

NO. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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FIDEL RIOS SOTO, Petitioner,

VS.

CALIFORNIA, Respondent.

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ON PETITION FOR WRIT OF CERTIORARI  
TO THE CALIFORNIA COURT OF APPEAL  
SIXTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED  
*IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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FIDEL RIOS SOTO

TO THE HONORABLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES AND TO THE HONORABLE ASSOCIATE JUSTICES OF THE COURT:

Pursuant to Rule 39 of the Rules of the Supreme Court of the United States, Petitioner Fidel Rios Soto (“Petitioner”) respectfully requests leave to file a petition for writ of certiorari *in forma pauperis*. In making this application, Petitioner submits that he has been represented by appointed counsel in both the California Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court. This fact is memorialized in the attached declaration of counsel and Exhibit A thereto.

Dated: December 26, 2018

Respectfully submitted,



ALEXIS HALLER  
Attorney for Petitioner,  
Fidel Rios Soto

## DECLARATION OF ALEXIS HALLER

I am an attorney licensed to practice in California. I am a member of the bar of this Court. I am the attorney of record for Petitioner Fidel Rios Soto.

I have personal knowledge of the facts contained in this declaration and, if called as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

On June 4, 2015, Petitioner filed a notice of appeal. Subsequently, I was appointed by the California Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District, to represent Petitioner. A copy of the order of appointment is attached as Exhibit A. Pursuant to that appointment, I filed pleadings on Petitioner's behalf in the California Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court. I have remained Petitioner's counsel of record to this time.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 26th day of December, 2018, at Aptos, California.



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ALEXIS HALLER

# **EXHIBIT A**

IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
SIXTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

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THE PEOPLE,  
Plaintiff and Respondent,  
v.  
FIDEL RIOS SOTO,  
Defendant and Appellant.

H042397  
Monterey County No. SS970158

BY THE COURT:

Sixth District Appellate Program  
100 N. Winchester Blvd.  
Suite 310  
Santa Clara, CA 95050

is appointed to represent appellant on appeal. The County Clerk is directed to forward a copy of the record on appeal to the attorney named in this order immediately upon preparation.

Sixth District  
Appellate Program  
Court of Appeal, Sixth Appellate District

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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

SIXTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
 ) Case No. H042397  
vs. )  
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FIDEL R.SOTO ) MONTEREY County  
 ) Superior Court No. SS970158

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RECOMMENDATION OF COUNSEL ON APPEAL

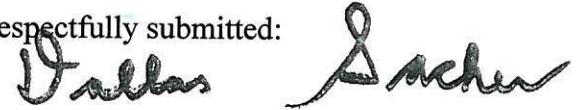
TO THE CLERK OF THE ABOVE-ENTITLED COURT:

Notice is hereby given that the SIXTH DISTRICT APPELLATE PROGRAM recommends and wishes to associate with the hereinafter named attorney for purposes of representing the above-named appellant.

ALEXIS HALLER

June 30, 2015

Respectfully submitted:



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