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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
7 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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9 VANNARA CHAN,
10 Plaintiff,
11 v.
12 NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting
13 Commissioner of Social Security,
14 Defendant.

Case No.: 18-cv-0817-WQH-PCL

ORDER

15 HAYES, Judge:

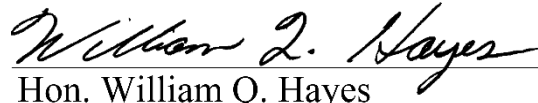
16 On April 27, 2018, Plaintiff Vannara Chan initiated this action by filing a Complaint
17 (ECF No. 1) and a Motion to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis* (ECF No. 2).
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19 All parties instituting a civil action, suit, or proceeding in a district court of the
20 United States, other than a petition for writ of habeas corpus, must pay a filing fee of
21 \$400.00. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a); CivLR 4.5. An action may proceed despite a party's
22 failure to pay only if the party is granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28
23 U.S.C. § 1915(a). *See Rodriguez v. Cook*, 169 F.3d 1176, 1177 (9th Cir. 1999).

24 The affidavit filed by Chan states "I am unable to pay the costs of these
25 proceedings." (ECF No. 2 at 1). Chan's affidavit lists one source of income: \$269 a month
26 from "General Relief from San Diego County," which it describes as "a loan provided to
27 indigent people." *Id.* According to the affidavit, Chan has no checking or savings accounts
28 and owes between \$1,000 and \$2,000 on a credit card. *Id.* at 2, 3.

1 Chan's Motion to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis* (ECF No. 2) is GRANTED. All
2 matters arising in this Social Security case are REFERRED to the Honorable Peter C.
3 Lewis, United States Magistrate Judge, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(a) and Local Civil
4 Rule 72.1.

5 Dated: May 9, 2018

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7 Hon. William Q. Hayes
8 United States District Court
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