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Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER

Date: MAR 02 2007

IN RE:

Applicant:



APPLICATION:

Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT: SELF-REPRESENTED

INSTRUCTIONS:

This is the decision of the Administrative Appeals Office in your case. All documents have been returned to the California Service Center. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert P. Wiemann".

Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The initial application was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center. A subsequent application for re-registration was denied by the Director, California Service Center, and is currently before the Administrative Appeals Office (AAO) on appeal. The initial application will be reopened, *sua sponte*, by the Chief, AAO, and the case will be remanded for further consideration and action.

The applicant is a native and citizen of El Salvador who is seeking Temporary Protected Status (TPS) under section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (the Act), 8 U.S.C. § 1254.

The applicant filed the current Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, on April 25, 2005, and indicated that she was re-registering for TPS.

The applicant filed an initial application for TPS under receipt number SRC 02 100 55218. The director denied the initial application because the applicant had abandoned her application by failing to appear for fingerprinting. However, the record reflects that his fingerprints were taken and sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Citizenship and Immigration Services on March 8, 2002, May 26, 2005 and on April 24, 2006. The resulting reports disclosed no disqualifying information.

Beyond the decision of the director, it is noted that the applicant has provided insufficient evidence to establish her continuous residence and continuous physical presence during the required time period. 8 C.F.R. § 244.2 (b) and (c).

The director's denial of the initial application will be withdrawn; the application will be remanded for a new decision. The director's denial of the application for re-registration or renewal is dependent upon the adjudication of the initial application. Since the initial application is being remanded, the current decision will also be remanded to the director for further review pursuant to the new decision on the initial application. The director may request any evidence deemed necessary to assist with the determination of the applicant's eligibility for TPS.

As always in these proceedings the burden of proof rests solely with the applicant. Section 291 of the Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1361.

ORDER: The initial application is reopened, the director's decision is withdrawn, and the application is remanded for a new decision. The re-registration application is remanded for further action consistent with the director's new decision on the initial application.