UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHARLES EDWARDS,

Petitioner,

v.

DAVID BAUGHMAN,

Respondent.

Case No. <u>17-cv-06469-SI</u>

ORDER DENYING SECOND REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

Re: Dkt. No. 25

Petitioner has requested that counsel be appointed to represent him in this action. A district court may appoint counsel to represent a habeas petitioner whenever "the court determines that the interests of justice so require" and such person is financially unable to obtain representation. 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B). The decision to appoint counsel is within the discretion of the district court. *See Chaney v. Lewis*, 801 F.2d 1191, 1196 (9th Cir. 1986). Appointment is mandatory only when the circumstances of a particular case indicate that appointed counsel is necessary to prevent due process violations. *See id.* The interests of justice do not require appointment of counsel at this time. The request for appointment of counsel is DENIED. Docket No. 25.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 28, 2018

SUSAN ILLSTON

United States District Judge

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