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FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

LESLY SUCELY FLORES
GUILLEN; JOSE ANGEL LUCERO
FLORES,

Petitioners,

v.

MERRICK B. GARLAND, Attorney
General,

Respondent.

No. 24-1391

Agency Nos.
A216-559-761
A216-559-760

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted January 14, 2025**
San Francisco, California

Before: H.A. THOMAS, MENDOZA, and JOHNSTONE, Circuit Judges.

Lesly Sucely Flores Guillen and her minor son, natives and citizens of
Guatemala, petition for review of a Board of Immigration Appeals (“BIA”)

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent
except as provided by Ninth Circuit Rule 36-3.

** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision
without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

decision dismissing their appeal from an immigration judge’s (“IJ”) denial of their applications for asylum, withholding of removal, and relief under the Convention Against Torture (“CAT”). We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We deny the petition.

Petitioners do not contest on appeal the BIA’s dispositive determination that they waived review of the IJ’s nexus holding. *See Garcia v. Wilkinson*, 988 F.3d 1136, 1143 (9th Cir. 2021) (requiring the applicant to “demonstrate a nexus between her past or feared harm and a protected ground”). They have therefore forfeited any challenge to the sole issue before this court.¹ *See Rodriguez-Hernandez v. Garland*, 89 F.4th 742, 745 n.1 (9th Cir. 2023).

PETITION DENIED.

¹ Petitioners’ brief makes no mention of their CAT claim. Any challenge to the BIA’s decision regarding that claim has therefore also been forfeited.