



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL
February 22, 1999

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR BORN
MAYOR DUEHAY
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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- WHEREAS:** Over 700 people have signed a petition requesting that the INS allow Giovanni to stay in Cambridge; now therefore be it
- RESOLVED:** That the City Council go on record supporting Giovanni Hoyos-Corrales in his efforts to remain in Cambridge and urging the INS to find a resolution that enables Giovanni to continue his life as a valuable and valued member of the Cambridge community; and be it further
- RESOLVED:** That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the U.S. Immigrations and Naturalization Service, Representative Capuano and Senator Kerry, Senator Kennedy and Giovanni Hoyos-Corrales on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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THE AMERICAN PROSPECT

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6 University Road, Cambridge, MA 02138
(617) 547-2950

February 9, 1999

Honorable Immigration Judge
US Immigration Court
Executive Office for Immigration Review
JFK Federal Building
Boston, MA 02203

Honorable Immigration Judge,

I am writing on behalf of Giovanni Hoyos-Corrales in the hope that you can be persuaded to allow him to remain in this country with legal status. I am a magazine editor and writer who has covered issues associated with immigration for a number of publications, and so I am well aware of the problems that immigration (and in particular illegal immigration) can cause. But I have to say that Giovanni causes none of these problems and that in fact he represents a tremendous gain for this area. He is a hardworking, productive, civic-minded, and upstanding member of the community. The work that he does—making gothic-style gargoyles—is unique: it requires great craftsmanship and special skills. The work that Giovanni does, in other words, is surely not displacing any American citizen's work—in fact it provides a distinctive contribution to the aesthetic and cultural vibrancy of the community. This would be lost if he were forced to leave.

With his industriousness and good business sense, Giovanni is also a paragon of the entrepreneurial immigrant that is supposed to have made America what it is, contributing not just to our cultural life but to our economic life. He seems to be beloved and respected by both the Boston artistic community and by the Boston businesspeople and merchants with whom he deals.

Finally, though I realize that your job requires you to issue your judgments based on immigration law, which is fairly rigid in its allowances and prohibitions, I would appeal to your heart in arguing on behalf of Giovanni. I have known Giovanni for four years, meeting him first on the soccer field where both his skills and sportsmanship distinguished him from everyone else, and in that time have witnessed again and again his generosity, his benevolence, his intelligence, and his gentleness of spirit. Giovanni is beloved by just about everyone who meets him; he has an inner light that draws people toward him. He has worked hard and overcome many obstacles to build a life for himself here. He is happy. I would implore you to consider that in failing to grant Giovanni asylum, you will be destroying that happiness, and depriving the Boston-Cambridge community (where I have lived for nearly thirty years) of a significant contributor to its artistic, economic, and social life.

Sincerely,



Scott Stossel
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The Honorable Henrietta Davis
120 Chestnut Street
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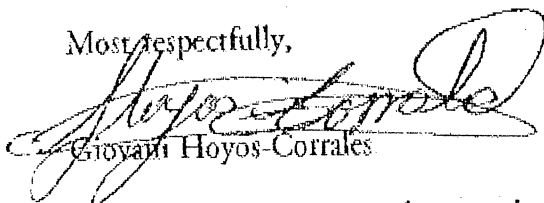
I am contacting you because I am in need of your support in dealing with a very difficult situation that has been in my life for the past several years. Right now I am facing a deportation situation that came up because I applied for legal status. Unfortunately, the application was not filed properly. In addition, the new immigration law gives me little chance to remain, so now I am facing removal proceedings. I am fighting their decision and have been looking for strong support from people in the community.

I am a citizen of Peru who came to America in a very difficult way. Since arriving in Cambridge in June of 1991, I have worked hard to make a life for myself. I have been a taxpayer for six years, making a living as a self-employed sculptor, manufacturing gargoyles. I have also been coaching soccer to kids in the Boston area. Our team is now doing very well, and I would like to be around to continue to help these adolescent boys develop their talents and love of this sport.

On March 15 my case will be tried by the INS. Unfortunately, the new law has made it much more difficult for people in my situation to obtain their documents. I am submitting to you some of the letters of support that I have received from my friends. I have also been circulating a petition to friends who believe in my claim and are supporting me. So far, I have 700 signatures from people in our community who want me to stay, and I am submitting to you this petition. I have met many of you, the City Councilors, because I have been active on the Jelly petition, as I am a property owner at 211 Putnam Avenue, #2, Cambridge.

This problem has been very hard to deal with. I feel that Cambridge is my home and I would like to stay here. I have built my business and produced more than 15,000 gargoyles which many people have enjoyed. I have never applied for any government assistance. Now I am in need of your support. Please let me know if you can be of help. My alien number is A75837786. I hope to hear from you.

Most respectfully,



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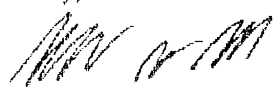
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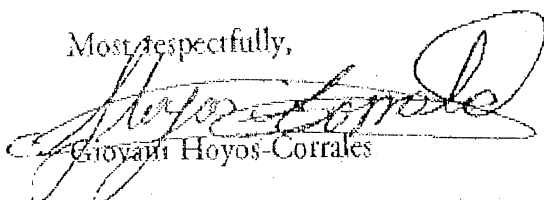
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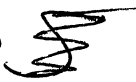
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Consent Order #67

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