

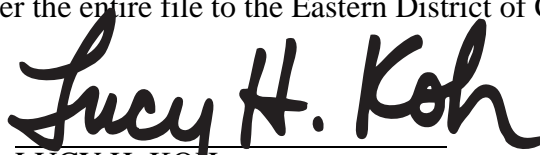
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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 JUAN ABELARDO LOPEZ, ) No. C 11-3101 LHK (PR)  
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12 Petitioner, ) ORDER OF TRANSFER  
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14 vs. )  
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16 RAUL LOPEZ, )  
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18 Respondent. )  
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15 Petitioner, proceeding *pro se*, filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28  
16 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner seeks habeas relief from his underlying criminal conviction and  
17 sentence from the Superior Court of Tulare County, which lies in the Eastern District of  
18 California. Venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of confinement or the district  
19 of conviction, 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d); however, petitions challenging a conviction or sentence are  
20 preferably heard in the district of conviction. *See* Habeas L.R. 2254-3(a); *Laue v. Nelson*, 279 F.  
21 Supp. 265, 266 (N.D. Cal. 1968). Here, the Eastern District of California is the district of  
22 conviction. Accordingly, this case is TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the  
23 Eastern District of California, the district of Petitioner's conviction at issue in this petition. *See*  
24 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a). The Clerk shall transfer the entire file to the Eastern District of California.

25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 DATED: \_\_8/3/11\_\_

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28 LUCY H. KOH  
United States District Judge