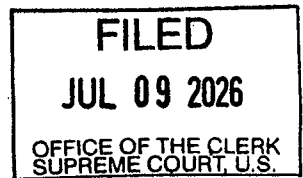


No. 26-5459



IN THE
SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES

RICHARD MICHAEL WISEMAN — PETITIONER
(Your Name)

VS.

PEOPLE 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):

☒ 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.

(Signature)

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

I, RICHARD MICHAEL WISEMAN, 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>3,800</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>3,500</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Self-employment	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Income from real property (such as rental income)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Interest and dividends	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Gifts	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Alimony	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Child Support	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Retirement (such as social security, pensions, annuities, insurance)	\$ <u>1,000</u>	\$ _____	\$ <u>1,000</u>	\$ _____
Disability (such as social security, insurance payments)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Unemployment payments	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Public-assistance (such as welfare)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other (specify): _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ _____	\$ _____	\$ _____
Total monthly income:	\$ <u>4,800</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
CALIFORNIA	5988	6-13-2025	\$ 3,800
GRAND	PACHECO BLVD	CURRENT	\$
CASINO	PACHECO CA 94533		\$

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
O'REILLY'S	1295 PARKSIDE	6-10-2024	\$ 2,300
AUTO PARTS	DRIVE, WALNUT CREEK CA 94596	until 6-9-2025	\$

4. How much cash do you and your spouse have? \$ 50
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	\$ 50	\$ 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
Value N/A

☐ Other real estate
Value N/A

☒ Motor Vehicle #1
Year, make & model 2004 Jaguar
Value \$ 2,800 XJ8

☐ Motor Vehicle #2
Year, make & model
Value

☐ Other assets
Description N/A
Value

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
WASTE EXPERTS	\$ 20,000	\$ N/A
JAWAN THOMPSON	\$ 3,000	\$ N/A
Both Pending uncollected/Claim/debt/Judgement. No funds received		

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	N/A	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)	\$ 2,200	\$ 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)	\$ 100	\$ N/A
Food	\$ 500	\$ N/A
Clothing	\$ 100	\$ N/A
Laundry and dry-cleaning	\$ 150	\$ N/A
Medical and dental expenses	\$ N/A	\$ N/A

	You	Your spouse
Transportation (not including motor vehicle payments)	\$ <u>500</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Recreation, entertainment, newspapers, magazines, etc.	\$ <u>75</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Insurance (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
Homeowner's or renter's	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Life	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Health	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>~~200~~</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Taxes (not deducted from wages or included in mortgage payments)		
(specify): <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Installment payments		
Motor Vehicle	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Credit card(s)	\$ <u>395</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Department store(s)	\$ _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other: _____	\$ _____	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Alimony, maintenance, and support paid to others	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Regular expenses for operation of business, profession, or farm (attach detailed statement)	\$ <u>N/A</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Other (specify): <u>Laundry & home maintenance</u>	\$ <u>275</u>	\$ <u>N/A</u>
Total monthly expenses: <u>clothing</u>	\$ <u>4,295</u>	\$ <u>N/A</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.

See Attached sheet for Question 9

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? N/A

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? N/A

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

N/A

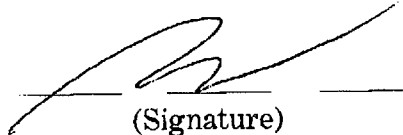
12. Provide any other information that will help explain why you cannot pay the costs of this case.

My Medical Issues & Age, and prior record history have made stable employment difficult. Even though the conviction has been expunged, my income barely covers basic expenses relying on credit cards, almost maxed out. See Attached

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

Executed on: August 26th, 2026

Supplemental
Financial
Declaration


(Signature)

Richard Michael Wiseman

No. _____

**Supplement to In Forma Pauperis Affidavit
Question 9**

I expect a major change in my income or expenses during the next 12 months because I am expected to undergo another back surgery on October 10, 2026. The surgery and recovery may affect my ability to work and may increase my medical and daily living expenses.

**SUPPLEMENTAL FINANCIAL DECLARATION
IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS**

I, Richard Michael Wiseman, declare as follows:

1. I am the Petitioner in this matter and am proceeding pro se.
2. I submit this supplemental financial declaration in support of my Motion for Leave to Proceed In Forma Pauperis.
3. I am a low-income, disabled petitioner. My income is limited and is used for basic living expenses, including rent, food, utilities, transportation, medical needs, and other necessary costs of daily living.
4. My monthly income is approximately:

Social Security / Disability / Retirement: \$1,000 per month

Employment wages: \$3,500-4000 per month (Varying on health matters)

Other income: \$ 0 per month

Total monthly income: \$4,500-5,000 per month (before taxes)

5. My monthly living expenses are approximately:

Rent / housing: \$2,200 per month

Utilities: \$ 200 per month

Food / groceries: \$600 per month

Transportation / gas / insurance: \$500 per month

Phone / internet: \$ 100 per month

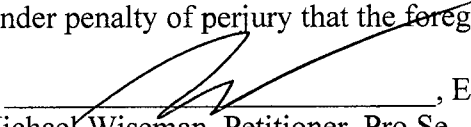
Debt payments / credit obligations: \$395 per month

Other necessary expenses: \$ 300 per month

Total monthly expenses: \$4,295 per month

6. After paying rent and basic cost-of-living expenses, I do not have sufficient funds to pay the costs required to proceed as a paid petitioner before this Court, including professional booklet formatting, printing, binding, copying, mailing, and service.
7. I do not have sufficient savings or available assets to pay those costs without sacrificing basic necessities.
8. Requiring paid booklet-format filing would impose a substantial financial hardship and would effectively prevent me from obtaining review.
9. I respectfully request leave to proceed in forma pauperis and to file my petition, appendix, motion, and proof of service on 8.5-by-11-inch paper.

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

Signature: , Executed on: 8/26/2026
Richard Michael Wiseman, Petitioner, Pro Se