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FILE:

Office: National Benefits Center

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IN RE: Applicant:

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).

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT: Self-represented

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. The file has been returned to the National Benefits Center. If your appeal was sustained, or if the matter was remanded for further action, you will be contacted. 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. It is now on appeal before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO). The appeal will be dismissed.

The director concluded that the record did not establish that the applicant 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 and her six-year old son came to the United States in 1983 and requests that her application be reconsidered. In a subsequent letter the applicant reiterates that she and her son have resided in this country for twenty years, indicates that she had a visa for her first six months in the country, and submits voluminous documentation attesting to her presence in the United States since 1983.

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 one of 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) ("CSS"), *League of United Latin American Citizens v. INS*, vacated sub nom. *Reno v. Catholic Social Services, Inc.*, 509 U.S. 43 (1993) ("LULAC"), or *Zambrano v. INS*, vacated sub nom. *Immigration and Naturalization Service v. Zambrano*, 509 U.S. 918 (1993) ("Zambrano"). See section 1104(b) of the LIFE Act and 8 C.F.R. § 245a.10.

The regulations provide an illustrative list of documents that an applicant may submit to establish that he or she filed a written claim for class membership before October 1, 2000. Those regulations also permit the submission of "[a]ny other relevant document(s)." See 8 C.F.R. § 245a.14.

The applicant does not even assert, much less submit any supporting documentation, that she filed a written claim for class membership in any of the three legalization lawsuits, *CSS*, *LULAC*, or *Zambrano*, prior to October 1, 2000, as required for eligibility under section 1104(b) of the LIFE Act. Nor are there any records within Citizenship and Immigration Services (formerly the Immigration and Naturalization Service) which demonstrate that the applicant applied for class membership in one of the legalization lawsuits.

Furthermore, section 1104(c)(2)(B)(i) of the LIFE Act requires that the applicant have entered the United States before January 1, 1982, and resided in this country continuously in an unlawful status through May 4, 1988. The applicant states that she entered the United States on March 12, 1983, and indicates that she had a visa for her first six months in this country before slipping into unlawful status. Based on this information it is clear that the applicant did not enter the United States before January 1, 1982, and did not reside in this country unlawfully for the requisite time period of January 1, 1982 to May 4, 1988.

For the reasons discussed above, the applicant is ineligible for permanent resident status under section 1104 of the LIFE Act.

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