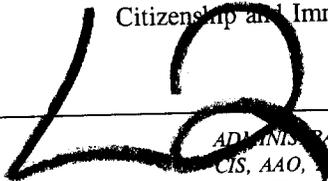


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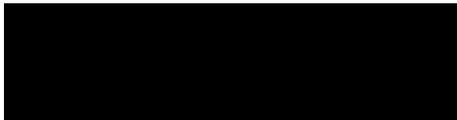
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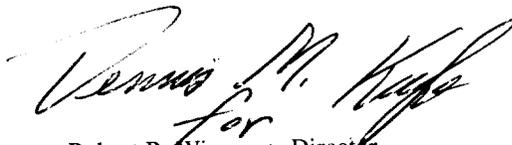


APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Permanent Resident pursuant to Section 1104 of the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act of 2000, Pub. L. 106-553, 114 Stat. 2762 (2000), amended by Life Act Amendments, Pub. L. 106-554, 114 Stat. 2763 (2000).

IN BEHALF OF APPLICANT: Self-represented

INSTRUCTIONS:

Attached is the decision rendered on your appeal. The file has been returned to the Service Center that processed your case. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case was remanded for further action, the Service Center will contact you. If your appeal was dismissed, you no longer have a case pending before this office, and you are not entitled to file a motion to reopen or reconsider your case.



Robert P. Wiemann, Director
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The application for permanent resident status under the Legal Immigration Family Equity (LIFE) Act was denied by the Director, Missouri Service Center, and is now before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The director concluded the applicant had not established that she had applied for class membership in any of the requisite legalization class-action lawsuits prior to October 1, 2000 and, therefore, denied the application.

On appeal, the applicant states that she has affixed copies of her correspondence regarding classification as a CSS member. According to the applicant, she has applied for class membership and has derivative benefits. The applicant requests that her case be reconsidered and her application for work authorization be approved.

An applicant for permanent resident status under section 1104 of the LIFE Act must establish that before October 1, 2000, he or she filed a written claim with the Attorney General for class membership in the following legalization class-action lawsuits: *Catholic Social Services, Inc. v. Meese*, vacated sub nom. *Reno v. Catholic Social Services, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 43 (1993), *League of United Latin American Citizens v. INS*, vacated sub nom. *Reno v. Catholic Social Services, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 43 (1993), or *Zambrano v. INS*, vacated sub nom. *Immigration and Naturalization Service v. Zambrano*, 509 U.S. 918 (1993). See 8 C.F.R. § 245a.10. That same regulation provides that, in the alternative, an applicant may demonstrate that his or her spouse or parent filed a written claim for class membership before October 1, 2000. However, the applicant must establish that the family relationship existed at the time the spouse or parent initially attempted to apply for temporary residence (legalization) in the period of May 5, 1987 to May 4, 1988.

The applicant has not provided evidence of having applied for class membership. She evidently bases her claim for benefits under the LIFE Act on her husband's supposed application for class membership. However, there is nothing in the record to indicate a claim to class membership had ever been filed by the applicant or her spouse. Given her failure to document that she or he filed a written claim for class membership, the applicant is ineligible for permanent residence under section 1104 of the LIFE Act.

It should also be noted that on her Biographic Information Form G-325A, the applicant states that she married her husband on December 16, 1998. Therefore, the requisite relationship to her husband did not exist when he may have attempted to apply for legalization in the 1987-88 period. Consequently, the applicant cannot derive status from her spouse under section 1104 of the LIFE Act.



ORDER: The appeal is dismissed. This decision constitutes a final notice of ineligibility.

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