

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

**Salwa Jirjees Polus v. David M. Radel, Los Angeles Asylum Office,
Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, et al.**

Polus · No. 25-CV-542 JLS (DEB) · Decided January 20, 2026

OPINION

Polus

PER CURIAM.

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10 SALWA JIRJEES POLUS, Case No.: 25-CV-542 JLS (DEB)

11 Plaintiff,

ORDER GRANTING JOINT

12 v. MOTION TO STAY

13 DAVID M. RADEL, Los Angeles Asylum (ECF No. 7) Office, Director, U.S. Citizenship and
14 Immigration Services, et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 Presently before the Court is the Parties'
Joint Motion to Stay ("Joint Mot.," ECF

18 No. 7). In this case, Plaintiff seeks adjudication of her asylum application, which has been
19 pending for nearly ten years. ECF No. 1 ("Compl.") ¶ 6. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration 20
Services ("USCIS") conducted an asylum interview for Plaintiff on September 25, 2025, 21
however, Plaintiff added a dependent spouse to her Form I-589. Joint Mot. at 1. The 22 Parties
represent that USCIS needs additional time to complete the vetting process for 23 Plaintiff's
dependent spouse and to consider the new USCIS policies impacting this case.

24 Id. at 2. The Parties seek that the stay in this litigation be extended until May 13, 2026, to
25 continue to work towards an extrajudicial resolution. Id. 26 "District courts have inherent
authority to stay proceedings before them." Rohan ex 27 rel. Gates v. Woodford, 334 F.3d 803,
817 (9th Cir. 2003), abrogated on other grounds by 28 Ryan v. Gonzales, 568 U.S. 57 (2013).
"[T]he power to stay proceedings is incidental to 1 || the power inherent in every court to control
the disposition of the causes on its docket with 2 || economy of time and effort for itself, for
counsel, and for litigants." Landis v. N. Am. Co., 3 U.S. 248, 254 (1936). In light of the foregoing,
the Court finds that granting the 4 || requested stay would best promote the interests of securing a
just, speedy, and inexpensive 5 || determination of the action. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 1. Accordingly,
the Court GRANTS the 6 || Parties' Joint Motion (ECF No. 7). This action is hereby STAYED

until May 13, 2026, 7 all deadlines, including Defendants' deadline to respond to Plaintiff's Complaint, are 8 || VACATED until further order of the Court. The Parties SHALL FILE a joint status report 9 || on or before the conclusion of this stay if Plaintiff has not voluntarily dismissed this action 10 before that date. 1] IT IS SO ORDERED. 12 Dated: January 20, 2026 tt 13 pen Janis L. Sammartino 14 United States District Judge 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

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