1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 LAKSHMI SINGH SANDHU, No. 1:20-cv-00677-AWI-JLT (HC) 12 ORDER ADOPTING FINDINGS AND Petitioner. RECOMMENDATIONS (Doc. No. 4) 13 ORDER DISMISSING PETITION FOR 14 WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS v. 15 ORDER DIRECTING CLERK OF COURT TO ENTER JUDGMENT AND CLOSE 16 JUDGE KAPTAN, 17 ORDER DECLINING TO ISSUE Respondent. CERTIFICATE OF APPEALABILITY 18 19 20 Petitioner is a state prisoner proceeding in propria persona with a petition for writ of 21 habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. On May 20, 2020, the Magistrate Judge assigned to 22 the case issued Findings and Recommendation to dismiss the petition. (Doc. No. 4.) This Findings and Recommendation was served upon all parties and contained notice that any 23 24 objections were to be filed within twenty-one days from the date of service of that order. To date, no party has filed objections. The Court notes that the Findings and Recommendations served on 25

Petitioner was returned by the U.S. Postal Service as "Undeliverable, Does Not Live Here." In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636 (b)(1)(C), the Court has conducted a

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the Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendation is supported by the record and proper analysis.

In addition, the Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability. A state prisoner seeking a writ of habeas corpus has no absolute entitlement to appeal a district court's denial of his petition, and an appeal is only allowed in certain circumstances. *Miller-El v. Cockrell*, 537 U.S. 322, 335-336 (2003). A successive petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 that is disguised as a § 2241 petition required a certificate of appealability. *Harrison v. Ollison*, 519 F.3d 952, 958 (9th Cir. 2008); *Porter v. Adams*, 244 F.3d 1006, 1007 (9th Cir. 2001). The controlling statute in determining whether to issue a certificate of appealability is 28 U.S.C. § 2253, which provides as follows:

- (a) In a habeas corpus proceeding or a proceeding under section 2255 before a district judge, the final order shall be subject to review, on appeal, by the court of appeals for the circuit in which the proceeding is held.
- (b) There shall be no right of appeal from a final order in a proceeding to test the validity of a warrant to remove to another district or place for commitment or trial a person charged with a criminal offense against the United States, or to test the validity of such person's detention pending removal proceedings.
- (c)(1) Unless a circuit justice or judge issues a certificate of appealability, an appeal may not be taken to the court of appeals from—
 - (A) the final order in a habeas corpus proceeding in which the detention complained of arises out of process issued by a State court; or
 - (B) the final order in a proceeding under section 2255.
 - (2) A certificate of appealability may issue under paragraph (1) only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.
 - (3) The certificate of appealability under paragraph (1) shall indicate which specific issue or issues satisfy the showing required by paragraph (2).

If a court denies a petitioner's petition, the court may only issue a certificate of appealability when a petitioner makes a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). To make a substantial showing, the petitioner must establish that "reasonable jurists could debate whether (or, for that matter, agree that) the petition should have been resolved in a different manner or that the issues presented were 'adequate to deserve encouragement to proceed further." *Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000) (quoting

Barefoot v. Estelle, 463 U.S. 880, 893 (1983)). In the present case, the Court finds that Petitioner has not made the required substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right to justify the issuance of a certificate of appealability. Reasonable jurists would not find the Court's determination that Petitioner is not entitled to federal habeas corpus relief debatable, wrong, or deserving of encouragement to proceed further. Thus, the Court DECLINES to issue a certificate of appealability. Accordingly, the Court orders as follows: 1. The Findings and Recommendations, filed May 20, 2020 (Doc. No. 4), is ADOPTED IN FULL; The petition for writ of habeas corpus is DISMISSED; 2. 3. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to ENTER JUDGMENT and close the file; and, 4. The Court DECLINES to issue a certificate of appealability. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: September 9, 2020 SENIOR DISTRICT JUDGE