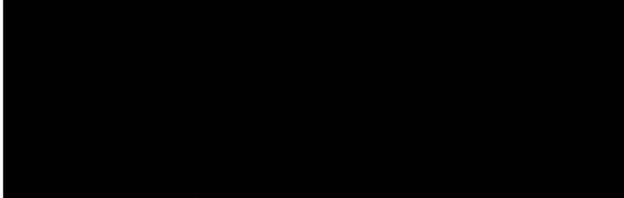


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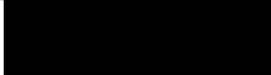


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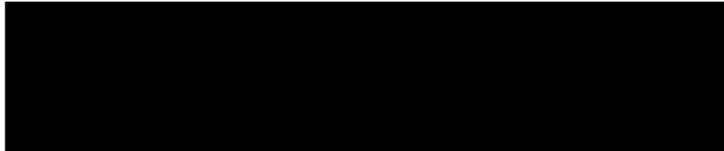
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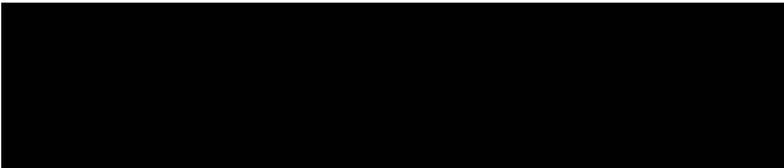
Applicant:



APPLICATION:

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

ON BEHALF OF APPLICANT:



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 on appeal. The initial application will be reopened, *sua sponte*, by the Chief, Administrative Appeals Office, and the applications will be approved.

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 record reveals that the applicant filed a TPS application during the initial registration period on April 17, 2001, under Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) receipt number WAC 01 19050246. The director denied that application on August 31, 2004, after detennining that the applicant had abandoned her application based on her failure to appear for fingerprinting on March 16, 2004.

The applicant filed the current Fonn 1-821, Application for Temporary Protected Status, on May 16,2005, and indicated that she was re-registering for TPS. The director denied the re-registration application on August 16, 2005, because the applicant's initial TPS application had been denied and the applicant was not eligible to apply for re-registration for TPS.

On appeal, counsel asserts that the director's statement that the applicant did not establish *prima facie* eligibility is incorrect because the applicant has been issued Employment Authorization Cards, and she has established that she is a native and citizen of El Salvador. She submits additional evidence to establish the applicant's continuous residence and continuous physical presence in the United States.

The record indicates that the applicant subsequently was fingerprinted on June 28, 2005, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation fingerprint results report does not reflect a criminal record that would bar the applicant from receiving TPS. The applicant, therefore, has overcome the sole ground for the denial of her initial application for TPS. The record of proceeding contains sufficient evidence to establish the applicant's eligibility for TPS and also does not reflect any grounds that would bar the applicant from receiving TPS. Additionally, the applicant has furnished sufficient evidence to establish continuous residence in the United States since February 13, 2001, and continuous physical presence since March 9, 2001, as described in 8 C.F.R. § 244.2(b) and (c). Therefore, the director's decision will be withdrawn and the initial application will be approved.

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 approved, the appeal from the denial of the re-registration will be sustained and that application will also be approved. The applicant is eligible for employment authorization under 8 C.F.R. § 274a.12(a)(12).

**ORDER:** The application is reopened and the director's denial of the initial application is withdrawn. The initial application and the re-registration application are both approved.