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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

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SHELLEY SONIAT,

Pro Se Petitioner

v.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; DON D. BUSH; RICHARD SCHELL; PATRICK BANIS, Intake Branch Chief, Department of Housing and Urban Development Region 6, Fort Worth Regional Office; GARRY SWEENY, Regional Director, Department of Housing and Urban Development Region 6, Fort Worth Regional Office; GORDON F. PATTERSON, Acting Director, Office of Enforcement, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity and Department of Housing and Urban Development,

Respondents

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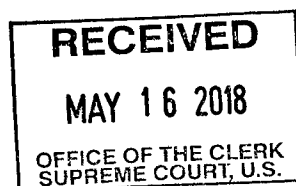
**ON WRIT OF CERTIORARI
TO THE UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT**

No. 17-40031

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MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS*

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

Petitioner has previously been denied leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* in the following lower court(s):

The United States Court of Appeals for The Fifth Circuit and The United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division.

The lower courts could have appointed counsel in the current proceeding under the following provision of law:

The Fair Housing Act, 42 U.S.C. 3601 et seq.

Sec. 813. [42 U.S.C. 3613] Enforcement by Private Persons

(a) Civil Action. --

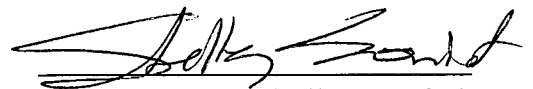
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(A) An aggrieved person may commence a civil action in an appropriate United States district court or State

(b) Appointment of Attorney by Court. -- Upon application by a person alleging a discriminatory housing practice or a person against whom such a practice is alleged, the court may--

(1) appoint an attorney for such person

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


(Shelley Soniat)

**AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED *IN FORMA PAUPERIS***

Stella Script, 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	\$ 1100.	\$ N/A	\$ 1100.	\$ N/A
Self-employment	\$ N/A	\$	\$ N/A	\$
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ N/A	\$	\$ N/A	\$
Interest and dividends	\$ N/A	\$	\$ N/A	\$
Gifts	\$ N/A	\$	\$ N/A	\$
Alimony	\$ N/A	\$	\$ N/A	\$
Child Support	\$ N/A	\$	\$ N/A	\$
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ N/A	\$	\$ N/A	\$
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ N/A	\$	\$ N/A	\$
Unemployment payments	\$ N/A	\$	\$ N/A	\$
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ N/A	\$	\$ N/A	\$
Other (specify): <u>Reserve 5013</u> \$ 400	\$ 400	\$	\$ 400	\$
	<u>50103 Reservations</u>			
Total monthly income:	\$ 1500	\$	\$ 1500.	\$

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
Pegasus Hotels	Las Colinas Blvd	March 2018	\$ 10 hr
	Trinity		\$
	75039		\$

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
N/A			\$
			\$
			\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 200
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
Checking	\$ 200	\$ N/A
	\$	\$
	\$	\$

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

☒ Home JAA house
Value not personal residence

☐ Other real estate
Value N/A

☒ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2004 Ford Taurus
Value 800

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model N/A
Value

☒ Other assets
Description Computer
Value 800

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

Person owing you or your spouse money

Amount owed to you

Amount owed to your spouse

N/A

\$ N/A
\$ _____
\$ _____

\$ N/A
\$ _____
\$ _____

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

Name

Relationship

Age

N/A

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)

\$ 470

\$ N/A

Are real estate taxes included? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Is property insurance included? ☐ Yes ☒ No

Utilities (electricity, heating fuel,
water, sewer, and telephone)

\$ 300.

\$ N/A

Home maintenance (repairs and upkeep)

\$ 75

\$ _____

Food

\$ 300

\$ _____

Clothing

\$ 20.

\$ _____

Laundry and dry-cleaning

\$ N/A

\$ _____

Medical and dental expenses

\$ ~~35~~ N/A

\$ _____

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>50</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>130.</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Life	\$ <u>50.</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Health	\$ <u>35.</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>40.</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Other: _____	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Department store(s)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u> </u>
Other (specify): <u>Reserve</u>	\$ <u>400.</u>	\$ <u> </u>
Total monthly expenses:	\$ <u>1900.</u>	\$ <u> </u>

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 ☒ 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? _____

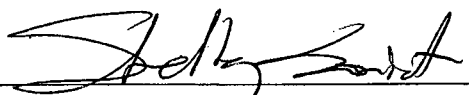
If yes, state the person's name, address, and telephone number:

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

I live month to month, and this case is a civil rights issue.

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

Executed on: May 10th, 2018


(Signature)



•JUSTIN•
ANIMAL ALLIANCE

The Justin Animal Alliance is a nonprofit animal welfare organization located on 7.62 acres. There are five people on our board. We are a small non profit 501(c)3 organization ran on a shoe string budget. We pull animals from city shelter euthanasia lists and have around 30 animals, both cats and dogs, available for adoption at all times. Our animals are spayed and neutered and ready for adoption. The Justin Animal Alliance, in an effort to decrease the alarming euthanasia rate in the US is committed to educating the public about the importance of spaying and neutering. We welcome volunteers and community service.

Monthly expenses for running the rescue include:

Mortgage for land
Food for animals
Monthly medicine for animals such as heart worm and flea medicine
Housing for animals, dog houses and maintenance on them.
Vet bills
Fencing
Water bills
Electric bills
Trash pick up
Monthly payments for insurance for volunteers
Landscaping, mowing animal pens
Adoption events and related expenses

Further information will be provided if needed.

Sincerely,

Shelley Soniat
President
Justin Animal Alliance