

1	<i>forma pauperis</i> at the outset if it appears from the face of the proposed complaint that the action
2	is frivolous or without merit." Tripati v. First Nat'l Bank & Trust, 821 F.2d 1368, 1369 (9th Cir.
3	1987) (citations omitted); see also 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(i). An in forma pauperis complaint
4	is frivolous if "it ha[s] no arguable substance in law or fact." Id. (citing Rizzo v. Dawson, 778
5	F.2d 527, 529 (9th Cir. 1985); see also Franklin v. Murphy, 745 F.2d 1221, 1228 (9th Cir. 1984).
6	The Court does not deny in forma pauperis status lightly, especially where a Plaintiff
7	alleges racial discrimination. However, as a non-attorney, West cannot represent her putative
8	class members. See Bradvica v. Terhune, 198 F.3d 253 (9th Cir. 1999) (citing McShane v. United
9	States, 366 F.2d 286, 288 (9th Cir. 1966)) (holding that district court did not abuse its discretion
10	by denying non-attorney plaintiff IFP status because he could not represent class members).
11	Therefore, West's application to proceed in forma pauperis [Dkt. #1] is DENIED . She
12	may amend her application to assert claims only on her own behalf, or she may pay the filing fee.
13	Either must occur within 30 days of this order, or the case will be dismissed.
14	IT IS SO ORDERED.
15	Dated this 18 th day of March, 2016.
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18	United States District Judge
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