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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

NICKIE KANE — PETITIONER

VS.

BRAD LANDER — RESPONDENT(S)

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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): Supreme Court of New York, New York, New York County, Supreme Court of New York, New York, Appellate Division First Department, Court of Appeals, Albany New York.

☐ 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 provision of law:

, or

☐ a copy of the order of appointment is appended.



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Applicant/Petitioner Nickie Kane respectfully asks leave to file the attached emergency application for stay and injunction pending appeal and/or pending petition for writ of certiorari without prepayment of costs and to proceed in forma pauperis.

Applicant is a pro se candidate and litigant in a time-sensitive Election Law ballot-access matter. Applicant seeks emergency review because her Election Law proceeding challenging Respondent-Candidate Brad Lander's designating petition was dismissed on service grounds before the lower court reached the merits of Applicant's fraud allegations, including allegations that an individual under the age of eighteen collected petition signatures, that Respondent-Candidate and/or his campaign were notified, that the signatures were submitted despite notice, and that another individual falsely witnessed those signatures.

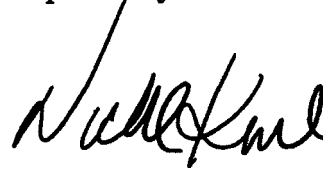
Applicant cannot pay the filing fees, printing costs, copying costs, service costs, mailing costs, appendix costs, or other costs associated with this Supreme Court emergency application without hardship.

Applicant does not work. Applicant receives only \$91.50 biweekly in cash assistance, \$291.00 per month in SNAP/food stamps, a \$2,599.00 monthly rental subsidy, and a \$72.00 monthly utility subsidy. Applicant has approximately \$1.00 in her checking account.

Applicant's affirmation or declaration in support of this motion is attached hereto.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that this Court grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis.

Respectfully submitted,



Dated: May 21, 2026
Brooklyn, New York

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AFFIDAVIT OR DECLARATION

IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

I, Nickie Kane, am the Applicant/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.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the following is true and correct:

1. Income

Applicant does not work and has no employment income.

Income Source	Average Monthly Amount During Past 12 Months	Amount Expected Next Month
Employment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Self-employment	\$0.00	\$0.00
Income from real property	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest and dividends	\$0.00	\$0.00
Gifts	\$0.00	\$0.00
Alimony	\$0.00	\$0.00
Child support	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement	\$0.00	\$0.00
Disability	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unemployment payments	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cash assistance	\$198.25	\$198.25
SNAP / food stamps	\$291.00	\$291.00
Rental subsidy	\$2,599.00	\$2,599.00
Utility subsidy	\$72.00	\$72.00
Other	\$0.00	\$0.00

Applicant receives \$91.50 biweekly in cash assistance, which equals approximately \$198.25 per month.

Applicant also receives \$291.00 per month in SNAP/food stamps, a \$2,599.00 monthly rental subsidy, and a \$72.00 monthly utility subsidy.

2. Employment History

Applicant has a disability and is not currently employed.

Employer	Address	Dates of Employment	Gross Monthly Pay
N/A	N/A	N/A	\$0.00

3. Spouse's Employment History

N/A.

4. Cash and Bank Accounts

Cash on hand: \$ 0.00

Checking account balance: \$1.00

Savings account balance: \$0.00

Other financial accounts: \$0.00

Financial Institution	Type of Account	Amount Applicant Has
<u>Capital One Bank</u>	Checking	\$1.00
	Savings	\$0.00

5. Assets

Home: No.

Other real estate: No.

Motor vehicle: No.

Stocks, bonds, retirement accounts, cryptocurrency, or investments: No.

Other valuable assets: No.

6. Money Owed to Applicant

No person, business, or organization owes Applicant money.

7. Dependents

Applicant has no dependents listed for purposes of this application.

8. Monthly Expenses and Subsidized Benefits

Applicant's rent is paid through a rental subsidy of \$2,599.00 per month.

Applicant receives a utility subsidy of \$72.00 per month.

Applicant receives SNAP/food stamps in the amount of \$291.00 per month.

Applicant receives cash assistance of \$91.50 biweekly, or approximately \$198.25 per month, for personal needs and other expenses.

Applicant has approximately \$1.00 in her checking account and cannot afford filing, printing, copying, service, postage, appendix preparation, or emergency litigation costs.

9. Expected Changes

Applicant does not expect any major positive changes to monthly income, assets, or ability to pay during the next 12 months.

10. Attorney Fees

Applicant has not paid and will not be paying an attorney for services in connection with this case.

11. Non-Attorney Legal Assistance

Applicant has not paid and will not be paying anyone other than an attorney for services in connection with this case, except for any unavoidable costs related to printing, copying, mailing, or service if required.

12. Other Information Explaining Inability to Pay Costs

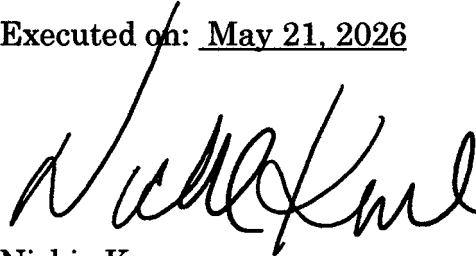
Applicant is a pro se candidate and litigant in an emergency Election Law ballot-access matter. Applicant does not work, receives limited public assistance, receives SNAP benefits, relies on rental and utility subsidies, and has approximately \$1.00 in her checking account.

Applicant cannot afford the costs of filing, printing, copying, service, mailing, appendix preparation, and emergency litigation without hardship. Requiring prepayment of costs would substantially burden Applicant's access to this Court.

DECLARATION

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

Executed on: May 21, 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nickie Kane', written over the date line.

Nickie Kane
Applicant/Petitioner Pro Se