

No. \_\_\_\_\_

In the  
Supreme Court of the United States

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ANGEL SOTO,

*Petitioner,*

v.

UNKNOWN SWEETMAN, ADOC Sgt.  
at SMU II Browning Unit; et al.,

*Respondents.*

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On Petition for a Writ of Certiorari  
to the United States Court of Appeals  
for the Ninth Circuit

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

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Pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, Petitioner Angel Soto moves this Honorable Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. In support of this motion, Petitioner states as follows:

1. Petitioner is filing a petition for a writ of certiorari to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, seeking review of the Ninth Circuit's opinion affirming the district court's entry of summary judgment against Petitioner's prisoner civil rights complaint, which asserted claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

2. Petitioner was granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* with respect to his appeal in the Ninth Circuit.

3. Counsel for Petitioner was appointed by the Ninth Circuit to represent Petitioner pro bono in this matter.

4. Counsel for Petitioner intends to and shall represent Petitioner in all proceedings in this Court.

Petitioner therefore respectfully requests that this Honorable Court grant the motion and allow him to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: August 1, 2018

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