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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RICHARD C. DAVIDSON,  
Petitioner,  
v.  
ERIC ARNOLD,  
Respondent.

Case No. [16-cv-03298-JD](#)

**ORDER GRANTING EXTENSION  
AND DENYING MOTION TO  
APPOINT COUNSEL**


Re: Dkt. Nos. 11, 15, 16, 17

GOOD CAUSE APPEARING, it is hereby ordered that respondent's motion for an extension (Docket Nos. 15, 16, 17) is **GRANTED**. Respondent shall file an answer by **February 6, 2017**.

Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. The Sixth Amendment's right to counsel does not apply in habeas corpus actions. *Knaubert v. Goldsmith*, 791 F.2d 722, 728 (9th Cir. 1986). However, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B) provides that in habeas cases, whenever "the court determines that the interests of justice so require", representation may be provided for any financially eligible person. Petitioner has presented his claims adequately, and they are not particularly complex. The interests of justice do not require appointment of counsel and the motion (Docket No. 11) is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: January 12, 2017

  
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JAMES DONATO  
United States District Judge

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

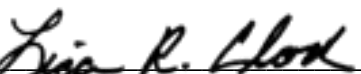
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28 Honorable JAMES DONATO