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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

<p>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Plaintiff - Appellee,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">v.</p> <p>MARIA LEON, a.k.a. Chata,</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Defendant - Appellant.</p>
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No. 09-50297

D.C. No. 2:08-cr-00688-AHM

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Central District of California
A. Howard Matz, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted March 8, 2011**

Before: FARRIS, LEAVY, and BYBEE, Circuit Judges.

Maria Leon appeals from her 100-month sentence for a racketeer influenced and corrupt organizations conspiracy, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1962(d), and conspiracy to distribute cocaine base in the form of crack cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 846, 841(a)(1), (b)(1)(B). Pursuant to *Anders v. California*, 386 U.S.

* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

738 (1967), Leon's counsel has filed a brief stating there are no grounds for relief, along with a motion to withdraw as counsel of record. We have provided the appellant with the opportunity to file a pro se supplemental brief. No pro se brief or answering brief has been filed.

Our independent review of the record pursuant to *Penson v. Ohio*, 488 U.S. 75, 80-81 (1988), discloses no arguable grounds for relief on direct appeal.

Counsel's motion to withdraw is **GRANTED**, and the sentence is **AFFIRMED**.