the following documents:

- **A complete copy of Mr. Flores's EOIR file.**

I am prepared to pay up to \$25.00 for processing fees. If my request does not provide you with sufficient information to locate and disclosed the requested information, please contact me at 206-607-7976 or by email at [thorwardlaw@gmail.com](mailto:thorwardlaw@gmail.com). In the alternative, I request a meeting in order to cure any defects in this request, pursuant to 6 C.F.R. Sec. 5.3(b).

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Best regards,

  
Minda Thorward  
Attorney

U.S Department of Justice

**Certification of Identity**



FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1103-0016 EXPIRES 05/31/2020

**Privacy Act Statement.** In accordance with 28 CFR Section 16.41(d) personal data sufficient to identify the individuals submitting requests by mail under the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. Section 552a, is required. The purpose of this solicitation is to ensure that the records of individuals who are the subject of U.S. Department of Justice systems of records are not wrongfully disclosed by the Department. Requests will not be processed if this information is not furnished. False information on this form may subject the requester to criminal penalties under 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 and/or 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(i)(3).

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.50 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Suggestions for reducing this burden may be submitted to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Public Use Reports Project (1103-0016), Washington, DC 20503.

Full Name of Requester <sup>1</sup> Saul FLORES RUVALCABA

Citizenship Status <sup>2</sup> none Social Security Number <sup>3</sup> A#213-076-402

Current Address 17910 142nd Ave NE, Apt. C9, Woodinville, WA 98072

Date of Birth [redacted] 1990 5-f-R Place of Birth San Martin de las Canas, MEXICO  
 (Actual) At DOB: [redacted] 1/1970

**OPTIONAL: Authorization to Release Information to Another Person**

This form is also to be completed by a requester who is authorizing information relating to himself or herself to be released to another person.

Further, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(b), I authorize the U.S. Department of Justice to release any and all information relating to me to:  
Minda A Thorward, Attorney At Law

**Print or Type Name**

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that I am the person named above, and I understand that any falsification of this statement is punishable under the provisions of 18 U.S.C. Section 1001 by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment of not more than five years or both, and that requesting or obtaining any record(s) under false pretenses is punishable under the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552a(i)(3) by a fine of not more than \$5,000.

Signature <sup>4</sup> Saul Flores Ruvalcaba Date 7-3-2020

<sup>1</sup> Name of individual who is the subject of the record(s) sought.

<sup>2</sup> Individual submitting a request under the Privacy Act of 1974 must be either "a citizen of the United States or an alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence," pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552a(a)(2). Requests will be processed as Freedom of Information Act requests pursuant to 5 U.S.C. Section 552, rather than Privacy Act requests, for individuals who are not United States citizens or aliens lawfully admitted for permanent residence.

<sup>3</sup> Providing your social security number is voluntary. You are asked to provide your social security number only to facilitate the identification of records relating to you. Without your social security number, the Department may be unable to locate any or all records pertaining to you.

<sup>4</sup> Signature of individual who is the subject of the record sought.

2/10/2021

Gmail - DOJ-EOIR FOIA Request # 2021-02256



Minda Thorward &lt;minda.t.edwards@gmail.com&gt;

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**DOJ-EOIR FOIA Request # 2021-02256**

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eoir.foiarequests@usdoj.gov <eoir.foiarequests@usdoj.gov>  
To: thorwardlaw@gmail.com

Wed, Oct 28, 2020 at 8:42 AM

Re: 2021-02256  
Freedom of Information Act Request for Saul Flores Ruvalcaba

Dear Minda A. Thorward,

This response acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) dated 10/14/2020 and received 10/14/2020. Your request has been assigned control number 2021-02256.

If you have filed a fee waiver request, EOIR will address the fee waiver in a separate letter. Most requests for records of proceedings do not require any fees; however, if the fees for processing the request are estimated to exceed \$25.00, EOIR will notify you before processing the request to determine whether you will commit to paying the fee or whether you wish to narrow the scope of your request to reduce the fee. Fees may be charged for searching records at the rate of \$4.75 (administrative)/\$10.00 (professional) per quarter hour, and for duplication of copies at the rate of \$.05 per copy. The first 100 copies and two hours of search time are not charged, and charges must exceed \$25.00 before we will charge a fee.

The FOIA requires an agency to respond within 20 working days after receipt of the request, and EOIR endeavors to meet this standard. The FOIA permits a ten-day extension of this time period, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552(a)(6)(B), based on unusual circumstances. Your request involves "unusual circumstances," and EOIR is extending the time period to respond by an additional 10 working days because your request requires the collection of records from field offices, or involves a search, collection, and review of voluminous records, or requires consultation with another agency or two or more agency components.

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If you have any questions regarding unusual circumstances, you may contact the EOIR FOIA Service Center or FOIA Public Liaison at (703) 605-1297 to discuss reformulation or an alternative time frame to process your request, or for any further assistance regarding any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, [Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001](#); e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

FOIA Intake

2/10/2021

Gmail - DOJ-EOIR FOIA Request # 2021-02256



Friday, January 21, 2022 at 10:35:20 Pacific Standard Time

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**Subject:** DOJ-EOIR FOIA Request # 2022-19606

**Date:** Friday, January 21, 2022 at 5:34:56 AM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** eoir.foiarequests@usdoj.gov

**To:** Legal Assistant

**Re:** 2022-19606

Freedom of Information Act Request for RUVALCAVA, SAUL FLORES

Dear Minda Thorward,

This response acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request by the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) dated 01/17/2022 and received 01/18/2022. Your request has been assigned control number 2022-19606. If you made your request by email, mail, or fax, please go to <https://foia.eoir.justice.gov/> to register an account in order to receive any documents produced in response to your request.

**Please be advised that due to necessary operational changes as a result of the national emergency concerning the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak, there may be significant delay in the processing of your request. If your request is for a Record of Proceeding (ROP), those records ordinarily reside in individual hard-copy ROP files located in one of the 66 EOIR Immigration Courts or 15 Federal Records Centers' long-term storage facilities geographically located throughout the United States or its territories. Currently, the Immigration Courts and the Federal Records Centers are operating at limited capacity with limited staff and/or are closed due to COVID-19. To check on current operating status for EOIR's Immigration Courts or NARA's Federal Records Centers, please visit <https://www.justice.gov/eoir-operational-status> and <https://www.archives.gov/frc/operating-status>.**

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FOIA Intake

Monday, January 17, 2022 at 10:42:39 Pacific Standard Time

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**Subject:** Request Acknowledgement by DOJ-EOIR PAL  
**Date:** Monday, January 17, 2022 at 10:41:29 AM Pacific Standard Time  
**From:** EOIR.FOIARequests@usdoj.gov  
**To:** Legal Assistant

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Please use this link to login and check the status of your request <https://foia.eoir.justice.gov/>.

Sincerely,



FOIA Intake



U.S. Department of Justice

Executive Office for Immigration Review

Board of Immigration Appeals  
Office of the Clerk

5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2000  
Falls Church, Virginia 22041

Thorward, Minda A  
Thorward Immigration Law, PLLC  
5600 C Rainier Ave S, Ste. 208  
Seattle, WA 98118

DHS/ICE Office of Chief Counsel - SEA  
1000 Second Avenue, Suite 2900  
Seattle, WA 98104

Name: RUVALCAVA, SAUL FLORES

A 213-076-402

Type of Proceeding: Removal

Date of this notice: 1/24/2022

Type of Appeal: Case Appeal

Filed By: Alien

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NOTICE -- BRIEFING EXTENSION REQUEST GRANTED

Alien's original due date: 1/24/2022

DHS' original due date: 2/14/2022

- o The request by the alien for an additional amount of time to submit a brief, which was received on 1/20/2022, is GRANTED.
- o The alien's brief must be **received** at the Board of Immigration Appeals on or before 2/14/2022
- o The DHS' brief must be **received** at the Board of Immigration Appeals on or before 3/7/2022

PLEASE NOTE

**WARNING:** If you indicate on the Notice of Appeal (Form EOIR-26) that you will file a brief or statement, you are expected to file a brief or statement in support of your appeal. If you fail to file a brief or statement within the time set for filing in this briefing schedule, the Board may summarily dismiss your appeal. See 8 C.F.R. § 1003.1(d)(2)(i)(E).

An extension has been granted in this case. Because the Board generally does not grant more than one extension per case, the parties should assume no further extensions will be granted. Each party's current due date is stated above.

If you file your brief late, you must file it along with a motion for consideration of your late-filed brief. There is no fee for such a motion. The motion must set forth in detail the reasons that prevented you from filing your brief on time. You should support the motion with affidavits, declarations, or other evidence. Only one such motion will be considered by the Board.

**NOTICE TO PARTIES – DHS/ICE prosecutorial discretion:** The Board is aware that DHS has issued memoranda regarding its enforcement priorities and framework to exercise prosecutorial discretion (memoranda are available on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) website at

[www.ice.gov](http://www.ice.gov)). See EOIR PM 21-25, Effect of Department of Homeland Security Enforcement Priorities, available at [www.justice.gov/eoir](http://www.justice.gov/eoir). The parties may wish to assess whether this matter remains an enforcement priority and whether the exercise of prosecutorial discretion is warranted. However, as there are prohibitions on DHS's authority to exercise its prosecutorial discretion (e.g., individuals subject to mandatory detention pursuant to sections 236(c) and 241 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1222(c) and 1231, all inquiries regarding an individual respondent/applicant's eligibility for prosecutorial discretion must be made directly to DHS/ICE. If the parties jointly agree to the exercise of prosecutorial discretion, or if ICE otherwise intends to exercise some form of prosecutorial discretion, a motion should be filed with the Board to this effect and it should clearly contain the caption "EXERCISE OF PROSECUTORIAL DISCRETION" on the front of the motion.

#### **FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**IMPORTANT: Briefs and other submissions should always be paginated. Parties must limit the body of their briefs or motions to 25 pages. If a party believes it cannot adequately dispose of the issues in the case within the page limit, the party should file the brief along with a motion to increase the page limit. See Chapter 3.3(c)(3) (Number of pages) and 4.6(b) (Brief writing guidelines) of the Board's Practice Manual.**

The Board of Immigration Appeals has included two copies of this notice. Please attach one copy of this notice to the front of your brief when you mail or deliver it to the Board, and keep one for your records. Thank you for your cooperation.

Use of an over-night courier service is strongly encouraged to ensure timely filing.

If you have any questions about how to file something at the Board, please review the Board's Practice Manual, found within the EOIR Policy Manual at [www.justice.gov/eoir](http://www.justice.gov/eoir).

Certificate of service on the opposing party at the address above is required for ALL submissions to the Board of Immigration Appeals -- including correspondence, forms, briefs, motions, and other documents. If you are the Respondent or Applicant, the "Opposing Party" is the DHS Counsel or the Director for HHS/ORR at the address shown above. Your certificate of service must clearly identify the document sent to the opposing party, the opposing party's name and address, and the date it was sent to them. Any submission filed with the Board without a certificate of service on the opposing party will be rejected.

#### **FILING ADDRESS:**

Board of Immigration Appeals  
Clerk's Office  
5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2000  
Falls Church, VA 22041

Business hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Userteam: 





**U.S. Department of Justice**  
Executive Office for Immigration Review  
*Office of the General Counsel*

5107 Leesburg Pike, Suite 2150  
Falls Church, Virginia 22041

02/18/2022

Ms. Minda Thorward  
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Seattle, WA 98118

Re: 2022-19606  
Freedom of Information Act Request for RUVALCAVA, SAUL FLORES

Dear Minda Thorward,

This letter is in response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request in which you seek the record of proceeding regarding the above-referenced individual.

Enclosed is the entire Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) record of proceeding for the above-referenced individual. There will be no charge for this information.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. *See* 5 U.S.C. § 552(c) (2006 & Supp. IV 2010). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist. *See* <http://www.justice.gov/oip/foiapost/2012foiapost9.html>.

I trust that this information fully satisfies your request. If you need any further assistance or would like to discuss any aspect of your request, please contact the analyst who processed your requestor the EOIR FOIA Public Liaison at (703) 605-1297. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

If you are not satisfied with the EOIR's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response

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to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Sincerely,

FOIA Delivery

Enclosure(s)



Monday, January 24, 2022 at 07:36:28 Pacific Standard Time

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**Subject:** DOJ-EOIR FOIA Request # 2022-19606

**Date:** Monday, January 24, 2022 at 5:23:05 AM Pacific Standard Time

**From:** eoir.foiarequests@usdoj.gov

**To:** Legal Assistant

Dear Minda Thorward,

The Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) has received your request for expedited treatment of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request.

The FOIA regulations states that expedited treatment is granted if there is an exceptional need such as jeopardy to life or personal safety, a threatened loss of substantial due process rights, or an urgency to inform the public concerning actual or alleged Federal Government activities. *See* 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(e).

Upon review of your request, it has been determined that you meet the threshold. Therefore, your request for expedited treatment has been granted.

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