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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

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9 MAHAMED A. JAMA,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 ERIN CHASE, *et al.*,

13 Defendants.

No. C16-1785RSL

ORDER OF DISMISSAL

14 On or about January 25, 2017, plaintiff was ordered to amend his complaint to correct
15 certain deficiencies, namely, his failure to allege facts plausibly supporting an inference of racial
16 discrimination by state actors. Dkt. # 7.

17 Although plaintiff responded in a timely manner, Dkt. ## 9, 10, 13, his amendments do
18 not correct the identified deficiencies. To be actionable, an alleged deprivation of equal
19 protection must be motivated by “some racial, or perhaps otherwise class-based, invidiously
20 discriminatory animus.” Griffin v. Breckenridge, 403 U.S. 88, 102 (1971). Though plaintiff
21 states that he is a black man who experienced “racial problem[s]” at his former apartment,
22 plaintiff does not provide any more details connecting defendants Erin Chase, an unnamed
23 apartment manager, and the Seattle Housing Authority to this problem. Thus, no class-based
24 animus can be inferred from these facts alone.

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1 Plaintiff's amended complaint fails to state a claim upon which relief can be granted by a
2 federal court. The above-captioned matter is therefore DISMISSED without prejudice. The
3 Clerk of Court is directed to enter judgment accordingly.

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5 DATED this 27th day of February, 2017.

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8 Robert S. Lasnik
9 United States District Judge
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