

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

UNITED STATES)	
)	Case No. 21- (TNM)
v.)	
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ELIEL ROSA)	

ELIEL ROSA’S MEMORANDUM IN AID OF SENTENCING

Mr. Rosa, through undersigned counsel, submits this memorandum in aid of his sentencing hearing scheduled to occur on October 12, 2021. Mr. Rosa is very remorseful for his actions on January 6, 2021. While he came to Washington D.C. to express his political views and to support then President Trump, he wishes that he had not gone to the Capitol grounds. He did not intend to do so when he came to the District. He was here to attend the rally, hear the speeches, and make his voice heard. He is saddened and embarrassed about what occurred that day.

To his credit, Mr. Rosa turned himself into law enforcement within a mere three days, voluntarily debriefed with law enforcement about his conduct that day, fully acknowledged all of his misconduct, and expressed true and full contrition. He made, and makes, no excuses for having entered the Capitol building. He stood ready then and stands ready now to accept the consequences for his behavior.

As this Court is well aware, the Court must impose a sentence that is “sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to comply with the purposes [of sentencing].” 18 U.S.C. §3553(a). In this case, understanding the full gravity of what occurred on January 6, 2021, and Mr. Rosa’s role in those events, Mr. Rosa requests that the Court impose a period of probation with restitution and an appropriate fine consistent with his ability to pay. Mr. Rosa appreciates that the government recognizes his early and complete acceptance of responsibility and is not seeking a term of incarceration.

Mr. Rosa recognizes how serious the January 6 incident was and in no way attempts to minimize his involvement in it. Nevertheless, his charge is a Class B misdemeanor for which probation is typically an appropriate sentence. The sentencing guidelines do not even apply to misdemeanor offenses. Indeed, many felony offenses fall within a range that allows for a probationary sentence.

Mr. Rosa is 53 years old and hopes to one day become a United States citizen. He was born in a small town in Brazil, the son of a local evangelical pastor. He married his wife in 1991 in Brazil, and they had their first child in 2000. Two years later, they moved from Sao Paulo to Curitiba, where he worked for the town’s Mayor. Due to political persecution, he and his family came to Midland, Texas in 2016 at the invitation of friends who were, and still are, the pastors of a small Mexican-American church. He intended to attend Regent University. He and his wife began working with the church. He applied for asylum, and the asylum application was granted in October 2018. His asylum status put him and his family on track for obtaining green card status after two years, and potentially citizenship status after five years. Mr. Rosa and his wife launched the Nehemiah220 Ministries and the Nehemiah School of Government in Midland

Texas. They continue to live in Texas with their children. He continues to have the support of his community as is evident by the attached letters.

Importantly, Mr. Rosa has no criminal convictions and no prior negative association with law enforcement. Mr. Rosa acknowledges how wrong he was to have entered the Capitol Building on January 6, 2021, and has steadfastly done so since immediately after the events of that day. He did not force entry into the building, engage in or provoke any harm to any person or any property within the building, and, by the time he arrived, the doors of the Capitol had already been breached and people were freely going in and out. His intention when he came to the District was simply to attend the rally in support of former President Trump. When he saw people heading toward the Capitol, he stayed to watch the conclusion of the President's speech. He then returned to the hotel to get food and water, and then made a decision he now greatly regrets – to follow the crowds to the Capitol. When he got to the Capitol he walked in through an open door and followed the flow of people going through the rotunda and towards the East gate. He heard what he believes to have been the shot that killed Ms. Babitt. After being asked to stand against the wall for a short period of time while officers dealt with that situation, he (and others) were asked to leave out the East door, and he complied immediately. At no time did he engage in any violent behavior or cause any destruction of property. He posted a photo of himself walking towards the rally at 5 a.m. on the morning of January 6. He did not post the photo inside the Capitol – that was added by the individual who found it online and posted it to his timeline.

Mr. Rosa turned himself in to the FBI three days later and acknowledged how ashamed he was for having participated in the events. He voluntarily turned over his phone to law enforcement and from his initial appearance has pleaded for an opportunity to accept

responsibility for his conduct. He has filed no motions and has consistently indicated a desire to resolve his case. Mr. Rosa deeply regrets his involvement in the January 6 incident. As he has stated:

“January 6 was a point out of my “normal” curve. I did exactly what I teach folks not to do, meaning, I went against one of America’s most critical founding principles, the one laid out by Publius in the Federalist: do not give in to passions originated at the “lower portions of your human nature. I have already expressed my profound shame to all of our local friends and supporters. I always was on the verge of losing my family because of that. But, I can’t change that anymore. All I can do is to give my word that if I am allowed to stay in this country and fulfill my America dream, I will never ever commit such stupidity again. I love this nation! America is all I have right now! America is all my children have! America is where I want my body to rest when the time comes.”

Mr. Rosa has been punished and deterred already. He was handcuffed for the first time ever and spent several hours in a cell with before being brought before a judge and the public in handcuffs. While many of his friends have supported him, others have distanced themselves. Several former financial supporters of the ministry have withdrawn their support. He has been subjected to public shame in his community. He has always been very active in community events, but has felt compelled to withdraw so as not to attract negative attention. His family has also suffered from the negative attention he brought upon them. His wife was very upset with him and it caused difficulties for their family. He has acknowledged that punishment is appropriate, but wants the Court and public to know that he had no intention to harm this country or democracy.

He has never before been arrested, is a hard-working, family man who wants more than anything to remain in this Country with his family. As he has stated:

After three months I had . . . the courage to watch the videos of that day. The voices of desperation coming from the Capitol Police officers will forever be engraved in my memory. I look forward to the day when I will be able to go to DC again and personally ask for their forgiveness for sadly being apportioned with those who brought so much

chaos and pain to them, emotionally and physically. . . . You can believe me that I will not repeat this mistake again in my life, not here, not anywhere.

The purposes of sentencing include punishment, rehabilitation, general deterrence, specific deterrence, and incapacitation. In this case, there appears to be no need for incapacitation, specific deterrence or rehabilitation. Mr. Rosa's likelihood of recidivism is very low. He has expressed genuine remorse and contrition, he turned himself in and cooperated fully with law enforcement, he turned over evidence voluntarily, and he immediately indicated a desire to plead guilty and did so as soon as the government made the plea offer. His acceptance of responsibility was complete and without reservation. Thus, the purposes of sentencing that seem most at play are general deterrence and punishment.

The public will be adequately deterred by the sentences meted out against those who perpetrated the violence and mayhem at the Capitol and the negative publicity and collateral consequences attendant to even a misdemeanor conviction for the others involved. Those who would not be deterred by these consequences are likely not deterrable. A period of probation does constitute punishment as one's liberty interests are curtailed by travel restrictions, reporting obligations, and limitations on one's personal freedoms. Moreover, in light of the damage done at the Capitol that day, although not directly by Mr. Rosa, a modest fine might be more appropriate.

The government concedes that Mr. Rosa committed no violent acts and destroyed no property. His actions within the Capitol have been tracked on the CCTV footage and this demonstrates that while unlawfully present in the Capitol with no excuse, he did not destroy property, steal property, commit violent acts, or encourage others to do so. He did not go far into the Capitol and left when asked to do so by law enforcement. Mr. Rosa engaged in no pre-

planning or coordination activities. He came to D.C. with the purpose of showing support for Mr. Trump, but he never intended to breach the Capitol and he never intended violence. He brought no weapons or even defensive gear with him. He did not post on social media bragging about his involvement or encouraging bad actions. When he met with law enforcement after the event, he made no excuses for his behavior, was sincerely contrite, did not blame law enforcement for his predicament, and did not minimize his actions or rationalize them.

Another factor to consider is that Mr. Rosa accepted full responsibility very early on. While it is not appropriate to punish an individual for asserting their right to go to trial and to have the government held to its burden of proof, there is a societal benefit when people who have done wrong acknowledge that wrongdoing in a public way as Mr. Rosa has done. This has a deterrent effect on future wrongdoing and has a positive effect on others taking responsibility for their actions.

On the issue of sentencing disparity, counsel appreciates that the government has attempted to set out meaningful distinctions in cases and some coherent rationale for the recommendations it makes. However, those distinctions are not as clear as the government has suggested, and there is no scientific formula that will lead to sentencing uniformity. In a District with as many judges as this District has, there can be no definitive sentence that addresses the unique facts and circumstances of each case. Indeed, sentencing disparity is not prohibited, just unwarranted sentencing disparity. Sentences in these cases have not been consistent. *See e.g., United States v. Anna Morgan Lloyd*, 21-cr-164 (RCL) (probation imposed); *United States v. Jessica and Joshua Bustle*, 21-Cr-238 (TFH) (probation with home confinement imposed); *United States v. Andrew Bennett*, Crim. No. 21-227 (JEB) (probation with home confinement imposed); *United States v. Danielle Doyle*, Crim. No. 21-00234 (TNM) (2 months probation

with fine imposed); *United States v. Valerie Ehrke*, 21-cr-97 (PLF). A few individuals who have pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor arising out of the January 6 events have been sentenced to a period of incarceration. See *United States v. Karl Dresch*, Crim. No. 21-0071(ABJ); *United States v. Curzio*, *United States v. Jancart*, *United States v. Rau*, *United States v. Mazzaco*.

And, the government's recommendations in cases where they have made them, are not necessarily consistent. See e.g., *United States v. Danielle Doyle*, Crim. No. 21-00234 (TNM) (government recommended probation with two months home confinement despite noting she entered through broken window, yelled at officers, and was not fully transparent in her interview with law enforcement); *United States v. Robert Reeder*, Crim. No. 21-166 (TFH), (government requested 2 months incarceration then increased its recommendation to 6 months after learning he had engaged in violence inside the Capitol); *United States v. Jessica and Joshua Bustle*, 21-00238 (TFH) (government recommended probation with home confinement for Ms. Bustle who posted on social media that Mike Pence was a traitor, denied media accounts of violence were accurate, minimized the conduct of all of the rioters, called for a revolution even after the events of January 6, encouraged the rioters to be proud of their actions, and minimized the impact of that day on lawmakers and democracy); *United States v. Andrew Bennett*, Crim. No. 21-227 (JEB) (government requested probation with home confinement noting that Bennett espoused conspiracy theories about the election, was an admirer, albeit not a member of the Proud Boys, and boasted about his conduct).

In the end, this Court is faced with the task of meting out a just and appropriate sentence given all of the factors involved, and Mr. Rosa places his trust in this Court to do just that.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. KRAMER
FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER

/s/

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February 7, 2021

RE: Character Reference for Eliel Rosa

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is Hermann E. Eben and I provide individual and group coaching for leadership and management. Detailed information about me is available on our 3 websites – GR8 Solutions Group (<https://gr8grp.com/hermann-eben/>), GR8 Leaders (<https://gr8leaders.com/about-us/>), and GR8 Relationships (<https://gr8relate.com/hermann-louie/>).

Eliel entered my life in the summer of 2018, because I needed someone to translate my book ([Servants Leading Servants – 15 Signs of a REAL Servant Leader](#)) into Portuguese. The religious organization, BEE World (Biblical Education by Extension), wanted to use the book in Africa for the Portuguese speaking population. At our first meeting Eliel clearly demonstrated and spoke of his deep love for God as well as his desire to serve others. Additionally, it was obvious that he loved the United States since he was here on asylum from Brazil. From that point I believed that I had a man of Godly principles and high integrity. Both those values are critical when trusting someone to accurately translate and convey the critical message of the Servants Leading Servants book.

After that initial meeting until now, Eliel has continued to demonstrate Godly values and integrity. We have not only worked closely on the translation of the book, but also, we consistently discuss the biblical principles about relationships and leadership at our Monday evening small group Bible Study.

Eliel is definitely a man that sincerely believes that pursuing the best for others – not himself – is the best path to take in life. We have often spoke about his passion for United States and his desire to teach others about the amazing country that it is. Due to that passion, it is impossible for me to believe that he would have any desire for violence against this wonderful nation. For those reasons, it is easy to say that I would trust my life, family, and business to him if the need ever arose.

Warm Regards,

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Hermann Eben

February 2021

To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter as a character witness and on behalf of Eliel Rosas. My name is Jamee Higgins, and in my professional capacity, I am the Safety and Risk Manager for City of Midland. I am involved greatly in my church (True-Lite Christian Fellowship Church) and community (Greater Opportunities of the Permian Basin), positively affecting the lives of many.

I had the distinct privilege of meeting Eliel and becoming aware of Nehemiah220 Ministries almost three years ago, and I have continued supporting and participating with the ministry since that time. In all my traveling and learning, I have not met anyone so passionate and compassionate about the United States of America or learned so much about the history of my own government! I have always loved my country and have no desire to remain anywhere else, but Eliel sparked a greater passion in me for this country, because of his passion for this country.

What I have learned is that Eliel is a man of integrity who lives by the highest moral order. When faced with adversity, he meets it with grace and calm. He is not a terrorist; he is not a criminal; he is a man of good character, and he has contributed greatly to our community and inspired positive change in the lives of so many.

Respectfully submitted,

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Jamee Higgins

Mark Pederson

February 9, 2021

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Your Honor,

I am 66 years old born June 21, 1954 and retired from employment by the State of Texas. I was employed by the Texas Department of Public Safety as a Criminal Polygraph Examiner from October 1977 through January 1991. I transferred to the State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts as an Enforcement Officer which I served from February 1991 through August 2003. I am retired and have been married to Kay Pederson for 41 years. I have lived in Midland Texas since April 1978 through the present time.

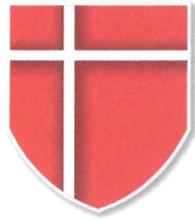
For approximately four years I have had the pleasure of knowing and associating with Mr. Eliel Rosa. During this time span I have been in a weekly prayer group with Mr. Rosa and have attended seminars led by Mr. Rosa. These seminars pertained to United States of America history and our country's relationship with The Lord from the Mayflower Compact until the present time. I have supported and will continue to support Mr. Rosa's ministry. I consider Mr. Rosa a dear and trusted friend.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Mark Pederson



MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

February 9, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known Eliel Rosa for almost five years and know him as a strong Christian man, committed to the preservation of religious freedom and liberty afforded to us by our Constitution. Eliel has served Midland Christian School as a substitute for most of these five years and has always been reliable, dependable and committed to the ideals and expectations of our wonderful school. While on our campus, Eliel has shown a true compassion for the Christian education of children and a devotion to his family and friends. Through his service in other faith-based, Christian ministries, Eliel has shown a high moral Character and commitment to his Christian calling. Please reach out to me if you have any further questions regarding Eliel Rosa and may God bless you.

In Him,



Jared Lee, Superintendent
Midland Christian School

Jennifer L. Woodall

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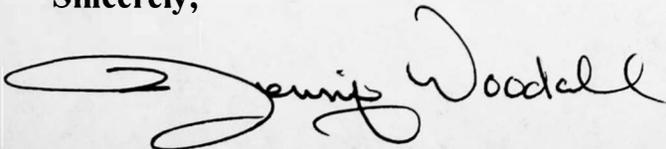
To Whom It May Concern:

It is my great privilege to write this Character Reference letter on behalf of my friend, Eliel Rosa. I was first introduced to him and his wife Jaci at a prayer meeting 2 years ago. Since that time, our relationship has developed from that of an acquaintance to one of deep friendship. I hold the utmost respect and adoration for the Rosa family and will fully stand with them through any circumstance.

I have always considered myself to be a proud American with good moral and Godly principles. I have strived to hold fast to the core values that I hold dear and I carefully "watch" the associations that I align or fellowship with. Eliel holds the same values of Faith, Family and Country as I do. I often refer to him as the "Newt Gingrich" of West Texas. His love for our great nation and the wealth of knowledge that he holds about our nation, as a historian, astounds me. I have been a student, completing several courses at Eliel's Nehemiah 220 school of government. I have received a priceless education from him about the founding of our nation, our nations most sacred documents, and the great purpose set forth, by God, for our America the Beautiful. I will forever be grateful for his classes as they have deepened my love for the United States of America as never before. Though Eliel is not a natural born citizen, one would never know it. His love for this country challenges the most patriotic platforms and individuals that I know, including myself. This past year I was honored to be among Eliel and other patriotic Americans as we publicly read the Declaration of Independence, The United States Constitution, and The Mayflower Compact. All these beautiful community readings were orchestrated and hosted by Eliel Rosa. He is, by all accounts to me and many others, 100% American through and through.

Eliel and his family are loving, caring and proactive in all that they do for the betterment of their fellow brother. They are giving of their time and efforts to their friends, church families, and community. My local church has also partnered with Eliel's ministry because it is one that we believe in and can stand with. The Rosas are givers and not takers. I immensely honor and respect Eliel and his family and could not ask for better friends. Actually, I consider them family. He is an outstanding and upstanding man whom I have only known to operate with the utmost integrity. Eliel Rosa is the type of person that makes the world a much better place.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Woodall

February 15, 2021

To whom it may concern.

Greetings,

My name is Pierre Bynum. I have lived in Faulkner, Maryland, for 26 years and in the state of Maryland since 1965. I was ordained to the Christian ministry in 1974 and have served in full time Christian ministry since 1978 – 20 years as a full-time pastor and 26 as a full-time prayer chaplain and writer. In 1974 I married Christina Anne Bynum. Married, now, 46 ½ years, we have 4 adult children and 13 grandchildren.

I met Eliel Rosa, in 2014 when he attended a special prayer meeting that I led each year since 2006 at the Values Voter Summit in Washington, DC. Eliel and his family were then living in Brazil. There they led a Christian fellowship in their home where they prayed as we did. Eliel traveled back and forth from Brazil to the U.S. In his work with City managers and planning professionals. He grew increasingly aware of God's calling for him and his family to come to America. That calling was both to minister the gospel of Jesus Christ and to teach Americans about the blessings we have in a nation "under God" with the foundation stones of freedom we have derived from our Christian heritage, the Declaration of Independence, and the U.S. Constitution.

We became good friends, and he shared his hope of making a new life in America with me, and I have been supportive. At one point, when he was in the process of bringing his family to the U.S., he asked for a small loan to help. He said it might be a good while before he was able to repay it. I was happy to do so, because I knew Eliel to be a man of faith and integrity. He repaid in good time, even though he was building a new life for himself and his family in Texas and could surely have used that money yet a little longer.

Eliel wrote and published two scholarly books while doing work in the city planning field in South America and is a highly intelligent and principled man. I know no family better prepared for American citizenship. We believe Eliel will become a strong citizen and a model American who will guide other immigrants from the southern countries to likewise become strong citizens who will contribute much to our beloved country.

My wife, Christina, and I will be praying for Eliel and Jaci and their family as long as we live.

I can be reached directly via cell phone at.

Sincerely,

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Rev. Pierre Bynum

February 8, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter to testify to the good character of my friend and Christian ministry partner, Eliel Rosa.

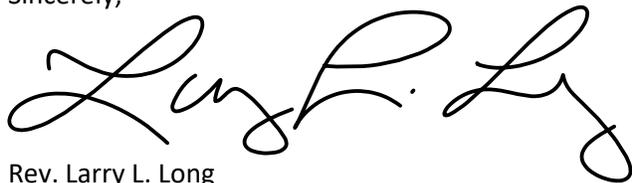
My name is Larry L. Long. I have been an ordained minister of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) since the late 1990s, having served as a senior pastor in two C&MA churches for thirty-years. I pastored Fellowship Community Church (C&MA) in Midland, Texas, for twenty-years, where I also served as the President and Vice President of the Midland Ministerial Alliance for a total of about 10 of those years. I have been an active Christian leader in our city during my tenure as a pastor. I am presently semi-retired and working at a lumber store.

I have known Eliel Rosa for at least, if not more than, five years. We have worshiped, prayed, and given spiritual leadership together in our community during that time. Eliel has given valuable leadership to a ministry called Nehemiah, where he has taught classes on American history, politics, Constitution, and Christian heritage. These classes have been well-attended and are highly valued by the Christian community of Midland.

We are aware of the unfortunate events that occurred at the Capitol, and Eliel's limited and (I believe) unintentional participation in them. We regret that he was caught up in the mob-psychology of the moment. We do not believe there is anything in Eliel that would seek to use instruments of insurrection and terrorism to overthrow our national government. We therefore kindly ask that his upstanding character be allowed to weigh heavily and positively in the disposition of his case. While he participated in activities contrary to his character and moral disposition, we believe he should be found innocent of all the charges brought against him.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of our friend and the circumstances of his case.

Sincerely,

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Rev. Larry L. Long
Midland, Texas 79707

Sandra W. Evans

Midland, TX 79707

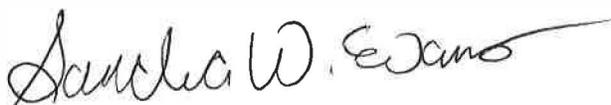
February 8, 2021

Letter of character reference for Eliel Rosa:

I have personally known Mr. Eliel Rosa for 4 years. I met Eliel Rosa through a City of Midland leadership seminar known as Midland 101. I am a resident and business owner in Midland Texas. I have spent most of my childhood and adult life in this part of Texas. I am part of a 73 year, third generation business. My background is a college graduate with a degree in accounting and finance and I hold a CPA license. I am an active member of my church and several other boards and service organizations. I was blessed the day that the Lord brought Eliel Rosa into my life. Eliel has become a dear friend and prayer partner.

I can honestly say that after only 4 years I believe that I know Eliel Rosa and his heart and his intentions as well as anyone I have known for a lifetime. He is a truly a dedicated servant of the Lord and his intentions are true and pure and honest. He does not lie and he loves this country more than any other citizen of the US that I have ever encountered. He has rekindled my sense of patriotism and desire to learn about my country and serve my country. The Nehemiah School of Government, set up and organized by Eliel, is the result of much prayer and study. His goal is to inform and educate not only the immigrant but also the average citizen of the wonderful rights and duties that go along with being a citizen of The United States of America. He is an inspiration to so very many. He is a respectful man that would never intentionally cause harm to anyone or any property. He is a rule follower that wants the best for this country. I find it impossible to entertain the idea that Eliel would do anything that could be considered criminal or harmful.

I am proud to call Eliel my friend. He is the type of person that this country used to be made up of (men of prayer, men of honesty, men of putting others needs before his own, men of great character, men willing to stand up for the truth). Anyone that comes to know Eliel will be blessed by his passionate yet kind and servant spirit.

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Sandra W. Evans

2517 Shell Avenue
Midland, Texas

January 18, 2021

RE: Eliel Rosa
Midland, Texas

This letter is a personal testament of my experience in knowing Eliel Rosa.

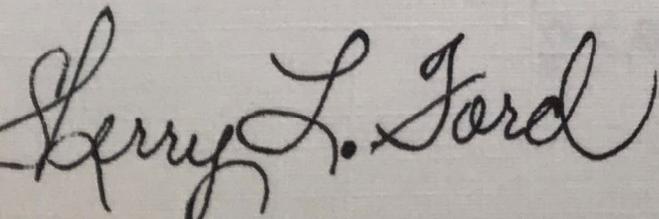
I have known Eliel and his family for approximately four years. Since that time I have come to know him as a humble man , a man of sterling integrity, and a patriotic person who values the laws of our nation. I believe it was the hand of Providence that brought Eliel and his family to America.

On July 4, 2020 he organized a city-wide reading of the Declaration of Independence and playing of patriotic songs by the Midland Community Orchestra. His dedication and attention as a youth to the study of America's foundations has rendered him an expert in historical and constitutional issues. My experience in having known him is an awakening and enlightenment as to the true hope that America has for generations to come and that of the world. Thanks to Eliel, I now have a renewed realization of the legacy of surpassing greatness we have as an American citizens.

I did not find it surprising that Eliel sought out the local FBI the very next morning he arrived from Washington, DC. It is the very fiber of his character to tell the truth.

My plea is that this man will be pardoned of any judgement failure. My prayer is that becoming a citizen of the United States will be part of his life story.

Sincerely,



Sherry L. Ford

CHINAaid
对华援助协会

TO:
UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION SERVICES
USCIS

August 4, 2020

Dear Officer,

As an immigrant from China, now a proud American citizen, I have the honor of recommending **ELIEL ROSA** and his family to the Permanent Residency status in the US.

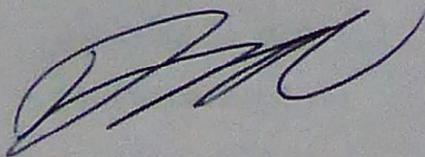
Eliel has been an active member in our local community since his arrival four years ago. China Aid had the privilege of hosting the launch of the Nehemiah220 Ministries two and a half years ago and we have been strong partners ever since.

These are the types of immigrants I believe America desperately needs again, those who believe in the legacy of freedom and liberty proposed by our Founding Fathers.

Because of his fight for freedom, Eliel and his family had to flee for their lives from their native country. We are so blessed by their choice for America and especially Midland, Texas as their home.

I am looking forward to hearing about the confirmation of their green card process.

Sincerely,



REV. BOB FU, PHD

FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT OF CHINA AID

Celia C. Harris
Midland, Texas 79705

August 8, 2020

To: United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

Re: Eliel Rosa and Family—Jacinea Rosa, Stephen Rosa, Conrad Rosa (Asylees)
and Applicants for Permanent Residency (Expedited, Fees Waived)

I have known Eliel Rosa and his family for approximately 3-4 years during the time they have lived in Midland, Texas, having come here as Christian missionaries from Brazil. I must emphasize that they are and have always been in this country legally. However, their desire is to receive permanent residency (green card) but especially to become citizens of the United States, a country they deeply love! How can this be?

I have often stated that Eliel knows more about American history and American government than any American I know, as he has for years been an ardent student of these subjects! As proof of his vast knowledge of America, Eliel has been teaching classes on related topics that I have attended. (I believe I am a good judge of such knowledge, as I am 81 years old and thus went to public school during a time when these subjects were required courses in schools.) Eliel is an exceptional teacher and communicator and a genuine American patriot! In fact, he planned and directed an Independence Day celebration this July 4 at our city park, featuring the Midland Community Band and a reading of the Declaration of Independence! In a multitude of ways, he passionately conveys his love for the United States, its history and its government. I must add that he has the full support of his kind and loving wife, Jacinea (Jaci, as she is known).

The Rosa family has an urgent need for their applications to be expedited, as their funds are very limited and the cost of visas is being increased on October 1. But they have worked diligently to provide for themselves, including being blessed by generous persons in Midland who appreciate the fruit of their ministry. These people are hard workers, diligent, and have no desire to be recipients of welfare in their new, chosen country.

I can personally testify to the integrity of Eliel Rosa and his family! These are the kinds of new citizens that we welcome in America! I ask you to favorably consider expediting their application for permanent residency and for waiving the fees for their applications.

Sincerely,



Celia C. Harris, R.N., B.S.N., M.S.N., Ed.D.
Founding Director, Associate Degree Nursing,
Midland College

encounter TRUTH

United States Citizenship and Immigration Services

August 4, 2020

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with strong enthusiasm I give my total support to Eliel Rosa, and his family, to be considered for United States permanent residency. Mr. Rosa represents the type of person, along with his wife and sons, who have fully assimilated into the American fabric, adding to its value and heritage.

Several months ago, I asked Mr. Rosa to begin teaching on Encounter Truth, my educational forum. His depth of knowledge about our Founding Fathers, historical documents, and history is sorely lacking with most American adults today. What a genuine blessing to have someone of his caliber sharing his gifting with us so we can better understand what we missed while we were in school decades ago. The reviews from those who have attended is total praise and thank you. I foresee this program expanding and touching countless lives in the years to come.

I must add this as well. I love his patriotic spirit. I first met him while he was assisting a CD11 Candidate who was running for office. What energy and excitement he brought not only to his candidate, but all the candidates who were running in this highly contested race. He befriended them all and still remains friends with many.

The Rosas are highly desired candidates for citizenship. They will be a blessing to this country.

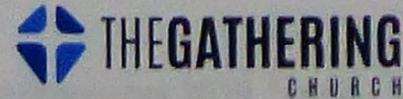
Sincerely,

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Rev. Jorge Romero



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UNITED STATES CITIZENSHIP AND IMMIGRATION

I have had the pleasure of knowing Eliel Rosa for almost two years. During the time of our acquaintance, I have known Eliel to be a man of integrity and great values. He is a hard working man who is responsible and committed. As a Pastor, I see the value of what Nehemiah Ministries does for our community and beyond.

Eliel is involved in the community and his knowledge brings value to the development and understanding of strong moral and character values. Him and his family work really hard and portray what the American dream should be about; working hard and bringing value to this country.

At a personal level, Eliel knows how to be a friend and demonstrates what loving a neighbor should be. His friendship has been a blessing to me and my family.

Any attentions given to him would be greatly appreciated.

I have been a Pastor in Midland Texas for almost 8 years at The Gathering Church, and been in ministry here for 15 years. Our Church loves Eliel and his family and supports what his vision is for his family and ministry.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jorge Romero".

Rev. Jorge Romero

The Gathering Church

05 August 2020

To whom it concerns,

I met Eliel while campaigning for a congressional seat in September 2019. I could tell that Eliel truly believes in the core principles of what our country stands for. He publicly spoke often about why America is the greatest land in the world.

Eliel was very active in helping with another candidate's campaign and I immediately thought, "This guy should be running for office himself!" Congressional District 11 is a very large district that is over 300 miles wide. Every place that we had a forum, Eliel was there.

Eliel is the kind of immigrant that the United States needs more of. He is passionate, patriotic, and intelligent. He did not come to this country expecting Americans to integrate into his way of life. He came to this country wanting to integrate into our way of life. People like Eliel and his family help make the United States a better place.

I truly hope that Eliel and his family are granted citizenship to the United States.

Thank you for your time and consideration.



Wesley W. Virdell
USAF Veteran (ICBM Maintainer, MTL)
Small Business Owner/Entrepreneur

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