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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

CARLOS ESPARZA PONCE,

No. 2:17-cv-0450-CMK-P

Petitioner,

vs.

ORDER

D. BAUGHMAN,

Respondent.

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Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Pending before the court is petitioner’s petition for a writ of habeas corpus (Doc. 1).

Petitioner seeks leave to proceed in forma pauperis. Petitioner has submitted the affidavit required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a) showing that petitioner is unable to prepay fees and costs or give security therefor. The request will be granted.

In addition, pursuant to Eastern District of California Local Rules, this case was not assigned to a District Judge when the case was filed. All parties have not consented to Magistrate Judge jurisdiction and the court now finds that assignment of a District Judge is necessary to properly address the case.

