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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 SUSAN CHEN, et al.,

11 Plaintiffs,

12 v.

13 NATALIE D'AMICO,

14 Defendant.

CASE NO. C16-1877JLR

ORDER ON MOTION TO
APPOINT COUNSEL

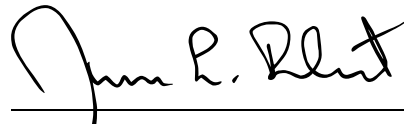
15 Before the court are Plaintiffs Susan Chen and Naixiang Li's motion to appoint
16 counsel. (Mot. (Dkt. # 8).) Plaintiffs are proceeding *pro se* (Compl. (Dkt. # 6)) and seek
17 a court-appointed attorney (*see* Mot.). This District has implemented a plan for
18 court-appointed representation of civil rights litigants. The plan requires the court to
19 assess a plaintiff's case before forwarding it to the Pro Bono Screening Committee for
20 further review and possible appointment of pro bono counsel. *See* General Order, August
21 1, 2010, Section 3(c) (In re Amended Plan for the Representation of Pro Se Litigants in

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1 Civil Rights Actions). In its initial assessment, the court evaluates the case to determine
2 that it is not frivolous and that the plaintiff is financially eligible. *Id.*

3 Plaintiffs have not attached to their motion a “completed copy of an affidavit of
4 financial status.” *Id.*, Section 3(a); (*see also* Mot.) The court therefore cannot fully
5 assess whether the court should forward Plaintiffs’ motion to the Pro Bono Screening
6 Committee for further review. For this reason, the court ORDERS Plaintiffs to file an
7 affidavit detailing their financial status no later than 14 days after the entry of this order.
8 Failure to do so will result in the court denying Plaintiffs’ motion to appoint counsel.

9 Dated this 29th day of March, 2017.

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12 JAMES L. ROBART
13 United States District Judge
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