

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

SUSAN CHEN, et al.,

CASE NO. C16-1877JLR

Plaintiffs,

## ORDER ON MOTION TO APPOINT COUNSEL

NATALIE D'AMICO,

Defendant.

Before the court are Plaintiffs Susan Chen and Naixiang Li's motion to appoint  
counsel. (Mot. (Dkt. # 8).) Plaintiffs are proceeding *pro se* (Compl. (Dkt. # 6)) and seek  
court-appointed attorney (*see* Mot.). This District has implemented a plan for  
court-appointed representation of civil rights litigants. The plan requires the court to  
review a plaintiff's case before forwarding it to the Pro Bono Screening Committee for  
review and possible appointment of pro bono counsel. *See* General Order, August  
20, 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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JAMES L. ROBART  
United States District Judge