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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GUSTAVO ESCUTIA, et al.,)	No. ✓ SA CV 00-841	AHS
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Plaintiffs)		
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v.)	ORDER APPROVING JOINT MOTION	
)	FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION	
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JOHN ASHCROFT, et al.,)		
Defendants.)		
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Pursuant to Rule 23(c)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the parties jointly moved for class certification of the following class based upon paragraph 25 of the Settlement Agreement in this case, which was preliminarily approved by this Court on August 26, 2002:

All applicants for Family Unity Benefits under section 301 of the Immigration Act of 1990, whose applications are pending at the California Service Center on the date of the Court's final approval of this agreement or are filed with or transferred to the California Service Center during the 15 months in which the settlement agreement will be in effect.


Having carefully examined the settlement agreement, the record in this action, the opinion of class counsel, any comments or objections concerning the settlement agreement, and following the Settlement Fairness Hearing, the Court

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hereby GRANTS the parties' joint motion for class certification. Therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED that the foregoing class is hereby APPROVED.

Dated: OCT 28 2002


ALICEMARIE H. STOTLER, JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT