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7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
8 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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10 MARTIN SOUZA,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 JAMES T. HARTNETT; PAUL  
14 CRIDEN; BLAS SERRANO; MICHAEL  
15 CAIN; NORA RILEY; GERI SMITH; the  
16 Hon. JAMES S. GWIN; DONALD  
17 LASTER; DURAN BANNER;  
18 VICTORIA WEBSTER; ROGER  
19 WILLIAMS; and FIDELITY ASSET  
20 MANAGER 50% FUND,

21 Defendants.

Case No.: 3:17-cv-01565-H-JMA

**ORDER DISMISSING COMPLAINT  
FOR IMPROPER VENUE**

22 On August 3, 2017, Plaintiff Martin Souza filed a pro se complaint for damages  
23 against several federal officers and employees. (Doc. No. 1.) On December 1, 2017, the  
24 Court ordered Plaintiff to show cause why the case should not be dismissed for failure to  
25 effectuate timely service of process. (Doc. No. 2.) See Civil Local Rule 4.1(b). On  
26 December 13, 2017, the Court also ordered Plaintiff to show cause why the case should not  
27 be dismissed for improper venue. (Doc. No. 3.) The Court held a show-cause hearing on  
28 January 8, 2018, which Plaintiff attended.

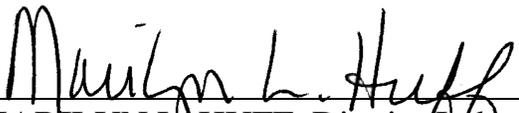
“A civil action in which a defendant is an officer or employee of the United States  
or any agency thereof acting in his official capacity or under color of legal authority . . .

1 may . . . be brought in any judicial district in which (A) a defendant in the action resides,  
2 (B) a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred . . . or  
3 (C) the plaintiff resides if no real property is involved in the action.” 28 U.S.C.  
4 § 1391(e)(1). Plaintiff’s complaint does not allege that Defendants committed any  
5 wrongful action within this District. Moreover, none of the Defendants apparently reside  
6 in this District. Finally, Plaintiff admits that he lives in San Jacinto, Riverside County,  
7 California, which is located in the Central District of California. (Doc. No. 1.) See  
8 28 U.S.C. § 84(c)(1).

9 The Court accordingly dismisses this action for improper venue.

10 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

11 DATED: January 8, 2018

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14 MARILYN L. HUFF, District Judge  
15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
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