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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MOISES MERAZ-ESPINOZA,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA,  
Respondent.

CASE NO. CV 16-04597 DMG (RAO)  
  
ORDER ACCEPTING FINDINGS,  
CONCLUSIONS, AND  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF UNITED  
STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, the Court has reviewed the Petition, the records and files herein, and the Magistrate Judge's Interim Report and Recommendation. Further, the Court has engaged in a *de novo* review of those portions of the Interim Report and Recommendation to which Petitioner objected. The Court accepts and adopts the findings, conclusions, and recommendations of the Magistrate Judge.

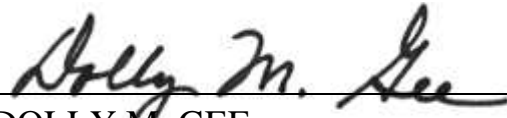
IT IS ORDERED that within 30 days of the date of this Order, Petitioner shall either: (a) elect to proceed on his exhausted claims by filing a "Notice of Petitioner's Election to Proceed on only his Exhausted Claims and Consent to Striking Unexhausted Claims;" or (b) elect to return to state court to exhaust his unexhausted claims by filing a consent to dismissal of this action without prejudice.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that in the event Petitioner elects to withdraw

1 the unexhausted claims, Respondent shall file and serve an Answer to the Petition  
2 within 45 days of the service of Petitioner's notice of election to proceed on only  
3 his exhausted claims.

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DATED: June 20, 2017

  
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DOLLY M. GEE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE