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

CARL RICES,

Plaintiff,

vs.

NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting  
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 18cv295-GPC(AGS)

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

[Dkt. No. 2.]

On February 7, 2018, Plaintiff Carl Rices (“Plaintiff”), with counsel, filed a Complaint seeking review of the Commissioner’s decision denying his application for disability insurance benefits and supplemental security income. (Dkt. No. 1.) Plaintiff also concurrently filed a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (“IFP”) under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). (Dkt. No. 2.)

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 he is not presently employed and that he has not worked during the past two years. (Dkt. No. 2 at 1-2.) He declares that he has no income, no bank accounts and relies on his spouse, who is

1 employed and makes \$1,344.00/month, and his daughter who pays for their food and  
2 helps with gas costs.

3 In consideration of Plaintiff's application, he has sufficiently demonstrated that  
4 he 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.

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8 DATED: February 12, 2018

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11 United States District Judge  
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