

No. ____ - ____

In the Supreme Court of the United States

JOSEPH NJUNGUNA NJONGE,

Petitioner,

v.

MARGARET GILBERT, SUPERINTENDENT,

Respondent.

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

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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Petitioner Joseph Njuguna Njonge, pursuant to Supreme Court Rule 39, asks leave to file the attached Petition for a Writ of Certiorari without payment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

On July 11, 2017, the district court appointed counsel for Mr. Njonge pursuant to the Criminal Justice Act of 1964 (CJA), 18 U.S.C. § 3006A. On July 13, 2017, Assistant Federal Public Defender Vicki W. W. Lai entered her notice of appearance. Undersigned counsel and Ms. Lai then represented Mr. Njonge on his appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals pursuant to the CJA.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner Njonge, by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully prays for leave to proceed in the Supreme Court of the United States *in forma pauperis*.

DATED this 22nd day of January 2020.

Respectfully submitted,



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