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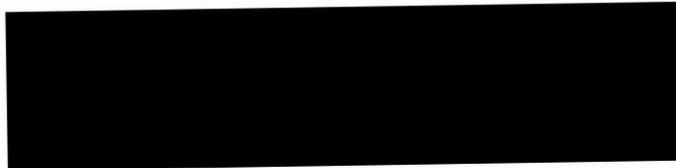
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FILE: [REDACTED] Office: CALIFORNIA SERVICE CENTER
[WAC 01 245 51976]
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IN RE: Applicant:



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 office that originally decided your case. Any further inquiry must be made to that office.


Robert P. Wiemann, Chief
Administrative Appeals Office

DISCUSSION: The initial application was denied by the Director, California 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, Administrative Appeals Office, and the case will be remanded for further consideration and action.

The applicant is a 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 an initial TPS application with the California Service Center on June 20, 2001, under receipt number WAC 01 245 51976. The director denied the initial application on March 23, 2004, after determining that the applicant had abandoned her application by failing to appear for her fingerprint appointment or request another opportunity to be fingerprinted. However, the record of proceedings reveals that the director's decision was in error. Specifically, there is no copy of a fingerprint appointment notice in the record of proceeding, and there is no indication in CIS computer records that such a notice was ever issued and mailed to the applicant on October 6, 2003, as stated by the director in his decision.

The applicant filed the current Form I-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, on May 13, 2005, and indicated that she was re-registering for TPS or renewing her temporary treatment benefits.

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, that decision will be remanded to the director for further adjudication. The director may request any evidence deemed necessary to assist with the determination of the applicant's eligibility for TPS offered to Salvadorans.

It is noted that the record does not contain sufficient evidence to establish the applicant's continuous residence in the United States since February 13, 2001, and her continuous physical presence in the United States since March 9, 2001.

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.