

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

ARLENE ELIZABETH MASTERSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

CAROLYN W. COLVIN, Acting
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:16-cv-01300-GPC-WVG

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION TO PROCEED IN
FORMA PAUPERIS**

[ECF No. 3]

On May 31, 2016, Plaintiff Arlene Elizabeth Masterson (“Plaintiff”) filed a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”) under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). (ECF No. 3.) All proceedings filed with the District Court require a filing fee unless the Court grants IFP status, waiving the fee. Rodriguez v. Cook, 169 F.3d 1176, 1177 (9th Cir. 1999). Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), the Court may waive the filing fee if a party demonstrates an inability to pay by submitting an affidavit reporting all assets of the individual. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

Here, Plaintiff submitted a declaration reporting that she is not presently employed and has not worked since 2013. She states that she receives \$333.00 “General Relief” per month and \$194.00 per month in Food Stamps. Plaintiff reports having \$0.00 in a checking account. She owns a 1997 Ford Contour. She does not own any real estate, stocks, bonds, securities or other valuable property. She does not support any dependents. Her current monthly obligations include \$44.00 for rent,

1 \$168.00 for storage, \$25.00 for a phone and \$47.00 for car insurance. She does not
2 have any other debts or any other assets.

3 In consideration of Plaintiff's application, she has sufficiently demonstrated that
4 she is unable to pay the required filing fee and meets the requirements to proceed IFP.
5 Therefore, the Court **GRANTS** Plaintiff's motion to proceed IFP.

6 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

7

8 DATED: June 1, 2016

9


HON. GONZALO P. CURIEL
United States District Judge

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28