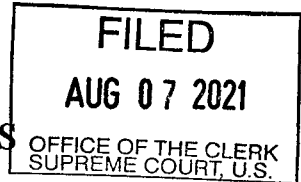


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21-5384

IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES



WILLIAM A. MASTERS---PETITIONER

VS.

XAVIER BECERRA, in
his official capacity as the
Attorney General of the
State of California ---RESPONDENT(S)

MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

The petitioner asks leave to file the attached petition for a writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

Please check the appropriate boxes:

☒ Petitioner has previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following Court(s):

United States District Court for the Central District of California, No. 2:19-cv-02030 MWF-AGR, and

United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, No. 19-5575

☐ Petitioner has **not** previously been granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in any other court.

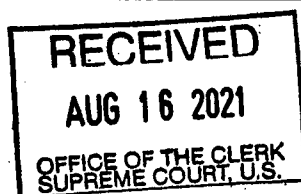
☒ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

☐ Petitioner's affidavit or declaration is **not** attached because the court below appointed counsel in the current proceeding, and:

☐ The appointment was made under the following provisions of law: _____, or

☐ a copy of the order of appointment is appended

William A. Masters
(Signature)



AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION

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

I, William A. Masters, am the petitioner in the above-entitled case. In support of my motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, I state that because of my poverty I am unable to pay the costs of this case or to give security therefor; and I believe I am entitled to redress.

1. For both you and your spouse estimate the average amount of money received from each of the following sources during the past 12 months. Adjust any amount that was received weekly, biweekly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually to show the monthly rate. Use gross amounts, that is, amounts before any deductions for taxes or otherwise.

Income source	Average monthly amount during the past 12 months		Amount expected next month	
	You	Spouse	You	Spouse
Employment	\$ <u>553</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>unknown</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Gifts	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Alimony	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Child Support	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>2,084</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>2,084</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>0</u>
Other (specify): _____	\$ _____	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>0</u>
Total monthly income:	\$<u>2084</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>2084</u>	\$ <u>0</u>

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other Deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
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Petitioner is a Day Laborer with a dozen different employers
See attached sheet for breakdown.

3. List your spouse's employment history for the past two years, most recent employer first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
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<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>	<u>n/a</u>	\$ <u>0</u>
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4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$6.00

Below, state any money you or your spouse have in bank accounts or in any other financial institution.

Type of account (e.g. checking or savings)	Amount you have	Amount your spouse has
<u>Checking</u>	<u>\$505.33</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
<u> </u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
<u> </u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

5. List the assets, and their values which you own or your spouse owns. Do not list clothing and ordinary household furnishings.

☐ Home
Value

☐ Other real estate
Value

☒ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2006 1100cc Honda
Shadow Sabre
Value \$3,000

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model
Value

☐ Other assets
Discription
Value

6. State every person, business, or organization owing you or your spouse money, and the amount owed.

Person owning you or	Amount owed to you	Amount owed to your spouse
n/a	\$ 0	\$ 0

7. State the person who rely on you or your spouse for support. Form minor children, list initials instead of names (e.g. "J.S." instead of "John Smith").

Name	Relationship	Age
<u>n/a</u>		

8. Estimate the average monthly expenses of you and your family. Show separately the amounts paid by your spouse. Adjust any payments that are made weekly, biweekly, quarterly, or annually to show the monthly rate.

	You	Your spouse
Rent or home-mortgage payment (include lot rented for mobile home)	\$700.00	\$ 0
Are real estate taxes included? [] Yes [x] No		
Is property insurance included? [] Yes [x] No		
Utilities (electricity, heating fuel, water, sewer, and telephone)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Home maintenance (repairs and up keep)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Food	\$250	\$ 0
Clothing	\$ 0	\$ 0
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$7	\$ 0
Medical and dental expenses	\$ 0	\$ 0
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$32	\$ 0
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$6	\$ 0

Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)

Home owner's or renter's	\$ 0	\$ 0
Life	\$ 0	\$ 0
Health	\$ 0	\$ 0
Motor Vehicle	\$30	\$ 0
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$ 0

Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)

(specify):	\$ 0	\$ 0
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Installment payments

Motor Vehicle	\$ 0	\$ 0
Credit card(s)	\$730	\$ 0
Department Store(s)	\$50	\$ 0
Other: _____	\$ 0	\$ 0

Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ 0	\$ 0
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Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ 0	\$ 0
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Other (specify): _____	\$ 0	\$ 0
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Total monthly expenses:	\$1798	\$ 0
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9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe on an attached sheet.

10. Have you paid – or will you be paying – an attorney any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form? ____ Yes x No.

If yes, how much? _____

If yes, state the attorney's name, address, and telephone number:

11. Have you paid – or will you be paying – anyone other than an attorney (such as a paralegal or a typist) any money for services in connection with this case, including the completion of this form?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, how much? _____

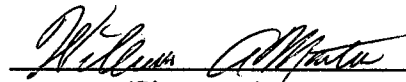
If yes, state the person's name address and telephone number:

12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

The entertainment industry in Los Angeles in which I work as a film extra, and stage hand has been closed due to Covid Lockdown. While the lockdown was ended this past June, most studios are still not yet open. Over most of the past year and a half I have subsisted only upon unemployment payments extended by federal action.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on August 6, 2021


(Signature)

William A. Masters

2. List your employment history for the past two years, most recent first. (Gross monthly pay is before taxes or other Deductions.)

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross monthly pay
Sessions	303 N. Glenoaks Bl. Burbank Ca 91502	June 2021 July 2021 August 2021	\$1837 \$4201 0
GEP Cencast	P.O. Box 7836 Burbank, CA 91510	February 2020	\$167.63
Elevate Entertainment	8500 Menaul Bl. Albuquerque, NM 87112	January 2020	\$798.86
Empire Casting	16200 Ventura, Bl Encino. CA 91436	January 2020	\$693.60
GEP Cenex	P.O. Box 7836 Burbank, CA 91510	January 2020	\$1019.08
Unemployment	Sacramento CA	2019	\$5,830
New Caps	2300 Empire Ave Burbank, CA 91335	2019	\$100
Robert Half Intern.	2613 Camino Ramon San Ramon, CA 94583	11/2019-12/2019	\$1,859.04
Express Services	9701 Boardwalk Bl	November 2019	\$688.50
Employer Solutions	P.O. Box 46270 Eden Prairie, MN 55344	November 2019	\$120
Rhino California	P.O. Box 1678 Tempe, AZ 85290	9/2019-12-2019	\$5933.16
GEP Cenex	P.O. Box 7836 Burbank, CA 91510	4/2019-12-2019	\$3156.51
GEP Cencast	P.O. Box 7836 Burbank, CA 91510	4/2019-12/2019	\$3681.40
GEP Talent Services	P.O. Box 7836	4/2019-12/2019	\$150
Empire Casting	15910 Ventura Bl. Encino, CA 91436	4/2019-12/2019	\$403.55
Empire Films	15910 Ventura Bs. Encino, CA 91436	4/2019-12/2019	\$1,755.76
Snapshot Productions	303 N. Glenoaks Bl	April 2019	\$2150.900

9. Do you expect any major changes to your monthly income or expenses or in your assets or liabilities during the next 12 months?

I'm hoping that the COVID lockdown will end and I'll get back to work.