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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

BLANCA ESTELA MELENDEZ,

Petitioner,

v.

ERIC H. HOLDER, Jr., Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 07-74910

Agency No. A094-455-180

MEMORANDUM*

On Petition for Review of an Order of the
Board of Immigration Appeals

Submitted August 11, 2009**

Before: KLEINFELD, M. SMITH, and IKUTA, Circuit Judges.

Blanca Estela Melendez, a native and citizen of El Salvador, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' order summarily affirming an immigration judge's ("IJ") decision denying her application for asylum and

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** The panel unanimously finds this case suitable for decision without oral argument. See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

withholding of removal. We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence, *Cruz-Navarro v. INS*, 232 F.3d 1024, 1028 (9th Cir. 2000), and we deny the petition for review.

Substantial evidence supports the IJ's denial of asylum because Melendez failed to establish past persecution or a well-founded fear of future persecution on account of an imputed political opinion or membership in a particular social group based on her husband's former occupation as a police officer. *See id.* at 1028-30 (9th Cir. 2000).

Because Melendez failed to establish eligibility for asylum, she necessarily failed to establish eligibility for withholding of removal. *See id.*

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.