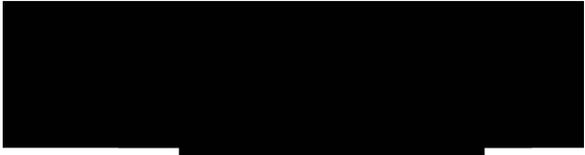




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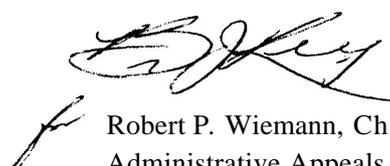
APPLICATION: Application for Temporary Protected Status under Section 244 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. § 1254

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



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.

  
Robert P. Wiemann, Chief  
Administrative Appeals Office

**DISCUSSION:** The initial application was denied by the Director, Texas Service Center. The initial application will be reopened, *sua sponte*, by the Chief, Administrative Appeals Office. The appeal will be sustained and the application will be approved.

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 application for TPS under receipt number SRC 01 261 55940. The director denied the initial application on June 18, 2004, after determining that the applicant had failed to provide photo identification.

However, the record of proceedings reveals that the applicant subsequently submitted a copy of her passport, which establishes her identity.

The record of proceedings contains sufficient evidence to establish the applicant's eligibility for TPS and does not reflect any grounds that would bar the applicant from receiving TPS. Therefore, the director's decision will be withdrawn and the initial application will be approved.

The burden of proof is upon the applicant to establish that he or she meets the above requirements. Applicants shall submit all documentation as required in the instructions or requested by Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS). 8 C.F.R. § 244.9(a). The sufficiency of all evidence will be judged according to its relevancy, consistency, credibility, and probative value. To meet his or her burden of proof, the applicant must provide supporting documentary evidence of eligibility apart from his or her own statements. 8 C.F.R. § 244.9(b). The applicant has met this burden.

**ORDER:** The application is reopened and the director's denial of the initial application is withdrawn. The initial application is approved. The appeal is sustained.