

**Declaration of Sandra Banks**

I, Sandra Banks, hereby declare:

1. I make this declaration based on my own personal knowledge and if called to testify I could and would do so competently as follows:

2. I am a parent of Daniel Banks, age 16, and Matthew Banks, age 14, who are currently enrolled and Jason Banks, age 27, who has graduated from the Los Angeles Unified School District. All of my children have attended the 54th Street Elementary School. Matthew presently attends Audubon Middle School. Daniel currently attends Crenshaw High School.

3. I currently work at Dorsey High School and 54th Street Elementary School.

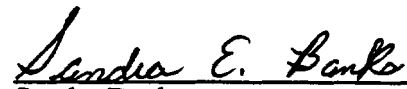
4. At Crenshaw High School in Daniel's Spanish Class during the 2000-2001 school year, there was no permanent teacher assigned and were constant substitutes. When I told the principal, he said if he had known my son did not have a teacher then he would have changed it. It was too late in the year for the class to be changed, so now my son will not be able to take Spanish as a senior because he will automatically be put into an AP Spanish Class and he doesn't know enough Spanish to be enrolled in that class.

5. At Crenshaw, Audubon, and 54th Elementary, I have encountered very high teacher turnover. This year alone three teachers out of twenty-five are leaving 54th Elementary. When the experienced teachers leave, the schools are then filled with teachers with little or no experience. Because of their inexperience, teachers are unable to control the classrooms and therefore unable to create an environment conducive to learning.

6. I want my kids to continue to be able to go to school within the community we live and work in but it is becoming more and more difficult for them to get an education at the schools they are going to. I am really concerned that the schools my children go to aren't as good as the schools in the Valley or other better funded schools. I worry that my child's Advanced Placement classes are not on par with those from other schools.

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I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of California and the United States that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed this 7th day of August, 2001 in Los Angeles, California.

  
Sandra Banks