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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

EUGENE F. DANTZLER,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN  
FRANCISCO,  
  
Defendant.

Case No. [16-cv-03119-EMC](#)

**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S  
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO APPEAL IN  
FORMA PAUPERIS**

Docket No. 69

Plaintiff Eugene F. Dantzler has moved for permission to appeal in forma pauperis. Mr. Dantzler appears to meet the financial requirements for in forma pauperis status. Nevertheless, “[a]n appeal may not be taken in forma pauperis if . . . it is not taken in good faith,” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3), and courts have held that a frivolous appeal is not taken in good faith. *See, e.g., Morris v. Lewis*, No. C 10-5640 CRB (PR), 2012 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 60172, at \*9 (N.D. Cal. Apr. 30, 2012); *cf. Hooker v. Am. Airlines*, 302 F.3d 1091, 1092 (9th Cir. 2002) (noting that, “[i]f at least one issue or claim is found to be non-frivolous, leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal must be granted for the case as a whole”). The Court finds that Mr. Dantzler’s appeal is frivolous for the reasons stated in its summary judgment order. *Cf. In re Haw. Corp.*, 796 F.2d 1139, 1144 (9th Cir. 1986) (in addressing frivolous appeals in the context of assessing costs and attorney’s fees, stating that “[a]n appeal is frivolous when the result is obvious or where the arguments are ‘wholly without merit’”). Accordingly, Mr. Dantzler’s motion to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal is hereby **DENIED**. This ruling does not preclude Mr. Dantzler from asking the Ninth Circuit directly for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 24(a)(5) (providing that “[a] party may file a motion to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis in the court of appeals within 30 days after service of the notice prescribed in Rule 24(a)(4) [*i.e.*, notice to the court of

1 appeals of the district court denial]”).

2 The Clerk of the Court is instructed to immediately provide a copy of this order to the  
3 Ninth Circuit.

4 This order disposes of Docket No. 69.

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6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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8 Dated: February 9, 2018

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EDWARD M. CHEN  
United States District Judge

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