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FILE: [redacted] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER Date: AUG 25 2004

IN RE: Applicant: [redacted]

APPLICATION: Application for Status as a Temporary Resident pursuant to Section 245A of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, 8 U.S.C. § 1255a

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 office that originally decided your case. If your appeal was sustained, or if your case 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

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DISCUSSION: The termination of the applicant's temporary resident status by the Director, California Service Center is before the Administrative Appeals Office on appeal. The appeal will be dismissed.

The director terminated the applicant's temporary resident status because the applicant failed to file the application for adjustment of status from temporary to permanent residence within the 43-month application period.

On appeal, the applicant states that she was never informed that she had to submit an application for adjustment within a certain time period. She alleges that the local legalization office did not inform her of that when she went in to receive extensions of her employment authorization card. The applicant points out that she has been in the United States for almost her entire life.

The status of an alien lawfully admitted for temporary residence under section 245A(a)(1) of the Act may be terminated at any time if the alien fails to file for adjustment of status from temporary to permanent resident on Form I-698 within forty-three months of the date he/she was granted status as a temporary resident under § 245a.1 of this part. 8 C.F.R. § 245a.2(u)(1)(iv).

The applicant was granted temporary resident status on November 29, 1991. The 43-month eligibility period for filing for adjustment expired on June 29, 1995. The Application for Adjustment of Status from Temporary to Permanent Resident (Form I-698) was filed on July 3, 2002. The director therefore denied the untimely I-698 application, and subsequently terminated the applicant's temporary resident status.

The applicant claims that she did not apply for adjustment in a timely fashion because she had not been advised of the need to do so. However, the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) and private voluntary organizations widely publicized the requirement of applying for adjustment to permanent residence within the requisite period. "Warning notices" were sent to legalized aliens' last known addresses, advising them of the requirement. Furthermore, the original eligibility period of 31 months was extended to 43 months to better enable applicants to file timely applications.

The applicant specifically claims that the INS employees in Fresno did not inform her of the need to apply for adjustment. Such claim can neither be confirmed nor rebutted. The burden to file the adjustment application in a timely manner remains with the applicant. *See* 8 C.F.R. § 245a.3(d).

The applicant's statements made on appeal have been considered. Nevertheless, there is no waiver available, *even for humanitarian reasons*, of the requirements stated above. As the applicant has not overcome the grounds for termination of status, the appeal must be dismissed.

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