

## **SUGGESTED EVIDENCE OF BONA FIDE MARRIAGE**

(\*denotes significant evidence)

1. Birth certificate of mutual child(ren)
2. Joint credit card statement with your spouse from time of marriage.
3. Joint bank accounts with your spouse from time of marriage.
4. Copies of ATM cards, credit cards, driver's licenses, checking cashing cards, employment ID cards, video club memberships, revolving credit accounts with local businesses such as Art Van, Best Buy, etc., showing that you both share access to the same account and or letters from the company stating when the accounts were opened in joint name and that you both have access to the accounts.
5. Real property deeds showing joint tenancy with both names thereon.
6. If no deed, then apartment lease or a letter from the landlord indicating that both spouses live at that apartment, or copies of rent receipts showing both parties' names.
7. Letter from an employer showing a change in records to reflect spouse's new marital status.
8. Letter from an employer showing designation of the spouse as the person to be notified in event of an accident, sickness, or other emergency.
9. If either one of you sought medical treatment at any time during your marriage we need copies of the records from the doctor to show that you listed each other as husband and wife and as the person to be notified in the event of an emergency.
10. Evidence of life insurance policies or wills showing that you named each other as beneficiaries.
11. Evidence of medical or health insurance plans which name the spouse as a member or beneficiary.
12. Evidence of correspondence between the parties, including letters, birthday and holiday cards, telephone calls, and other correspondence addressed to the parties.
13. Copies of each month's cell phone or other telephone bills and telephone records from the time you were first married to present to show that you have remained in communication with each other.
14. Religious marriage certificate if there was one, copies of wedding pictures, receipts for the rental hall, copies of invitations that were sent, copies of receipts for the florist, band, banquet hall, etc.
15. Copies of utilities billed in both names or, if in your name or your spouse's name, that they were for a common address.
16. Evidence of joint ownership of automobile, and copies of each car insurance /renewal policies to show that you named each other as additional drivers or that you were both covered by the policy continuously throughout your marriage.
17. Evidence of vacations taken together, including airline tickets, hotel bills, or anything else to show that you did travel together.
18. Evidence of all major purchases made together, such as stereos, televisions, refrigerators, washers, dryers, computers, etc.
19. Automobile, housing, or rental insurance policies in both names.
20. A letter from your health insurance carrier to show that the two of you shared benefits.
21. A piece of mail each per month (showing postmark) to show that you both received mail at the same address.
22. Photos of the two of you together, with family members at family gatherings, holidays, special events such as weddings, etc., all will be helpful.
23. If you have ever applied for any loans such as home loans, car loans, or personal loans; I need copies of the paperwork to show that you borrowed the money jointly.
24. Letters from individuals, friends or family members, who know both parties as a couple and who can testify to validity of relationship. All letters must set forth the name, date, and legal status, address & telephone number of the person making the affidavit, their relationship to you or your spouse and how long have they known you, and must state in great detail, just as though they were

testifying in court, what it is about the two of you that leads them to believe that this is a legitimate marriage entered into for love and not just to help you get a green card. All affidavits must be signed by the affiant and notarized by a notary public. Must have a copy of writer's picture ID.