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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

JOSE QUINTEROS, AKA Jose Alfredo
Quinteros-Zavala,

Petitioner,

v.

LORETTA E. LYNCH, Attorney General,

Respondent.

No. 14-73347

Agency No. A072-013-468

MEMORANDUM*

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

Submitted December 14, 2016**

Before: WALLACE, LEAVY, and FISHER, Circuit Judges.

Jose Quinteros, a native and citizen of El Salvador, petitions for review of the Board of Immigration Appeals' order dismissing his appeal from an immigration judge's decision denying his application for withholding of removal.

We have jurisdiction under 8 U.S.C. § 1252. We review for substantial evidence

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

the agency's factual findings, *Zehatye v. Gonzales*, 453 F.3d 1182, 1184-85 (9th Cir. 2006), and we deny the petition for review.

Substantial evidence supports the BIA's determination that Quinteros failed to establish a nexus between the harm he suffered and fears and his political opinion. *See Parussimova v. Mukasey*, 555 F.3d 734, 740 (9th Cir. 2009) (the REAL ID Act "requires that a protected ground represent 'one central reason' for an asylum applicant's persecution"). Thus, Quintero's withholding of removal claim fails. *See Zetino v. Holder*, 622 F.3d 1007, 1015-16 (9th Cir. 2010).

PETITION FOR REVIEW DENIED.