

1 approximate value of \$350,000.00. Finally, plaintiff also notes that she received a total of
2 \$25,094.19 in Workers' Compensation payments between August and December of 2016, and an
3 additional \$2,000 per month in State Disability payments between May and August of 2016, on
4 top of her gross wages.

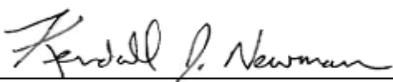
5 Presently, a filing fee of \$400.00 is required to commence a civil action in this court. The
6 court may authorize the commencement of an action "without prepayment of fees or security
7 therefor" by a person that is unable to pay such fees or provide security therefor. 28 U.S.C. §
8 1915(a)(1). Here, the court cannot find that plaintiff is unable to pay, or provide security for, the
9 court filing fee. To be sure, the court is sympathetic to the fact that plaintiff does not have a large
10 income by any measure, and that plaintiff also has several expenses to contend with. However,
11 numerous litigants in this court have significant monthly expenditures, and may have to make
12 difficult choices as to which expenses to incur, which expenses to reduce or eliminate, and how to
13 apportion their income between such expenses and litigating an action in federal court. Such
14 difficulties in themselves do not amount to indigency.

15 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 16 1. Plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 2) is denied.
- 17 2. Within 28 days of this order, plaintiffs shall pay the applicable filing fee. However,
18 the court will entertain a request for a reasonable extension of time to pay the fee
19 should such an extension be necessary.
- 20 3. Failure to timely pay the filing fee, or timely request an extension of time to do so,
21 may result in dismissal of the action pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
22 41(b).

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 Dated: April 19, 2017

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27 KENDALL J. NEWMAN
28 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE