



U.S. *Department of Justice*

Executive Office for Immigration Review

*Board of Immigration Appeals*

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May 21, 2013

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Somos Hispanas Unidas Silverton  
512 N. First St  
Silverton, OR 97381

District Director  
DHS/USCIS  
12500 Tukwila International Blvd.  
Seattle, WA 98168

*RE: Recognition/Accreditation Application*

Enclosed is a copy of the Board's decision in the above-referenced application.

Sincerely,

*Donna Carr*

Donna Carr  
Chief Clerk

Enclosure

cc: Chief Counsel, DHS/ICE

Somos Hispanas Unidas Silverton Date:

MAY 21 2013

(Silverton, OR)

Request for recognition as a nonprofit religious, charitable,  
or social service organization pursuant to Title 8, Section  
1292.2(a), Code of Federal Regulations

Applicant

Somos Hispanas Unidas Silverton has applied for recognition under 8 C.F.R. § 1292.2(a). The District Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has recommended that recognition be approved. The application for recognition will be approved.

A non-profit religious, charitable, social service, or similar organization established in the United States may be recognized by this Board to provide low cost or free legal representation by its staff attorneys or accredited representatives. To be recognized, an organization must establish that it makes only nominal charges, assesses no excessive membership dues for persons given assistance, and that it has at its disposal adequate knowledge, information, and experience in immigration law and procedure. 8 C.F.R. § 1292.2(a). *Matter of EAC, Inc. (Recognition)*, 24 I&N Dec. 556, 557-58 (BIA 2008).

The applicant has submitted a completed Form EOIR-31 and proof of non-profit status, a proposed fee schedule, funding sources, legal resources, and the resumes of proposed representatives with confirmation that attorneys will provide pro bono assistance. The organization has also submitted letters of recommendation and other supporting documents. We are satisfied that this organization meets the qualifications for recognition. Therefore, the application for recognition will be approved.

Any pending application(s) for accreditation will be addressed by separate order(s), as the approval of recognition of an organization does not automatically authorize an individual associated with the organization to practice before the Board, the Immigration Courts, or the DHS. See 8 C.F.R. § 1292.2(d).

ORDER: The application for recognition is approved.

  
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FOR THE BOARD

Somos Hispanas Unidas Silverton

Date

MAY 21 2013

(Silverton, OR)

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Application for accreditation of representative pursuant  
to Title 8, Section 1292.2(d), Code of Federal Regulations

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Applicant

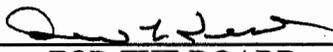
Re: Fernando M. Ghio

Somos Hispanas Unidas Silverton, an organization recognized by the Board under 8 C.F.R. §1292.2(a), has applied for full accreditation for Fernando M. Ghio as its accredited representative under 8 C.F.R. § 1292.2(d). The District Director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) states that recommends approval of full accreditation. The application for full accreditation will be approved.

Based upon our review of the application, we are satisfied that the proposed representative appears to be a person of good moral character and possesses the requisite experience and knowledge of immigration law and procedure to practice before the DHS and the Board. Accordingly, the application for full accreditation will be approved.

ORDER: The application for full accreditation of Fernando M. Ghio to represent individuals on behalf of Somos Hispanas Unidas Silverton is approved.

NOTICE: Accreditation of the representative is valid for a period of 3 years only from the date of this order. Accreditation remains valid pending Board consideration of an application for renewal of accreditation *only if* the application is filed at least 60 days before the expiration of accreditation. 8 C.F.R. § 1292.2(d); *See Matter of EAC, Inc. (Accreditation)*, 24 I&N Dec. 563 (BIA 2008).

  
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FOR THE BOARD